

SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283



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FROM THE EAST

June is shaping up to be another exciting month for South West Lodge 283, and there is a lot for the brethren to look forward to. One of the biggest highlights this month is the official visit of the Grand Master of California on June 13. We are extremely excited and honored to host the Grand Master and have the opportunity to showcase what South West Lodge is all about — brotherhood, hard work, fellowship, and taking pride in our lodge. It is a great opportunity to represent our lodge and show the positive momentum we have been building together.

At the same time, improvements around the lodge continue. Our current focus has been the conference room, which has honestly been neglected for quite some time. It has been great seeing the brethren come together to clean, organize, and slowly bring new life back into the space. While the end result is important, the part I enjoy most is the process itself.

The cleanup and upkeep sessions have become more than just work days. These are the moments where I really see the bond of the brethren grow. There is always plenty of laughter, jokes, stories, and good banter while everyone works side by side. Sometimes the best fellowship happens when we are simply putting in work together for the good of the lodge.

I want to encourage everyone to continue participating whenever they can. Whether you are there for a full day or can only stop by for a little while, every bit helps and is appreciated. These efforts are not just about improving the building — they are about building stronger relationships with one another and continuing to create something we can all be proud of.

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**

FROM THE WEST



As we welcome the summer season, we are reminded that each change in season offers an opportunity for renewal, fellowship, and continued labor in the Craft. While many will spend more time with family, travel, and summer activities, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to Freemasonry and the principles that guide us. The work of a Mason is not confined to the Lodge room, but is reflected daily through our actions, character, and dedication to others.

Our Lodge continues to thrive because of the involvement and support of its Brethren. Whether attending Lodge functions, supporting charitable efforts, or simply extending a helping hand within the community, every act of service strengthens the reputation and purpose of our beloved fraternity. I encourage each of you to remain active during these summer months and continue finding ways to practice brotherly love, relief, and truth both within and beyond the walls of the Lodge.

South West Lodge has long stood as a source of fellowship and service within our community, and that tradition continues through your dedication and participation. On behalf of the officers of the Lodge, thank you for your continued support and commitment. May you and your families enjoy a safe, meaningful, and refreshing summer, and may we continue to meet upon the level and part upon the square.

On the Level! 

Fraternally,
Ira James T. Castro, Senior Warden

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

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FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS of the STATE OF CALIFORNIA San Francisco, 2006 *Fourth Edition*
As amended through 2024

§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

As the sun reaches its meridian and we transition into the warm days of summer, the South remains a place of refreshment and brotherly love. While the Lodge's formal schedule may adjust during the season, our commitment to fellowship and checking in on our Brethren should remain strong. Summer offers us time to enjoy family gatherings, outdoor activities, and well-earned rest, but it also reminds us to care for both ourselves and one another.

As you enjoy the summer months, please remember to stay hydrated, especially during periods of extreme heat. Try to limit strenuous outdoor activities during the hottest parts of the day, wear lightweight clothing, and protect yourself from prolonged sun exposure. Just as importantly, be mindful of the warning signs of heat exhaustion and heatstroke, including dizziness, headaches, nausea, and confusion. Taking a few simple precautions can help ensure a safe and healthy summer for you and your loved ones.

Summer can also be an isolating time for some members of our fraternity. I encourage each of you to reach out to an absent Brother with a phone call, kind word, or invitation to a gathering. Small gestures of fellowship can make a lasting difference. Let us continue to practice the virtues of temperance, relief, and brotherly love, ensuring that every Brother enjoys a safe, healthy, and restorative summer season.

BY THE PLUMB,



Fraternally,

Lynnnyrd G. Delapaz, Junior Warden

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§804.440. BALLOTING PROCEDURE.

