



SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283

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Trestleboard

Stated Meeting
730PM
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FROM THE EAST

Most of us have been to the rounds of several breakfast fundraising events of various lodges for this year. From hearty pancakes, to charity auctions and community brunches; each event showcases the dedication and generosity of members coming together for a great cause. These fundraisers not only support important initiatives but also strengthen the bonds within the brethren.

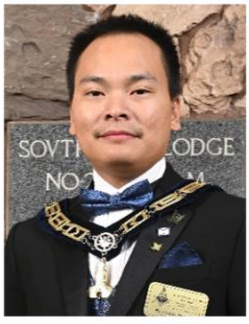
It is wonderful to see the creativity and commitment that go into making each event a success. Fundraising in Freemasonry plays a crucial role in supporting the organization's charitable endeavors and maintaining its local lodges.

For Southwest Lodge 283, we are excited to announce a special golf tournament aimed at raising funds for the renovation of our historic lodge. As a cherished part of our community, our lodge has stood the test of time, and with your support, we will ensure it continues to serve future generations. The renovations are necessary to preserve the rich history and integrity of the building while providing a safe and welcoming space for all who enter. Your participation and support, whether you're an experienced golfer or a beginner, a committee member or a donor is a fantastic way to contribute to a meaningful cause while enjoying a fun and friendly competition. There will be door prizes lunch reception and fellowship. This golf fundraising event will be held on April 12, 2025 at Admiral Baker Golf Course-South with registration to start at 7:00AM (0700) and the game commencing at 8:00AM (0800). Lunch reception will follow at Gazebo # 2 at the Park Pavilion.

This golf fundraiser presents an exciting opportunity for members and supporters of the lodge to unite for a common goal. We hope this event fosters a spirit of camaraderie, with everyone coming together to share in the pride of preserving something truly special. Your participation in this event is more than just a day on the greens—it's an investment in the future of our lodge and the community it serves. Together, we can ensure that this historic building remains a symbol of tradition, service, and fellowship for years to come.

Upon the square! 

Fraternally,
Daniel U. Onate, Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

April is a special month for many reasons, and for us as Freemasons, it is a perfect time to reflect, grow and recognize the efforts of our Brothers. Just as spring brings new beginnings, we too, can use this time to renew our dedication to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. As the world around us blossoms, let's take a moment to appreciate the growth within our Lodge. Whether it's through mentorship, charity, or simply being there for one another; April reminds us of the importance of service and gratitude. It is also a great time to honor those, who on their own initiative, go the extra mile to strengthen our Lodge and community.

We are Still Accepting Nominations! The Awards Committee of South West Lodge #283 is in the process of accepting nominations for the Hiram Award and Mason of the Year! These awards recognize Brothers who have shown outstanding dedication and service to our Lodge and the Craft. The Hiram Award is given to a Brother who has demonstrated exceptional service, while Mason of the Year honors a brother who has made a big impact throughout the year. If you know a Brother who deserves recognition, now is your opportune time to make sure those efforts don't go unnoticed!

We encourage all Brethren to submit their nominations as soon as possible. Let us take this opportunity to shine that beacon of light on those who truly make a difference in our Lodge. If you have someone in mind, reach out to the Awards Committee and submit your nomination today!

On the Level!



Fraternally,
Francis Ryan T. Onate, Senior Warden

SOUTH WEST LODGE #283 F & AM

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR APRIL 2025
EASTER DAY THEME STATED MEETING
DATE: APRIL 3, 2025 (THURSDAY)
DINNER @ 1800, GAVEL TO FOLLOW



FROM THE SOUTH

South West Lodge 283 has become a beacon of brotherhood and engagement, hosting lively stated meetings and actively participating in both internal and external Masonic endeavors. Our lodge continues to thrive with a full calendar of degree conferrals, social events, and support for other lodges' initiatives, demonstrating the strength of our commitment to Freemasonry.

