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From the East...

Greetings

My Brothers, the year 2008 is off to a very fast start. Just at the very first week of January alone, I experienced the ups and downs as Master. The lodge suffered with no hot water for several days especially at our stated meeting and extended to the Jobs Daughter Installation of Officers. The Lodge's water heater succumbed to the last of its usefulness and at the same instance the kitchen sink clogged up. Together with the Senior Warden, we decided to buy a new water heater, at my own personal expense, if only to accommodate our lodge's immediate need. Through the technical expertise of several brothers we saved the lodge over a thousand dollars in labor expense. The system is now fully running and many thanks to all the brethren who spent their Sunday with us. These brothers know who they are.

On the positive side we conferred several brothers in January and received some membership applications. This means we will have a busy schedule ahead of us. So I will need everyone's cooperation and assistance to open the door of Masonry to these applicants and those that are up to be raised. We now enter February 2008, the month of LOVE! I wish you and your love one, A HAPPY VALENTINE. We have a brunch scheduled for our Widows and Ladies which is to be on February 16th, which is a Saturday. Hope you all could come.

The appellation of the month of February comes from the ancient Roman calendar and the word "februa". During this time in the Roman year a fertility festival was held which involved the purification of crops (and people) by gently thrashing with goat-skin strips known as februa. This ritual was intended to ensure a bountiful harvest to come. Also, during this festival young men and women would submit out their names into a large urn to be drawn out and the young men and maidens thus paired would be sweethearts for the following year, (the original Valentine).

Many rituals of Freemasonry are likewise rooted in antiquity. Each new generation has the opportunity to embrace this ancient wisdom and make it applicable to the current world in which we live. Sometimes this requires adapting long held customs, but the original wisdom is maintained and made more relevant and meaningful by such adaptation.

Again, I wish you all a very happy Valentines Day.



F'raternally.... Rudy M. Duero, Master

Many writers and thinkers tried to define Freemasonry but it really defeats definition. It is too complex, too profound in conception, to easily express the words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase "the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God." Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of the mindless computer which governs our lives, or the fission of matter which threatens our lives, but they understood human nature and what motivates the spirit of man. Thus from the simple process of using stone and mortar for building they progressed to the most important of life's functions, the building of character.

- Louis L. Williams



From the West...

As we embark unto a new Masonic year, our Lodge has many events and conferrals waiting for us. I therefore call on all SWL Brethren to come and support our Master's plans and scheduled events. Our Lodge has always been very active and without those whose dedication and love of the Craft showing their most valued support we would not succeed and prosper as a Fraternity and the SWL in particular.

Lodge attendance is not a mandatory requirement as ancient Lodges did, nor is there a penalty for not attending. However, every member has an obligation to be loyal to the Lodge which gave him the Masonic light and all the benefits that come with his membership. This should be your inducement to attend the Lodge, participate in its activities, aid and assist those are coming in to receive degrees in our Lodge. And Most of all enjoy the fellowship that is an important part of Freemasonry.

We will have the Widows Luncheon this month and it is scheduled on February 16th. Please come and show your support. Your presence will impart the idea that we still care for their welfare. This yearly event will surely will make the widows happy once they see a lot of smiling faces who are around to grace their day.

Lastly, I would like to call all the brethren to come and participate in our plan to have a monthly fellowship night which we were thinking of doing every first Tuesday of the Month. It is an informal gathering where you can invite your friends to come. This is the best opportunity to voice your ideas, opinions, concerns, complaints or anything you have in mind for the betterment of the Fraternity but more particularly our South West Lodge. Let us all unite and put our minds together to seek good ideas on how we can make this Lodge a more attractive place to relax, and most of all a place where all of us can be proud to say, "We are members of South West Lodge."

Fraternally....Larry A. De Vera, Senior Warden



From the South ...

This may sound redundant to some but I feel it is worth noting , again and again, the most valued participation rendered by all the brethren on the untimely demise of our olden water heater together with the clogged sink. The lending hand extended by all is well appreciated. I echo the same feeling of gratitude as expressed by our master. The coordinated effort of those brethren who, without hesitation, spent their Sunday at the lodge to accomplish what was necessary is a show of willingness always worth our attention.

Also, a well deserved appreciation to Brother Ed Yaptangco and all those unselfishly lent a hand on the preparation of our dinner at our last stated meeting dinner. South West brotherhood is quite exemplary. I salute you all.