- A. The Master shall read the name of the applicant with the essential information about him, as supplied by the application and/or as furnished by the Investigating Committee, after which a ballot shall be taken in the usual manner;
- B. A Lodge shall have but one ballot for the three degrees;
- C. There shall be no discussion in the Lodge during a ballot or between ballots;
- D. Every member of a Lodge in good standing, when present, must vote upon a ballot using a ball or a cube;
- E. The Master should not permit anyone to enter or retire from the Lodge room during a ballot except for sickness or other imperative reason. For this purpose, the "Lodge room" does not include the Tiler's room or the preparation room. Members and other Masons may enter or retire between ballots if in the Master's judgment such will not interfere with the taking of the subsequent ballot;
- F. When balloting upon two or more applicants, the Master may at his discretion determine whether a separate ballot shall be taken on each applicant or whether the entire group shall be balloted upon collectively. When a collective ballot is used, the Master shall read the names of all of the applicants included in the collective ballot, with the essential information about each, as supplied by the application and/or furnished by the Investigating Committee. A ballot shall then be taken in the usual manner on the applicants collectively. If no cube appears, each applicant shall be declared elected. If one or more cubes appear, the Master may either direct an individual ballot or divide the names of the applicants into smaller groups. The Lodge shall then proceed to ballot in the usual manner on each individual or on each group. The Master shall declare each applicant in a group elected if no cube appears. This procedure shall continue until an individual ballot has been taken in the usual manner, if necessary, and all applicants have been balloted upon;
- G. It shall require a unanimous vote of the members present and in good standing to elect an applicant. If all such members of the Lodge have voted and no negative vote appears, the ballot is unanimous regardless of the fact that one or more members failed to deposit a ball at the time he voted;
- H. When balloting upon a single applicant, if only one cube appears, the Master, without declaring the result, shall at once order a second and last ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake. The second ballot shall not be postponed to another meeting of the Lodge. If in the second ballot one or more cubes appear, the Master shall declare the applicant rejected; and
- I. When balloting upon a single applicant, if two or more cubes appear, the Master shall declare the applicant rejected, and there shall be no second ballot.

[Amended: 2015.] [Source: Sections 26160, 26180, 26190 and 26200 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

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William	R	Francia			1-Jun
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Amado	G	Guanzon			9-Jun
Marlon Sly	S	Lapuz			9-Jun
Pacifico	S	Ortizluis			9-Jun
Rodel	A	Erece			10-Jun
Armando	L=	Demesa			12-Jun
Eusebio	D	Hondolero			15-Jun
Dante	T	Albao			16-Jun
John-John	F	Buncio			19-Jun
Resty	S	Garcia			19-Jun
Peter	D	Cortes		P.M.	20-Jun
Rodolfo	F	Nobleza		Illustrious	22-Jun
Ramon	J	Buyson			24-Jun
Danilo	P	Oira			24-Jun
John	A	Ventura			24-Jun
Noe	L	Ebalo			26-Jun
Danilo	C	Francisco			26-Jun
Rufi	D	Magbanua	Jr.	PM	27-Jun
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Rodrigo	E	Cuevas		PM	30-Jun
Logan	T	Killion			30-Jun
Roque	D	Parreno	Jr.		30-Jun

Introductions

If you are a member of a committee which has examined a brother and you are about to present him to the Master and the Lodge, the usual form is: "Worshipful Master, I have the honor to present Brother A. B., a member ofLodge No.....of (his city and state.)" If the brother is a Past Master, or past officer of a Grand Lodge. you should give him his proper title in the introduction. In introducing him after his general introduction to the Master and the Lodge, it is not usual to give the formal introduction previously used, but you may introduce him as Brother A. B. If you act as toastmaster at a banquet and he is one of the speakers, a little more formality should be used as in his introduction to the Lodge.

(Excerpt from Lodge Customs and Traditions)

Work on Committees

When the Master appoints you on a committee to do some special work for the Lodge, it is usually a mark of his confidence in your ability to do that work. The Master does not pick committees at random but chooses the members with a view to their ability. The work of the Lodge cannot all be done by its officers and if you and the other members of the Lodge leave all the work to be done by them, you will not have much of a Lodge to belong to. It has been often and well said that you get no more out of the Fraternity than you put into it. If you cast the bread of your service upon Masonic waters, it will return to you increased many times.

