

# SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283



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STATED MEETING  
7:30PM, First Thursday  
of Each Month



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### FROM THE EAST



#### Fraternal Greetings;

Allow me to send wonderful greetings to all the Brethren and their family. As we reflect from the first month of this masonic term, we acknowledge the tremendous achievements within

Southwest Lodge.

January has been a bustling time yet compensated with highly productive period. Heartfelt congratulations are extended to all the enormous number of brethren who attained their proficiencies and advanced to their respective places in their masonic endeavors such as; Master Masons, Fellowcrafts, and the newly initiated Entered Apprentices.

Special salute goes to Brother Jethro Calbone on achieving the esteemed rank of Master Mason. Recognition is also due to Brothers Joey Jacinto and Archibald Picar for successfully returning their 3rd-degree proficiencies, as well as Brother Leonardo Crencio for his 1st-degree proficiency. Excellent job overall!

Noteworthy advancements include Brothers Jugo Escanlante and Dominick Dilayre both progressing toward the Fellowcraft degree. Your dedication to the Masonic journey is commendable, and we encourage you to persist upon this meaningful path.

As we enter the month of hearts, let us collectively take a moment to renew our love and devotion to those dearest to our hearts. Let us endeavor to make this month be filled with warmth, connection, and a reaffirmation of the bonds that truly make our Masonic brotherhood into its stronghold. I indulge each and every one for continued success and wondrous fulfillment in their Masonic endeavors.

**Upon the square!**

Fraternally,

*Juven Egana, Worshipful Master*

#### FROM THE SECRETARY CORNER

Dues payment for 2024 is now **\$125.50 ( lodge dues \$60+65.50 GrandLodge per capita)** if you pay to the lodge; You can pay to the Grand Lodge using credit card. You will pay **\$129.69** extra \$4.14 processing pay.

### FROM THE WEST



This month, we are celebrating Presidents' Day to honor the achievements and contributions of U.S. presidents but in particular George Washington, who is considered the most illustrious of all American presidents. He was not only a founding father and the first

President of the United States but also a prominent Freemason.

While the roles of a Master Mason and President are distinct, historical facts indicate that there are some parallels in the way Washington approached his responsibilities in both capacities. His character, values, and leadership style likely influenced both aspects of his life. As a Master Mason he was responsible for guiding the members and ensuring the principles of the fraternity are upheld. As the first President of the United States, he had to provide strong and visionary leadership to guide the newly formed nation, a crucial step in shaping the early direction of the United States.

Built upon principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, the Master Mason is expected to embody and promote these fundamentals. He was committed to the principles of the American Revolution including liberty, justice, and the idea of a government for the people upon which have helped build the foundation for the United States. Freemasonry places a strong emphasis on service to the community, moral improvement, and charitable activities. His dedication to the service of his country was evident throughout his military and political careers. His decision to step down from the presidency after two terms set a precedent for the peaceful transfer of power. He may have drawn on symbolic language and imagery in his public addresses, adding layers of meaning; likewise the way Freemasonry uses symbols and rituals to convey moral and ethical lessons.

Freemasonry promotes unity among its members, regardless of neither background nor political or religious differences. In his Farewell Address, Washington emphasized the importance of national unity and warned against the dangers of political parties and sectionalism. The principles of Freemasonry and the principles of governance in the United States during Washington's time shared common ground, and his actions reflected a commitment to both.

**On the Level!**

Fraternally,

*Daniel Onate, Senior Warden*



**FROM THE SOUTH**

And just like that, we are now in the second month of the year. Looking back at January, I'd say it was pretty successful. Organizing the first stated meeting was wild! But now we are in February and boy there is a lot to be excited for. In February, hearts are everywhere, and freemasonry is no exception. In the masonic word, the heart is a symbol of deep connection

between members. It's a reminder that the bonds forged in the lodge are as strong as any, fostering unity and fraternity among Masons.

Additionally, for those who may not know, this year is extra special because we got an extra day for the month. It's leap year! The purpose of a leap year is to adjust the calendar year to more closely align with the Earth's revolution around the sun. The earth's orbit around the sun is not exactly three hundred and sixty five days, but a little bit more. This extra day added every four years is to ensure that there is consistency in keeping our calendar year synchronized with this astronomical year.

