



SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283

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Trestleboard

Stated Meeting 730PM
First Thursday
of Each Month



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FROM THE EAST

Summer in Freemasonry brings a lighter, more relaxed rhythm to lodge life; offering members a chance to enjoy fellowship in the warmth of the season. SWL has engaged in social gatherings like picnics, family barbecues, or community service events. These informal activities provide an opportunity to strengthen bonds among brethren and include families in the Masonic experience. It reminds Masons that brotherhood extends well beyond the four walls of the lodge. Summer holds a special place in Freemasonry, not just for its warmth and brightness, but for deep spiritual symbolism and communal importance.

This season resonates within the Craft. The summer solstice, marking the longest day of the year, symbolizes light's triumph over darkness, a core metaphor in Masonic teachings about enlightenment and personal growth. Light and shadow encourage Masons to internalize the outer light and cultivate their inner wisdom. This season is also a time of brotherhood and community engagement. Whether lending a hand at in-house events like kitchen clean ups or extending hospitality to neighboring lodges through participation in fundraisers and golf tournaments; the spirit of unity and service is unmistakable and brethren show up with heart and purpose. The participation isn't just about attendance; it is about nurturing bonds, sharing traditions, and making meaningful contributions. These summer activities reflect the very essence of Masonic values: brotherly love, relief, and truth.

With longer days and a more relaxed pace, summer invites Masons to reflect on their personal journeys, set goals, and renew their commitment to self-improvement through the practice of proficiency examinations, which serve as both a test of knowledge and a reaffirmation of dedication to the Craft. By committing to learn and recite the teachings and rituals of Masonry, brothers engage in a process of discipline, reflection and intellectual growth. These examinations are not merely about memorization, they are opportunities to internalize the values and symbolism that define Masonic life. In rising to this challenge, Masons demonstrate their willingness to grow in understanding and uphold the standards of the fraternity, strengthening both their personal development and their role within the Lodge.

Congratulations to Brother Raymark Mariano for an exceptional Third degree proficiency examination. This event was witnessed by SWL # 283 Master Masons and Past Masters.

Other notable events for this month include the third degree conferral upon Bro Carl Joseph Garcia and the 935th Masonic DOSI hosted by CVL #626.

Upon the square! 

Fraternally,
Daniel U. Onate, Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

It's August and things are heating up at South West Lodge 283. The **Lodge Improvement Program** is still going strong, and this month, the spotlight is on one of the most important parts of the building: the kitchen. After a series of small upgrades around the Lodge over the past few months, we are now focusing our energy on the space where a lot of the magic happens. Whether it's grabbing a bite after meetings, prepping refreshments, or just hanging out with the Brethren, the kitchen has always been a central part of our fellowship.

Leading the efforts are **Brother Lynnnyrd Delapaz** and **Brother Caloy Eballo**, who have been putting in the absolute serious works. They are showing us what operative Masonry really looks like, taking tools in hand and making things happen. From repairs and reorganizing to giving the place a fresh look, they are getting it done with precious care and dedication.

I am genuinely and delightfully excited to see how everything will turn out. There is something special about seeing Brothers come together to physically improve the Lodge. It reminds us that Masonry is not just about ritual or tradition; it is also about action, service, and leaving things better than we found them.

Huge thanks to everyone who has extended their gracious help or support to this project so far; albeit large or small. The progress is in evidence already showing, and it is going to make a big difference for our Lodge family.

Stay tuned as we steadfastly inch into our goal. The kitchen is getting a glow up, and we cannot wait to share the final results with all of you.

On the Level 

Fraternally,
Francis Ryan T. Onate, Senior Warden

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

§100.080. NOTICE: A call issued by the Secretary by order of the Lodge or Master or by other competent authority to attend or perform as specified. Unless the context otherwise requires, any notice to a particular person required or permitted by this Code shall be personally served or shall be deemed to have been delivered, whether actually received or not, three days after deposit in the United States mail, if sent in a sealed envelope by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to the recipient at his address of record. All other notices may be sent by first class mail to the recipient at his address of record in a sealed envelope, by insertion in the Lodge bulletin sent by United States mail, by facsimile telecommunication or electronic mail when directed to the recipient's facsimile number or electronic mail address of record that creates a record that is capable of retention, retrieval and review, and that may thereafter be rendered into clearly legible tangible form. [Amended: 2010.] [Source: Section 22 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§100.085. RITUAL: The work and lectures in the three degrees (composed of the esoteric or secret portion and the portion in the approved Grand Lodge Monitor), the Candidate's Lectures of each of the three degrees, the Installation Ceremony for Constituent Lodges and the Funeral Service, each as has been and may be from time to time adopted and modified by Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge Ceremonies, although ritualistic in nature, are not part of the Ritual.

