



# SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283

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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren, as we embark on a new Masonic year, the energy and enthusiasm within our lodge are palpable, setting the tone for a busy and fulfilling journey ahead. Our calendar is brimming with meaningful events; from ritual practices and degree conferrals to charitable endeavors and fellowship gatherings, all designed to strengthen our bonds and furtherance of the principles of Masonry.

We extend our utmost and sincere congratulations to our newly conferred brothers Kevin Morante, Gilbert Barriga, and Raymark Mariano. Mr. Carl Garcia's initiation is scheduled on 1/30/25. This will be followed by the Lodge Walkabout, the first step in Masonic Education for our EAs, to be conducted by WB Ron Banci. As you embark on this timeless journey, you join a noble fraternity rooted in brotherly love, relief, and truth. Your commitment to upholding the principles of integrity, self-improvement, and service to humanity strengthens the bond that unites us as Masons. May the light you have received guide your path, deepen your understanding, and inspire you to contribute meaningfully to the Craft, your community, and the world. Welcome, brothers, to this honorable and enriching fellowship.

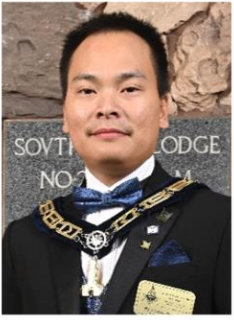
We have participated in a series of activities designed to enrich our Masonic journey. We have attended the Job's Daughters Grand Guardian visit where SWL 283 had assisted in logistics and transport of the youth group participants, held on board the USS Essex in San Diego on January 18. SWL #283 was well represented at the 935th Masonic District DOSI hosted by Coronado Lodge on Jan 22. As we look ahead, our lodge is set to engage in a series of exciting and impactful endeavors.

Upcoming events include more degree conferrals, and as part of our commitment to fostering unity and inclusivity: we are thrilled to announce our upcoming Family Day to be held on February 9, 2025. This is a special occasion dedicated to celebrating the cherished bonds we share with our loved ones. This event offers a wonderful opportunity for our families to come together in the spirit of joy, relaxation, and camaraderie. With a variety of activities planned for all ages, including games, entertainment, delicious food, and watching Super Bowl together. Family Day promises to be a day filled with laughter and meaningful connections. It is a chance to express gratitude for the support of our families, who play an integral role in our Masonic journey. Let us come together to create beautiful memories and strengthen the ties that make our fraternity so much more than a gathering of brothers. On that day we will also hold a Masonic Information booth. As we continue to uphold the tenets of Freemasonry, it is important to extend the light of our fraternity to others who may seek understanding and personal growth. Inviting friends, family, and community members to visit our lodge provides an opportunity to share our values. By opening our doors and welcoming others to witness the camaraderie, traditions, and charitable efforts of our Craft, we offer a glimpse into the profound journey of self-improvement and service that Freemasonry represents. Let us approach these invitations with sincerity and openness, fostering curiosity and dialogue, as we inspire others to explore the Masonic way and potentially join our honorable brotherhood.

**Upon the square!**

Fraternally,  
*Daniel U. Onate, Worshipful Master*

## FROM THE WEST



February is a month all about connection and community, which makes it a great time to talk about what Freemasonry, stands for. With Valentine's Day in the mix, February has this vibe of love and togetherness that totally lines up with the Masonic values of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

For us as Masons, love isn't just about romance. It is about building strong relationships, showing compassion, and being there for each other. Just like February gives us a reason to reach out to love ones, it's also a great reminder to strengthen the bonds within our lodge and our communities.

Whether you're helping a brother, sharing a kind word or just showing up, these little things exudes an array of wonderful hope and enlightenment.

February is also a good time for a reset. Let us use this month as the opportunity to refocus on what Freemasonry is all about and look for ways to bring more light into the world. Maybe it's doing something generous or just spreading positivity, whatever that might be it all adds up.

Additionally, we are excited to announce our annual golf fundraiser happening on April 12, 2025! This is a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and fun while supporting a great cause. We are looking for brethren to join us as players, sponsor a hole, or even do both. Let's come together to make this event a success and showcase the spirit of unity that makes Freemasonry so special.

