From the East

Constructing the California Masonic Memorial Temple, an excerpt from July and August 2017 issue of California Freemason Magazine.

“In September 1958 in San Francisco, the Giants were closing out their first baseball season since moving from New York to California, and singer Billie Holiday was finishing up her West Coast tour at the legendary Black Hawk jazz club.

As those chapters were coming to an end, another chapter in San Francisco was just beginning: On September 29 of that year, California Masons dedicated a new home for Grand Lodge - the California Masonic Memorial Temple on Nob Hill. Located at 1111 California St., the marble-encased edifice was intended to be, as then-Grand Master Leo E. Anderson put it, a “beacon of light for all Masons.”

Nearly 60 years later, the building has served that purpose and more. The California Masonic Memorial Temple has also become a beacon for the surrounding community, boasting an architectural character that adds a touch of modernity to its Nob Hill neighborhood.

“It is an expression of the beauty of Masonry,” recalled Harold Hand in 1998. Hand, who has since passed away, attended the 1958 dedication when he was master of South Pasadena Lodge No. 290. “It gives people coming through an entirely different perspective from what you see in the East Coast lodge buildings. It’s a newer age, I do like it.”

Revered in many guidebooks for its formidable presence and unique personality, the structure is located across the street from the neo-Gothic Grace Cathedral, and it couldn’t be starker in contrast. Heralded as an icon of mid-century modernist architecture, the massive building is a testament to simple lines, open spaces, and heavy materials. It serves as both a Masonic building and a public venue, housing the Grand Lodge administrative offices, as well as a first-rate auditorium, exhibit hall and other gathering spaces for community use, the famed endomosaic window by artist Emile Norman, and - as the building suggest - a war memorial. The memorial frieze, also by Norman, is located on the exterior of the building facing California Street.”

We are now approaching-eleven hour - South West Lodge No. 283 will host Golf Fund Raising on September 23, 2017, Saturday at 7:30 AM at Chula Vista Golf Course. The proceeds of this will be used for the proposed gazebo. Once a again, we are requesting for your fraternal support by either signing up to play golf or sponsor a hole. Please see insert flyer from August trestleboard and decide upon of what is your pleasur and mail it. Any support will be greatly appreciated.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons. May Brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us. Amen.

Upon the Square,

Percival “Percy” Tiu, Worshipful Master
From the West
My article for this month is my desire to praise and congratulate our candidates and members for the great work they have accomplished as we have labored in the great cause of initiating new brethren into the fraternity. The past few months we have many petitioners and candidates and we are moving forward in their proficiencies and advancement.

The message that I wish to get across to some of our new candidates is to be more patient, to become a better man and as mason. It takes time to teach and learned that noble and glorious purposes our institution. Some of the officers are not readily available to fill in the chairs because jobs and personal commitment.

Despite of the lodge busy schedule, Worshipful Percy Tiu is trying to do his best in organizing schedules for proficiency examinations and degree conferrals.

Members and officers of South West Lodge have continually recognized the hard work and untiring support and presence of our petitioners and candidates, helping in the kitchen preparing food and setting up the lounge area. In a humble way, I could say that this is one way to get to know everyone. Of all of the hard work, efforts and supporting our great fraternity you could say someday we can look back and honestly say that this is what “All brothers and fellows have done who have gone this way before.”

Lastly I just wanted to say thank you to all the brethren who rendered their prayers to my eldest sister who is suffering from a life threatening condition, we visited her in Hawaii early August before her surgery. She is still under observation please your prayers is greatly appreciated.

The Mason of the Year 2017 Award and the Grand Master Reception will be held at Scottish Rite Center on September 9, 2017, Saturday at 5:30pm. I will be there one hour early As table Captain to assign your seats for South West Lodge may have four big round table with eight seating capacity and we will be sitting in one group of table. Again if you have not been sign up, it’s not too late to support our Mason of the Year recipient Brother Roldan Marzo. Just let me know and we can arrange your seat. I have 35 people signed up which is remarkable. Again, thank you to all who is participating and supporting this event.

On the Level,
Raymund Madriaga, Senior Warden

From the South
To my Brethren back home; Time for me blurs into one long day on this ship. It’s hard to tell when Sunday ends and Monday begins, as we are in constant motion in the middle of the ocean. In the rare times of stillness, I sit at my desk and wonder how everyone is doing at home, if my wife and children are okay, if the lodge is as productive as I remember it, or if everyone enjoyed the delicious spread at the latest stated meeting. I hope my family and friends are doing well and I look forward to the day I get to come back home.

In the meantime, the TR(Theodore Roosevelt)Travelers group is growing steadily aboard the ship. It is nice to see familiar—as well as new—faces congregate regularly to talk about our shared love for all things related to Freemasonry. We each tell stories about our respective lodges, reminisce about our experiences leading up to becoming Master Masons and exchange ideas about how to move forward while representing the fraternity in a positive light. We plan to travel in unison when we eventually arrive at our destined ports and indulge in philanthropic work...while sight-seeing in the process. While it is hard to be away from our family and friends, it is a joy to know that I can still immerse myself in the comradery of Brotherly Love right here aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

By the Plumb,
Godfrey D. Catbagan, Junior Warden
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Happy Birthday!

