



SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283

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Trestleboard

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FROM THE EAST



The Manlalakbay na Gurong Mason (MGM), a Filipino-inspired degree conferral, is truly a can't-miss event because it beautifully weaves the rich cultural heritage of the Philippines with the timeless lessons of Freemasonry. This almost transcendental and uniquely crafted Masonic ceremony highlights the journey of a teacher and traveler; a symbol of wisdom, perseverance and dedication herein grounding the experience in the Filipino values of “bayanihan” (community spirit), respect and integrity. More than just a ritual, it becomes a vibrant celebration of identity and

brotherhood, offering both solemn reflection and heartfelt pride in one's roots.

Witnessing this conferral is not only an inspiring Masonic experience but also a cultural immersion that deepens an individual's appreciation for the Craft's universality while honoring the distinct spirit of the Filipino Mason.

I sincerely thank our brethren who represented our lodge in the activities of the recently concluded 23rd Manlalakbay na Gurong Mason. Your commitment and presence not only honored our lodge but also showcased the strength of our unity and dedication to the Craft. By carrying our banner with pride and actively engaging in the fellowship, you have brought distinction to our lodge and deepened our connection to this meaningful celebration. Your efforts remind us that true Masonic spirit is best shown through participation, representation, and brotherly love.

Congratulations, Brother John Paul Cazessus, for passing to the second degree of Masonry. Your advancement from Entered Apprentice to the Fellowcraft Degree is a testament to the meaningful steps that reflect your essential growth in knowledge, character, and commitment to the Craft. May the pillars of wisdom and strength guide you on your continued pursuit of Masonic light.

We are delighted to announce the release of the maiden issue of our Masonic Yearbook, a special publication that captures the milestones, activities, and cherished moments of our lodge throughout the year. This first edition serves as both a record of our accomplishments and a tribute to the dedication of our brethren who continuously uphold the values of the Craft. Within the annals of its pages, you will find highlights of our labors, inspiring reflections and memories that exemplify the strength of our inner self bonds within our fraternity. Truly and admittedly, this yearbook will not only remain a keepsake but also a symbol of our unity, growth and commitment as Masons.

For sponsorship inquiries, as well as submission of pictures and payment for the Masonic Yearbook, please contact the Yearbook Committee chairperson, Brother Dan Jeffrey Onate.

Upon the square! 

Fraternally,
Daniel U. Onate, Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



South West Lodge, through the selfless and unwavering efforts of our dedicated members, continues to push forward with its Lodge Improvement Program, where the bigger bulk of the current focus on the kitchen renovations. This project has been a long time in the making, and the brethren are steadfastly working together to ensure that the upgrades not only make the space more functional, but also create an environment where fellowship and hospitality can truly flourish.

These improvements are a reflection of the collective commitment of our members to leave the lodge better than we found it, for the benefit of both present and future brethren.

Looking ahead, I would also like to remind everyone of an important date on our lodge calendar. Though it is still a couple of months away, our Installation of Officers for the Masonic Year 2026 is scheduled for **Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 4:00 PM**. This year's installation will be a bit distinctively different compared to prior years, for the fact that it will be held earlier than usual. Acceptably South West Lodge will host the very first installation of officers among the lodges in the greater San Diego area this year. This milestone makes the event even more meaningful, and I encourage all brethren, families, and friends to attend. More details about the program and festivities will be communicated in the upcoming weeks.

In addition to the Installation, South West Lodge is preparing for another significant event this November: the celebration of the **Golden Veteran Award** for one of our distinguished members. This honor, which recognizes fifty years of Masonic service, is a rare and meaningful occasion. It is not often that we have the opportunity to celebrate such a remarkable journey of dedication, brotherhood, and commitment to the Craft. Details about this special event will likewise be shared as plans are finalized.

South West Lodge is truly blessed to have such exciting projects and events on the horizon. Let us continue to support one another and take pride in the progress we are making together.

On the Level!