As I write this article, we (I and the rest of the brethren who help me coordinate) have not yet decided on the menu for February's stated meeting dinner. Stepping into this responsibility as Junior Warden is quite a challenge I have never thought it would be. As the days go by I will continue to learn and fulfill my duties with great care and responsibilities of which I am expected.

As I have previously stated, I invite all those deserving and qualified brethren to send their article to be published in this column. With the aid of the master, senior warden, editor and typesetter, your article will be given considerations for publication if found worthy and acceptable.

Fraternally..... Percy E. Tiu, Junior Warden



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Freemasonry has promoted fellowship, it has nurtured brotherhood, it has practiced charity. It has education, it has been founded on truth and cardinal virtues. But what is Masonry's greatest mission in life today? What should be the thrust of modern Masonry? Those are the answers we are presently seeking, and on our success in finding the answer depends the future of our Fraternity.



FELLOWCRAFT MASON

Bro.Jonathan Montoya..January 16,2008

QUOTABLE QUOTES

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.
- Benjamin Franklin

I thoroughly believe in a universal education for both men and women; but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without a Bible.
- William Lyon

Phelps If you see something wrong and don't correct it, you have just set a new standard.
- Author Unknown

Character is what you are in the dark.
- Dwight L. Moody

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From the Secretary Desk ...

Hope everyone has a pleasant Happy New Year and in good health. I just want to remind the brethren who haven't paid their dues for the year 2008 or 2007. If you have not receive the envelope, just mail your payment to : South West Lodge 283 PO Box 283, National City Ca, 91951-0283

Fraternally... Jake Borillo, PM, Secretary

Sunshine Corner...

For any brother who in any way or the other receive news about any brother who are in need, sick/ill, or in distress, please inform the Lodge (619)477-4488 or the Master, or email the Secretary at swl283@sbcglobal.net

We do not know if a brother is sick or maybe in the hospital with major health problem. We would like to include them in our prayers and wish them speedy recovery through visitation and get-well card. Thank you!

Brother Bayani "Bob" Lopez suffered a heart attack and he is at Scripps Mercy Hospital (tenth floor). We hope and pray for his speedy recovery.

**CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE SECTION 15040
MASONIC INTERCOURSE**

A Mason shall not have Masonic communication with:

- A. Any person who is not a member of a Masonic Lodge chartered by or holding allegiance to a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of California; or
- B. An expelled or suspended Mason. While outside the State of California, a Mason may have Masonic communication with any person legally present at the tiled meeting of a Masonic Lodge or Masonic Organization chartered by or holding allegiance to a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of California. This exception includes the tiled meetings of any such recognized Grand Lodge. During such a tiled meeting, a Mason may have Masonic communication with any person legally present even though such a person is not a member of a Masonic Lodge chartered by or holding allegiance to a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of California. This exception applies only during such a tiled meeting and at no other time. While in any state or territory outside the State of California, a Mason shall not have Masonic communication with any person who is a member of a Masonic Lodge which has been chartered by, or holds allegiance to, a Grand Lodge which is not recognized by the Grand Lodge which we recognize with jurisdiction over that state or territory. No Masonic Organization in this Jurisdiction may permit any man suspended or expelled as a Mason in this or any other Jurisdiction to retain membership in it, or attend its tiled meetings.

A MASONIC THOUGHT...

- From A Masonic Thought for Each Day of the Year – Compiled by Alphonse Cerza

When we talk about strength in Freemasonry we associate it with life, with manhood, so that in reality we are talking about spiritual strength. I hope that my use of the word "spiritual" does not suggest that I am getting out of touch with reality. Some associate the word with a long-faced and lugubrious piety. They think of the spiritual man as an ethereal sort of being suspended in a state of levitation between heaven and earth. Emphasis upon the spiritual, however, does not mean that a man must live with his head in the clouds, oblivious of the fact that he lives in a material world and must deal with material things.

It does mean that he must not become the victim of an obsessive and sterile secularism. It does mean that we must develop spiritual strength that will enable us to give expression to the ideals of the Craft, and live by the principles that we proclaim. Wisdom that is obedience to law is necessary as support to the Temple, but must be spiritual strength or there will be no obedience to law. Freemasonry, and by that I mean everything that is involved in the Craft, is no stronger, ever, than the spiritual strength of its members.

- Dr. Thomas S. Roy