So, let us make the most on the significance of this February. It is the perfect time to celebrate the amazing work our brothers do and keep spreading the light of Freemasonry. Together, we're making a difference in the lodge, in our communities, and in each other's lives.

**On the Level!**

Fraternally,  
*Francis Ryan T. Onate, Senior Warden*

## Decorum in the Anteroom

The Anteroom is the place of first impression to the candidate or visitor, and first impressions are often the most lasting. Yet, in the Anteroom, thoughtless lapses in good conduct are likely to occur. Especial effort, therefore, should be made to preserve its dignified and hospitable atmosphere. The Anteroom is often chosen as a place in which to tell stories. See to it that you neither tell nor listen to stories unbecoming a gentleman. Most so-called "funny" stories are forced, banal, low, and almost wholly lacking in cleverness or humor. They have no place anywhere about the Lodge. Clean stories and wholesome jollity in the lounge or game room are entirely proper and promote good fellowship. Smoking, where permitted, should be done as circumspectly as it is in the home. Repeated light singes and scorches of furniture and floor soon lend a shabby appearance to the room.

You should realize that your attendance is needed in the lodgeroom and that the anteroom is only for temporary use. The brother who learns and gives the Master's lecture deserves credit for his work and the least we can do is to show him our appreciation by remaining until he is finished. On the other hand, the Master should not expect the brethren to remain if he attempts to give the lecture just before midnight. He is more likely to have a prosperous Lodge if it is opened and closed early. In our jurisdiction, smoking is never allowed in the lodgeroom during the conferring of a degree and should not be in the anteroom and examination room, but in the place provided for that purpose. Smokers, enjoying a cigar or cigarette themselves, are apt to be just a little careless of the sensibilities of others to whom tobacco fumes may be actually offensive. The visitor to your Lodge, to whom smoking may be objectionable, may be too much of a gentleman to allow his disapproval to appear on the surface, and we should show him the same genuine hospitality we would in our own homes.

If the applicant appears nervous, which will probably be due to ill-advised joking by his friends, reassure him by telling him that there is no "horse-play" in Masonry and that every form, or ceremony, is intended to teach him a lesson.





## FROM THE SOUTH

February, often regarded as the month of love and renewal, has graced us with its gentle embrace once again. This time of year encourages us to celebrate love in all its forms – whether it be the deep affection shared between romantic partners, the unwavering bond of family, or the enduring friendships that enrich our lives. However, for some, February may also serve as a poignant reminder of loneliness and introspection, evoking heartfelt memories of those loved ones who have transitioned from this life.

Among the tenets of Freemasonry, the principle of brotherly love resonates profoundly during this time. While brotherly love can be interpreted in numerous ways, the definition that holds the most significance for me is that of “sacrificially serving others.” This can manifest in many forms, ranging from the simplicity of providing emotional support to the more profound commitment of putting one's safety on the line for the sake of another. It is in these moments of service that we can truly embody the spirit of love, even when we feel isolated, by “living” for others through acts of kindness and compassion.

I want to extend a heartfelt challenge to each of you. Consider reaching out to a Brother Mason who holds a special place in your heart – someone you may not have seen or spoken to in a while. Take a few moments to check in on their well-being, and inquire about their current life circumstances. A simple phone call, a thoughtful text message, or, if your cable tow allows, a visit can make a substantial difference in their day. Such gestures remind them that they are missed at the lodge and cherished by their fellow brothers, reinforcing the bonds that unite us.

As we embrace the spirit of this month, I would like to wish all of you a Happy Valentine's Day, surrounded by the warmth of family and friends. May your lives be filled with love, peace, and the kind of happiness that springs from genuine connections with those who matter most.

By the Plumb,

Fraternally,  
*Ira James T. Castro, Junior Warden*

**Monday, February 17** *GeneGeorge Washington Resigning His Commission by John Trumbull*

**Presidents' Day**, officially **Washington's Birthday**, in the United States, is a federal holiday observed on the third Monday of February in honor of George Washington (born on February 22), the first President of the United States. The holiday is popularly recognized as also honoring Abraham Lincoln (born on February 12), and sometimes all the U.S. presidents.

