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FROM THE EAST

The year has reached its halfway mark. We now stand at the threshold between what has passed and what lies ahead. Congratulations to Brother Raymark Mariano for being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on a well celebrated Past Masters' Night. Congratulations as well go to the brothers who have been passed to the degree of Fellowcraft.


We also acclaim the new set of officers of Bethel No. 164 Job's Daughters International. Shout out to Worshipful Brother Alan Ambito, Brother Andy Padilla and Brother Lynnnryd Dela Paz for continued support of the youth groups.

The month of July holds great significance across multiple dimensions.

July marks the height of light, warmth, and energy, emblematic of illumination, clarity, and abundance where nature is at its most productive. It is a time of growth and fruition. It also represents freedom from tyranny, human rights, and the birth of a nation founded on Enlightenment principles. Independence Day in the United States has notable historical and symbolic relevance to Freemasonry. Many key figures in the American Revolution and the drafting of the foundational U.S. documents include Freemasons, such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Paul Revere, James Monroe and many other notable individuals. They were instrumental and notably influential in shaping the ideas of liberty, self-governance, and fraternity; principles that are central to Masonic philosophy. The ideals expressed in the Declaration of Independence are deeply aligned with Masonic values exemplified by liberty, a core Masonic tenet enshrined in the Declaration. Equality: Freemasonry promotes the equality of all men in the lodge, regardless of station and fraternity, the Masonic brotherhood mirrors the unity that the colonies sought in creating a new nation. Some believe that American national symbols like the all-seeing eye on the Great Seal and the pyramid have Masonic origins or influence, though this is debated. What's clear is that Masonic symbolism and ritual often reference similar ideals of transformation, building a better society, and moral governance.

As fireworks light the skies and flags ripple in the summer breeze each 4th of July, their brilliance echoes more than just the birth of a nation, it reflects the enduring light of the human spirit that Freemasonry has long championed. The Founding Fathers, many of them Masons, did not merely craft a new republic; they enshrined the very ideals of liberty, equality, and brotherhood that lie at the heart of Masonic teachings. In the founding of the United States, Freemasonry found not only a moment of profound historical impact but a living symbol of its core values brought to life.

Thus, Independence Day is more than a patriotic celebration; it is a moment of profound Masonic resonance. It reminds the Craft that the true work of building a just society is never finished, and that the tools of the Mason, namely reason, morality, and unity are as essential today as they were in 1776. In the spirit of that sacred day, Freemasons across generations find both affirmation and inspiration: that from darkness, light can indeed emerge, and that with steadfast labor, the temple of freedom may continue to rise.

Upon the square! 

Fraternally,
Daniel U. Onate, Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

Happy Independence Day from South West Lodge! As we fire up the grills, wave our flags, and enjoy a day off in flip-flops, it's also a great time to reflect on how deeply Freemasonry and the birth of the United States are connected. Yep, that's right; some of the Founding Fathers who helped draft the Declaration of Independence were Masons, including George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. They were brothers in the Craft, committed to ideals like liberty, equality, and the pursuit of something greater than themselves, similar to what we practice in Freemasonry.

Here at South West Lodge 283, we like to honor that legacy not just with history lessons, but through action. Our Lodge Improvement Project is rolling along, this time with the *minor* renovation of the kitchen. You know just *very minor* things like painting the walls and giving the cabinets a much-needed refresh. There is nothing major at all; just your average weekend hobby project that requires light sanding and five gallons of primer and paint.

But in all seriousness, it's not about how flashy the upgrades are. It is about the long overdue spruce up our space, our house deserved. A little improvement and a better place for the brothers to gather, share meals, and do good work for the community. These little steps keep the spirit of unity and progress alive, just like those early American Masons did when they laid the foundation of this nation.

As you celebrate the Fourth with your friends and family, raise a glass to freedom, fellowship, and a Lodge kitchen that's *just barely* getting a tiny little refresh and upkeep. Happy Independence Day, brothers and friends!

On the Level!



