

SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283



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FROM THE EAST

May has been a great month for South West Lodge, and it really feels like we're hitting our stride for the year.

We're proud to share that we've officially wrapped up our 1st Quarter community event with our food donation drive supporting the San Diego food Bank. The original goal was to collect 283 pounds of food, and thanks to the generosity and effort of the brethren, we moved a significant amount of donations. While we're still waiting on the final tally, it's safe to say the impact was meaningful. More importantly, it was a great reminder of what we can accomplish when everyone chips in for a good cause.

Now as we shift into the 2nd Quarter, we're looking ahead to one of our most important and rewarding traditions: our Annual Public School Awards. This event gives us the opportunity to recognize local students for their hard work, character, and achievements. It's always a special night—not just for the students and their families, but for us as Masons to be part of something that directly uplifts our community.

Beyond our events, the lodge continues to be a place of fellowship, laughter, and connection. Whether it's a regular meeting night or just stopping by to hang out, it's been great seeing brothers come through and spend time together.

As we move further into the year, we're excited to keep the momentum going. There's a lot more ahead, and if the first part of the year is any indication, it's going to be a strong one for South West Lodge.

Upon the square! 🏠

Fraternally,

Francis Rvan T. Onate. Worshipful Master

ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT FOR THE YEAR 2026

(Excerpt from the Lodge By Laws, Amended 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**

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

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As amended through 2024

§809.370. SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

- A. If a Mason has not paid his dues during a period of 12 months, the Secretary shall notify the Grand Secretary, in a manner prescribed by the Grand Secretary, of the Lodge's intent to consider suspending such Mason for non-payment of dues. Upon receipt of this notice, the Grand Secretary shall make reasonable and good faith efforts to contact such Mason and shall inform the Lodge of the results of such efforts. If all dues due and payable by such Mason have not been paid by the time of the Lodge's Stated Meeting immediately following the date 60 days after the Secretary's notice is sent to the Grand Secretary, then such Mason may be declared suspended for non-payment of dues by the Master, unless for special reasons shown the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for payment, and provided such declaration is made within 6 months after the Secretary's notice is sent to the Grand Secretary. If a Mason is not declared suspended within such 6 months, then the Secretary shall send the Grand Secretary a new notice of the Lodge's subsequent intent to consider suspending such Mason for non-payment of dues and the procedure described in the two immediately preceding sentences shall again apply.
- B. No worthy brother who is unable to pay his dues shall be suspended for non-payment of dues.
- C. No Mason who has attained the age of 80 years or who has attained an aggregate number of years in age and years as a Mason in good standing equaling 120 or more shall be suspended for non-payment of dues without a written report to the Lodge from the Member Retention Committee evidencing when and where the committee interviewed the delinquent Mason, why the delinquent Mason has not paid his dues and whether the delinquent Mason has the ability to pay his dues. A copy of this report shall be provided to the Grand Secretary at least thirty days before the vote may be taken on the suspension.
- D. No Lodge shall suspend a Mason for non-payment of dues if the Master or Secretary of the Lodge has knowledge that this Mason has been on active military combat duty at any time during the preceding 36 months.
1. Active military combat duty is defined as having been military personnel serving in an active capacity including but not limited to active duty personnel, reservists and National Guard personnel in a combat zone for a named United States military conflict. A combat zone for a named United States military conflict is any area which the President of the United States by Executive Order designates or has designated as an area in which U.S. Armed Forces are or have engaged in conflict.

CONT'D (§809.370. SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.)

2. If a Lodge finds that a Mason of the Lodge was on active military combat duty, as defined in Section 809.370.D of this Code, at any time during the 36 month period preceding the date on which the Lodge suspended him, then the Lodge shall remove such suspension from his record as if such suspension had not occurred and the Secretary of the Lodge shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary thereof.
3. A Mason may request his Lodge to remove a previous suspension from his record if he was on active military combat duty, as defined in Section 809.370.D of this Code, at any time during the 36 month period preceding the date on which the Lodge so suspended him, and if his Lodge then finds that he was on active military combat duty at any time during such 36 month period, then his Lodge shall remove such suspension from his record as if such suspension had not occurred and the Secretary of the Lodge shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary thereof.
4. Once 36 months have elapsed since a Mason's service on active military combat duty, he may be suspended for nonpayment of dues as provided in this section, including suspension for unpaid dues for the period during which he was on active military combat duty.

E. A Mason shall not be expelled from Masonry for non-payment of dues.

[Amended: 2010; 2011; 2012; 2015, 2016; 2024; 2025.] [Source: Section 27070 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§809.380. RESTORATION OF A MASON SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

A Mason suspended for non-payment of dues:

A. Shall be automatically restored if, within three years of his suspension, he pays any arrearage due at the time of his suspension, together with such further dues as would have accrued against him had he not been suspended, to the date of his payment, unless such arrearage and dues have been remitted by his Lodge; and

B. May make a request to his Lodge for restoration if he has not paid them or had them remitted by his Lodge within three years of his suspension. The Mason shall not be restored except by a majority vote by ballot of all the members present at the next Stated Meeting after the request for restoration is presented. As a condition of his restoration, he shall pay such amount of any arrearage due at the time of his suspension and such amount of dues as would have accrued against him had he not been suspended, to the date of his payment, as his Lodge may require, except such arrearage and dues that have been remitted by his Lodge. A petition denied may be renewed at any future Stated Meeting.

