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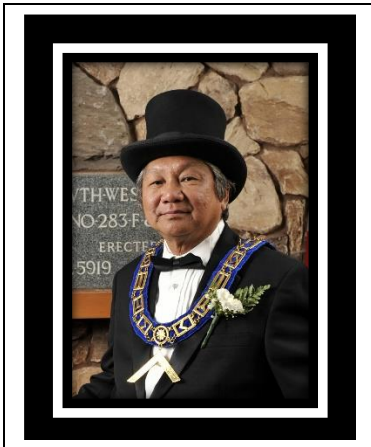
STATED MEETING: First Thursday of each month; 730PM



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From the East

April is Public Schools Month. In 1920, as California's public schools struggled to survive teachers' shortages, California masons led a community action: the fraternity proclaimed Public Schools Week, rallying communities in support of schools and raising needed funds to improve the system.

Today, we continue that tradition with Public Schools Month. During the month of April, Lodges throughout California conduct special recognitions in support of public schools.

California Masons' public schools support is led by our Public Schools Advisory Council - groups of Masonic leaders who collaborate with school districts, community leaders, and guidance counselors to provide targeted, local support. Each April, they organize celebrations to promote awareness of the importance of public education.

On April 21st 2017, Friday at 6:00 PM, as a yearly custom South West Lodge No. 283 will host an event honoring the National City Public Schools District for their Outstanding Citizen. On that day, we will present to forty elementary school students certificates of Outstanding Citizenship Award. Our guests will include parents, family, and schools' staff which may number to approximately about 200 people.

As our Brethren in 1920's did, let us continue that tradition in supporting our local National City Public Schools District by your presence. You may also extend your cable tows by donating in kind, volunteering or both towards the preparation for this event. Normally we provide dinner before the presentation of awards. This may come in the form of spaghetti with meatballs, fresh salads, dinner rolls, and ice cream for desert. We have a budget assigned for this occasion but should you desire to make donations to further enhance the preparation the kindness you extend will be greatly appreciated.

Upon the Square,

Percival "Percy" Tiu, Worshipful Master

2017 SOUTH WEST LODGE OFFICERS

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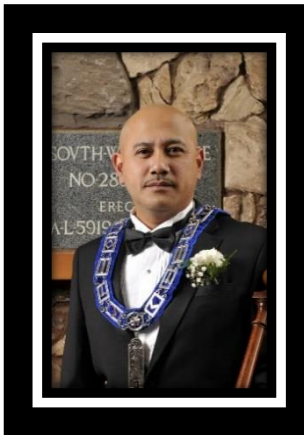
From the West

Spring season is here! The cold weather has once again come and gone and things will definitely heat up and relatively to all of our upcoming events at South West Lodge. First a quick March recap...at our Stated Meeting we entertained the idea of increasing our membership dues to enhance some of our future projects; like the plan of our patio area beautification, which, coincidentally our Temple Hall Association is eagerly pursuing. I also would like to say the food is always good and the attendance is always better.

Isagani Custodio took the first step of the process to become a Mason. The degree conferral, albeit an entered apprentice night, was surprisingly well attended. During this whole process I pondered on the question...Why motivates a man to become a Mason? Our ritual says "to learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry," but we did not know that when we applied. So why did you join? You joined this fraternity with something in mind. Perhaps you followed in the footsteps of your father; perhaps you had a vision of the type of man you are or want to become; perhaps you were intrigued by the vast history; or perhaps you had other motivations. Were your motivations altruistic or mercenary? Neither is valid and neither should be scorned, as well. Regardless of the reason, it is the source of your motivation to become a Freemason. Did you find that which you were looking? Hopefully, each man joins the fraternity as a good man to become better. Acknowledging our motivation in thought and action is the foundation of whom we are and where we are going. It is the starting line of authentic living. If we were first made a Mason in our heart, then our heart is the heart of Freemasonry. We are a representative of our fraternity to all those we meet and interact. If we live with multiple personas, we experience conflicts of which people may be confused by the person they see. To truly be an honorable Freemason, living by our obligations, we should be the same in our thoughts and actions. We do not want to be a Mason in name only: a term often used for those Freemasons who pay their dues each year but rarely or even don't attend meetings or get involved in lodge events. Knowing who we are and how we want others and the world around us to perceive us is the test of the authenticity of our intentions.

On the Level,

Raymund Madriaga, Senior Warden



From the South

After being away for so long, stepping off the ship and onto sound land in the month of March has been a sigh of relief. With no time to fully rest, I made my way back to my mother lodge, was greeted with jovial smiles and welcomed back with open arms. The brethren were kind enough to bring me up to speed with the current events and so with my intent to pay it forward, I bring good news to you.