If you are asked by the Tiler to act on an examining committee, remember that it is because the Master has directed him to do so, and that it is the Master who is asking you to do this service, that the Lodge may extend its reputation for hospitality. If the Master makes you one of a committee to investigate an applicant, you have placed upon your shoulders perhaps the greatest responsibility in committee work that may come to you. The reputation of your Lodge and the Fraternity as a whole, rests upon whether such committees do good, efficient work, or whether they are careless.

Many Lodges today have adopted an officer, not on the regular line, called head coach, or a superintendent of coaches. You will remember that in order to have passed the examination which you did in open Lodge, you had to have help from others. You should repay this by offering to do as much for some younger brother. So offer your services to the Master or the head coach. You will find that teaching the work to a younger brother will be a wonderfully efficient help in fastening it in your own memory. If the applicant you are coaching is of an inquiring mind, he is likely to ask questions of the whys and wherefores of the work. Do not be satisfied to say that you merely do not know. If you cannot answer his queries, say that you will look it up and tell him next time. You may be placed upon the delinquent dues committee.

The Master places his most experienced men on this work. The member who lets himself become delinquent is usually not aware of his rights and privileges. No Lodge desires to suspend one of its members because he is delinquent and will give further time for payment or remit the dues if necessary. It sometimes takes a little tact to bring out the circumstances which led to the delinquency and you should do this without any irritation to the feelings of the brother, and always leave **him** so that he will have a higher idea of his own Lodge and the Fraternity as a whole. Men are often very sensitive on this subject and will allow themselves to be suspended rather than disclose their financial embarrassment or problems.

The committee should search out the truth and recommend remission of dues where desirable or proper. Moreover, if the brother's situation seems to require positive relief or other assistance, they should recommend it to the Master. You may be placed on any special committee as on: the reception of a distinguished guest, a dance committee, a decoration committee, etc., but whatever it is, it is some work that is desirable or necessary to be done for the Lodge. If you are chairman, call a meeting of your committee immediately. Go to work at once so that you will have time to do it properly and make your report to the Master or chairman at the time set for it.

If you do your committee work well, it is not only an inspiration to other brethren to do likewise, but it unconsciously encourages proficiency in their endeavors outside of the Lodge. Craftsmanship and pride in craftsmanship are historically Masonic attributes, and should be encouraged by both precept and example. If the job seems irksome, tackle it at once, for procrastination will only make it seem more difficult. You will be surprised at the satisfaction you will feel on having accomplished a task, especially a hard one. Ask yourself this question: What sort of Lodge would we have if all of its committees shirked?

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Francis Ryan T. Onate
Worshipful Master

JUNE 2026

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 600pm -Masonic Service for Bro. Oscar Reyes of Bagong Buhay Lodge, Philippines. @Glenn Abbey, main chapel	3 630PM -Temple Board Meeting 630PM – Prep for Stated meeting Fellowship	4 600PM -Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM -Stated Meeting	5	6 600pm -Philippines Independence Day Observance
7	8 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	9	10 630pm - Practice and proficiency Fellowship	11 630pm - Lodge preparation for Grand Master of California meet & greet visit to South West Lodge	12	13 10am to 200pm – Grand Master Meet & Greet Visit to South West Lodge
14	15 730PM -Demolay Meeting	16	17 630pm -Third Degree Practice and proficiency Fellowship	18 630pm -Third Degree Conferral, Brother Lanzz Marinas & Brother Ira James qualification for Worshipful Master	19	20
21	22 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	23 630PM -DOSI_DOM @ ChulaVista Lodge No. 626	24 630PM - First Degree Practice and proficiency Fellowship	25 630PM –First Degree conferral, Mr. Ezzekiel Mallari	26	27 10am-4pm 935 th District Picnic @ Admiral Baker
28	29 730PM -Demolay Meeting	30				