Why is this relevant? Well, astrology is one of the liberal arts and sciences studied by operative masons, and it is an interesting concept that emphasizes how measured and calculated they were in all aspects of life. I strongly believe that minor periodical adjustments in life are necessary to maintain balance and consistency in our daily lives. This also means that this masonic year, Worshipful Master Juven gets to be the head honcho longer than most masters who have gone this way before.

The last thing I'd like to bring up in this article is the very disappointing result of last month's experiment. For those of you who missed out, let me fill you in: My January article included a little experiment to see who actually reads these articles. I asked my readers to give me a "secret word" that they would know if they had actually read through the write-ups. In an attempt to get better results, I would like to continue the data collection process, so let's give it another try: This month's random pop culture phrase is "Hakuna-matata". Looking forward to knowing who my readers are. Cheers gents!

**By the Plumb,**

Fraternally,

***Francis Ryan Onate, Junior Warden***

**Secrecy**














Masonry is not a secret society in that its name and objects are generally known. It has no secret doctrine and its philosophy may be known to anyone. We do keep our modes of recognition, and some of our rites and ceremonies secret, for they are methods of instruction.

Secrecy here is necessary that our applicants may learn and appreciate the lesson Masonry teaches. Our brethren are bound together by this secrecy just as two persons who share a secret are bound together. Secret teachings do not become commonplace. If our lessons are given to the novice with the spice of curiosity they are the more readily learned. As mysteries, they have the power to goad men into action but as mere ceremonies, known to all, they would soon become worthless. Our imaginations are captivated by anything that is difficult to acquire but anything easily obtained is considered worthless.



Stephen	D	Hancock	1-Feb
Edward	F	Florendo	1-Feb
Karl		Berry	1-Feb
Geronimo	M	Nazareno, Jr	2-Feb
Ricardo	R	Cerillo	2-Feb
Marcelino	A	Hernando	2-Feb
Stephen Gabriel	R	Padilla	2-Feb
Valiant	S	Gordon	2-Feb
Richard	S	Brown	2-Feb
Ricardo	A	Nacario	3-Feb
Eymard	L	Cruz	4-Feb
Robert	L	Chalfa	4-Feb
Crispulo	L	Obana	5-Feb
Jimmy	A	Palis	5-Feb
Edison	P	Singson	5-Feb
Amando	L	Lastrella	6-Feb
Bernardo	A	Jimenez	6-Feb
Federico	P	Serne, Jr	7-Feb
Barry	L	Barnett	7-Feb
Larry		Flores	7-Feb
Sonny Boy	C	Reyes	7-Feb
Conrado	P	Tiong	8-Feb
Danny	D	Bermoy	8-Feb
Francisco	R	Rapada	9-Feb
Yul	A	Eblamo	10-Feb
Paul	M	Pangog	10-Feb
Ernesto	B	Avila	10-Feb
Antonio	F	Panado	11-Feb
Jerry	A	Lleva	11-Feb
Michael	J	Redding	12-Feb
Clarence	L	Mize	13-Feb
Catalino	L	Alvarado, PM	14-Feb
Renato	B	Bocaya	14-Feb
Eduardo	N	Yaptangco, PM	15-Feb
Glenn	B	Llanes	15-Feb
Roberto	A	Nacario	18-Feb
Gerald	L	Luzon	18-Feb
Jose	C	Pizarro	19-Feb
Manuel	P	Pavia, Jr	19-Feb
Nestor	T	Anorma	19-Feb
Ernesto	B	Avila	20-Feb
Oscar	I	Medina	21-Feb
Jose George	C	Acabado	22-Feb
Himerio	H	Garcia	24-Feb
Nelio	G	Alcantara, PM	25-Feb
Sherwin	C	Corpuz	25-Feb
Edward	F	Florendo	25-Feb
Albert	O	Arizala	26-Feb
Victor		Parra	26-Feb
Jayson	V	Callorina	26-Feb
Jun	F	Yap, Jr	27-Feb
Stephen	D	Hancock	27-Feb
Jay	B	Cabauatan	27-Feb
Bundy	C	Sarmiento, PM	28-Feb

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**"Interpretative" Degrees**

When you were made a Master Mason you received the highest honors Masonry had to bestow. Progress in other branches of Masonry beyond the Third Degree gives you no authority over your brethren of the Blue Lodge. There is no superiority in Masonry save that conferred by service to others.

