

# SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283



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## FROM THE EAST

As we head into July, I wanted to take a moment to look back on an incredible month of June and thank everyone who helped make it special.

We just concluded the official visit of Most Worshipful Grand Master Garrett Chan and several Grand Lodge officers to South West Lodge. It was an amazing day filled with fellowship, learning, and a lot of fun. Opportunities like this do not come around very often, and I truly

appreciate everyone who came out to support the event. Whether you helped prepare, served behind the scenes, or simply showed up to represent our lodge, thank you. The strong showing from our officers, coaches, and brethren made me proud to be part of South West Lodge.

Our Lodge Improvement Project also continues to move forward. With the postponement of our June Third Degree, we took advantage of the opportunity to start painting the exterior of our building. It has been great seeing brothers come together not only to work, but to enjoy each other's company and strengthen our fellowship. We still have plenty more projects ahead, and I'm excited to see the continued improvements to our home.

July is shaping up to be another busy and exciting month. We have several conferrals scheduled and look forward to helping our candidates continue their journey in Masonry. We will also have the privilege of recognizing Worshipful Brother Peter Cortes with the Hiram Award, one of the highest honors a lodge can bestow upon a brother. It is a well-deserved recognition for his years of dedication and service.

Thank you all for your continued support. I look forward to seeing everyone in lodge and making more memories together.

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 move through the summer months of June and July, we are reminded of the importance of fellowship and the bonds that unite us as Brothers. While our schedules may become busier with family vacations, gatherings, and seasonal activities, let us not lose sight of the relationships that make our Fraternity strong. A simple phone call, shared meal, or visit with a Brother can go a long way in strengthening the ties of brotherly love and ensuring that no member of our Lodge feels forgotten or alone.

Freemasonry teaches us that we are to support one another through both life's triumphs and challenges. Summer provides a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Brethren, spend quality time with family, and continue practicing the principles of our Craft beyond the walls of the Lodge. Let us remain mindful of those who may be unable to attend regularly and make an effort to extend our hand in friendship and encouragement whenever possible.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the Brethren who have dedicated their time and effort to the continued upkeep of our Lodge. Most recently, several Brethren came together to paint the exterior walls of our building, helping preserve and beautify a place we proudly call our second home. Their hard work and commitment are a testament to the pride we take in South West Lodge and the shared responsibility we have in caring for it. Thank you to all the Brethren who continue to contribute their labor, talents, and support in ensuring our Lodge remains a welcoming home for generations of Masons to com.

*On the Level!* 

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

## CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

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**CONSTITUTION AND ORDINANCES** of THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE of  
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS of the STATE OF CALIFORNIA, San Francisco, 2006 *Fourth Edition*  
As amended through 2024

### §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. Upon request by a Constituent Lodge, the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer may consent to a Constituent Lodge's use of an alternative ritual that departs from the Ritual provided that such alternative ritual (a) includes the same obligations as those contained in the Ritual, (b) includes the same signs, words and modes of recognition as those contained in the Ritual, and (c) is consistent in all material respects with the culture, integrity and ideals of our Fraternity, as determined by the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer. The language of the obligations in the alternative ritual need not be exactly identical to the language used in the Ritual. Unless otherwise determined by the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer, Constituent Lodges who have used an alternative ritual since at least January 1, 2024 that was not disapproved by the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer may continue their use of such alternative ritual without the affirmative consent of the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer required by this Section.

*[Amended: 2010; 2023; 2025.] [Source: Section 26290 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*



## FROM THE WEST

This July, we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation. The United States of America has welcomed people from all over the world to call this country home.

Likewise, South West Lodge is our home. We take great pride in welcoming visitors, reflecting the Pillar of Beauty and the vital role of the Junior Warden. Our duties extend far beyond preparing the festive board; we are entrusted with creating a warm, harmonious environment where Brethren and guests alike can strengthen the bonds of brotherhood.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in welcoming our Grand Master and supporting our recent events. The fellowship we shared last month is a true testament to the strength of our fraternity. I am also pleased to share that our Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 164, had a successful Grand Bethel. Bethel No. 164 was recognized for its membership growth, and several Daughters received individual honors in various competitions. Congratulations to all on their well-deserved accomplishments.

As we look ahead to the fall, I encourage our newer Master Masons to become involved with the Stewards' Committee. Serving your Lodge is one of the best ways to learn the names of your Brethren, build lasting friendships, and actively contribute to the work that keeps our fraternity thriving.

I look forward to seeing you all in the dining room this month!

