



# SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283

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Monthly Newsletter

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### FROM THE EAST,



It is with such pleasure and great delight that I submit my most heartfelt gratitude and convey this acknowledgement to all the brethren of South West Lodge No. 283 who have reposed their trust and confidence in me. I am excitedly appreciative of this opportunity and I thank you for giving me this pleasure to serve as Master and I am very hopeful that with your most valued cooperation, together we will all make a difference in our ancient and honorable Fraternity.

To the elected and appointed officers; thank you again for agreeing to serve with me. We will endeavor to make good decisions and strive in achieving our universal aims, the enduring and relevant principles of our fraternity; Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. It is indeed a great honor to serve. I am proud and humbled to serve as Master of South West Lodge No. 283.

To all the ladies, I cannot thank you enough for your unending support and being in the lodge extending your best efforts in all our projects and activities. My family and I again give thanks to all the brethren for your support and donations. The success of the Installation would not have been possible without the collective efforts by all involved.

I am excited for the coming year, but mindful of the burdens and responsibilities that come with the role. But with the support of our dedicated Past Masters and brethren and our wonderful core of current officers, I can look ahead to the coming year with vigor, vitality and positive attitude. I am looking forward to another great year for Freemasonry in general and South West Lodge in particular. May the blessings this holiday season brings be with you and your family!

Upon the Square,

FRATERNALLY,

**Godfrey D. Catbagan - MASTER**

### SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283 - 2019 LODGE OFFICERS

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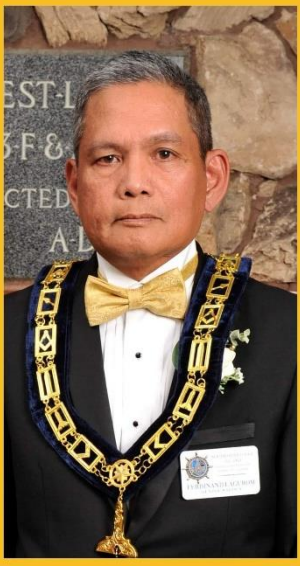
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**FROM THE WEST**

2020 is the year of the rat. let us welcome this new year with a positive outlook Brethren. Gone are the hatred to one another. Gone are the envy, negative wishes, and tainting the good name of a brother. We only live once, and that life can be so short so we must not spend even any single second being hard to one another. We may not like one or two brothers, but we don't need to despise and speak bad names against them. We are a brotherhood of good men so let us live and breathe to be one. Salutations to our newly installed brother in the East Worshipful Godfrey Catbagan.

We are sure that you will be a just and good leader of our fraternity. Lots should be done still to coherse our group but with your friendly personality we know you can herd once again the wayward sheep who are slowly dripping away from our lodge. I am just unable to give my full support on you Worshipful Master due to more important calling from my family. I have wished to be on your side in all your projects, but I can no longer join you Worshipful.

I will pass this great opportunity right now in the West to be with my family knowing that I might someday have the same chance again, if it still finds me. Thank you again my brethren for accepting me in the best lodge in the South and the best lodge in the West the SOUTH WEST LODGE 283. May we have a happy and prosperous new year ahead of us.

ON THE LEVEL:

FRATERNALLY,

**Ferdinand G. Lacurom**- SENIOR WARDEN

**FROM THE SOUTH**

First and foremost, before I say anything else, this being my first time to contribute to this Trestle board, I would like to thank each and every one and express my heartfelt gratitude to the brethren of South West Lodge No. 283 for electing me as the Junior Warden of our beloved lodge for the ensuing masonic year 2020. It is a distinct honor and a great privilege for me to be elected as an officer of our lodge. With your unfaltering and undying support, I am very confident that I will be able to discharge the duties of a Junior Warden to the full extent of my abilities. With the help and support of our resident chef, Worshipful Ed Yaptangco, and our ever-reliable kitchen crew, it will be my personal goal to continue to serve

the best refreshments and meals during our degrees, stated meetings and other special events.

