



# SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283

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## FROM THE EAST

The arrival of spring as a symbol of renewal, growth, and enlightenment. Just as nature awakens from its winter slumber, so too are we reminded of the ever-present cycle of life, echoing the teachings of our craft. The lengthening days and blossoming flowers reflect the light of wisdom that guides our path, inspiring us to seek further knowledge and cultivate virtue. Spring's warmth encourages brotherhood and unity, as we gather in harmony to strengthen our bonds and uplift one another. Let us embrace this season with gratitude, reflecting on the beauty of creation and our duty to build a better world.

Congratulations to brother Raymark Mariano on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and brother Kevin Morante who is scheduled for second degree conferral on February 27, 2025. Both brothers did the necessary proficiency in-long form. In Freemasonry, the second degree, known as the Fellowcraft degree, holds profound significance as it symbolizes the middle stage of progression in a Mason's journey of self-improvement, enlightenment, and deeper understanding of the craft's teachings. This degree marks a shift from the symbolic "rough" state to one where the candidate is encouraged to refine their intellect and skills. It emphasizes the importance of education and underscores the Masonic ideals of continual growth and self-improvement. The Fellowcraft Degree also deepens the candidate's understanding of Masonic symbolism, focusing on themes such as architecture and the quest for intellectual enlightenment. As the candidate is introduced to new symbols, such as the working tools of the Fellowcraft, they are reminded of their duty to seek further light and knowledge, reinforcing the idea that Freemasonry is not only a moral but also an intellectual journey. This degree lays the groundwork for the final stages of Masonic mastery, encouraging the individual to seek wisdom both from within and from the world around them.

Likewise, a big round of applause to brother Ira Castro and brother Jon Diputado for their successful qualification as Senior Warden and Senior Deacon respectively.

As we step into this season of renewal and growth, let us also renew our commitment to the principles of our Craft by actively participating in our upcoming events and fundraising activities. These gatherings are not just opportunities to strengthen our brotherhood but also to make a meaningful impact on our lodge and community. Your presence, dedication, and contributions

whether through time, effort, or resources are vital to the success of our endeavors. Together, we can uphold our values of charity, unity, and service, ensuring that our work continues to benefit those in need. Let us stand as one, demonstrating the true spirit of Freemasonry through our unwavering support and participation.

**Upon the square!**

Fraternally,  
*Daniel U. Onate, Worshipful Master*

## FROM THE WEST



As we step into March, the third month of the year, we are reminded of the significance of the number three in Freemasonry. The number three holds deep symbolic meaning within our fraternity, representing wisdom, strength, and beauty—the three principal tenets that uphold our Masonic structure. Additionally, it reminds us of the three degrees of Masonry: Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, each a step in the journey toward enlightenment and self-improvement.

March also signifies transition, much like a Mason's progression through the degrees. As winter gives way to spring, we are reminded of renewal and growth, both in nature and in our Masonic work. It is a time to reflect on our commitments to the Craft, to our brethren, and to the principles we uphold.

### Call for Nominations: Hiram Award & Mason of the Year

In the spirit of recognizing those who embody these Masonic virtues, the Awards Committee is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the **Hiram Award** and **Mason of the Year**.

The **Hiram Award** is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Brother Master Mason. It is given to a deserving Brother who has shown outstanding dedication, service, and commitment to the fraternity over the years. Unlike elected positions, this award is a singular recognition of a Mason's selfless contributions to the Craft and his lodge.

Additionally, the **Mason of the Year** award honors a Brother who has demonstrated exemplary service and leadership throughout the past year (2024).

Brethren are encouraged to submit their nominations to the Awards Committee before the deadline at the end of April. Let us honor those who continue to uphold the principles of our ancient and honorable fraternity.

## On the Level!

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

### Remaining in Good Standing

Most men value their membership in a Masonic Lodge; they value the friendships formed from the acquaintances they have made there; they value the privilege of instructing others in the lessons and principles of the Institution; they value the practices of our three great principles, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. The Lodge also desires to preserve its connection with them. No Lodge will suspend a member for non-payment of dues if he will only confer with the Master and state his limited circumstances; they need not be stated to the Lodge; the Master's word will suffice for that. It is only when the officers have not heard from you for a long time that you may be in danger of suspension, for they may think you are dead and that the Lodge should not continue to pay dues for you to the Grand Lodge. Lodges always remit dues where the brother discloses to the Master, facts showing that he is in straightened circumstances.

If you do not wish the dues remitted, the Lodge will gladly extend further time for their payment.