**BY THE PLUMB,**



Fraternally,

*Lynnnyrd G. Delapaz, Junior Warden*

### 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.]






*Happy Birthday!*

James	O	Peter III	1-Jul
Rico	A	Reyes	3-Jul
Julius	M	Sarne	3-Jul
Neil	A	Devega	4-Jul
Hugo		Hernandez	4-Jul
Li	L	Doyle	6-Jul
Hiram	K	Evans	8-Jul
Joel	C	De Los Reyes	9-Jul
Cesar	D	Ontingco	PM 9-Jul
John Dennis	D	Quedado	9-Jul
Leo	A	Romero	10-Jul
Romeo	F	Jazmin	11-Jul
Rolyn	F	Abugan	12-Jul
Ernesto	M	Carlos Jr.	12-Jul
Khyree	C	Kee	12-Jul
Aaron	E	Shahenian	12-Jul
Carl Joseph	P	Garcia	16-Jul
Earl	P	Austria	17-Jul
Eleno	T	Dela Cruz	17-Jul
Romeo	J	Dumpit	PM 18-Jul
Vicente	C	Aguilar	19-Jul
Gilbert	D	Ermitano	19-Jul
Reynaldo	D	Domingo	20-Jul
Percival	E	Tiu	PM 20-Jul
Peter Francis	C	Lim	22-Jul
Jose	T	Monday	23-Jul
Mario	O	Beltran	24-Jul
Eddie	R	Alaysa	25-Jul
Daniel	U	Onate	25-Jul
Christopher	I	Estrella	26-Jul
Christian	V	De Gala	27-Jul
Anthony	S	Martinez	27-Jul
Roldan	C	Marzo	28-Jul
Joseph	C	Estrellas	31-Jul
Reynaldo	C	Naval	31-Jul

**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 of South West Lodge No 283 /of (National City, CA.)" 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.

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## Independence Day 2026 – Date, Observance, and Historical Significance

Independence Day 2026 falls on Saturday, July 4, 2026, but the official federal holiday is observed on Friday, July 3, 2026, due to the weekend date.

### Why July 3 is the Federal Observance

In the U.S., Independence Day is always on **July 4**. When it falls on a Saturday, the federal government moves the observance to the preceding Friday to create a long weekend [acadcalendar.com+1](http://acadcalendar.com+1). This means most federal offices, courts, and agencies will be closed on **Friday, July 3, 2026**, not Saturday . Private employers are not required to follow this schedule.

### Historical Context

2026 marks the **250th anniversary** of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, when the 13 American colonies declared independence from Great Britain [Beaver County Radio+1](http://Beaver County Radio+1). This is the **semiquincentennial** – the most significant Fourth of July since the bicentennial in 1976

## CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

### §402.030. CIPHER RITUALS.

Grand Lodge shall cause to be prepared, published and sold to Constituent Lodges and Master Masons, for use and possession by Master Masons only, a cipher of the esoteric or secret portion of the Ritual, in any medium capable of being rendered into clearly legible tangible form, as shall be approved from time to time by the Grand Lecturer with the approval of the Grand Master. The cipher may include such attached or separate supplements as shall be approved from time to time by the Grand Lecturer with the approval of the Grand Master. The foregoing notwithstanding, a Master Mason who is an authorized Candidate's Coach may reproduce that portion of the approved cipher ritual that pertains to the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft proficiency examinations for use and possession by an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft to prepare for his proficiency examination.

In no event shall any cipher ritual, or portion thereof, be used during a tiled meeting, except as follows:

- A. A cipher ritual may be used at any tiled meeting by the duly appointed Officers' Coach of the Lodge, or in his absence, a qualified Past Master selected by the Master; and
- B. A cipher ritual may also be used at any tiled meeting called for the purpose of practicing the Ritual, by any Mason who is not participating in the presentation of the Ritual.

*[Amended: 2010; 2014.] [Source: Section 26300 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*


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**Francis Ryan T. Onate**  
 Worshipful Master



## JULY 2026

### MONTHLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	1 630PM-Temple Board Meeting 630PM- Prep for Stated meeting Fellowship	2 600PM-Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting	3	4 
5	6 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	7	8 630pm- 2nd degree Practice and proficiency Fellowship	9 630pm- 2nd Degree Conferral – Brother Matthew Andrew Banez	10	11
12	13 730PM- Demolay Meeting	14	15 630pm- Hiram Award Ceremony practice	16 530pm – Social Hour 630pm- Hiram Award Ceremony	17	18
19	20 730PM – Jobs Daughters Meeting	21 630PM-	22 630PM- 3rd degree practice/ proficiency Fellowship	23 630PM–3rd Degree Conferral – Brother Justin Garcia	24	25
26	27 730PM- Demolay Meeting	28	29 630pm – DOSI/DOM Prep	30 630pm – DOSI /DOM @ SWL283	31	