Joe Trinidad  1-Sep
Rodolf R. Bautista Sr.  1-Sep
Ike M. Khan  3-Sep
Alberto M. Turla  4-Sep
Domingo M. Saldana  4-Sep
Carlito R. Picache  4-Sep
Dexter L. Lace  4-Sep
Emmanuel B Galendez  5-Sep
Mark Philip I. Derequito  5-Sep
Jose S. Paule, Jr.  7-Sep
Dioscoro M. Crucillo  8-Sep
Arturo C. Manglicmot  8-Sep
Alvin M. Suarez  9-Sep
Jason D. Griffiths  9-Sep
Francisco T. Rasagac  10-Sep
Renato T. Basilides  11-Sep
James A. Maurer  11-Sep
Joseph R. Reborg  11-Sep
Oscar S Martinez  13-Sep
Harvey C. Cabrera  15-Sep
Bernabe Barr U. Ambrosio  16-Sep
Thomas W. Moynahan, Jr.  17-Sep
Leo R. Edillor  17-Sep
Geraldo C. Navarro  17-Sep
Beny J. Ignacio  19-Sep
Cesar A. Diaz  19-Sep
Ricardo M. Almirol  20-Sep
Graciano A. Alfonso, Jr.  20-Sep
Oscar M. Dimacali  20-Sep
David J. Moffett  21-Sep
Steven T. Gierhahn  21-Sep
Rodnel D. Balaga  21-Sep
Bernard L. Cuenco  22-Sep
Ramil G. Espiritu  23-Sep
Rodrigo M. Duero  24-Sep
Marlon Malidcem  24-Sep
Paul H. Miller  26-Sep
Alexander M. Bueno  26-Sep
Alan I. Ambito  27-Sep
Anthony F. Posey  27-Sep
Severino A. Reyes  28-Sep
Ernesto T. Chavez  30-Sep
Stanford E. Cates  30-Sep

California Masonic Code

§809.310. DUES.
A Lodge’s dues shall be established in its Bylaws. The minimum annual dues shall be $12. The Lodge Secretary shall issue to each Mason paying his dues a receipt using, without change, the uniform receipt for dues available from the Grand Secretary.
Dues shall commence with the first day of the month next following the conferring of the Entered Apprentice Degree or as provided in Sections 804.740 or 804.750 of this Code for Masons joining the Lodge by affiliation. If a Lodge increases its dues, the increase shall become effective upon the start of fiscal year of the Lodge following the Grand Master’s approval of the increase. Masons of the Lodge who have paid their dues in advance for such fiscal year must pay the increase.


NOTE: As a result of a 2014 amendment, effective on January 1, 2017, Section 809.310 shall read as follows:
A Lodge’s dues shall be established in its Bylaws. The minimum annual dues shall be $12, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, with the total thus determined rounded up to the next whole dollar. The Lodge Secretary shall issue to each Mason paying his dues a receipt using, without change, the uniform receipt for dues available from the Grand Secretary.
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§809.320. LIFE MEMBERSHIP.
A Lodge may adopt a standing resolution providing for a life membership plan, which shall forever exempt a member making the required payment into the plan from the payment of dues in the Lodge. The resolution may be adopted, amended or revoked at any Stated Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Any such action must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed action and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The plan must provide that a life membership shall be granted upon payment of:
A. A sum of money which is equal to or greater than 22 times the Lodge’s annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership; or
B. A sum of money equal to the Lodge’s annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member’s age in the following schedule:

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The resolution shall take effect only upon its approval by the Grand Master.

The Secretary shall send to each life member at his last known address, annually, a Life Membership Dues Card for the next calendar year. A life membership is an executed contract. A life member has no interest in the Lodge’s Life Membership Fund, except in the case of a rescission of his life membership with his consent and the consent of the Lodge or as elsewhere provided in this Code. Upon the rescission of a life membership with the consent of the Lodge and the life member, the life member shall be paid an amount in cash equal to the lesser of the original sum of money paid to purchase his life membership or his share of the fair market value of the Life Membership Fund at the time of the rescission, as determined by the Grand Treasurer. In making this determination, the Grand Treasurer shall compute the interest of each living life member in the Lodge’s Life Membership Fund and the interest of the Lodge in it, on a just and equitable basis.

The Grand Secretary shall provide the form of contract to be used by the Lodge when a life membership is purchased (other than as a memorial). Such contract must be signed by the member for whom the life membership is being purchased, the Lodge Master and the Lodge Secretary, affixed with the seal of the Lodge. The original shall be kept as part of the member’s permanent membership record. A copy of the signed contract shall be provided to the member.

A life member who has been suspended or expelled and who shall thereafter become restored or elected to membership in a Lodge, in which a life membership was once held shall also be restored as a life member of that Lodge.


~ SECRETARY’S CORNER ~

Brethren, DUES PAYMENT – for 2018 is equal to $78.00 – checks address to South West Lodge No. 283.

Mail to: South West Lodge No 283
PO Box 283
National City, CA 91951-0283

Drop by the lodge on Wednesday or Thursday at 6:00PM – or call Secretary- (619) 315-1664.

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ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS
Bro. Romeo Corrales  August 9, 2017
Bro. Rocio Corrales  August 9, 2017
Bro. Ronald Banci  August 16, 2017

FELLOWCRAFT MASONS
Bro. Peter Cortez  August 17, 2017
Bro. Edwin Datuin  August 17, 2017

MASTER MASON
Bro. Stephen Gabriel Padilla  August 10, 2017
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