When granted further time you will be in good standing in your own Lodge although the Secretary cannot issue you a receipt so that you may visit other Lodges. Some men have taken limits to save the payment of dues and, at the same time, have accepted the hospitality and privileges of the Craft when the brethren have been too careless to inquire closely as to their standing. Men may take limits and still allow their families to believe that they are in good standing and that their dependents are entitled to privileges because of their membership. Both of these courses are reprehensible.

Happily, Lodges are beginning to inquire more strictly into the standing of those who partake of their hospitality. Our tests are old, but they wear well and will save annoyance if applied. A man who cannot show himself to be a Mason should not be recognized as such.

## FROM THE SOUTH



The month of March marks the arrival of Spring, a season often associated with new beginnings and the resurgence of life. It brings with it an uplifting sense of joy, hope, renewal, and optimism that permeates our surroundings. As we step into this vibrant season, we are also greeted with a wave of new faces within our lodge—individuals who share a deep aspiration to join and partake in the rich legacy of our brotherhood, one that stands as the world's oldest fraternal organization.

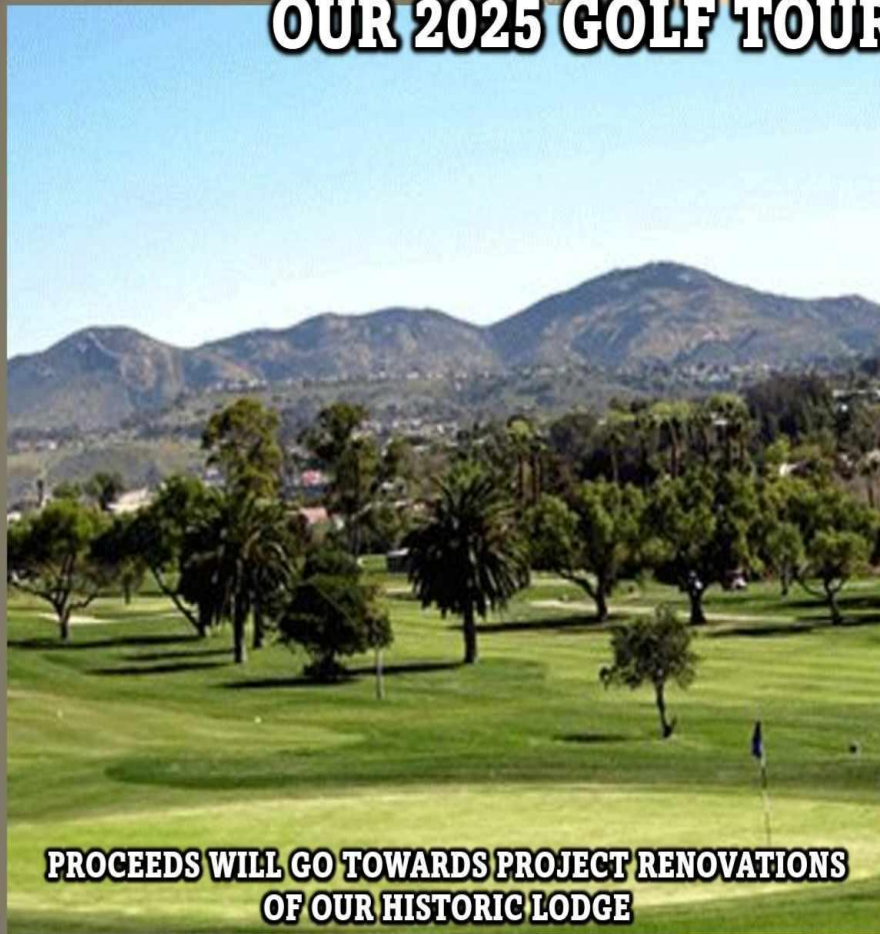
These newcomers embody a diversity of experiences and perspectives, each carrying unique aspirations that will enhance our fraternal organization. Their enthusiasm and fresh energy breathe new life into our gatherings and activities, reminding us of the importance of nurturing and supporting one another. As we celebrate the arrival of Spring, let us take a moment to warmly welcome these individuals. By embracing their presence, we not only enrich our brotherhood but also strengthen the bonds we have cultivated over time, creating a more inclusive and vibrant environment for all.

Let us embrace this season of transformation and look forward to the shared journeys that lie ahead, united in our commitment to one another and the ideals we all hold dear.