Fraternally,
Francis Ryan T. Onate, Senior Warden

Seats in the East

You should not take a seat in the East without special invitation by the Master. You will note that during the ceremony of opening the Lodge the Master invites all Masters and Past Masters to take seats there. Past Masters have served their Lodges long and faithfully and the Master recognizes their devotion by this special invitation and asks them to sit near him in the East where they once ruled. The custom is extended, on rare occasions, to distinguished visitors or any person whom the Master wishes particularly to honor. Obviously if all who chose took seats in the East, the Master would have no opportunity to extend this courtesy. In accepting such an invitation, Past Masters and other well informed brethren do not pass between the Master and the altar unless the Lodge is "called off". This is a courtesy to the Master. No penalty attaches to its violation but it is not good form to do so.

The theory of this usage is that the Great Lights are essential to a regular Lodge and are the particular care of the Master; hence they should not be out of his sight for an instant.

As a courtesy to the Master, permission should always be obtained to approach the East, or to cross the Lodge, during a stated meeting, or at a special meeting while no degree is being conferred. If absolutely necessary to cross during the work, you should always await a favorable opportunity and then go quietly to the West, obtaining permission from the Senior Warden who represents the Master in such an emergency.



FROM THE SOUTH

July holds a special place in our hearts as we gather to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. This moment was more than just a political milestone; it was a profound declaration enriched with Enlightenment ideals and Masonic principles—principles that speak to justice, equality, and the rule of law. This declaration of independence has created one of the most powerful and influential countries in the world, a country that is viewed as a beacon of hope for those pursuing their dreams and practicing their religions without persecution.

As we come together for picnics, patriotic parades, and fireworks, let's take a moment to reflect on the deeper significance of this day. It is an opportunity to express our gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy and to honor the brave men and women who work tirelessly to protect these liberties for future generations to come. Together, let us cherish not only our celebrations but also the values that unite us as a nation.

In celebration of this momentous holiday, please join us for our July 2025 Stated Meeting. Dinner will include 4th of July picnic-themed dishes such as hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, potato salad, and a variety of desserts.

BY THE PLUMB,



Fraternally,

Ira James T. Castro, Junior 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.

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Happy Birthday!

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| James | O | Peter III | 1-Jul |
| Thomas | C | Smith | 2-Jul |
| Rico | A | Reyes | 3-Jul |
| Neil | A | Devega | 4-Jul |
| Hugo | | Hernandez | 4-Jul |
| Li | L | Doyle | 6-Jul |
| Hiram | K | Evans | 8-Jul |
| Joel | C | De Los Reyes | 9-Jul |
| Cesar | D | Ontingco | PM 9-Jul |
| John Dennis | D | Quedado | 9-Jul |
| Leo | A | Romero | 10-Jul |
| Rolyn | F | Abugan | 12-Jul |
| Ernesto | M | Carlos | Jr. 12-Jul |
| Khyree | C | Kee | 12-Jul |
| Aaron | E | Shahenian | 12-Jul |
| Franklin | B | Osana | Sr. 15-Jul |
| Carl Joseph | P | Garcia | 16-Jul |
| Eleno | T | Dela Cruz | 17-Jul |
| Romeo | J | Dumpit | PM 18-Jul |
| Armin | T | Poquiz | 18-Jul |
| Vicente | C | Aguilar | 19-Jul |
| Gilbert | D | Ermitano | 19-Jul |
| Reynaldo | D | Domingo | 20-Jul |
| Percival | E | Tiu | PM 20-Jul |
| Peter Francis | C | Lim | 22-Jul |
| Omar | | Michel | 23-Jul |
| Jose | T | Monday | 23-Jul |
| Mario | O | Beltran | 24-Jul |
| Eddie | R | Alaysa | 25-Jul |
| Daniel | U | Onate | 25-Jul |
| Christopher | I | Estrella | 26-Jul |
| Christian | V | De Gala | 27-Jul |
| Roldan | C | Marzo | 28-Jul |
| Joseph | C | Estrellas | 31-Jul |
| Reynaldo | C | Naval | 31-Jul |

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Getting Acquainted

Brotherly sociability is one of the virtues to be practiced and being on terms of perfect equality regardless of "worldly wealth or hon- ors" is another.