The Secretary shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary of the restoration.

[Amended: 2010; 2012; 2024; 2025.] [Source: Section 27100 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

FROM THE WEST



On behalf of the officers of Southwest Lodge, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Mason of the Year, Brother Caloy Eballo, and to our Hiram Award recipient, Worshipful Brother Peter Cortes. Both distinctions reflect not only dedication to the Craft, but a consistent example of service, leadership, and brotherly love that strengthens our lodge. We are proud to call you our Brothers.

I would also like to sincerely thank all the Brothers who came out to support our recent lodge clean-up, both inside and out. Your time, effort, and willingness to serve did not go unnoticed. It is through these acts—often done quietly and without recognition—that we uphold the dignity of our lodge and demonstrate what it truly means to work together in harmony.

Our recent food drive was a tremendous success, as we more than doubled our original goal. Thank you to every Brother who contributed—your generosity made a real and meaningful impact on those in need and reflects the very best of our Masonic values. I look forward to carrying that same spirit into this month's annual public school awards as we continue supporting our community.

On the Level! 

Fraternally,
Ira James T. Castro, Senior Warden

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§809.360. REMISSION OF DUES.

If recommended by the Charity Committee, a Lodge, without giving the name of the delinquent Masons except to the Secretary, may remit to December 31st of the current calendar year the accrued dues, or a portion thereof, of those of its Masons who are unable to pay.

A Lodge may, by adoption of a revocable standing resolution, authorize the Grand Secretary to act on its behalf to remit the dues of those of its Masons who are unable to pay under this Section 809.360. If so authorized, the Grand Secretary shall promptly notify the Lodge of any remission granted under this authority.

The Charity Committee should review the situation of a Mason whose dues were remitted by a Lodge the preceding calendar year before the February Stated Meeting. If, in the opinion of the Charity Committee, the necessity for the remission of his dues still exists, it shall recommend to the Lodge that the dues be remitted to December 31st of the current calendar year. A Lodge shall not remit the dues of any of its Masons, for any stated period, or in advance, except as herein provided.

A Mason who is mentally incompetent to such an extent as to be incapable of taking care of himself, or a member who is a resident of the Masonic Homes of California, may be considered as unable to pay dues.

[Amended: 2012; 2021; 2025.] [Source: Section 27060 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]



FROM THE WEST

Welcome to May. As the vibrant signs of spring continue to flourish around us, we are reminded of the perennial renewal of nature and the steady labor required to bring a rough ashlar to perfection. Just as the craftsman uses his tools to shape and refine, this season calls us to apply the working tools of our profession to our daily lives, cultivating harmony and brotherly love.

This month, we also observe Memorial Day. As Masons, we hold a deep respect for those who have laid down their lives in service to our country. Many of our own brethren have answered that call throughout history. Let us take time this month to pause, remember, and honor their ultimate sacrifice, ensuring their memory is never lost to the passage of time.

Our Lodge has a busy month ahead. We are in the planning stage of our Prestigious Public Schools Month, I cannot express to you my excitement about this event, and I encourage you to attend and support our partnership with National City Elementary School District. Your presence is vital to the strength and spirit of our Lodge.

BY THE PLUMB,



Fraternally,

Lynnyrd G. Delapaz, Junior Warden

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ARTICLE 3– LODGE DUES

§809.310. DUES.

A Lodge's dues shall be established in its Bylaws. The minimum annual dues shall be \$12, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, with the total thus determined rounded up to the next whole dollar. The Lodge Secretary shall issue to each Mason paying his dues a receipt using, without change, the uniform receipt for dues available from the Grand Secretary. Dues shall commence with the first day of the month next following the conferring of the Entered Apprentice Degree or as provided in Sections 804.740 or 804.750 of this Code for Masons joining the Lodge by affiliation.

If a Lodge increases its dues, the increase shall become effective upon the start of fiscal year of the Lodge following the Grand Master's approval of the increase. Masons of the Lodge who have paid their dues in advance for such fiscal year must pay the increase.

[Amended: 2010; 2012; 2014.] [Source: Sections 27010, 27040 and 27090 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

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Jerry	A	Lleva		11-May
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Josephere	C	Perral		19-May
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Seuko	R	Hawkins		20-May
Lester	M	Nelson		20-May
Bryan	V	Que		20-May
John-Paul	L	Cazessus		21-May
Jess	C	Fulgencio		21-May
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Worshipful Master



MAY 2026

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	5	6 630PM-Temple Board Meeting 630PM–Stated meeting Prep Fellowship	7 630pm- Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting	8	9
10	11 730PM- Demolay Meeting	12	13 630pm-	14 630pm- DOSI_DOM @ Claude H Morrison Lodge No. 747	15	16
17	18 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	19 630PM	20 630PM- Public Schools Students Outstanding Citizenship Award Prep	21 630PM– Public Schools Students Outstanding Citizenship Award Presentation	22	23 Memorial Weekend
24 Memorial Weekend	25 730PM- Demolay Meeting Memorial Day	26	27 LODGE IS DARK; Prep for Master, Wardens, Treasure Retreat	28 LODGE IS DARK; Master, Wardens, Treasure Retreat	29 Master, Wardens, Treasure Retreat	30 Master, Wardens, Treasure Retreat
31 Master, Wardens, Treasure Retreat	1 June 7PM 730PM Jobs Daughters Meeting					