**By the Plumb,**

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

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



**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!*

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Cesar	D	Catamisan	5-Mar
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Chester	Z	Valdez	6-Mar
Bob	M	Aliping	7-Mar
Austin Jones	C	Banaga	7-Mar
Lynnnryrd	G	Delapaz	7-Mar
Terry		Timchak	9-Mar
Danny	M	Salcedo	PM 10-Mar
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Federico	C	Mateo	12-Mar
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Jarrold	A	Bohler	17-Mar
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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

### §100.010. BALLOT:

A secret vote by balls and cubes or in writing (which in a Communication of the Grand Lodge includes a computer punch card, any other form of electronic ballot used by a direct-recording electronic voting machine, a computer network voting system or any other electronic vote tabulation system). Ballots should be in writing unless the context requires balls and cubes. [Amended: 2015.] [Source: Section 10 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

### §100.015. CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE:

The Constitution and Ordinances of the Grand Lodge, as the same may be amended from time to time, sometimes referred to as "this Code."

### §100.020. CONSTITUENT LODGE:

A Lodge chartered by or under dispensation from this Grand Lodge. [Amended: 2010.] [Source: Section 12 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.] §100.025. DEMIT: A document, bearing the seal of a Lodge and attested to by the Secretary, terminating membership (if issued to a Master Mason) or effecting a withdrawal (if issued to an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft). [Source: Section 13 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

### §100.030. FRATERNAL INTERCOURSE:

Activities that promote fraternalism in Constituent Lodges or Masonic Youth Orders which are not prohibited by this Code. [Source: Section 14 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

### §100.035. GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MASONRY:

The Ancient Landmarks, or unwritten law of Masonry, and the craft's ancient constitutions, regulations and charges, as the same may be and have been modified by specific action of this Grand Lodge.

### §100.070. MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS:

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, International Order of Job's Daughters and International Order of DeMolay. [Source: Section 21 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

### §100.040. GRAND LODGE CEREMONIES:

The Grand Lodge's public and private ceremonies: the Grand Lodge opening and closing ceremonies, the Laying of Cornerstones ceremony for or the dedication of a Masonic or public building, Cornerstone Removal ceremony, Institution of New Lodges ceremony, Constitution of Newly Chartered Lodges ceremony, Presentation of 50-Year Pins (Golden Veterans Award) ceremony, Presentation of 50-Year (Or Other) Awards on Behalf of Other Masonic Jurisdictions, Presentation of 75-Year Pins ceremony, Dedication of Masonic Halls ceremony, Lodge Anniversary and Dedication Ceremony, Dedication of Public Schools Buildings ceremony, Dedication of Burial Plots ceremony, Mortgage Burning Ceremony and, with the approval of the Grand Master after consultation with the Grand Lecturer, any other ceremonies as from time to time may be necessary

## **Withdrawal from the Lodge**

Every Mason should belong to some Lodge, pay his dues, and attend its meetings. But a member of a Lodge in good standing, against whom no charges are pending and whose dues are paid, may withdraw therefrom by giving notice in writing at a stated meeting of his intention to do so. He is thereupon entitled to receive a limit, and no vote on his request is necessary. Such Mason ceases to be a member of any Lodge but may apply for affiliation with another Lodge.

If a Mason desires to withdraw for the purpose of affiliating with another Lodge, the preferable method is to file with the Secretary of such other Lodge an application for affiliation, together with a receipt from his Lodge showing that his dues are paid, and also a written request to his Lodge for a limit.

If the applicant is elected to membership in the second Lodge, the Secretary thereof will forward the request for limit to the applicant's Lodge which will send the limit to the Secretary of the second Lodge, who, upon receipt thereof, will enter the applicant's name as a member of that Lodge. In that way, continuous membership is maintained and there is avoided the danger of terminating membership in one Lodge and then being rejected by the other.

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DATED MATERIAL

# March 2025

MONTHLY SCHEDULE		MARCH 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>Feb 27</b>	<b>Feb 28</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, 935 <sup>th</sup> District Inspector Official Visit	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> (2:00AM) will set clocks forward one hour, from <b>02:00 (2 am)</b> to <b>03:00 (3 am)</b>	<b>10</b> 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 630PM- Prep for Annual Review Practice/Fellowship, Proficiency	<b>13</b> 630PM – 935 <sup>th</sup> District Inspector Lodge Annual Review	<b>14</b> 7PM- Demolay Meeting	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 630PM- Golf Committee Meeting, Practice/ Fellowship, Proficiency,	<b>20</b> 630PM-Degree Conferral, TBD	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	<b>25</b> 630 DOSI, Chula Vista Lodge #626	<b>26</b> 630PM-- Practice/Fellowship, Proficiency,	<b>27</b> 630PM-Degree Conferral, TBD	<b>28</b> 7PM- Demolay Meeting	<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>						