



SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283

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Trestleboard

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JANUARY 2025 TRESTLEBOARD

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FROM THE EAST

Brethren, as the calendar turns and we welcome the dawn of a new year, I extend warm and fraternal greetings to each of you and your families. This is a time to reflect on the journey we have traveled together and to look ahead with hope and determination.

The past year has been one of growth, learning, and challenges, but through it all, we remained steadfast in our principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Each of you has contributed to the vibrancy and strength of our Lodge, and for that, I am deeply grateful.

The New Year presents us with an opportunity to build on our achievements and renew our commitment to the values that unite us. Let us strive to make our Lodge a beacon of light in our community, extending our hands to those in need and inspiring others through our actions. As we embark on this journey, let us be reminded on the importance of harmony and mutual respect. Together, we can overcome any obstacle and achieve great things. Let us support one another, not just as brethren but as friends, bound by the unbreakable ties of our shared purpose. I encourage each of you to set personal and collective goals for this year. Whether it is through charitable endeavors, self-improvement, or enhancing the bonds within our fraternity, every effort contributes to the betterment of our Lodge and the world around us. Let us also reach out to those brethren who may need our encouragement and support, ensuring that no brother feels left behind.

As your newly installed leader, I pledge to guide with humility, integrity, and dedication. I am here to serve you and to ensure that our Lodge continues to thrive as a model to embrace fellowship, growth, and enlightenment. It is of great wish that may this New Year bring us health, happiness, and prosperity. May our families be blessed, and may we all find renewed strength and inspiration in all our endeavors as Freemasons. Let us step forward together, united in purpose and steadfast in our commitments to the noble work we share.

Upon the square!

Fraternally,
Daniel U. Onate, Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



The year 2025 marks a transformative chapter for South West Lodge 283, as the lodge embarks on a journey of innovation and progress. As the brethren gather to set the course for the upcoming year, a renewed sense of purpose and unity fills the air. This year, the lodge is taking bold steps to ensure its enduring legacy while embracing the future with open arms.

A highlight of this new chapter is the release of the lodge's first digital trestleboard, a groundbreaking shift designed to bring South West Lodge 283 into the digital age. This transition represents more than just a technological upgrade; it's part of a broader initiative aimed at achieving financial stability and operational efficiency. By reducing printing costs and streamlining communications, the lodge is redirecting resources to projects that matter most, ensuring that every dollar contributes to the betterment of the fraternity.

The digital trestleboard is a cornerstone of a larger strategy to modernize the lodge's operations. It opens the door for innovative ways to engage members, share updates, and connect with a wider audience. Members can now access important announcements, upcoming events, and lodge history with just a click, ensuring that the cherished traditions of Freemasonry are preserved while adapting to the demands of a modern world.

Looking ahead, South West Lodge 283 is poised to tackle ambitious goals. From community outreach initiatives to enhancing the lodge's educational offerings, the brethren are committed to making a meaningful impact. This forward-thinking approach reflects the lodge's dedication to its core values of brotherhood, charity, and self-improvement.

As 2025 unfolds, South West Lodge 283 stands as a beacon of progress and tradition, ready to inspire its members and the community it serves. The road ahead is indeed exciting, and the brethren are eager to walk it together, hand in hand.

On the Level!

Fraternally,

Francis Ryan T. Onate, Senior Warden

Introductions

If you are a member of a committee which has examined a brother and you are about to present him to the Master and the Lodge, the usual form is: "Worshipful Master, I have the honor to present Brother A. B., a member ofLodge No.....of (his city and state.)" If the brother is a Past Master, or past officer of a Grand Lodge. you should give him his proper title in the introduction. In introducing him after his general introduction to the Master and the Lodge, it is not usual to give the formal introduction previously used, but you may introduce him as Brother A. B. If you act as toastmaster at a banquet and he is one of the speakers, a little more formality should be used as in his introduction to the Lodge.



FROM THE SOUTH

As I write this Trestleboard, I reflect on what 2024 has brought to my family, brethren and friends. Whether we like it or not, people often compare their lives to those of others. Masonry teaches us that we are all on the level, but what does that really mean?

While 2024 has brought many blessings, it has also presented challenges that we have all experienced in some way, whether through financial struggles, family illnesses, or other inequalities in life. Some of us may know individuals who have faced unimaginable hardships, such as the loss of a loved one or a debilitating illness that prevents them from engaging in daily activities they once enjoyed. Nothing is certain in life; however, one constant among us is change.

For each of us, 2025 may hold different meanings. It could signify the challenge of a new career, a new position in Masonry, an addition to the family, or navigating life without a loved one. Whatever we encounter as we enter 2025, we can always hold on to the power of hope—hope for new beginnings and a better year ahead. With that in mind, I encourage you to consider your Brethren in Masonry and their families as extensions of your own family. Remember that you are not alone and that you are in good hands with good people.

As the Junior Warden of South West Lodge #283, I want to help strengthen the bonds of Brotherhood and Friendship. One simple way to do this is by "breaking bread" together as a family during our gatherings before lodge meetings. The tradition of breaking bread dates back to ancient times, where sharing food symbolized peace and trust. It has evolved into a deeply personal and societal act of love and reconciliation.

Taken literally, the phrase suggests coming together after being apart. Sharing food is a way to unite people. We share meals with guests to welcome them into our homes, and we provide food to the less fortunate through food banks, shelters, and personal acts of charity. Breaking bread encompasses so much more than simply sharing a meal; it is a time of togetherness, a chance to get to know one another, a moment to empathize with each other's daily challenges, and an opportunity to rejoice in each other's successes.

The "Refreshment and Repose" Team and I will do our best to provide wonderful meals that we can sit down and enjoy together. We look forward to seeing you all at the lodge and breaking bread as a family.

