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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2022

02/02—Wednesday—Zoom Officer's Meeting 7:00 PM

02/03—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

02/08—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering—7:00 PM

02/10—Thursday—Double 1st Degree—Jake Andreotti & Jesse Bridgemna—7:00 PM

02/12—Saturday—Sweetheart's Event

02/13—Sunday—Superbowl Watch Party

02/17—Thursday—Double 1st Degree—Steven Dorough & Felipe Castallanos (Alvaro Reynoso as Master)—7:00 PM

02/19—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV.—8:00 AM

02/22—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM

02/24—Thursday—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM

02/26—Saturday—Lodge Crab Feed

MARCH 2022

03/02—Wednesday—Zoom Officer's Meeting 7:00 PM

03/03—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM / Scotch & Cigars after Meeting

03/08—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering—7:00 PM

03/10—Thursday—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM

03/12—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV.—8:00 AM

03/17—Thursday—2nd Degree—Blaine Deaton—7:00 PM

03/19—Saturday—Game Night—Poker or Games vs Kids

03/22—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM

03/24—Thursday—Practice—7:00 PM

03/31—Thursday—Lodge Potluck & Chili Cook Off—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 Brian Ross - Master

I am so excited about the new year and my turn as Master of the Lodge! The that I have support received from the Brethren has been astonishing and I truly



appreciate it. I have an ambitious schedule this year and I am confident that we will provide a greater Lodge experience 2022 for our brothers their families. Also, the officers will be working hard on the agenda in 2023 - and our 100th Anniversary complete with all the ceremonies that come with that great milestone. If you have any ideas on how the Lodge should celebrate the anniversary, please feel free to contact any of the officers with them. Stay tuned.

The month of February has something everyone. After the Stated Meeting on February 3, our



annual Sweethearts' event is scheduled to take place on February 12, the details of which will be announced at our Stated Meeting. Thereafter, as many of you know, I have scheduled a Superbowl party to be held at the Lodge on February 13 @ 2:30 p.m. The party is

open to Lodge members and their families. The Lodge will provide pizza, finger food and sodas. We also will resume our Annual Crab Feed this year on February 26, with one change - due to the price of crab the Lodge will serve a mixture of crab and shrimp, and an alternate chicken dinner. The event was limited to 100 and is already sold out - I hope to see you there. Finally, the Lodge plans to administer double first degrees both on February 10 and February 17. Please participate as a sideliner in support of the candidate and the officers of the Lodge. All of these events are subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

From the West Bv J. E. C. Rafisura — Sr. Warden

Brethren, this masonic year is up to a fresh start. Your new set of officers are continually planning and anticipating anv new health regulations that may



come up. However, as of this writing, we are copacetic. I am excited that we have a whole year of activities planned out. Although the situation is very fluid at this

time, but we as a fraternity have proven to be very adaptable.

As you may already know, we have our Annual Crab Feed going on in February. This time, we are adding shrimp! A Superbowl Party is also in the calendar, so be on the look-out for fellowships and fun activities.

A few days ago, I had the pleasure of talking to some of our candidate's coaches. As your Sr. Warden, it is my job to monitor the progress of our brothers who aspire for



higher degrees. I thankful for the dedication of our mentors, to name a few, W.B. Lyman Penning ("Long-form King"), W.B. Bill

Ferrell (who was also my awesome former coach), Bro. Eric Korbas and W.B. Ron Katz ("ce-ment-er" of brothers and officers alike). The fraternity will live on for many years due to your dedicated sharing of your time and expertise on the ins and outs of our ancient fraternity. To the "Padawans", may the force and the spirit of the GAOTU be with you as you pursue your studies. I have no doubt that you will discover more truths as you continue your masonic journey here below in preparation for that grand entrance into the Celestial Lodge above.

If any brothers wish to help or participate in any of our activities or need some assistance, please do not hesitate Our numbers are all in the back of this to reach out. Trestleboard.

From the South

By Andrew Hawes — Jr. Warden

"Crab or shrimp... crab or shrimp... I just can't decide!" -- Well, the conundrum is finally resolved have BOTH at this year's hotly anticipated Crab and Shrimp Feed on Saturday,



February 26th, starting at 5pm! (Of course, there is also chicken available, for any of you die-hard land lubbers out there.) This year there are only 100 tickets available for the Crab and Shrimp feed, and as of this writing 99 of them are accounted for, so if you were still hoping to get in on the action, reach out to our secretary ASAP, and see if you can get that last ticket, or get on the waitlist so that if any spots open up, you might grab them.

