



# Trestleboard

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## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER 2023

- 12/06—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 12/07—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:00 PM / Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12/09—Saturday—Installation Practice—10:00 AM / Luncheon—12:00 PM / 101st Installation of Officers—1:00 PM
- 12/14—Thursday—DARK
- 12/16—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 12/16—Saturday—Holiday Party with Santa—12:00 PM
- 12/21—Thursday—DARK
- 12/26—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 12/28—Thursday—DARK

### JANUARY 2024

- 01/04—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:00 PM / Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- 01/09—Tuesday—DOSI at Pleasanton—6:30 PM
- 01/11—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 01/18—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 01/20—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 01/25—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 01/30—Tuesday—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 Andrew Hawes —Master—Elect

...and just like that, December is upon us, and I have been elected as the new Master of the lodge for 2024.



Shortly after I was raised to Master Mason in 2018, just a year after I was initiated, Robert Eckstein reached out to me, and asked if we could meet up for a meal and a chat. "Sure!" I said. We met at "Bangkok 580" – where Pad Thai is today, on Castro Valley boulevard, and enjoyed some Thai food together. "I wanted to talk to you about possibly becoming an officer of the lodge," said Robert. "We have two positions that you could fill – one is a Steward, which would be a minor role that you could stay in for a few years if you wanted, and which doesn't involve any further commitment... and the other is the Junior Deacon position. If you want to take that one on, you'll need to commit to moving up through the officer's line, and move into a new role each year." "I think I could do that one," I said. That December, I was installed as Junior Deacon, and with the "slight hiccup" of Covid causing a repeated year as Junior Warden, here I am, five years later, preparing to step into the East and govern the lodge as best I can for the upcoming year. My candidate coach, Ron Katz, has moved across the country. The Master who raised me and encouraged me to join the line, Robert, has moved half way across the country. Our officer's coach for many years, Kurt Allen, has retired and also moved half way across the country. I don't think there's any correlation between my moving up the line and these events, but maybe they know something I don't... 🤔

I am hopeful for 2024, that it will be a good year for all of us as well as for the lodge. I look forward to doing my best to rule and govern the lodge over which I have been called to preside, and will hopefully be able to call on even a shred of the wisdom of Solomon to help me along the way!

I am very open to suggestions for activity planning from our membership, so please reach out to me directly if you have any thoughts or suggestions that you think would be helpful, interesting, or fun to try out in 2024!

My email is [awphawes@yahoo.com](mailto:awphawes@yahoo.com), and that's my preferred method of communication for non-immediate inquiries – but you can also text me if you have an urgent question, and I will endeavor to answer you in as timely a fashion as possible.

## From the West

By Lyman Penning, PM — Sr. Warden-elect

Happy Holidays! I hope that everyone had a great tasting dinner for Thanksgiving, We are coming to the end of the year as we reflect on all of the events that have taken place for 2023.



The last events to mark on your calendar are the Stated Meeting dinner on Thursday, December 7th, our Installation of Officers and Luncheon on Saturday, December 9th (Lunch will be at 12:00 PM followed at 1:00 PM by the Installation), and finally, the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16th at the Castro Valley Masonic Center at 12:00 PM. I have received word from reliable sources that a jolly old man in a white beard and red suit will be making a special appearance for all the good little girls and boys. Let's all give a "Ho Ho Ho" to Santa Clause.

On December 9th, I will move up to the office of Senior Warden. It has been enjoyable serving as Junior Warden for 2023, Now I am looking forward to moving up to Senior Warden and preparing to serve as Worshipful Master in 2025 (if I am elected).

Have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and I look forward to seeing all of you in Lodge in 2024.

## From the South

By Alex Von Stade, PM — Jr. Warden-elect

Brethren: it's hard to believe that we are now in the last month of 2023! It seems like yesterday that I was just installed as Senior Deacon and now I will be moving on to Junior Warden for the 2024 calendar year. Although I enjoyed the Senior Deacon position, I look forward to the Junior Warden role and the big chair (both physically and responsibility wise) that comes with the job.

