

SOUTH WEST LODGE NO. 283



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FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren, Family and Friends and Happy Independence Day, USA!

Thank you to all the ladies, brethren and family of Southwest Lodge #283 for attending and supporting

our June stated meeting. Chief Hernandez, Chief of Police of National City, was impressed with our lodge and attendance. You are the true embodiment of dedication and hard work. Your commitment plays a pivotal role in our achievements. And I am very thankful for your tireless efforts and contributions.

Special mention goes to Brother Junior Warden Kiko Onate, for coordinating the refreshments and clean-up of our dining hall. A great many thanks to Hermano Tae Kim for assisting in setting-up the video aid for Chief Hernandez' presentation. Furthermore, many thanks to our Temple Hall for identifying and fixing building discrepancies. Shout out to Brother Johnny Cirujales, Brother Andy Padilla, Brother Lynnyrd De la Paz and WB Bing General.

A job well done for the excellent job is extended to our lodge Audit Committee during the most recently concluded audit by the district inspector. Remarkable efforts by WBro Jake Borillo, WBro Larry Devera, WBro Ron Banci, and Brother Lynnyrd Delapaz in ensuring our records are correct and submitted on a timely manner. WBro Jay Sener has lauded our records keeping and for doing our lodge activity as per the masonic schedule. Thank you to all the lodge officers and Temple Hall officer and directors who were present and participated in the very informative and productive audit.

Please continue supporting the San Diego Food Bank for our annual Food Drive. Brother Ira Castro was able to extend the food drive to give us more time to bring food items and/or donate cash. We have two red containers inside the dining hall for your non-perishable food donations.

Upon the square!

Fraternally,

Juven Egana, Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

Freemasonry, a centuries-old fraternal organization, and the enduring friendship between the Philippines and the United States share a nuanced and fascinating historical connection. While Freemasonry itself is not a

diplomatic entity, its principles and historical influence have intersected with pivotal moments in both Philippine and American history contributing to shared values and cultural exchanges that have influenced Philippine-American relations over the years. American Freemasonry played a role in this period, with American Freemasons engaging in philanthropic activities and contributing to educational initiatives in the Philippines. This cultural exchange facilitated by Freemasonry helped shape Filipino attitudes towards American culture and values. Freemasonry's principles of tolerance, mutual respect, and civic responsibility resonated with American ideals of democracy and individual liberty. Despite the political complexities of the colonial period, Freemasonry provided a common ground where Filipinos and Americans could interact as equals, fostering mutual understanding and respect between individuals from both nations.

The values of brotherhood and enlightenment remain intertwined with the broader narrative of Philippine-American friendship. The enduring connections established through Freemasonry have contributed to a deeper cultural understanding between the peoples of both nations, transcending political boundaries and fostering enduring friendships among individuals. Freemasonry served as a conduit for intellectual exchange and collaboration during crucial moments in Philippine history, leaving a lasting imprint on the cultural landscape of both nations. While the formal diplomatic relations between the Philippines and the United States have evolved over time, the legacy of Freemasonry continues to inspire a spirit of friendship and goodwill between the peoples of these two nations.

On the Level!

Fraternally,

Daniel Onate, Senior Warden



*** FROM THE SOUTH ***

As Independence Day rolls around, it's all about fireworks, barbecues, and celebrating our freedom. While we're having fun, it's cool to think about how Freemasonry connects to the values we're honoring. Freemasonry, with its focus on brotherhood, liberty, and equality, has had a surprising impact on America's journey to independence.

A bunch of the Founding Fathers were Freemasons, including big names like George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Paul Revere. These guys learned a lot from their Masonic lodges about justice, equality, and self-improvement, and these ideas were crucial in shaping their vision for a new, free nation.

Freemasonry is all about working towards the greater good, which fits perfectly with the spirit of Independence Day. The organization's emphasis on moral integrity and civic duty pushed many of its members to play key roles in the fight for independence. They didn't see the American Revolution as just a political struggle; for them, it was a moral mission to build a society where freedom and justice could thrive.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July and the birth of the United States, it's worth giving a nod to the influence of Freemasonry. The values that Freemasons stand for—freedom, equality, and fraternity—are the same values that fueled the revolution and continue to define what it means to be American.

Today, Freemasons across the country honor this legacy by getting involved in community service, promoting ethical leadership, and fostering brotherhood. They celebrate Independence Day not just as citizens but as part of a tradition that has long supported the principles that make this well-deserved holiday special.

So, while you're enjoying the festivities, take a moment to appreciate and give credit to the Masonic ideals that helped shape our nation. Their dedication to liberty and justice is part of the American story, reminding us that the fight for freedom is a shared journey passed down through generations.

By the Plumb,

Fraternally,
Francis Ryan Onate,
Junior Warden

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FROM THE SECRETARY CORNER

Dues payment for 2024 is now **\$125.50 (lodge dues \$60+65.50 GrandLodge per capita)** if you pay to the lodge; You can pay to the Grand Lodge using credit card. You will pay **\$129.69.** extra \$4.14 processing pay.