Fraternally,

Francis Ruan T. Onate. Senior Warden

MASONIC LAW AND CUSTOM

"Interpretative" Degrees

When you were made a Master Mason you received the highest honors Masonry had to bestow. Progress in other branches of Masonry beyond the Third Degree gives you no authority over your brethren of the Blue Lodge. There is no superiority in Masonry save that conferred by service to others.

A man's importance in Masonry is not gauged by the number of emblems he may wear, but only by what he is in his heart and the service he renders his brethren. The Blue Lodge comprises the first three degrees and constitutes all the essential and ancient part of Freemasonry.

Masonry neither encourages nor discourages membership in other fraternal orders, whether or not the Blue Lodge degrees are a prerequisite to membership in them. By becoming a Master Mason, you do not become obligated to take any of the so-called concordant degrees of Masonry, and whether you do or not is a matter of your own free choice. You have promised not to make such application until you are proficient in the candidate's lecture of the Degree of Master Mason.



FROM THE SOUTH

Freemasonry, a fraternity rooted in tradition and personal development, finds profound meaning in the month of September. As many lodges resume their activities after the summer, September becomes a period of renewal and thoughtful planning for members. This time marks not only the start of new Masonic endeavors but also inspires members to advance in their Masonic journeys, reflecting on their personal growth and collective progress.

The arrival of fall, symbolized by the autumnal equinox, further underscores themes of balance, contemplation, and transition. Together, these elements make September a season of renewed purpose and deep symbolism for Freemasons, highlighting both individual advancement and the enduring values of the fraternity.

As we enter September, let us reflect not only on ourselves, but also on our Brethren and their unique Masonic journeys. By continuing to support one another, we strengthen our fraternity as a whole.

BY THE PLUMB, ' 

Fraternally,

Ira James T. Castro, Junior Warden

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. BANCI, PM
HIRAM AWARD



WHEN: September 13, 2025, Saturday
TIME: Presentation 4:00PM
WHERE: South West Masonic Center
1140B Avenue, National City, CA 91950
Attire: Barong Tagalog (officers), All others Coat and Tie

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE














§300.010. ENTIRE LAW.

The California Masonic Code, together with the General Regulations of Masonry and the rights and duties contained in the Ritual, constitutes the entire law of this Grand Lodge. *[Source: Section 330 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

§300.020. COMPLIANCE WITH MASONIC AND STATE LAW.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 409.030, the law of this Grand Lodge governs all Constituent Lodges, Masons, Masonic Organizations, their members, Masonic Youth Orders, their members and advisors under its jurisdiction and all Masonic activities under its jurisdiction, including all demitted, suspended and expelled Masons under its jurisdiction. In addition, all Constituent Lodges, Masons, Masonic Organizations, their members, Masonic Youth Orders, their members and advisors under its jurisdiction shall act in compliance with all laws, rules and regulations of the State of California. *[Amended: 2010.] [Source: Sections 210 and 310 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

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Happy Birthday!

Rodolfo	R	Bautista Sr.			1-Sep
Dominick Gregory	C	Dilayre			3-Sep
Ike	M	Khan			3-Sep
Dexter	L	Lace			4-Sep
Carlito	R	Picache			4-Sep
Domingo	M	Saldana			4-Sep
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Mark Philip	I	Derequito			5-Sep
Emmanuel	B	Galendez			5-Sep
Jose	S	Paule	Jr.		7-Sep
Dioscoro	M	Crucillo			8-Sep
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Joseph	R	Rebong			11-Sep
Tim	D	Encarnacion			12-Sep
Oscar	S	Martinez			13-Sep
Harvey	C	Cabrera			15-Sep
Bernabe Barr	U	Ambrosio			16-Sep
Nelson	M	Espinosa			16-Sep
Rusty	A	Reese			16-Sep
Leo	R	Edilloran			17-Sep
Ian Alexander	H	Ferguson			17-Sep
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Rosalio	C	Reas	Jr.		21-Sep
Ramil Guy	Y	Espiritu			23-Sep
Ira James	T	Castro			24-Sep
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Aurelio	R	Agpaoa			25-Sep
Alexander	M	Bueno			26-Sep
Alan	I	Ambito		PM	27-Sep
Hareram Das	E	Garcia			29-Sep

Decorum in the Preparation Room

Thoughtless brethren sometimes joke the applicant about riding the goat, etc. If you are acting as a Steward, you should never be guilty of such conduct or allow anyone else to do so. None but the Stewards should be in the preparation room with the applicant. Remember that first impressions are the most lasting and that his mind should be receptive of the lessons he is about to be taught and not distracted by alleged humorists.

