



# SOUTH WEST LODGE NO.283

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## FROM THE EAST

I want to take a moment to welcome everyone back and say how excited I am for what's ahead in 2026. A new year always brings fresh energy, new ideas, and a chance to build on the foundation we've already laid together. There's a lot to look forward to, and I truly believe this year is going to be a meaningful one for South West Lodge.

One great update to kick things off: thanks to the support from our brothers who purchased South West Lodge jackets, we were able to fund the installation of new ceiling fans in the dining hall. This is a big improvement to our space and something we'll all benefit from moving forward. Every bit of support mattered, and I want to genuinely thank everyone who contributed. As a reminder, all future fundraising from lodge merchandise will continue to go directly toward updating and improving the older infrastructure of our lodge. Little by little, we're investing back into the home that supports our work and fellowship.

There's a lot more to come this year, new ideas, new energy, and new opportunities for us to grow together. I'm looking forward to seeing how we continue to support one another and move the lodge forward with intention and unity.

Lastly, congratulations to Brother Mar Delavin for being named the South West Spotlight for the month of December 2025. His contributions during the installation did not go unnoticed. The South West Spotlight isn't about achievements or titles, it's about inspiration. It's about recognizing brothers who quietly go above and beyond, simply because that's who they are. Mar embodies that spirit, and we're grateful for him.

Here's to a strong start and an even stronger year ahead.

Upon the square! 

Fraternally,

*Francis Ryan T. Onate, Worshipful Master*

### ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT FOR THE YEAR 2026

(Excerpt from the Lodge By Laws Amendment dated January 2, 2025, Approved by the Grand Master of Masons of California)

\_X\_ Section 2. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of **\$90.00 per annum**, plus the Per Capita sum of **\$72.50** approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, payable in advance on the first day of January which is equal to **\$162.50**

# SOUTH WEST LODGE 283

## QUARTERLY SERVICE

# 2026

Q4



### Christmas Toy Drive

South West Lodge will host its annual Toy Drive to help bring joy to children and families during the holiday season. Donations of new, unwrapped toys will support local families in need and help spread warmth, generosity, and holiday cheer throughout our community.

Q3



### SDBB Blood Drive

South West Lodge will host its annual blood drive in partnership with the San Diego Blood Bank. This effort supports lifesaving care for patients across our community, and we encourage members and guests to donate and help make a meaningful impact.

Q2



### Public School Event

South West Lodge honors outstanding local public school students who demonstrate leadership, character, and commitment to their community. This program celebrates and encourages the next generation of leaders.

Q1



### SD Food Bank Drive

From January through March 2026, our lodge will be hosting a community food drive in support of the San Diego Food Bank. This effort is focused on helping local families facing food insecurity during the early months of the year, when donations are often at their lowest.



## ANNUAL BUDGET

A Lodge shall adopt a budget for the following twelve months at the first Stated Meeting held after the annual installation of the officers of the Lodge (CMC Section 21010).

### Budgeting Process

Your Lodge may already have a budget for the current year, which can be used as a starting point for the annual budget for you term as Master. Below are further suggestions in developing an annual budget.

- **Appoint a Budget and Finance Committee** – A committee of at least four or five members to compare past financial performance and project income and expenses for the next Lodge year.
- **Study the Dues structure of the Lodge.** Are the dues sufficient to meet the needs of the Lodge?
- **Use the Lodge Financial Report as your Guide.** The Grand Lodge has adopted a uniform reporting form for lodges. This can be used as a guide for budgeting. The report form is very comprehensive and will assist your planning group in being as thorough as possible in the budgeting process.

### Handling New Expenditures

Even once the budget is completed, some new unanticipated program or expenditure will be presented to the Lodge. When this occurs, consider whether it is in accord with both your spending plan and the wishes of the membership of the Lodge. If it is a significant dollar amount, call a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee to review existing expenditures and the cost of the proposed new program. Have the committee prepare a recommendation to the Lodge.





## FROM THE WEST

As the festive cheer of Christmas fades into cherished memories, we find ourselves on the brink of a new and exciting year filled with opportunities for growth, fellowship, and service. The holidays remind us of the importance of community, connection, and reflection, and as we transition into this fresh chapter, it is essential that we carry that spirit forward. For us at the lodge, the new year signifies a renewed commitment to fostering a vibrant and supportive environment for our brethren as they embark on their Masonic journeys.

Throughout the past year, we have celebrated milestones, deepened our relationships, and strengthened our bonds. As we step into this new year, we are eager to continue running our lodge on all cylinders, ensuring it remains a second home where every brother feels valued and encouraged. Our collective progress hinges on the active participation of each member, and it is with great enthusiasm that we support one another through guidance, mentorship, and encouragement as we pursue our respective paths within Masonry. Moreover, the lodge will focus on enhancing our facilities and outreach programs. These efforts will not only benefit our current members but will also attract new brethren seeking the camaraderie and personal growth our community provides. Investing in our lodge is akin to investing in ourselves; it is about creating an environment conducive to learning, reflection, and fellowship. Together, we can cultivate a space where all feel welcome to explore the tenets of Masonry, share experiences, and harness the transformative power of brotherhood.