By the Plumb,

Fraternally,
Ira James T. Castro, Junior Warden

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Reynaldo	C	Ibanez	1-Jan
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Vittorio	J	Chiong	3-Jan
Richard	D	Ramones	3-Jan
Joseph	A	Decastro	4-Jan
Rimando	S	Gabat	7-Jan
Tyler	J	Garcia	7-Jan
Jon	T	Montemayor	9-Jan
Frisco	D	Dino, Jr.	10-Jan
Archibald	B	Picar	10-Jan
Jacob	G	Urrete	10-Jan
Virgilio	M	Esguerra	11-Jan
Reynaldo	F	Halili	12-Jan
Jeromy	C	Hunt	13-Jan
Oliver	W	Kiamco	13-Jan
Thomas	W	Moynahan, Jr.	13-Jan
Nicomedes	D	Sonico	14-Jan
Mariano	J	Apilado	15-Jan
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Benhur	M	Evangelista	16-Jan
Austin	M	Juarez	16-Jan
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Lawrence	L	Cuatico	17-Jan
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Delfin	Q	Academia	19-Jan
Enrico	T	Farinas	19-Jan
Romeo	L	Batin	20-Jan
Jesus	H	Ladran	20-Jan
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Villarey	G	Umali	21-Jan
Edward	V	Caparaz	23-Jan
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Angelito	J	Alfaro	25-Jan
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Henry	B	Sunglao	25-Jan
Rodrick	L	Thomas	26-Jan
Michael	L	Chapman	27-Jan
Rainier	C	Dela Cruz	27-Jan
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FROM THE SECRETARY CORNER

Dues payment for 2025 is now **\$128.75** (lodge dues **\$60.25+68.50 GrandLodge per capita**) if you pay to the lodge; You can pay to the Grand Lodge using credit card. You will pay **\$133.04**. extra \$4.29 processing pay.

ARTICLE 5 – LODGE EXPENDITURES**§809.510. LODGE BUDGET.**

A Lodge shall adopt a budget for each fiscal year no later than at its January Stated Meeting for that fiscal year. [Amended: 2009.] [Source: Section 21010 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§809.520. EXPENDITURES.

Lodge funds are trust funds set apart for the payment of the necessary, discretionary and social expenses of the Lodge and for the special calls for charity. No Lodge funds shall be expended without the express consent of the Lodge, even though included in a Lodge budget, except that funds may be expended without Lodge consent when:

- A. Dispensed by the Charity Committee;
- B. Due Grand Lodge;
- C. Required to pay the taxes or other charges of local, State or Federal governmental agencies; or
- D. Required under Section 809.350 of this Code as a return of dues.

Lodges may approve bills against the Lodge only when the bills are supported by proper documentation, such as an invoice or receipt. No warrant shall be drawn unless there are sufficient funds to honor it. [Amended: 2010.] [Source: Sections 21010 and 21060 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.] For more information, please refer to the Appendix on Grand Masters' Decisions.

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE**CHAPTER 6 -- COMMITTEES****§806.000. COMMITTEES.**

- A. The Master and Wardens shall be a Charity Committee, and shall have the power to draw upon the funds of the Lodge for any sum, not exceeding \$100 at any one time (or such greater amount as the Lodge may from time to time provide by a standing resolution), for the relief of a distressed worthy Mason and the wife, widow or orphan of a Master Mason.
- B. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary shall be an Executive Committee, and shall meet at some time prior to each Stated Meeting, at a time and place and in a manner designated by the Master who shall chair the Committee. Its duties shall be to assist the Master concerning the operation and affairs of the Lodge and to perform such other duties as he may designate.
- C. The Master, at the Stated Meeting next succeeding his installation, shall appoint an Auditing Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine all accounts presented against the Lodge and the books and records of the Treasurer and Secretary. Neither the Treasurer nor Secretary may serve on the Audit Committee.
- D. The Master, at the Stated Meeting next succeeding his installation, shall appoint a Member Retention Committee to personally, or otherwise, interview each delinquent Mason, ascertain the cause, and work closely with the Master and officers in a continuing effort to effect the retention of all worthy brothers unable to pay.
- E. The Lodge may have such other committees as the Master or the Lodge may deem proper to appoint. All committees shall be appointed by the Master, unless the Lodge provides otherwise.
- F. All reports of committees shall be in writing.
- G. Only members of the Lodge in good standing may serve on a Lodge's committees. [Amended: 2008; 2010; 2012; 2014; 2015; 2022.] [Source: Section 19040 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE		JANUARY 2025					Daniel U. Onate MASTER
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
DRESS CODE Stated Meeting & Special Meeting, Polo Barong/ Barong Tagalog, Dark Suit		31 DECEMBER 24	1 NEW YEARS DAY	2 6:00PM-Stated Meeting Dinner 7:30PM-Stated Meeting	3	4	
5	6	7	8 6:30PM-Temple Board, Masonic Information, Member Retention Meeting Degree Practice first Degree	9 6:30PM-1 st Degree Conferral Mr. Kevin Morante	10 7PM- Demolay Meeting	11	
12	13 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	14	15 6:30PM- Golf Fundraising Committee Meeting (Martin Luther King Birthday) Degree Practice First Degree	16 6:30PM-First Degree Conferral. Mr. Gilbert Barriga	17	18	
19	20	21	22 6:30PM- Practice/Fellowship, Proficiency,	23 6:30PM-Degree Conferral, TBD	24 7PM- Demolay Meeting	25	
26	27 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	28	29 6:30PM-- Practice/Fellowship, Proficiency,	30 6:30PM-Degree Conferral, TBD	31		