Our stated meetings are more than just business gatherings—they are opportunities for fellowship, learning, and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood. With vibrant discussions, engaging Masonic education, and hearty refreshments, our members leave each meeting with renewed enthusiasm for the craft.

Beyond the meetings, the lodge stays busy conferring degrees, ensuring that our candidates receive a meaningful and memorable Masonic journey. Our officers and brethren work diligently to uphold the traditions of the fraternity while guiding new members through the degrees of Masonry.

In addition to our own packed schedule, South West Lodge proudly supports other lodges and their fundraising efforts. Whether it's a golf tournament to raise funds for charity or a breakfast fundraiser that brings together Masons and their families, our lodge is always eager to lend a helping hand. By participating in these events, we strengthen our ties with neighboring lodges and reinforce the spirit of unity that defines Freemasonry.

As we move forward, South West Lodge 283 remains dedicated to its mission of brotherhood, service, and Masonic excellence. With an active membership and a commitment to both our own lodge and the wider Masonic community, we continue to uphold the values that make our fraternity timeless.

BY THE PLUMB,



Fraternally,

Ira James T. Castro, Junior Warden

SOUTH WEST LODGE CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR 2025 GOLF TOURNAMENT
















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

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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Happy Birthday!

Gonzalo	A	Pangalangan		1-Apr
Jaden	S	Collins		3-Apr
Ricardo	O	Montillano		3-Apr
Rovir	M	Matias		4-Apr
Artzell Marx	G	Bautista		5-Apr
Edgar	M	De Leon		5-Apr
Alfonso	N	Farinas	PM	5-Apr
A Erwin	D	Bautista		6-Apr
Roger	A	Dale		6-Apr
Herman	C	Duriano		7-Apr
Perfecto	M	Ortiz		8-Apr
Mario	G	Bermudez		9-Apr
Romeo	Z	Hacinas		9-Apr
Ruben	M	Rocha		9-Apr
Guillermo	H	Villafranca	PM	9-Apr
Abner Placido	B	Cordova		10-Apr
Jose	R	Macasinag		10-Apr
Rolando	A	Cristobal		11-Apr
Leonilo	N	Enrile		11-Apr
Leonardo	M	Talamayan		11-Apr
Abelardo	D	Alex		13-Apr
Jose Rafael	L	Ramos		14-Apr
Esty	D	Camerino		15-Apr
Robert	A	Laney		15-Apr
Ernesto Ireneo	C	Camara		17-Apr
Aniceto	V	Domingo		17-Apr
Mario	S	Dumpit		17-Apr
Rodrigo	A	Navarro	PM	18-Apr
Jesse	G	Cruz		19-Apr
Rocelino	C	Castro		20-Apr
Kris	A	Walsh		20-Apr
Bayani	C	Sto. Domingo		21-Apr
Adolfo	G	Natividad		22-Apr
Lehi	A	JuarezMedina		23-Apr
Benjamin	E	Raymundo		24-Apr
Joey	R	Baciles		28-Apr
Rosauro	O	Hernandez		29-Apr
Franco	S	Jordan		29-Apr
Vincent	O	Abella		30-Apr
Thomas	L	Hardy		30-Apr
Pedrito	M	Villaver		30-Apr

Decorum in the Lodge

Thoughtless brothers sometimes forget a courtesy due the officers of the Lodge and do not realize that they are ruining the dignity of the Lodge by whispering and talking. No good Mason talks during the conferring of a degree, for the lodgeroom represents a temple of the Great Architect of the Universe. We should no more talk in a Lodge than we would in church. The officers cannot do their best work when distracted by conversation and the applicant fails to be impressed by the solemnity of the ceremony.