The federal holiday commemorating Washington was established in 1879 for government offices in Washington only and later (1885) expanded to a whole country. The Uniform Monday Holiday Act from 1968 changed the date to the third Monday in February (effective as of 1971). As of 1971 and depending on a given (Gregorian calendar) year, the date of Presidents' Day falls between February 15 and 21. Hence it never occurs on February 22, i.e., the actual Washington's birthday. Similarly, it also misses Lincoln's Birthday on February 12.

## SOUTH WEST LODGE CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR 2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT



**DATE: APRIL 12, 2025**  
**VENUE: ADMIRAL BAKER GOLF COURSE-SOUTH**  
**REGISTRATION TIME: 0700**  
**TOURNAMENT START TIME: 0800**  
**SUGGESTED DONATION:**  
 - \$110.00 / GOLFER  
 - \$100.00 / HOLE SPONSOR














**LUNCH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW:**  
 - ADMIRAL BAKER PARK PAVILION  
 - GAZEBO #2

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**PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS PROJECT RENOVATIONS  
OF OUR HISTORIC LODGE**

*Happy Birthday!*

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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.

**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.

## California Masonic Code

§100.073. MORAL LAW: Those generally accepted and customary rules and principles which relate to right and wrong conduct and to duty.

- A. The moral law prescribes the standards to which the actions of people should conform in their dealings with the Supreme Being, each other and themselves. The moral law includes only those sectarian rules and principles on which all men agree.
- B. The moral law is the same as natural law. Violations of the moral law are mala in se because they are violations which are morally wrong in themselves: violations which people of ordinary sensibility should recognize are wrong, without the intervention of a governmental proscription.
- C. The moral law does not include societal norms, customs, virtues or values which are derived from the established practices of a particular society. Violations of laws, rules or principles which are not morally wrong in themselves are mala prohibita: actions that are wrong only because they are prohibited by statute or other law. Many but not all violations of the moral law are criminal offenses. Not all criminal offenses are violations of the moral law. [Added: 2010.]

§100.075. MORAL TURPITUDE: Any act of baseness, vileness or depravity during a violation of the moral law, even though not necessarily a criminal offense. For conduct to involve moral turpitude, it normally must be accompanied by an inherently evil intent. The most common examples of this inherently evil intent are:

- A. An intent to defraud;
- B. An intent to take a thing unlawfully (larceny); and
- C. An intent to harm a person or a thing. [Amended: 2010.] For more information, please refer to the Appendix on Grand Masters' Decisions.

## "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.

## Dual and Plural Membership

Under the regulations of this jurisdiction, both dual and plural memberships are permissible.

Dual Membership consists of belonging to a Lodge in this jurisdiction without having to terminate membership in a Lodge of another jurisdiction. This procedure is possible only in those cases where the other jurisdiction involved also permits Dual Membership.

Plural Membership consists of belonging to two or more Lodges, each of which are in this jurisdiction.

The complete details as to procedure in either instance should be reviewed with the Secretary of your Lodge before taking any steps toward affiliation as a Dual or Plural member.



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## SOUTH WEST LODGE #283 FAMILY DAY

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2025  
TIME: 1400  
LOCATION: 1140 B AVENUE, NATIONAL CITY, CA 91950

**JOIN US FOR A DAY FULL OF FUN ACTIVITIES!**

- OPEN HOUSE FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS
- MASONIC INFORMATION BOOTH
- SUPERBOWL GAME VIEWING
- GAMES FOR THE KIDS
- POTLUCK THEME: TAILGATE FOOD

MONTHLY SCHEDULE		FEBRUARY 2025				Daniel U. Onate MASTER	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>*DRESS CODE*</b> Stated Meeting & Special Meeting, Polo Barong/ Barong Tagalog, Dark Suit				<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 630PM-Temple Board Meeting, Practice/Fellowship, Proficiency, Prep for Stated Meeting	<b>6</b> 6:00PM-Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> 2:00PM- South West Lodge, Family Day, Open House, Super Bowl Sunday	<b>10</b> 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 630PM- Practice/Fellowship, Proficiency	<b>13</b> 630PM-Degree Conferral, TBD	<b>14</b> 7PM- Demolay Meeting  Valentine's Day	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>President's Day</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 630PM- Practice/Fellowship, Proficiency,	<b>20</b> 630PM-Degree Conferral, TBD	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	
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