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

§804.530. OBJECTION BY A MEMBER AFTER INITIATION. If objection to advancement is made by any Master Mason who is a member in good standing of the Lodge after the candidate's initiation, before being raised, the cause for the objection must be stated. If no cause is stated, the Master may disregard the objection and proceed to confer the remaining degree or degrees. If the cause seems insufficient to the Master, he shall relate the matter to the Lodge at its next Stated Meeting, and the Lodge shall then decide, by majority vote, whether or not further investigation shall be made. If the objection seems to the Master to be sufficient or to merit investigation, or if the Lodge shall so decide, the Master shall:

- A. Appoint a committee to inquire into the cause of the objection;
- B. Fix the time and place for its meeting;
- C. Have the objector and the applicant notified thereof; and
- D. Have Masons whose statements seem necessary or proper summoned to appear.

[Amended: 2013, 2016.] [Source: Section 26250 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§804.540. COMMITTEE TO RESOLVE OBJECTION. The Committee appointed to resolve an objection shall meet at the time and place fixed. The Master shall be a non-voting member and chairman of the Committee. The Secretary, or a member appointed in his place, shall record the proceedings. The Committee may receive the statements of Masons or non-Masons in such manner as it determines. Any oral statements made shall be taken down in narrative or other form by the Secretary or, at the Master's option, by electronic recording. The Committee may adjourn from time to time and shall have complete charge of the investigation. It may hear the statements privately or in the presence of the objector and applicant or either of them. Neither shall be allowed any objection to the Committee or its methods. The Committee shall report at the next Stated Meeting, unless further time is given by the Master or the Lodge. The Committee's report shall state fully the cause of objection and its conclusions thereon. The statements upon which the report is based shall be read in the Lodge, if required.

[Amended: 2010.] [Source: Section 26260 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§804.550. DECISION OF LODGE ON OBJECTION. After receiving the report from the Committee appointed to resolve the objection, the Lodge shall vote by ballot on whether or not the objection is valid and Masonic. If in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, the objection is not a valid and Masonic one, the Lodge may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made, and the Master shall not allow the same objection to be made a second time. The decision is final and may not be reconsidered, and no appeal may be taken. If the objection is found to be valid and Masonic, that part of the fee for the degree or degrees not taken by the applicant shall be returned to him. The candidate denied advancement shall have the status of one rejected for the unconferrred degrees. His status shall be reported to the Grand Secretary, and the time interval applying to other rejections of an application must elapse before a new application may be made for advancement. The application shall be made on the form approved by Grand Master and shall take the usual course of investigation and ballot.

[Amended: 2015.] [Source: Section 26270 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]



James	O	Peter III		1-Jul
Rico	A	Reyes		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
Rolyn	F	Abugan		12-Jul
Ernesto	M	Carlos	Jr.	12-Jul
Khyree	C	Kee		12-Jul
Aaron	E	Shahenian		12-Jul
Franklin	B	Osana	Sr.	15-Jul
Romeo	J	Dumpit	PM	18-Jul
Armin	T	Poquiz		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
Omar		Michel		23-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	Jr.	27-Jul
Roldan	C	Marzo		28-Jul
Joseph	C	Estrellas		31-Jul
Reynaldo	C	Naval		31-Jul

JOSEPH L. SHELL DAYLIGHT LODGE IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MASONS

Greetings Brethren;

Joseph L. Shell Daylight Lodge No. 837 is looking for a few good masons! If you would like to lengthen your cabletow and expand your circle of brethren; if you work at night and cannot regularly attend your lodge; if you prefer not to drive at night; if you would like to sharpen, maintain or improve your ritual skills; if you would like to work in the quarry as an officer of a lodge, THEN visit and join us. Our Stated Meeting is held on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 am at the San Diego Scottish Rite Building.

Why this message? Because we are hurting! We are short on members and short on Officers! If we don't improve our situation, we face closing the doors and surrendering our Charter! We cannot consolidate. There is no other Daylight Lodge in San Diego County. A Daylight Lodge is a necessity in a large metropolitan area to serve our brethren that cannot regularly attend a Lodge in the evening hours. Imagine only one regular Lodge in San Diego, and in a precarious condition such as Joseph L. Shell Daylight Lodge. With the help of a few good masons, we will continue to provide our brethren with a place to meet during daylight hours.

Thank you,

Abel Parra, Master

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE		JULY 2024				JUVEN M. EGANA MASTER	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4 	5	6	
7	8 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	9	10 630PM-Temple Board Meeting, Prep for Stated 630PM-Degree Rehearsal/Proficiency	11 630PM-Stated Meeting Dinner 730PM-Stated Meeting, (Attire Dark Suit, Barong, Western)	12 7PM- Demolay Meeting	13	
14	15	16	17 630PM-Degree Rehearsal/Proficiency	18 630PM- Degree Conferral, TBA	19	20	
21	22 7PM-Jobs Daughter Meeting	23	24 630PM- Degree Rehearsal/Proficiency	25 6:30 PM-DOSI - Admin, 3rd Deg/2nd Sect, Closing (Long Form)	26 7PM- Demolay Meeting	27	
28	29	30	31 630PM- Degree Rehearsal/Proficiency	*DRESS CODE* Stated Meeting & Special Meeting, Polo Barong/ Barong Tagalog "WESTERN"			