§100.090. SUMMONS: An imperative order issued by the Master and attested to by the Secretary or by other competent authority to appear as specified. A trial summons is a summons issued for the purpose of answering one or more Masonic charges. [Source: Section 23 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

**FROM THE SOUTH**

As we enter the month of August, it's a good time to reflect on what this month traditionally signifies. For farmers, August marks the season when crops are ripe and ready for harvest. Spiritually, this month symbolizes reaping the rewards of hard work and recognizing effort. It is an opportunity to look back on what we have achieved and to express gratitude for the abundance in our lives.

Over the past few months, many members of South West Lodge have dedicated their time and energy to maintaining our second home, participating in cleaning initiatives and major upgrades. While we express our thanks for their hard work, it is also essential to reflect on how our lodge has reached this point. As members of South West Lodge, we must remember that the responsibility for the upkeep of our lodge lies with all of us, not just a few. This is a collective reflection of our commitment and the pride we hold within our masonic lodge.

As we make use of our second home, let us take ownership of our space rather than viewing it as guests in our own home. Let us inspire one another and make a conscious effort in this joint endeavor

BY THE PLUMB,



Fraternally,

Ira James T. Castro, Junior Warden

MASONIC LAW AND CUSTOM**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 has lost its savor, 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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Happy Birthday!

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| Fermine | F | Almazan | | PM | 1-Aug |
| Claro | E | Hebron | | | 1-Aug |
| Gomer | L | Turiano | | | 4-Aug |
| Dennis | O | Francisco | | | 6-Aug |
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| Christian | N | Vardeleon | | | 8-Aug |
| Roman | B | Flores | | | 9-Aug |
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| Louis | | Velez | | | 13-Aug |
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| Dominador | V | Borillo | | | 23-Aug |
| Crispin | A | Gonzales | | | 23-Aug |
| Augusto | V | Liwanag | | | 23-Aug |
| Reynaldo | R | Quiba | | | 24-Aug |
| Vhon | A | Raqueno | | | 24-Aug |
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| Jugo | R | Escalante | | | 31-Aug |

MASONIC LAW AND CUSTOM

Balloting, Objection Before or After

If you believe that an applicant who is to be balloted on in your Lodge is unfit or unworthy, you should object orally or in writing, privately to the Master. Then, no ballot can be had until the objection is withdrawn, and unless withdrawn within 60 days after the Master announces the objection at the next stated meeting, such objection shall have the effect of a rejection by ballot. In the same way and with the same effect, you may object to a candidate even after he has been elected, but before his initiation.

If an applicant has been initiated, but not passed, or passed but not raised, you may, orally or in writing, make objection to his advancement privately to the Master, stating the cause therefor. If no cause is assigned, the Master may disregard the objection. If the cause seems to the Master sufficient or, if the Lodge decides that a further investigation should be made, a special investigation will be made and a hearing had before a committee which will report its recommendations to the Lodge.

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CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE**PART 2: VALUES****§200.010. CORE VALUES.**

Masonry is a fraternity composed exclusively of men ages 18 years and older who believe in a Supreme Being and a future existence. The membership in Masonry of anyone who does not comply with the foregoing is automatically terminated. Racial or ethnic background, color of skin, political views or religious belief, except for the requirement of a belief in a Supreme Being and a future existence, shall not be a consideration either for membership or visitation. [Amended: 2010.] [Source: Sections 220.D and 23030 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§200.020. NO POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS INVOLVEMENT.

