



SOUTH WEST LODGE NO.283

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FROM THE EAST

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for making our golf event such a resounding success. Your enthusiasm, camaraderie, and sportsmanship truly made the day special. From the meticulous planning to the joyful moments on the course, your wondrous dedication and support ensured an unforgettable experience for all. The laughter, friendly competition, and shared fellowship reinforced the strong bond we cherish as a community. Thank you for your time, effort, and unwavering commitment—your presence made all the difference. I am looking forward to many more successful events together!

This month we are celebrating Mother's Day. Several Masonic principles resonate deeply with the ideals of motherhood: emphasizing values like care, guidance, and selflessness. One prominent principle is charity, which reflects the nurturing spirit of mothers who offer the unenviable task of unconditional love and support. Additionally, wisdom and education—pillars of Masonry—mirror the role of mothers in imparting life lessons and guiding their children toward growth and understanding. The emphasis on family unity within Masonry highlights the importance of strengthening familial bonds, which mothers so often uphold. These principles collectively celebrate the virtues of motherhood, honoring its profound impact on shaping individuals and communities.

Southwest Lodge will be bringing back the celebration of Public School Month and awarding Masonic Outstanding Citizenship to 6th graders of our local community to be held on May 22, 2025 at SWL#283. Education is a cornerstone of Masonic teachings, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge, self-improvement, and enlightenment. Within Masonry, the emphasis on education extends beyond formal learning—it includes moral, spiritual, and philosophical growth. Masons are encouraged to seek wisdom, both for personal development and for contributing positively to society.

Masonry's support for youth education creates a ripple effect that greatly benefits local communities. By investing in scholarships, mentorship programs, and youth organizations, Masonry empowers young individuals to achieve their academic and personal goals. These efforts help develop a generation of skilled, ethical, and responsible citizens who are better equipped to contribute to society. As young people gain access to education and leadership opportunities, they bring their newfound knowledge and values back to their communities, fostering innovation, civic engagement, and stronger social bonds. Ultimately, this commitment to youth education strengthens the fabric of local communities, creating a brighter and more prosperous future for everyone involved. These efforts help develop a generation of skilled, ethical, and responsible citizens who are better equipped to contribute to society. As young people gain access to education and leadership opportunities, they bring their newfound knowledge and values back to their communities, fostering innovation, civic engagement, and stronger social bonds.

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Upon the square! 

Fraternally,
Daniel U. Onate, Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

May is a month of new beginnings, and it's no different for the brethren of South West Lodge. As flowers bloom and the days get longer, we've embraced the spirit of renewal with the official launch of our **Lodge Improvement Project**—a hands-on effort to freshen up and enhance the place we proudly and considerably call our second home.

We've started strong, with plans already in motion to brighten up the dining hall with a fresh coat of paint and brand-new window treatments. These updates are just the first steps in giving our space the care and attention it truly deserves—making it more welcoming for our gatherings, meals, and fellowship. Additionally, more pleasing and appealing to future renters; to generate additional income for the lodge.

But we're not stopping there. The kitchen; where so many of our lodge experiences come to life, also needs some serious love. There is a myriad of laundry list of work needed to be accomplished: from equipment upgrades to layout improvements, all with the goal of making it more efficient and enjoyable for everyone who pitches in.

To keep the momentum going, the Lodge Improvement Project is looking to roll out some fundraising opportunities that will support not just this phase of the work, but future upgrades too. It's about building something sustainable—where each improvement builds on the last and benefits the lodge for years to come.

A huge thank you goes out to the brethren of South West Lodge who stepped up early—whether by donating, helping organize, or supporting our first round of fundraising. Your generosity and enthusiasms has been the spark that is getting this project off the ground.

Here's to progress, teamwork, and making our lodge shine just a little brighter this spring!

On the Level!



Fraternally,

Francis Ryan T. Onate, Senior Warden

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

CONSTITUTION of the GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA

Adopted October 11, 2006

§10.000. NAME.

This organization is an unincorporated association which shall be known as “The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California.” [Source: Section 110 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§20.000. MEMBERS.