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE**§809.530. PROHIBITED EXPENDITURES.**

A Lodge may not:

- A. Expend Lodge funds for alcoholic beverages;
- B. Divide its monies, property or other assets with its members, even those withdrawing to form a new Lodge or with the new Lodge thus formed;
- C. Divide its funds with an existing Lodge by way of a contribution;
- D. Invest Lodge funds in its life membership fund, other than to purchase a life membership for its retiring Master; or
- E. Use any of its funds to subsidize, directly or indirectly, any organization, except Masonic Youth Orders or as otherwise provided in this Code.

[Source: Sections 21010 and 21060 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§809.560. SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL EXPENDITURES.

A Lodge may expend Lodge funds for the following purposes, subject to the following limitations:

- A. Lodge may expend Lodge funds for purposes of its social and fraternal activities, promoting fraternal intercourse, community improvement, its charitable activities and its programs that will benefit residents of the community in which the Lodge is located. Except for expenditures from funds collected for specific social purposes as otherwise provided in this section, the aggregate annual expenditures by the Lodge for the purposes described in this section shall not exceed thirty percent of the Lodge's total revenue derived that year from dues, application fees, withdrawals from a Life Membership Fund and net income from other investments;
- B. Contributions, gifts, bequests and other financial assistance received, receipts on trust funds, financial support received for the Lodge's fraternal operations or charitable activities and profits realized from the sale of capital assets shall not be included in total revenue for purposes of calculating the thirty percent limitation;
- C. Expenditures of financial support received for the Lodge's fraternal operations or charitable activities shall not be subject to this thirty percent annual limitation when spent as follows:
 1. To pay the expenses of the activity through which such support was raised, such as the expenses of staging the event at which the support was received or the expenses of printing and distributing the publication in which the permitted paid advertising appeared; or

2. To pay the expenses of the Lodge's other social and fraternal activities, promoting fraternal intercourse, community improvement, its charitable activities and its programs that will benefit residents of the community in which the Lodge is located;
- D. Lodge contributions to the Masonic Homes of California, California Masonic Memorial Temple or California Masonic Foundation shall not be subject to this thirty percent annual limitation; and
- E. In the discretion of the Lodge, any portion of the annual thirty percent limitation not expended in one year may be carried forward to future years until spent.

[Amended: 2008; 2012; 2015.] [Source: Section 21090 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.] For more information, please refer to the Appendix on Grand Masters' Decisions

Once a Mason, Always a Mason?

The oft-heard claim "Once a Mason always a Mason" is not only not true but is misleading. It means merely that a Mason always remains bound by his obligation not to disclose secrets. To be a Mason is a serious thing and a man is a true Mason only when he accepts the responsibilities which go with his membership. It implies work, service and obligations. There are many who are only barnacles on the ship of Masonry, refusing to accept committee work, whose conception of Masonic duty consists in keeping their dues paid and attending an occasional meeting when there is something to eat.

A man who has been suspended or expelled has no rights or privileges and is no longer a Mason. A man who takes a limit also has no privileges after it is one year old, except that he may apply for affiliation at any time. He is, however, still bound by his Masonic obligations.

As no man has the right to demand to be made a Mason, so he should not be allowed the privilege of remaining one after he refuses to live in conformity with its requirements. "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savior, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

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Daniel U. Onate
Worshipful Master

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 630PM-Prep Stated Meeting, Golf lead committee report/ update Fellowship	3 600PM-Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting, Fellowship	4	5
6	7	8	9 630PM-First degree Conferral TBD	10 No Degree Conferral, Working Party Golf fundraising event Prep, Fellowship	11 730PM- Demolay Meeting	12 0700AM-SWL 283 Golf Event Admiral Baker Golf Course, (South Course)
13	14 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	15	16 630PM-Practice, proficiency, fellowship	17 630PM – Degree Conferral TBD	18	19
20	21	22	23 630PM-Practice, proficiency TBD	24 630PM-DOSI at SWL 283	25 730PM- Demolay Meeting	26
27	28 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	29	30 630PM-Prep Stated Meeting, proficiency TBD, fellowship	May 1		