A man's importance in Masonry is not gauged by the number of emblems he may wear, but only by what he is in his heart and the service he renders his brethren. The Blue Lodge comprises the first three degrees and constitutes all the essential and ancient part of Freemasonry.

Masonry neither encourages nor discourages membership in other fraternal orders, whether or not the Blue Lodge degrees are a prerequisite to membership in them. By becoming a Master Mason, you do not become obligated to take any of the so-called concordant degrees of Masonry, and whether you do or not is a matter of your own free choice. You have promised not to make such application until you are proficient in the candidate's lecture of the Degree of Master Mason.

**CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE**

**ARTICLE 1 - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MASTER**

**§805.110. POWERS OF MASTER.** The Master shall have power to:

- A. Congregate his Lodge whenever he deems it proper;
- B. Issue, or cause to be issued, all summonses or notices which may be required;
- C. Discharge all the executive functions of his Lodge; and
- D. Perform all such acts, by ancient usage proper to his office, which are not prohibited by this Code, the General Regulations of Masonry or the Ritual. If any officer, elected or appointed, fails to qualify or neglects the performance of his duties, the Master shall remove him from office. [Source: Section 25130 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

**§805.120. DUTIES OF MASTER.**

- It shall be the duty of the Master to:
- A. Preside at all meetings of the Lodge;
  - B. Confer or have conferred all degrees in strict accordance with the Ritual;
  - C. Give, or have given, in full, the lectures appertaining to each degree, at the time it is conferred, in accordance with the Ritual;
  - D. Appoint those officers as provided in Section 805.010 of this Code;
  - E. Appoint an Auditing Committee and a Member Retention Committee at the Stated Meeting next succeeding his installation;
  - F. Appoint a chairman to coordinate with any Grand Lodge program charged with Masonic education;
  - G. Attest at each Stated Meeting of his Lodge all minutes or records of proceedings as approved at such meetings by the Lodge;
  - H. Superintend the official acts of all the officers of his Lodge and to see that their respective duties are properly discharged;
  - I. Carefully guard against any infraction, by the Masons of his Lodge, of its own Bylaws, the California Masonic Code, the General Regulations of Masonry or any of the rights or duties set forth in the Ritual; and
  - J. Provide for the installation of his successor. [Amended: 2008; 2011; 2015; 2018.] [Source: Section 25140 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

**§805.130. DECISION OF MASTER.**

There shall be no appeal to the Lodge from any decision of the Master.  
Objections to a decision of the Master may be presented to the Grand Master and dealt with by him.

[Source: Section 25150 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.] **§805.140. MASTER'S DECIDING VOTE.** The Master shall have a regular vote in all matters before the Lodge. In case of a tie vote, he may also cast the deciding vote. [Source: Section 25160 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE		FEBRUARY 2024				JUVEN M. EGANA MASTER	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			<b>31 January</b> 630PM-Prep for Stated Meeting, Temple Board Meeting	<b>1</b> 630PM-Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting (attire-officers, Tuxedo)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 630PM-Degree Rehearsal/Proficiency	<b>8</b> 630PM-Second Degree Conferral, Bro. Leonardo Grencio	<b>9</b> 7PM- Demolay Meeting	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 630PM-First Degree Proficiency, Bro. Roger Dale	<b>15</b> 630PM-First Degree Conferral-Mr. Claude Newman	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Holiday-President's Day (George Washington Birthday)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 630PM- Degree Rehearsal/Proficiency	<b>22</b> 630PM-DOSI/DOM @ South West Lodge #283, EA 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2nd Section No opening	<b>23</b> 7PM- Demolay Meeting	<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 630PM- Degree Rehearsal/Proficiency	<b>29</b> 630PM-Third Degree Conferral-Bro. Proceso "Boyet" Cabilla	<b>*DRESS CODE*</b> <b>Stated Meeting &amp; Special Meeting, Polo Barong/ Barong Tagalog, Dark Suit</b>		