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From the East....

We have one month down and eleven more to go. But who needs to count when you are having fun? Actually, attending to the myriad of duties a Master must heed is not what one would consider fun things. Although the responsibility might seem overwhelming, the challenges are quite easily accomplished when there are cooperative efforts extended by many brothers. From Past Masters to petitioners, from the old to the new

members, it is an absolute thrill to see and feel the enthusiasm evoked by everyone. I feel blessed to lead this lodge knowing full well the aura of togetherness and goodness of heart coming from all angles.

As far as our level of weekly degree work responsibilities is concerned, we are still busy on that. As one brother mentioned; we may not have too much practice days but with the many candidates we do degrees upon, the continued and repetitive occurrences enhance our proficiency in the process.

For the month of January we had five first-time visitors at the lodge. It was also a welcome sight to see brethren who came to visit after long absences. We had the opportunity to welcome our active duty military brothers back home from their overseas stints, others from long deployment, merchant marine brothers in port for their "rest & recreation", others just having been away for a while and a brother stationed overseas back to obtain his fellowcraft degree. Being new to South West Lodge and Masonry as a whole, I met some of these folks for the first time and it was such a wonderful sight and event to experience. It would be more pleasing to us new members to meet many older members (not just age) and share what we have in common.

For sure many of you are already inundated with the upcoming important event for our lodge. But yet it is better to be well informed than wonder what is coming. On March 3, 2012, we will hold the re-dedication ceremony to celebrate our 125th anniversary. We expect the attendance of our Grand Master, Frank Loui and other Grand Lodge officers, the District Grand Lecturer, District Inspectors, and many others. And probably if the Mayor of National is not busy, he could also be in attendance to grace the day. Save the date and join us.

NOTE TO EVERYONE: Due to advent of modern technology, we have decided to end the mailing of the trestle board. You will receive your copy through email. This is your second to the last notice. You will need to send notifications if you do not have email account and still wish to receive a copy by postal mail.



By the Square

Fraternally.....Raul S. Nooris, Master



From the West...

I send fraternal greetings to everyone. As we embark on our new year's commitments, may I again call on the endless support of all the brethren towards our endeavor of fulfilling our virtuous duties as masons: brotherly love, relief and truth. It would be of significant value to see many of you come and visit your lodge. Let us show our support, especially in attendance, at our stated meetings and degree conferrals. We never run out of candidates to confer degrees and would be meaningful to them to see a very good number of faces even on the sidelines. February is the shortest month of the year so let's make the most of it. Let us support many, if not all, the planned activities of our Worshipful Master. On March 3rd, we will conduct our 125th re-dedication ceremony to commemorate our lodge anniversary. There is a multitude of committees created to attend to the many details required in preparation for this event. Please take the initiative to volunteer yourself. Just as the saying goes: advance to be recognized.

If you have set aside your copy of the latest California Freemason magazine you have missed the article chronicling our incredible accomplishment. Through the combined efforts of our many brothers we have once again garnered first place honors in degrees conferred in all three categories: EAs, FC's, and MMs, for the whole jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California.

More than ever your support is important to our success. I am calling on all the brethren of South West Lodge for their continued support on all lodge endeavors. Join us in all our activities and charitable work.



On the Level

Fraternaly... Roberto I. General, Senior Warden



From the Secretary's Desk ...

DELINQUENT DUES REMINDER. There are still a number of our members who are delinquent in their Dues payment. I like to remind those brothers concerned that according to CMC, "if a member 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". Please pay your Dues now, my brothers. **Dues Payment for 2012** – Grand Lodge has increased per capita payment for 2012 to \$35 plus lodge dues \$30 equal to **\$65.00**

FRATERNALLY: Jake Borillo, PM



From the South...

The usual 28 days in February will be increased by an extra day this year thus making it 29 days which comprises 2012 to become a Leap Year-the Year of the Dragon, according to our Feng-shui experts. Leap Years are four-year occurrences. How lucky are those leap-year birthday celebrants: they not only age every four years but also save on the much expensive birthday parties?

The second section of the lecture in Fellow Craft Degree describes something about the globe: "...besides serving as maps or situation of the fixed stars, is to illustrate and explain the phenomena arising from the annual revolution of the earth around the sun," which entails the earth revolving around the sun 365 and 1/4 days. Now to rid the 1/4 days and according to history, to sync with the solar year, the Egyptians were the first to come up with the idea of adding a leap day once every four years to keep up with the calendar. Later, the Romans adopted this solution for their calendar, and they became the first to designate February 29 as the leap day. Romans chose February because this month is what they termed a lazy month. And just like relative to the Five Orders of Architecture, we are indebted to the Egyptians and not the Romans, who made the calendar exactly 365 days every four years.

