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Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2026

08/05—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
08/06—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM /
Business Meeting—7:30 PM
08/08—Saturday—Annual Lodge Picnic at Golden Gate Live
Steamers in Tilden Park— 11:30 AM
08/15—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Manor Grill, San
Leandro—8:00 AM
08/18—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
08/20—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
08/22—Saturday—Strawberry Feed@Masonic Home—11:00 AM
08/24—Monday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
08/27—Thursday—3rd Degree for Ildjer Baron @ 6:15pm

SEPTEMBER 2026

09/02—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
09/03—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM /
Business Meeting—7:30 PM
09/10—Thursday—Past Masters' Role Call and Stag Dinner—
6:00 PM
09/15—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
09/17—Thursday—Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
09/19—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Manor Grill, San
Leandro—8:00 AM
09/19—Saturday—Hiram Award Presentation& Dinner— 5:00 PM
09/24—Thursday—Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
09/28—Monday—Hall Association—7:00 PM

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- ♦ San Lorenzo Chapter Eastern Star No. 103 meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Monday (8:00 PM)
- ♦ Castro Valley DeMolay meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
- ♦ Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)
- ♦ Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261 Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Hayward Masonic Center
- ♦ Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1 Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church

From the East

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien, PM—Master

Brethren and Families,

By long standing tradition, our lodge respectfully "goes dark" following our July Stated Meeting. This gives our Officers and Brethren an opportunity to enjoy some well-deserved downtime with their families, take vacations, cheer on the World Cup, and simply recharge before we begin another busy season.

I did try to sneak in a Third-Degree during July, but it quickly became apparent that many of our younger officers already had important plans or perhaps plans not to make plans at all! Out of respect for them and the traditions of our lodge, I gladly fell back in line and followed the example set by the many Past Masters who came before us.

August promises to be a wonderful month, thanks to the warm Bay Area summer and the family-oriented events we have planned.

On Saturday, August 8, beginning around 11:30 a.m., we will once again hold our Annual Lodge Picnic at the



Golden Gate Live Steamers in Tilden Park, Berkeley. We'll enjoy Uncle Roy's famous trip along with all the fixings. There will be games for everyone, and the miniature

railroad trains will be running exclusively for our event, taking riders through towering redwoods, charming miniature towns, bridges, and tunnels. This has been a beloved lodge tradition for many years, and I hope you've already sent your RSVP to our Secretary.

On Saturday, August 22, our lodge will once again host the Strawberry Feed at the Masonic Home. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the brethren and their wives, who have devoted so much of their lives to supporting Freemasonry. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the strawberries, set up, serve, and visit with the residents. Please plan on volunteering from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is an incredibly rewarding experience, and the smiles you'll receive in return make every minute worthwhile.



Also on Saturday, August 22, our Eastern Star family will be holding their annual BBQ at the lodge, and everyone is invited. The BBQ will begin at 4:00 p.m., allowing our Strawberry Feed volunteers plenty of time to return and join the festivities. The cost will be announced once we have a better estimate of attendance, so please



remember to RSVP through our Secretary.

Finally, on Thursday, August 27, we will have the privilege of Raising Brother Ildjer Baron to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. We had hoped to confer his degree in July, but as I mentioned earlier, circumstances had other plans. I hope each of you will make every effort to attend. There are few moments more meaningful in Masonry than welcoming a new Master Mason as he begins his own lifelong journey of self-improvement, service to his family, and service to society.

Events like these strengthen the bonds we share as Masons and remind us of the importance of fellowship, friendship, and brotherly love. I encourage each of you to attend our Stated Meetings, degree work, and social events whenever you are able. We look forward to seeing you and your families again very soon.

From the West

By Alex Von Stadt, PM — Sr. Warden

Brethren:

Welcome to the month of August, traditionally the warmest month of the year. The month of August is named after the Roman Emperor, Augustus Caesar. It was originally called Sextilis as it was the sixth month in the old Roman calendar. When that calendar was expanded from a length of ten months to twelve, August then became the eighth month.

August marks the beginning of the harvest season for many commercial crops including wheat and grapes. It is also the peak of harvest for many home-grown vegetables including tomatoes, melons, sweet corn, and cucumbers. August 1st is traditionally known as Lammas Day, an old festival celebrated in Britain to mark the annual harvest of corn and wheat. Lammas Day also marked the mid-point between the summer solstice and the autumn equinox.