- A. Grand Lodge shall be composed of a **Grand Master** (whose manner of address shall be Most Worshipful), a **Deputy Grand Master**, a **Senior Grand Warden**, and a **Junior Grand Warden** (whose manner of address shall be Right Worshipful), a **Grand Treasurer**, a **Grand Secretary** and a **Grand Lecturer** (whose manner of address shall be Very Worshipful), a **Grand Chaplain** (whose manner of address shall be Very Reverend), the **Assistant Grand Lecturers**, a **Grand Orator**, an **Assistant Grand Secretary**, a **Grand Marshal**, a **Grand Standard Bearer**, a **Grand Sword Bearer**, a **Grand Bible Bearer**, a **Senior Grand Deacon**, a **Junior Grand Deacon**, a **Senior Grand Steward**, a **Junior Grand Steward**, a **Grand Pursuivant**, a **Grand Organist**, a **Grand Tiler**, and, at the discretion of the Grand Master, an **Assistant Grand Organist** and an **Assistant Grand Tiler** (whose manner of address shall be Worshipful), together with all of the **Past Grand Officers and Past Masters of this Jurisdiction**, and the **Master and Wardens** of the several chartered and duly constituted Lodges (except Research Lodges, Historic Lodges or the Grand Master's Lodge) of this Jurisdiction or the representatives thereof duly elected. A Past Grand Officer is someone who has been regularly elected by the members of Grand Lodge and installed as one of the first seven Grand Lodge officers listed above and who has served his full term in that office; and
- B. Members of Grand Lodge shall meet in Communications to conduct whatever business may properly come before them.

[Amended: 2015.] [Source: Section 230 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]



FROM THE SOUTH

As we embrace the beautiful month of May, we find ourselves inspired by the celebration of Mother's Day—a time filled with warm emotions and cherished memories. This special day holds profound significance, highlighting the countless roles that mothers and mother figures play in our lives. Their unwavering support and unconditional love form the foundation of who we are.

This Mother's Day, let us not only celebrate the mothers in our lives but also acknowledge the challenges they face, the dreams they nurture, and the boundless love they offer. It's a moment to connect, reflect, and deeply appreciate the transformative impact of mothers everywhere, honoring the essence of motherhood in all its beautiful forms.

Please join us at our stated meeting dinner as we share a meal in celebration of Mother's Day.

Menu includes:

- Creamy Chicken Noodle Soup
- Roasted Pork Tenderloin Medallions
- Fried Calamari
- Oven Baked Medley Potatoes
- Pasta Primavera
- Mixed Salad
- Bread/Steamed Rice

BY THE PLUMB,



Fraternally,
Ira James T. Castro, Junior Warden

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

§30.000. AUTHORITY.

- A. Grand Lodge is the supreme Masonic power and authority in the State of California and is vested with all legislative, executive, and judicial powers in furtherance of same, limited only by a strict adherence to the Ancient Landmarks, by the other General Regulations of Masonry and by the provisions of this Constitution and any other laws and regulations as it may enact or amend from time to time;
- B. The Jurisdiction of Grand Lodge includes all Lodges, Masons, Masonic Organizations, their members, Masonic Youth Orders, their members and advisors and Masonic activities in the State of California, and all Lodges and their Masons outside of this state, acting under its authority, and Masons of Constituent Lodges wherever residing; and
- C. Grand Lodge alone has authority to charter or grant dispensations for a Masonic Lodge in this Jurisdiction. Grand Lodge may waive its right to maintain exclusive authority and jurisdiction in the State of California and permit concurrent jurisdiction with other Grand Bodies; provided such waiver is adopted in the same manner that amendments may be made to this Constitution.

[Amended: 2010; 2012.] [Source: Sections 210 and 310 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

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Happy Birthday!