To begin, we held our stated meeting under the theme of "Seafood Night" for the main course. Seven dishes were carefully prepared and served to our Brethren and their families and shared with overwhelming delight. We will continue to make each month a different themed-course to break up the monotony and keep everyone's taste buds in heightened anticipation. April's theme will be Italian dishes; for the month of May we will be preparing Mexican cuisine to commemorate Cinco de Mayo. The month of June will be a potluck-to encourage everyone to bring their best dishes and desserts together. More on the delegation of courses for the potluck

will be discussed in the following month.

In addition, last month has been a proactive one giving us many reasons to be jubilant. I was fortunate enough to bear witness and be a part of three proficiencies: Brother Mart Martin Latorilla returned his 3rd degree, Brother Lyle Fraley returned his 2nd degree and Brother Tyler Garcia returned his 1st degree. Southwest welcomed our newest Brother to the lodge with the initiation of Brother Isagani Custodio and celebrated Brother Lyle Fraley's ascension to the highest degree attained in a Blue Lodge: that of a Master Mason. We also had the pleasure of hosting Past-Master's night in commemoration of raising our fellow Brother Justin "Tiny" Fauver. Congratulations to all the Brethren mentioned. I am deeply honored to have witnessed your progression and growth within our lodge and look forward to seeing great and positive achievements from all of you. In conclusion, watching all our Brothers and Sisters come together in the kitchen to make each week's refreshments a fruitful one has been a sight to behold. It is one thing to help out those in need, but as the Junior Warden I see the unity and kinship through unambiguous, lucid eyes...and I am moved with sincere gratitude. Special thanks go out to Brother Rick Tolentino and Brother Eusebio Hondelero and his wife Sis Luz for their continuous contribution. And to my wife, Reyna, whom I am proud to say that in my absence she takes over, when possible, and handles the job of which I am assigned to fulfill. Honey, there are no words that could convey my appreciation for your unwavering support. Let us continue to set standards by which all want to emulate and follow

By the Plumb,

Godfrey D. Catbagan, Junior Warden

Happy Birthday!

HOWARD G. MORRISON, JR.
GONZALO A. PANGALANGAN
BENITO G. CAGAYAT

FERDINAND D. FERRER
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EDGAR M. DE LEON
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ARTZELL M.G. BAUTISTA
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A ERWIN D. BAUTISTA
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SOUTH WEST LODGE No. 283

BRUNCH FUND RAISING

April 30, 2017, Sunday

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

1140 B Avenue
National City, CA 91950

- DONATIONS -

\$10.00 – Adult

\$ 5.00 - 6 – 12 years old

FREE – - 5 years old under



§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 him that he will be suspended for non-payment of dues unless at the Lodge's next Stated Meeting either his dues have been paid or sickness or inability to pay is shown as the cause for the failure to pay. The notice shall be given either by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed to his last known address, or by actual service of notice, duly certified by the Tiler. If all dues due and payable have not been paid by the time of the Lodge's next Stated Meeting, he shall be declared suspended by the Master, unless for special reasons shown the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for payment.

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 24 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.

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 24 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 24 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 24 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 24 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. 2016.1 Source: Section 27070 of the 1991 California Masonic

SECRETARY'S CORNER

BRETHREN,
OUR DUES PAYMENT FOR 2017 IS \$75.00.
Please make your checks payable to
South West Lodge No. 283. Mail to:

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PO Box 283
National City, CA 91951-0283

Congratulations!

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASON

Brother Isagani Custodio

March 16, 2017

MASTER MASON

Brother Justin Fauver

March 9, 2017

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH

SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283 MONTHLY SCHEDULE		APRIL 2017			PERCIVAL "PERCY" TIU (MASTER)	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 630PM- Proficiency Examination, Candidate Coaching, Fellowship	6 630PM- Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM- Stated Meeting	7	8
9	10 700PM-Jobs Daughters Meeting	11	12 700PM- Candidate Coaching, Proficiency, Fellowship	13 700PM- Degree Conferral, Candidate TBA	14 700PM-Demolay Meeting	15
16	17	18	19 700PM- Masonathon Practice, Candidate Coaching, Proficiency. Fellowship	20 700PM-Preparation for Public Schools Outstanding Citizenship Award	21 600PM- Public Schools Award Dinner 700PM-Award Presentation	22
23	24 700PM-Jobs Daughters Meeting	25	26 700PM- Practice, Candidate Coaching, Proficiency. Fellowship	27 630PM-DOSI/DOM @ South West Lodge No.283 Admin Training & MM 1 st section	28 700PM-Demolay Meeting	29
30 900AM-200PM, South West Lodge No.283-Brunch Fund Raising						