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FROM THE EAST

Greetings to all Brethren, Family and Friends,

You may have already noticed that the days are longer and the nights are shorter. Welcome to summer time and I hope everyone is enjoying the season.

We celebrate Father's Day in June and I hope you take the time to honor the person who has made a significant influence in your life acting as your Dad. To all of you my brethren, I hope you receive the honor as Dad not only this month but also every day of the year!

Last month our beloved Lodge received an honor from the city of National City where upon which the second week of May was celebrated as Southwest Lodge #283 week. We continue to build and maintain that bridge with the city by having the city's police chief, Chief Hernandez, come and visit us to inspire us to be good citizens of our society. Thank you to those who were present and attended the briefing and visit.

This month, we again, continue our obligation to our community by participating and collaborating with San Diego Food Bank for our annual Food Drive. We are absolutely thrilled to have Brother Ira Castro coordinate this worthwhile effort. We need your charitable hearts to donate and support the endeavor to end hunger in our community. We have two red containers inside the dining hall for your non-perishable food donations.

Our home improvement is ongoing. Thank you to our Temple Hall Association for taking the lead in keeping our real state in good condition and cleanliness. Special mention to Brother Johnny Cirujales, Brother Lynnyrd Dela Paz, Brother Andy Padilla, and the brethren who gave their valuable time and effort to repair our kitchen sinks, toilets, coffee maker, ice-maker and lighting fixtures.

We have reached the half-way point of this masonic term with an enormous number of accomplishments thus far. Let us consider of spending our time productively. Make the most of good times and make sure we participate in safe and enjoyable activities. Practice temperance – one of our virtues, which I think is one of the most basic teaching of masonry.

Upon the square!

Fraternally,
Juven Egana, Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

Freemasonry, steeped in symbolism and allegory, assigns significant roles to the three primary pillars: Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. These stanchions represent foundational principles that guide Masonic philosophy and practice.

Firstly, Wisdom signifies the pursuit of knowledge, enlightenment, and understanding; the ability to discern truth from falsehood and make sound judgments. Secondly, Strength embodies moral fortitude, resilience, and steadfastness in upholding Masonic values and obligations. It signifies the inner strength needed to withstand challenges and adversity. Lastly, Beauty represents harmony, proportion and the pursuit of aesthetic excellence. It inspires Masons to cultivate inner virtues and promote harmony in their relationships and environments. Together, these leaders form the bedrock of Masonic teachings, guiding members towards personal growth and ethical conduct.

Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty also symbolize the unity of intellectual, physical, and spiritual dimensions essential for balanced and enlightened living. Through these principles, Freemasonry seeks to mold individuals into upright and virtuous citizens who contribute positively to their communities. The roles of these pillars extend beyond symbolism, serving as guiding beacons for Masons on their journey of self-improvement and service to humanity.

Southwest Lodge 283 pillars attended the 2024 Leadership Retreat held at Indian Wells on May 17-19. It was a multifaceted gathering of Masonic stalwarts from different lodges in California creating an opportunity to network with fellow Masons, make new connections and learn from one another. These retreats were designed to provide masters and Wardens personal and professional development focused on several key objectives such as enhancing leadership skills equipping them with tools and strategies to effectively manage their lodges and guide their members. Participants engaged in workshops and discussions focused on Masonic rituals, traditions, and governance, deepening their understanding of Freemasonry's principles and practices. The retreats also included sessions on lodge management, strategic planning, and goal-setting, empowering leaders to set clear objectives and navigate challenges within their lodges. Undoubtedly a retreat is incomplete without an ensuing fellowship. It's a way to maintain the positive momentum and connection built as well as fostering lasting relationships and personal growth.

On the Level!

Fraternally,
Daniel Onate, Senior Warden



*** FROM THE SOUTH ***

As Philippine Independence Day rolls around on June 12th, Filipinos everywhere celebrate the nation's hard-won freedom from centuries of colonial rule. It is a day filled with pride, reflection, and gratitude for the courage and sacrifices of those who fought for independence. Interestingly, there is a fascinating connection between this historic struggle and the principles of Freemasonry; an organization with deep ties to the Philippines' quest for liberty.

Freemasonry, a fraternal organization that promotes moral and ethical development, brotherhood, and self-improvement, played a significant role in the Philippines' fight for independence. Many key figures in the Filipino revolutionary movement were Masons: including its national hero, Dr. José Rizal, and Andrés Bonifacio, the founder of the Katipunan, a revolutionary society that led the charge against Spanish rule.

Freemasonry's ideals of liberty, equality, and fraternity resonated strongly with the Filipino revolutionaries. The Masonic lodges in the Philippines became centers of intellectual discussion and planning, where ideas of freedom and self-governance were nurtured. The principles of Freemasonry encouraged critical thinking and fostered a sense of unity and purpose among its members, many of whom were instrumental in the fight for independence.

On Philippine Independence Day, it is worth remembering how Freemasonry helped shape the nation's history. The brotherhood, solidarity, and dedication to noble causes that are hallmarks of Freemasonry mirrored the aspirations of the Filipino people during their struggle for freedom. The Masonic emphasis on moral integrity and civic responsibility contributed to the formation of a national consciousness rooted in the desire for justice and equality.