Until next month, have a pleasant August.

From the South

By Andrew Hawes, PM — Jr. Warden

Happiness is always a possibility. You can find it in you to be happy at the littlest thing. I woke up well rested today! I enjoyed my breakfast! I got a cheerful hello from someone in the office!

...or perhaps you need to set your bar even lower- I didn't fall down and hurt myself for the first whole hour of the day! Whatever it is, whatever state your life, your finances, your health or your relationships are in, you can -- and SHOULD -- find happiness in your life, and embrace it.



Happy people are happy by choice, not chance.

I think the world could use more happiness in it, always. There are too many things going on that cause grief, pain, sorrow, suffering- fight against those! Don't let these negative things take over and become the entree at your life's table. Set your table with care, and make sure to keep your oil of joy at hand, to add to your salad of pleasantries with the vinegar of humor, exuberantly tossed with croutons of pleasure, to be served with every meal, finished off with a dessert of sweet prune pudding!

...because a high fiber diet can also bring you happiness!

Sunshine and Visiting

The Sunshine Committee shares encouragement and support with members and their families during difficult times—whether through cards, visits, or a helping hand. Likewise, our Visiting Committee ensures that brothers who are ill or unable to attend meetings remain connected to the lodge. Together, these committees reflect our Masonic commitment to brotherhood and compassion.



If you know a brother who could use some Sunshine or a Visit, please contact our chairman, Wor. Alan Kenyon, at 510-520-7672 or Alan.Kenyon@comcast.net

August Birthdays

William Quintel (08/01)	Howard Ellis (08/18)
Craig Tangen (08/06)	Lyman Penning (08/18)
Scott West (08/06)	Paul Leiber (08/19)
Dale Reynolds (08/07)	Adam Brissey (08/20)
John Kralovansky (08/10)	Donald Johnson (08/21)
Kay Dunn (08/13)	Chris Bokamper (08/24)
Gregory Cooper (08/18)	Anton Korbas (08/28)



3rd Degree Anniversaries

The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the month of August

Ace Gilbert (49)	Kanti Patel (41)
Alexander Von Stade (14)	Lester Bridge (65)
Benjamin Newmarker (61)	Lynn Reed (48)
Blain Deaton (03)	Mark Finger (41)
Brian Katz (20)	Michael Barnhart (22)
Charles Daniels (45)	Michael Sanders (46)
Daniel Lee (13)	Mickey Benko (37)
Earl Woodson (30)	Patrick Quinn (16)
Henry Andreotti (36)	Richard Wilkinson (13)
J Rafisura (10)	Roberto Holguin (12)
Jesse Bridgeman (04)	Ruben Vossekui (46)
John Fischer (22)	Steven Dorough (03)
John Gordon (08)	Steven Stark (38)
John Groff (53)	William Biddell (63)
Jorge Hernandez (07)	William Quintel (47)

Masonic Family Corner

By Denise Jow—Past Grand Guardian

Hope everyone is enjoying your summer.

July was busy volunteering at the Alameda County Fair and working at the DeMolay parking lot. Thank goodness the weather was nice but not too hot! On July 2nd our Marshal participated in a Flag Ceremony at Crow Canyon Lodge with DeMolay, Rainbow & Boy Scouts.

Upcoming activities Bethel One is planning:

Saturday, August 8th - NCGCA Picnic in San Jose

Friday, August 21st - Our Honored Queen's Fundraiser for the CA Job's Daughter Educational & Promotion fund. Please support our fundraiser by ordering food from a Panda Express near you. Use code 9016277 in the Fundraiser Code Box during the online checkout at

www.pandaexpress.com. 28% of sales will be donated to the Bethel.

Thank you!

Saturday, August 29th - Polar Plunge Challenge at the Dublin Ice skating supports our Grand Guardian's Project Special Olympics. Afterwards we are having a family picnic at Klob Park in Dublin. Please let us know if you would like to pledge a donation to our Skate-A-Thon.

Bethel Meetings resume in September.

Sunday, September 20th is our Grand Guardian's Official Visit to Team 2.

The Bethel Daughters are currently making plans.