As we embrace the spirit of service, we must also recognize the importance of supporting our neighboring lodges. By fostering strong connections, we strengthen the Masonic community as a whole—one that can withstand challenges and thrive together. This synergy amplifies our collective impact, enabling us to achieve great things not only for ourselves but also for the communities we serve. Expanding our outreach and collaborating effectively will help ensure our fraternity remains relevant and vital in today's world.

In this spirit, we are excited to announce our upcoming community service initiative in collaboration with the San Diego Food Bank. Engaging with organizations dedicated to making a difference is central to our mission. Through this initiative, we demonstrate our commitment to philanthropy, a foundational tenet of our Masonic beliefs. Giving back to those in need not only enriches the lives of others but also instills a profound sense of purpose and fulfillment within our own hearts. This new year invites us to recommit ourselves to the ideals that unite us as Masons—brotherly love, relief, and truth. As we gather in our lodge, let us honor the lessons of the past while looking toward the future with hope and determination. Each meeting, event, and project offers an opportunity for personal growth and a chance to reflect the values we hold dear.

In closing, as we move from the joyous celebrations of Christmas into the promise of a new year, we do so with anticipation and optimism. Our lodge stands ready to support our brethren, enhance our cherished space, strengthen ties with neighboring lodges, and engage in meaningful community service. Together, we will embark on an inspiring journey, committed to making this year one of excellence, brotherhood, and impactful service. May we each contribute to the light that Masonry brings to our lives and to those around us.

***On the Level!***



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



## **FROM THE SOUTH**

Happy New Year!!! As we embark on the new year, I would like everyone to take a moment to reflect on our successes in 2025. Last year, we proudly brought back our partnership with the National City Elementary School District and held our Public Schools Month Celebration. This event will now be added as one of our special annual events. I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for this year's Special Event schedule. The Worshipful Master has many new and improved ways planned for how we will celebrate these events, and we will need your support to ensure we continue to live up to being the Best Lodge in the South and the Best Lodge in the West.

The New Year brings a new beginning, and I hope that your presence, motivation, and tireless support for our lodge continue to grow even stronger. We are currently in the process of improving several areas of our property, and we will continue to make repairs and enhancements to ensure everyone has a pleasant experience at OUR HOUSE.

I challenge everyone to walk around OUR HOUSE and take note of anything you would like to see improved. Please feel free to approach any member of the Temple Board to share these ideas and help us continue making our lodge a place we are all proud of.

**BY THE PLUMB,**



Fraternally,  
*Lynnnyrd G. Delapaz, 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 have lost his savior, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

*Happy Birthday!***South West Lodge No.283 2026 Lodge Officers**

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**CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE**

CONSTITUTION of the GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA  
Adopted October 11, 2006

**§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.

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**§100.050. MASONIC CLOTHING:**

White aprons. *[Source: Section 17 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

**§100.055. MASONIC COMMUNICATION:**

Any communication involving the esoteric or secret portion of the Ritual. *[Source: Section 18 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

**§100.060. MASONIC ORGANIZATION:**

Any group, chapter, order, club, association or organization requiring Masonic affiliation as a prerequisite to membership, other than a Masonic Lodge. *[Source: Section 19 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

**§100.065. MASONIC REGALIA:**

Aprons, jewels and implements appropriate to one's station or office and the Master's hat. *[Source: Section 20 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

**§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.]*

# SWL 283 POUND FOOD CHALLENGE!!!

South West Lodge #283 F&AM, in collaboration with Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank, is thrilled to host our annual food drive! This year, we have set a goal of collecting at least 283 pounds of non-perishable food items to support those in need. Together, through our collective efforts, we can provide hope to those facing food insecurity. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant impact, and your generosity truly matters!

Collections will be accepted from January 1, 2026, to March 26, 2026. Join us in making a difference!



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**Francis Ryan T. Onate**  
**Worshipful Master**

## JANUARY 2026

### MONTHLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7 630PM-Temple Board Meeting Fellowship	8 600PM-Stated Meeting Dinner  730PM-Stated Meeting - Fellowship	9 730PM- Demolay Meeting	10
11	12 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	13	14 630PM- 2nd Degree Practice fellowship	15 630PM– 2nd Degree Conferral - Kurt Sarne Fellowship	16	17
18	19	20	21 630PM- Proficiency / Practice	22 630PM– DOSI AT CHM	23 730PM- Demolay Meeting	24 -
25	26 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	27	28 630PM- 1st Degree Practice fellowship	29 630PM–1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Conferral-Angelo Maclang Fellowship	30	31