Today, Filipino Freemasons continue to honor the legacy of their forebears, participating in celebrations and reflecting on the enduring values that helped secure the nation's independence. As we celebrate Philippine Independence Day, let's take a moment to appreciate the profound impact of Freemasonry on the country's history and the ongoing commitment of its members to uphold the ideals of liberty and justice. Thereto, as you enjoy the festivities, wave your flags, and reflect on the significance of this day, remember the Masons who played a pivotal role in forging the path to freedom. Their contributions are a testament to the enduring power of unity, courage, and the unwavering pursuit of a just and free society.

By the Plumb,

Fraternally,
Francis Ryan Onate,
Junior Warden

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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.



Proclamation

CALIFORNIA
NATIONAL CITY
1887
INCORPORATED

WHEREAS: South West Lodge No. 283, a beacon of Masonry, has illuminated our community for over a century. Rooted in the timeless principles of fellowship, charity, and truth, Freemasonry has enriched the lives of men worldwide for 300 years; and

WHEREAS: Our mission is clear: to foster personal growth and uplift others. We embrace diversity, championing respect, kindness, and tolerance across all facets of life. Through charitable endeavors and educational initiatives, we serve our brothers, families, and the wider community; and

WHEREAS: As builders, we erect more than physical structures; we shape character, instill morality, and uphold goodness in society. Our historic journey began in 1887 when visionary individuals convened to establish what would become South West Lodge No. 283; and

WHEREAS: Under the leadership of Frank Augustus Kimball and his esteemed colleagues, our lodge was founded with a commitment to Masonic principles and the welfare of our brethren. Through perseverance and dedication, South West Lodge has thrived, embodying the spirit of Masonry through charitable events, educational programs, and social gatherings; and

WHEREAS: Today, as we reflect on our storied past, we reaffirm our dedication to building a brighter future for our lodge and its members. With unwavering resolve, we honor our heritage while embracing the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead; and

WHEREAS: Join us as we continue to illuminate the path of Freemasonry, forging bonds of brotherhood and service that endure for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Ron Morrison, Mayor by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, affix the official seal and do hereby on behalf of the City Council, proclaim the week of May 7, 2024 as:

South West Lodge No.283 Week!

Ron Morrison
MAYOR

Ditas Yamane
Vice-Mayor

Marcus Bush
Councilmember

Luz Molina
Councilmember

Jose Rodriguez
Councilmember

Happy Birthday!

Juven	M	Egana		1-Jun
William	R	Francia		1-Jun
Ronulfo	V	Roxas		2-Jun
Artemio	T	Paco		6-Jun
Erick	A	Calderon		8-Jun
Amado	G	Guanzon		9-Jun
Marlon Sly	S	Lapuz		9-Jun
Pacifico	S	Ortizluis		9-Jun
Rodel	A	Erece		10-Jun
Armando	L	Demesa		12-Jun
Siegfried	T	Jucal		14-Jun
Eusebio	D	Hondolero		15-Jun
Dante	T	Albao		16-Jun
John-John	F	Buncio		19-Jun
Resty	S	Garcia		19-Jun
Peter	D	Cortes		20-Jun
Rodolfo	F	Nobleza	PM	22-Jun
Ramon	J	Buyson		24-Jun
Danilo	P	Oira		24-Jun
John	A	Ventura		24-Jun
Noe	E.	Ebalo		26-Jun
Danilo	C	Francisco		26-Jun
Rufi	D	Magbanua	Jr. PM	27-Jun
Marvin	B	Medina		27-Jun
Allen	B	Yabut		28-Jun
Gil	P	Abiad	PM	29-Jun
Ernie	M	Lampa	PM	29-Jun
Pedrito	G	Saguiped		29-Jun
Rodrigo	E.	Cuevas	PM	30-Jun
Logan	T	Killion		30-Jun
Roque	D	Parreno	Jr.	30-Jun

California Masonic Code

§804.140. STANDING OF DEMITTED MASTER MASON.

A Master Mason holding a Demit shall remain in good standing for a period of one year following the date of his Demit. Should he fail to become a member of some Lodge within the period of one year from the date of the Demit, he shall not thereafter be entitled to any of the rights, privileges or benefits of Masonry, except the right to apply for affiliation. All Masons and Lodges are prohibited from holding any Masonic Communication with a Master Mason who has held a Demit for longer than one year, except as may be necessary to determine his eligibility to affiliate. A Master Mason holding a Demit shall remain subject to all of the duties applicable to him in the California Masonic Code, the General Regulations of Masonry and the Ritual, and he shall remain subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. [Source: Section 23060 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO:

MONTHLY SCHEDULE		JUNE 2024				JUVEN M. EGANA MASTER	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
DRESS CODE Stated Meeting & Special Meeting, Polo Barong/ Barong Tagalog, Dark Suit						1	
2	3	4	5 630PM-Temple Board Meeting, Prep for Stated	6 630PM-Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting, (Attire Dark Suit, Barong)	7	8	
9	10 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	11	12 630PM-Degree Rehearsal/ Proficiency	13 630PM- Degree Conferral, TBA	14 7PM- Demolay Meeting	15	
16	17	18	19 6:00 PM – Annual Review – South West Lodge 283; Inspector's Annual Review of Lodge and Hall	20 630PM-Claude H Morrison Lodge No. 747 Pastmasters' Night	21	22 10:00 AM – Annual Picnic District 935, Admiral Baker Park	
23/30	24 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	25	26 630PM- Degree Rehearsal/Proficiency	27 630PM- Degree Conferral, TBA	28 7PM- Demolay Meeting	29	

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