There were several major events that happened on the month of December. We had our last stated meeting for the year 2019 on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December and the last one presided by our outgoing Worshipful Master Ralph Banci. Congratulations to my double brother for the excellent job of leading our lodge to a very successful year. It was well-attended with about 50 Master Masons present and it was indeed another great evening of fellowship. It being also the Christmas party of our lodge, exchange of gifts was done by our sisters spearheaded by Sister Lorraine. There was also the usual line dancing led and directed by Brother Willie Francia, which everyone had enjoyed specially the ladies. As usual, a vast array of sumptuous food was again provided by Worshipful Ed and the kitchen crew.

The highlight to cap the year was our annual installation of officers in 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2019. It was indeed a very solemn ceremony. We have a tremendous, willing and able line of officers for 2020. The installation was indeed attended by a great number of guests coming from various lodges near and far. The post-installation party that followed was festive and certainly a most enjoyable evening, to say the least. It was a very upbeat mood all throughout the night.

Being my first time to be an elected officer, I am deeply honored to be given this opportunity to serve our great and honorable lodge. To my fellow officers and to all the brethren of South West Lodge No. 283, may the GAOTU bless us with his divine guidance and lead us to a very successful year. Happy New Year!

BY THE PLUMB:

FRATERNALLY,

**Ronald Ray A. Banci** - JUNIOR WARDEN

**SECRETARY'S NOTICE: Brethren – DUES PAYMENT for YEAR 2020**

**\$ 111.00 . PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES – Checks addressed to South West Lodge No. 283: Mail it to South West Lodge No. 283, PO Box 283, National City, CA 91951-0283**

§809.120. LODGE REVOLVING FUNDS.

A Lodge may establish two revolving funds. One such fund, consisting of not more than \$1,000, may be established for the use of its Stewards or Junior Warden, as the Master may determine, in providing refreshments for all regular Lodge functions. One such fund, consisting of not more than \$500, may be established for the use of its Secretary for his incidental expenses. Each such revolving fund may be replenished monthly on presentation of receipted vouchers and shall remain subject to provisions of this Code. [Amended: 2019.] [Source: Section 21020 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

For more information, please refer to the Appendix on Grand Masters' Decisions.



William J. Fulton	1-Jan
Rolando M. Gonzales	1-Jan
Martin R. Ibanez	1-Jan
Angel A. Arellano	2-Jan
Vittorio J. Chiong	3-Jan
Richard D. Ramones	3-Jan
Oscar M. Decastro	3-Jan
Estelito A. Oxina	5-Jan
Rimando S. Gabat	7-Jan
Tyler J. Garcia	7-Jan
Joseph B. Lipa	7-Jan
James Darr, Jr	8-Jan
Jon T. Montemayor	9-Jan
Rolando M. Gonzales	9-Jan
Frisco D. Dino, Jr.	10-Jan
Nicanor G. Ramos	10-Jan
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Virgilio M. Esguerra	11-Jan
Benedicto R. Cruz	12-Jan
Reynaldo F. Halili	12-Jan
Cesar S. Almanon	13-Jan
Jeromy C. Hunt	13-Jan
Thomas W. Moynahan, Jr.	13-Jan
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Eugene I. Fredeluces	15-Jan
Adriell C. Gonzales	15-Jan
Alan O. Escuro	16-Jan
Benhur M. Evangelista	16-Jan
Delfin M. Gutierrez	16-Jan
Lawrence L. Cuatico	17-Jan
Antonio E. Ferma	17-Jan
Jose Sergio L. Cadiena, Jr.	18-Jan
Roehl C. Espinosa	18-Jan
Rodolfo C. Galleta	18-Jan
Delfin Q. Academia	19-Jan
Enrico T. Farinas	19-Jan
Romeo L. Batin	20-Jan
Jesus H. Ladrán	20-Jan
Raulito F. Galgana, Jr.	21-Jan
Renato L. Reyes	21-Jan
Raymundo P. De Leon	22-Jan
William Enrile	23-Jan
Dan V. Norris	23-Jan
Paul A. Aquipel	24-Jan
Rodney D. Inciong	24-Jan
Angelito J. Alfaro	25-Jan
Alfredo E. Marigundon	25-Jan
Henry B. Sunglao	25-Jan
Lolito L. Luna	26-Jan
Rodrick L. Thomas	26-Jan
Michael L. Chapman	27-Jan
Rainier C. Dela Cruz	27-Jan
Luis L. Manzo	27-Jan
Ismael D. Nardo, Jr.	28-Jan
Anthony Jordan P. Llamas	29-Jan
Ornell H. Halabaso	29-Jan
Rodrigo G. Divina	29-Jan
Edgard D. Rodel	30-Jan
Edwin Datuin	31-Jan
Jaime V. Magno	31-Jan

## CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

### PART I

#### **DEFINED TERMS**

The following definitions shall constitute the meaning of such terms wherever used in the Constitution or Ordinances of the Grand Lodge.

#### **§100.010. BALLOT:**

A secret vote by balls and cubes or in writing (which in a Communication of the Grand Lodge includes a computer punch card, any other form of electronic ballot used by a direct-recording electronic voting machine, a computer network voting system or any other electronic vote tabulation system). Ballots should be in writing unless the context requires balls and cubes.

*[Amended: 2015.] [Source: Section 10 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

#### **§100.015. CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE:**

The Constitution and Ordinances of the Grand Lodge, as the same may be amended from time to time, sometimes referred to as "this Code."

#### **§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.

#### **§100.040. GRAND LODGE CEREMONIES:**

The Grand Lodge's public and private ceremonies: the Grand Lodge opening and closing ceremonies, the Laying of Cornerstones ceremony for or the dedication of a Masonic or public building, Cornerstone Removal ceremony, Institution of New Lodges ceremony, Constitution of Newly Chartered Lodges ceremony, Presentation of 50-Year Pins (Golden Veterans Award) ceremony, Presentation of 50-Year (Or Other) Awards on Behalf of Other Masonic Jurisdictions, Presentation of 75-Year Pins ceremony, Dedication of Masonic Halls ceremony, Lodge Anniversary and Dedication Ceremony, Dedication of Public Schools Buildings ceremony, Dedication of Burial Plots ceremony, Mortgage Burning Ceremony and, with the approval of the Grand Master after consultation with the Grand Lecturer, any other ceremonies as from time to time may be necessary.

#### **§100.045. IN GOOD STANDING:**

When dues are current or have been remitted at any time within the preceding 12 months, even though the dues accruing since remission have not been paid. *[Source: Section 15 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*

#### **§100.090. SUMMONS:**

An imperative order issued by the Master and attested to by the Secretary or by other competent authority to appear as specified. A trial summons is a summons issued for the purpose of answering one or more Masonic charges. *[Source: Section 23 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]*



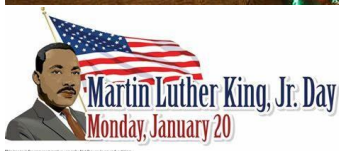
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OF SPECIAL INTEREST



MONTHLY SCHEDULE		JANUARY 2020			MASTER GODFREY D. CATBAGAN	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>---NOTE---</b> Dress code for Stated Meeting and Special Meeting is Business Suit or Barong Tagalog			1 Lodge prep for stated meeting <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2 630PM – Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM – Stated Meeting	3	4 300PM -Installation of Officers, Amity Lodge
5	6 7PM - Jobs Daughters Meeting	7	8 630PM – Entered Apprentice proficiency (TBD)	9 630PM – Second Degree conferral, Bro. Jeff Onate	10 7PM – Demolay Meeting	11
12	13	14	15 Practice, Entered apprentice Proficiency Fellowship	16 630PM – First degree conferral, Mr. Christian Serrano	17	18
19	20 7PM - Jobs Daughters Meeting <b>Martin Luther King, Jr.            Day</b>	21	22 630PM – Practice, Proficiency, Fellowship	23 63PM - Second degree conferral, Bro. Rayan Alarca	24 700PM – Demolay Meeting	25
26	27	28 630PM – DOSI, DOM @ Chula Vista Lodge	29 630PM – Degree practice, Proficiency	30 630PM – Degree conferral, TBD	31	