John	P	Alferos			2-May
Rafael	C	Laserna		PM	2-May
Luisito	D	Mayor	Jr.		2-May
Ani		Lontoc		PM	3-May
Marcelino	M	Bagtas			4-May
Arturo	R	Santos			4-May
Felizardo	B	Tria			4-May
John	R	Cirujales			5-May
Cresenciano	H	Dayrit			5-May
Eliodoro	M	Calacsan			6-May
James Gil	R	Magno			6-May
Robert Francis	C	Santos			6-May
Fernando	C	Cabusao			7-May
Rodolfo	G	Manalo			9-May
Joe	N	Anderson	Jr.		11-May
Reynaldo	E	Javier			11-May
Edward	C	Pamintuan			11-May
Khen	E	You			11-May
Benjamin	P	Doria			12-May
Carlos	Y	Mabalot			12-May
Wilfredo	M	Abalos			13-May
Jacob	V	Borillo		PM	13-May
Giovanni	L	Perez			14-May
Reynaldo	L	Sansano			14-May
Louie	J	Opol			15-May
Joven	M	Miller			16-May
Carlito	F	Plojo			16-May
M.	V	Brock			19-May
Jim	L	Desquitado		PM	19-May
Josephere	C	Perral			19-May
Melvin	M	Samson			19-May
Lester	M	Nelson			20-May
Bryan	V	Que			20-May
Rayan	O	Alarca			22-May
Raul	S	Nooris		PM	23-May
Patricio	M	Flores		PM	27-May
Beda	C	Galleta			27-May
Antonio	L	Urbina			27-May
Rene	C	Abano			28-May
Johnny		Collins			28-May
Reynaldo	D	Ordenez			31-May

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.

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 "horseplay" in Masonry and that every form, or ceremony, is intended to teach him a lesson.

§807.000. STATED MEETINGS.

A Lodge shall hold a Stated Meeting for the transaction of business at least once quarterly, on the date and at the time established in its Bylaws.

The foregoing notwithstanding, Lodges whose Bylaws provide for monthly meetings fixed by the phase of the moon shall hold a Stated Meeting for the transaction of business once in each lunar month.

A Lodge may be opened for a Stated Meeting prior to the time fixed in its Bylaws. However, no business shall be transacted prior to such time.

The Inspector or Grand Master may grant a dispensation to change the date of a Stated Meeting, as provided Section 405.060 of this Code.

In the event that the Master of a Lodge determines that inclement weather, including but not limited to ice, snow, and flood conditions, or non-weather related unsafe conditions, including but not limited to flood, fire, earthquake, civil disturbance and the like, existing on the day established in the Bylaws of the Lodge for its Stated Meeting, makes it hazardous for members of the Lodge to attend the meeting, he may, with the concurrence and consent of the Inspector of the district to which the Lodge is assigned, postpone the Stated Meeting to the same day of the week next following the week scheduled for the Stated Meeting.

The Master shall notify, to the extent possible, all members of the Lodge residing within fifty miles of the meeting place of the Lodge of the date of the postponed Stated Meeting. Should a Stated Meeting be postponed, the business transacted at the postponed Stated Meeting shall be limited to the reading of the minutes of the last Stated and subsequent Special Meetings, action thereon, payment of the invoices of the Lodge, and such other business of an important nature as determined by the Master to require immediate consideration. No other new business shall be considered.

If this Code requires certain business to be conducted in a particular month, and a Lodge that meets less frequently than monthly does not hold a Stated Meeting in such particular month, then such Lodge shall conduct such business at its Stated Meeting next succeeding such particular month, except that the annual election of Lodge officers shall be conducted at such Lodge's Stated Meeting (or last Stated Meeting) in the last quarter of the calendar year.

[Amended: 2015; 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022.] [Source: Sections 16010, 16030 and 16100 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.] [Note: All actions taken at the 171st Annual Communication held in 2020 were ratified at the 172nd Annual Communication, including the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, and Most Worshipful Brother John E. Trauner's status as a Past Grand Master was the affirmed.]

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Daniel U. Onate
Worshipful Master

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			30 APRIL 630PM-Prep Stated Meeting, Proficiency-Bro. Carl J. Garcia	1 600PM-Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting, Fellowship	2	3
4	5	6	7 630PM-Practice, proficiency, fellowship	8 630PM-First Degree conferral, Mr. Paul Cazessus	9 730PM-Demolay Meeting	10
11	12 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	13	14 630PM-Practice, proficiency, fellowship	15 630PM – First Degree Conferral- Mr. Paul Andrew Maestas	16	17
18	19	20	21 630PM-Preparation Award presentation National City Public Schools Students	22 630PM-Outstanding Citizenship Award Presentation to National City Public Schools Students	22 730PM-Demolay Meeting	24
25	26 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	27 630PM-DOSI /DOM @ Coronado Lodge No. 441	28 630PM-Practice, proficiency, fellowship	29 630PM – Degree Conferral, TBD, Fellowship	30	31