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

§402.010. RITUAL.

All work in this Jurisdiction, including each degree conferred and all lectures, must be in conformity with the Ritual, and such must be adhered to by all Lodges and Masons in this Jurisdiction, except as otherwise provided in this Code. Constituent Lodges whose long-established ritualistic work is in part a departure from the Ritual of this Jurisdiction may continue to perform such ritual, for so long as the same has not been disapproved by action of the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer. The right to perform the long-established ritualistic work of Vallee de France Lodge No. 329 has been transferred to and assumed by La France Lodge with the requisite approval of Grand Lodge. *[Amended: 2010; 2023.] [Source: Section 26290 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

§402.020. CHANGE OF RITUAL.

Grand Lodge alone has power to authorize any changes in the Ritual. No change may be made to the Ritual which is inconsistent with those provisions of the General Regulations of Masonry that by their nature may not be modified by specific action of this Grand Lodge. Proposed amendments to the Ritual must be adopted at an Annual or Special Communication of Grand Lodge by five-sixths of the votes cast. If so adopted, they shall become a part of the Ritual at the close of the Communication. If the vote in favor of a proposed amendment is less than five-sixths but there is a majority, it shall lie over until the next succeeding Annual Communication and shall be published with the Proceedings. If, at the next succeeding Annual Communication, it receives two-thirds of the votes cast, it shall be adopted. At the close of that Communication, it shall become a part of the Ritual. *[Amended: 2010.] [Source: Section 26310 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

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§300.030. CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW.

The provisions of this Code, insofar as they are substantially the same on the date of adoption as then existing statutory provisions relating to the same subject matter, shall be construed as restatements and continuations, and not as new enactments.

§300.040. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

Unless the provision or the context otherwise requires, these general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions govern the construction of this Code. All personal pronouns used in this Code, whether used in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender, shall include all other genders and the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. Headings are for convenience only, and headings neither limit nor amplify the provisions of this Code itself. The present tense includes the past and future tenses, and the future tense includes the present. "Shall" is mandatory and "may" is permissive. Person includes an entity as well as a natural person, unless context indicates otherwise. "Signature" or "sign" includes a mark when the signer cannot write, such signer's name being written near the mark by a witness who writes his own name near the signer's name and witnessed by two persons who so sign their own names thereto. The term "signature" includes a signature in a facsimile or direct electronic document. A writing includes any form of recorded message capable of comprehension by ordinary visual means and shall include electronic transmissions 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.

§300.050. DEADLINES ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS.

Whenever any act is appointed by this Code to be performed upon a particular day, which day falls upon a Saturday, Sunday or day recognized by the federal government as a holiday, it may be performed upon the next business day, with the same effect as if it had been performed upon the day appointed.

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Daniel U. Onate
Worshipful Master



SEPTEMBER 2025

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	2	3 630PM- Temple Board Meeting, Prep for Stated Meeting, proficiency	4 600PM-Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting, Fellowship	5	6 Annual Blood Drive Family Day Fellowship at Raymond's Grill Masonic Info Booth
7	8 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	9	10 630PM- Practice, proficiency, fellowship	11 630PM- Third Degree Conferral upon Brother Marvin Cruzmorales Fellowship	12 730PM- Demolay Meeting -Prep for Hiram Award	13 4PM- Hiram Award Upon WB Ron Banci
14	15	16	17 630PM- Practice, proficiency, fellowship	18 630PM–Third Degree Conferral upon Brother Kevin Morante Fellowship	19	20
21	22 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	23 630PM- DOSI-DOM hosted by Coronado Lodge #441	24 630PM- Practice, proficiency, fellowship	25 630PM-Degree Conferral, TBD	26 730PM- Demolay Meeting	27
28	29	30				