Don't miss the opportunity to invite your daughters, grand-daughters, nieces, neighbors & friends to join this sisterhood where girls learn to lead, become confident youth, serve their community and support philanthropic activities. Members are 10 to 20 years old with the opportunity for younger girls to join our Bee Hive and become JD to Bees. If you would like more information on attending our activities or joining our Bethel please contact us at our Bethel email: bethel1@cajdi.org.



**Job's Daughters
International®
of California**

Annual Lodge Picnic

**at Golden Gate Live Steamers
in Tilden Park**

Saturday, August 8th @ 11:30 am

Bring your family and enjoy riding miniature trains, games, music along with Uncle Roy's famous Tri-tip Barbeque! Youth Orders invited! RSVP to Sec. Klahr or to by July 23rd

2026 MASONS4MITTS

18TH SEASON IS ON!

Now in its 18th year, Masons4Mitts has raised more than \$2.675 million for our four MLB partner foundations, equipping underserved young people all around the state with custom-made leather baseball mitts and ensuring they have access to enriching, high-quality youth baseball and softball leagues.

As always, the [California Masonic Foundation](#) is proud to partner with the charitable foundations of the [Los Angeles Angels](#), [Los Angeles Dodgers](#), [San Diego Padres](#), and [San Francisco Giants](#). By donating to Masons4Mitts, you ensure that underserved young people are provided with a custom-made leather baseball mitt and able to play the game and learn important life lessons. The charitable baseball programs offered through the Major League Baseball teams provide sports instruction, a safe place to play, help developing teamwork skills, and guidance on health, nutrition, study skills, and more.

With a focus on expanding the range of skills and services it brings to young people to include health, nutrition, wellness, and social justice, Masons4Mitts is growing to incorporate so much more than the game.

HELPING KIDS – ONE MITT AT A TIME!

Each year, regional teams of Masonic lodges compete to purchase high-quality leather baseball mitts for children who participate in charitable baseball programs.

Give a Mitt!

<https://givebutter.com/CBPL7F>

Support young people in your community today by donating a mitt today—and help your team win

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY
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When
Friday, August 21, 2026
Place your order for pickup or delivery on Friday, August 21!

Where
Available at Panda Express locations nationwide
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How
Online orders only
Apply code **9016277** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App

28% of sales will be donated to: Jobs Daughters International

We are a non-profit organization for young women between the ages of 10-20.

DeMolay Breakfast AI-Generated

Castro Valley Chapter Order of DeMolay

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, August 16th
9 to 11 AM.

All you can eat of pancakes, sausage, eggs (cooked as you like), fruit, juice and coffee.

The cost is only \$15.00/person

So bring out your friends and family and support the DeMolay.

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Committees

2026 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Justin Ortiz, Andrew Hawes

Breakfast with Brothers: Brian Ross, Bill Biddell, Phil Busch

Masonic Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Community Outreach: Aaron Johnson, Paul Rodriguez

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross

Executive Committee: Paul Rodriguez, Alexander Van Stade, Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr

FOSJ: Bill Biddell

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Masonic Funeral: Lyman Penning, Roy Tamez, Pat Quinn, Bill Biddell.

Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn—President

Membership Retention: Paul Rodriguez, Perry Klahr

Picnic: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Bill Biddell, Brian Ross,

Printing and Mailing: Bill Biddell

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas, Brendan Korbas, Roy Tamez

Sportsman Club: Brian Ross, Phil Busch.

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Robert Johnson, Brian Canton

Sunshine and Visiting: Alan Kenyon

Sweethearts Committee: Aaron Johnson, Jacob Herrick, Tramaine Ellison

Trustees: Robert Logan, Brian Ross, Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, Hank Andreotti, Adam Korbas

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz

Welcome: Adam Brissey

White Table Night: Perry Klahr, Brian Ross, Pat Quinn, Bill Biddell

Youth Orders Liaisons: Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn

Masonic Youth Orders

Castro Valley DeMolay—Steve Kolden—510.409.6118 [click to email](#)

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Where in the World

Each month we log visitors to our website. This month we were pleased to have guests from: Boston, MA; Los Angeles, CA; Bucharest, Romania; Pleasanton, CA; Elizabeth, NJ; Abu Dhabi, UAE; Queretaro City, MX; Antelope, CA; Palo Alto, CA; Durham, NC; Orinda, CA; San Francisco, CA; Berkeley, CA



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