Sit next to the brother whom you do not know and extend your acquaintance in your Lodge. If your Lodge is a large one, you will never know many of your own brethren unless you make the attempt.

The pleasant greeting of visitors in the Lodge and anteroom is still more important. Let no brother's rank in life make him a Masonic wallflower. It is better for Masonry to hunt out the men whose humble opinion of his importance causes him to hang back than to rush forward and shake hands with the prominent man who has plenty of friends. If you do not know him, shake hands and say, "How are you? My name is Bill Smith."

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE**§403.000. PREREQUISITE TO MEMBERSHIP IN GRAND LODGE.**

Each member of Grand Lodge must be a member in good standing of a chartered and duly constituted Lodge in this Jurisdiction (other than a Research Lodge or a Historic Lodge). If such membership ceases, membership in Grand Lodge shall cease.

[Amended: 2010; 2015.] [Source: Section 240 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§403.005. ELECTED LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.

Each chartered and duly constituted Lodge in this Jurisdiction (other than a Research Lodge, a Historic Lodge or the Grand Master's Lodge) may elect a member thereof to represent it at the next Annual or Special Communication in the event that neither the Master nor either of the Wardens can be present at such Communication. Such election shall be by ballot at a Stated Meeting or at a Special Meeting of the Lodge called for that purpose, by a majority of the members present and voting.

[Amended: 2015.] [Source: Section 250 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§403.010. ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

An Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be convened for the transaction of business in the City and County of San Francisco commencing at a time and on a day within 20 days before or after the second Monday in October, as selected and announced by the Grand Master. The Grand Master shall cause the Grand Secretary to send notice of the date and time of the opening of an Annual Communication by first class mail to each officer and committee member of the Grand Lodge and each Constituent Lodge not less than one year in advance of the first day of the Annual Communication. *[Amended: 2010.] [Source: Section 410 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE**§403.025. QUORUM.**

The officers or representatives of at least 20% of the Lodges chartered and constituted by this Grand Lodge shall be present in order to transact any business in Grand Lodge at an Annual or Special Communication. No member of Grand Lodge shall be represented therein by proxy. *[Source: Section 440 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

§403.030. ATTENDANCE.

Any Master Mason who is a member of a Constituent Lodge or a lodge under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge recognized by this Grand Lodge may be present during any Annual, Special or Ceremonial Communication. *[Amended: 2010.] [Source: Section 450 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

§403.035. REPRESENTATION IN GRAND LODGE.

Each chartered and duly constituted Lodge shall be represented in Grand Lodge at every Annual or Special Communication by one or more of its Master and Wardens, or (in their absence) by an elected representative. It may instruct its officers or its representative relative to voting upon any business to be considered at any Communication.

A Lodge which has failed to make its annual returns, with payment of dues, shall not be entitled to representation at the next Annual Communication.

[Source: Section 19060 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§403.060. ELECTIONEERING.

Neither a Lodge nor a Mason shall:

- A. Distribute any circular or other written communication to Lodges or Masons concerning legislation to be brought before Grand Lodge without the permission of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, except as provided in Section 404.240 of this Code; or
- B. Distribute any circular or other written communication to Lodges or Masons concerning the election of officers in Grand Lodge, except as provided in Sections 404.420 and 6404.430 of this Code.

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Daniel U. Onate
Worshipful Master

JULY 2025

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | 1 | 2 630PM-Temple Board Meeting, Prep for Stated Meeting, proficiency | 3 600PM-Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting, Fellowship | 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 630PM-Practice, proficiency, fellowship | 10 630PM- 3 rd Degree Conferral, Bro. Carl J. Garcia | 11 730PM-Demolay Meeting | 12 |
| 13 | 14 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting | 15 | 16 630PM-Practice, proficiency, fellowship | 17 630PM – 3 RD Degree Conferral, Bro. Kevin Morante | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 630PM-DOSI /DOM @ Chula Vista Lodge No.626 | 23 630PM-Practice, proficiency, fellowship | 24 630PM- Degree Conferral, TBD | 25 730PM-Demolay Meeting | 26 |
| 27 | 28 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting | 29 | 630PM-Practice, proficiency, fellowship | 31 630PM- Degree Conferral,TBD | | |