Folklore says on Leap Years single ladies go hunting for their prey-the most eligible bachelors. So, watch out my single and available Brethren shot gun marriage are eminent on Year 2012. Considering also that Valentine's Day falls on the month of February.

Wish You All the Best and Happy Heart.



By the Plumb

Fraternaly... Daniel O. Pepa, Junior Warden

Freemasonry is a system of morality, veiled in allegory, illustrated by symbols. Not a religion but religious in character, it is a philosophy of ethical conduct which imparts moral and social virtues and fosters brotherly love. Its tenets have endured since man turned the first pages of civilization. They embody the understanding by which man can transcend ordinary experience and build "a house not made with hands" in harmony with the Great Architect of the Universe. Yet Freemasonry can never conflict with a man's relationship to God or fellow man. Sectarian religious or partisan political discussion in a lodge is strictly prohibited. Every Mason stands equal among his brothers, regardless of walk of life, and none is turned away for financial need.



CONSTITUTION of the GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA

Adopted October 11, 2006

§10.000. NAME.

This organization is an unincorporated association which shall be known as "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California." [Source: Section 110 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

§20.000. MEMBERS.

- A. Grand Lodge shall be composed of a Grand Master (whose manner of address shall be Most Worshipful), a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, and a Junior Grand Warden (whose manner of address shall be Right Worshipful), a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Secretary and a Grand Lecturer (whose manner of address shall be Very Worshipful), a Grand Chaplain (whose manner of address shall be Very Reverend), the Assistant Grand Lecturers, a Grand Orator, an Assistant Grand Secretary, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Grand Bible Bearer, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, a Senior Grand Steward, a Junior Grand Steward, a Grand Pursuivant, a Grand Organist, a Grand Tiler, and, at the discretion of the Grand Master, an Assistant Grand Organist and an Assistant Grand Tiler (whose manner of address shall be Worshipful), together with all of the Past Grand Officers and Past Masters of this Jurisdiction, and the Master and Wardens of the several chartered and duly constituted Lodges (except Research Lodges or the Grand Master's Lodge) of this Jurisdiction or the representatives thereof duly elected. A Past Grand Officer is someone who has been regularly elected by the members of Grand Lodge and installed as one of the first seven Grand Lodge officers listed above and who has served his full term in that office; and
- B. Members of Grand Lodge shall meet in Communications to conduct whatever business may properly come before them.



Congratulations!



FEBRUARY 2012

- MARCELINO A. HERNANDO February 2
- RICARDO R. CERILLO February 2
- GERONIMO M. NAZARENO, JR. February 2
- JESUS T. EGARAN February 2
- VALIANT S. GORDON February 2
- RICHARD S. BROWN February 2
- RICARDO A. NACARIO February 3
- EYMARD L. CRUZ February 4
- ROBERT L. CHALFA February 4
- CRISPULO L. OBANA JR. February 5
- JIMMY A. PALIS February 5
- AMANDO L. LASTRELLA February 6
- BERNARDO A. JIMENEZ February 6
- BARRY L. BARNETT February 7
- FEDERICO P. SERNEO February 7
- SANTOS C. QUITORIANO, JR. February 8
- CONRADO P. TIONG February 8
- DANNY D. BERMOY February 8
- FRANCISCO R. RAPADA JR. February 9
- ERNESTO B. AVILA February 10
- YUL A. EBLAMO February 10
- JERRY A. LLEVA February 11
- ANTONIO F. PANADO February 11
- MICHAEL G. REDDING February 12
- CLARENCE L. MIZE February 13
- EDUARDO N. YAPTANGCO February 15
- GLENN B. LLANES February 15
- EUGENE J. RAMSEY February 17
- ROBERTO A. NACARIO February 18
- GERALD L. LUZON February 18
- JOSE C. PIZARRO February 19
- NESTOR T. ANORMA February 19
- JOSEPH E. EDRA February 20
- VICTOR B. AVENDANO February 20
- OSCAR I. MEDINA February 21
- HIMERIO H. GARCIA February 24
- EDWARD F. FLORENDO February 25
- VICTOR PARRA February 26
- ALBERT O. ARIZALA February 26
- CESAR S. MADLANGBAYAN February 27
- JAY B. CABAUATAN February 27
- JUN F. YAP February 27
- STEPHEN D. HANCOCK February 27
- GERALD D. RUSSELL February 28

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS:

- Bro. Mario Trejo, Jr January 18, 2012
- Bro. Garrett R. O'neal January 18, 2012

FELLOWCRAFT MASON:

- Bro. Joshua L. Almosara January 11, 2012

MASTER MASONS:

- Bro. Yul A. Eblamo January 12, 2012
- Bro. Jude S. Cabrera January 26, 2012

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DEAR BROTHER,

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