Grand Lodge and its Constituent Lodges shall not interfere or voice an opinion with regard to political or religious matters. Masons, when they are assembled in Constituent Lodges or Grand Lodge, may not discuss political or religious matters. No invocation, benediction or prayer shall be delivered which would have a sectarian significance. [Amended: 2015.] [Source: Section 380 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§200.030. PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Statewide public schools welfare, including school bonds and school taxes, is a proper subject for discussion in Lodges. However, no action may be taken by any Lodge to endorse, approve or disapprove any candidate, bond or tax issue. Solicitation of individual donations for any statewide purpose concerning the protection or improvement of the public schools system may be made on Lodge premises, but not in a tiled Lodge. Such solicitation may also be made by first class mail in a sealed envelope by a duly authorized Lodge committee, which committee may use the Lodge membership list for such purpose. [Source: Section 15060 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§200.040. NO BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.

A Masonic Lodge is not a business establishment. Therefore, a Masonic Lodge may not under any circumstance regularly offer goods or services to the general public. A Masonic Lodge may not under any circumstance provide a forum which encourages business relations to grow nor which enhances any commercial advantage of its members. No Mason of any Masonic Lodge may engage in any of these activities except in his individual capacity and then only without the use of the name of the Lodge or reference to his involvement in Masonry. [Amended: 2015.] [Source: Section 27550 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

(Continuation from last page) The Lodge may, then, by a two-thirds vote by secret ballot of the members present decide to confer the degree.

If you are aware of any wrongdoing, whether fact or rumor, it is your duty to inform the Master of the Lodge, who will follow up the rumor himself or through the investigating committee. You are not relieved from this responsibility even though you have not been put on an investigating committee.

In cities which contain two or more Lodges, the names of proposed candidates and applicants for degrees or for affiliation, their addresses and occupations, are required to be printed or written and posted in the anteroom on nights when the Lodges meet. You should get in the habit of looking at this list each month; then, if you should know anything about the applicants listed, you may be in a position to give valuable information to the Master of the Lodge to which he applies.

It is well to look at this list before entering your own Lodge on the nights of the stated meeting. You will then have clearly in mind the names on which you are to vote. When the ballot box is presented to the Master and Wardens, no sign is made before voting, but, when the box is on the altar, each brother makes the sign before voting. This is done both as a salute to the Great Lights and to a repledge of Masonic obligations, and to enable the Master to recognize the brother as one entitled to vote. According to our law, no member, when present, shall be excused from voting or permitted to refrain therefrom, and he cannot retire from the room during the ballot, unless he is sick or some other imperative reason can be given.

If you do not know the applicant, you should accept the report of the committee which has investigated him. Sometimes, a Master will call the report full and favorable which means that all of the committeemen have reported favorably; at other times the report may be favorable only, which merely means that it is a majority favorable report, the other member not reporting at all, and is nothing against the applicant.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California
and
SOUTH WEST LODGE 283
cordially invite you

RONALD RAY A. BANCİ, PM
HIRAM AWARD



WHEN: September 13, 2025, Saturday
TIME: Presentation 4:00PM
WHERE: South West Masonic Center
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Attire: Barong Tagalog (officers) , All others Coat and Tie

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Daniel U. Onate
Worshipful Master

AUGUST 2025

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 630PM- Temple Board Meeting, Prep for Stated Meeting, proficiency | 7 600PM-Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting, Fellowship | 8 730PM- Demolay Meeting | 9 |
| 10 | 11 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting | 12 | 13 630PM-Lodge improvement working party Fellowship | 14 630PM–Lodge improvement, Fellowship | 15 MGM- Hosted by Claude H Morrison Lodge #747 at East San Diego Lodge | 16 MGM- Hosted by Claude H Morrison Lodge #747 at East San Diego Lodge |
| MGM- Hosted by Claude H Morrison Lodge #747 at East San Diego Lodge | 18 | 19 | 20 630PM- First Degree Proficiency upon Bro J.P. Cazessus | 21 630PM-Degree Conferral, TBD | 22 730PM- Demolay Meeting | 23 |
| 24 | 25 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting | 26 | 27 630PM- Practice, proficiency, fellowship | 28 630PM- DOSI/DOM hosted by South West Lodge No283 | 29 | 30 |
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