I want to thank everyone that supported me in my role as Senior Deacon and I look forward to serving the Lodge as Junior Warden in 2024. I am sure that the incoming Master will have lots of activities planned for 2024!

For me, December represents a time of celebration as well as a time for reflection. Besides observing the traditional symbols of the holiday (Christmas tree, festive wreath, and bright lights), we should take time to reflect on our achievements and accomplishments during the past year and how we can make 2024 an even better year. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2024!







George Christensen, Golden Veteran, 50 Years a Mason



## Sunshine and Visiting

We would like to remind you of a valuable link in the support of our Lodge; the 'Sunshine Committee'.



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# In Memoriam

William Tervay  
Entered into Rest

77 Years, 1 month and 1 day  
November 14, 2022

Leland Peck  
Entered into Rest

95 years and 2 days  
July 9, 2020

James Hooks  
Entered into Rest

90 years, 4 months and 3 days  
April 8, 2023

*Great Architect of the Universe, into thine hands we commend the souls of our dear departed brothers*



Officers, Inspector and Grand Lodge Representative at 100 Yr.

## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Scott West (11)

Fred Avery [PM] (39)



## December Birthdays

William Biddell (12/3)  
Eric Unti (12/4)  
Verl Rothlisberger (12/5)  
Dave Baratto (12/6)  
Jesse Bridgeman (12/7)  
Robert Deleon (12/12)  
Gilbert Brownfield (12/13)  
Blain Deaton (12/14)  
Jacob Herrick (12/15)

Ronnie Castia (12/19)  
Clarence Teeters (12/22)  
John Gordon (12/24)  
J Rafisura (12/24)  
Alexander Von Stade II (12/27)  
Kanti Patel (12/29)  
Jose Zamora (12/29)

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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: Voronezh, Russia; Davao City, Phillipines; Seattle, WA; San Luis Potosi City, Mexico; Charlotte, NC; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; Corning, CA; Reston, WA; Waltham, UK; Bowling Green, IN; Ashburn, VA; Maringa, Brazil; Nashville, TN; Colorado Springs, CO; Slidell, LA



## Committees

### 2023 Appointments

**Audit:** Pat Quinn HA, Aaron Johnson, Andrew Hawes

**Charity Committee:** Master and Wardens

**Crab Feed:** Roy Tamez PM HA, Perry Klahr, Tramaine Ellison, Phil Busch HA

**Executive Committee:** J. Rafisura, Andrew Hawes, Lyman Penning PM HA, Perry Klahr

**FOSJ and White Table Night:** Lyman Penning PM HA, Aaron Johnson, Jerry Garcia

**Hiram Award Selection:** HA Committee (All HA recipients)

**Inter-lodge Relations:** Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Robert Pinkerton PM

**Masonic Funeral:** Bill Ferrell PM HA, Roy Tamez PM HA, Pat Quinn HA

**Masonic Education:** Bob Pinkerton PM

**Masonic Hall Association:** Brian Ross PM

**Masons for Mitts:** Brian Ross PM, Ozzie Ghani

**Membership Retention:** Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross PM

**Picnic:** Roy Tamez PM HA, Perry Klahr, Lyman Penning PM HA

**Printing and Mailing:** Bill Biddell, H.A.

**Public Schools Night:** Adam Korbas

**Strawberry Feed:** Perry Klahr, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton, Lyman Penning PM HA

**Sunshine and Visiting:** Ernie Nidick, Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Roy Tamez PM HA

**Sweethearts Committee:** Phil Busch HA, Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison

**Trustees:** Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, PM HA

**Website and Trestleboard:** Ron Katz, PM HA

**Welcome:** Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Jesse Bridgeman, Lyman Penning

**Youth Orders Liaisons:** Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn HA

### Masonic Youth Orders

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

**Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls**—Heidi Kolden - 510.693.1385 [click to email](#)

**Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261**—Joy Molina 510.754.4983 [click to email](#)

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# December 2023

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10	11	12	13	14 DARK	15	16 Breakfast w/ Brothers at Norman's CV— 8:00 AM Holiday Party w/ Santa— 12:00 PM
17	18	19	20	21 DARK	22	23
24	25 Merry Xmas	26	27	28 DARK	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						