...but February isn't all about crustaceans! On Sunday, February 13 starting at noon, we'll be having a Super Bowl Party at the lodge! Wings and pizza will be served, so if you don't care about football, come for the food and the friendship!

January is often considered a month of new beginnings - new year, new resolutions - don't let February be where those resolutions end! It's easy to already start letting things slide - stay strong, if you can keep with a new routine for three months, it's much easier to keep with it forever!

It will be a busy degree month in February, as we have two double first degrees coming up, on the 10th and 17th - some very patient new candidates have been waiting for some time to get their degrees, and the wait is finally coming to an end!

February is Masonic Widow's month, and a dinner is



planned to honor our lodge sweathearts on the 12th, just before Valentine's day.

My parting thought for you from the South this month is this: make it a point to have a good February. We cannot control what

happens to us, but we can control how we react to it, and how we let it affect us. Only you can decide to have a good day, week, or month- and you can decide to help someone else have a good one, as well, so focus on using that power, not only to your own benefit, but for the benefit of masonry in general - help everyone you interact with have a good month, and spread the masonic love to all of our brethren in the world.

spread Masonic Love to All Our Brethren

Masonic Family Corner

The girls of Bethel No. 1 are staying active by way of Zoom during this latest warning about Covid 19. By way of virtual communications we made Valentines for the residents of the Masonic home. One of our members family is in Alaska (her father is in the Coast Guard) and was able to participate, she is mailing her cards to our Bethel Associate Guardian and along with the others we made and will be hand delivered just before February 14. We do appreciate your continued support. The girls have projects to raise money to support some of our charities and to keep our Bethel operating. We are always looking to get new members, so if you know of a girl that would like to make friends with us please let us know.

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Paul Amato Glen Barth Orrin Benedict Jr. Ronald Bessette David Bode Harold Burk Jr. Ronnie Castia Kishore Gidvani Jeffrey Hansen Anthony Lloyd Paul Makela Norvalle May Allen Weisser PM



February Birthdays

John Smith (2/3)
Christopher Boggess (2/3)
Anthony Lloyd (2/5)
Alvin Rodes (2/5)
Harold Rubin (2/5)
Edward Auguadro (2/6)
Robert Steen (2/10)

Mark Warzyniak (2/17) Ronald Selvey (2/19) John Groff (2/19) Brian Brunckhorst (2/25) Alan West (2/26) John Fischer (2/27)

Sunshine and Visiting

If you know of a brother who is ill and could use some cheer please call Ernie or Les.

Ernie Nidick —Sunshine Chairman 925.828.6993

Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497



Rex E Toltschin Jr Entered into Rest 91 years and 197 days December 8, 2021

Douglas H. Ferreira Entered into Rest

79 years and 363 days October 21, 2021

Great Architect of the Universe, into thine hands we commend the soul of our dear departed brother



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Meet the New Grand Master: Jeff Wilkins

From freemason.org

Q: Most grand masters tend to be retired, but you're still hard at *work*. Can you tell me about your work and life?

A: Ever since I got out of the army 20 years ago, I've been a mechanical engineer. Whether it's in the semiconductor industry or in aerospace, my passion is ensuring that quality products get sent to our customers. My family and I live on a large piece of wooded property in Sonoma County, so a family pastime is swinging a chainsaw and clearing brush. In the garage, I have my woodshop, where I work on projects. I also love to read, mostly history and classic literature, with some novels thrown for a change of pace. My home lodge, Mosaic No. 218, is in Livermore, about an hour and a half away, but I get down there to see the brothers as often as I'm able. I have several friends in other lodges, so after work, I often find myself driving to another lodge to attend a degree.

Committees

2022 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Aaron Johnson
Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez, Don Schauer Sr., Perry Klahr, Tramaine Ellison **Executive Committee:** Brian Ross, J. Rafisura, Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr.

FOSJ and White Table Night: Andrew Hawes

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Masonic Education: Paul Rodriguez O'brien, PM

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell, PM HA, William Biddell, Pat Quinn HA

Masonic Hall Association: Paul Rodriguez, O'brien PM Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer Sr. Masons for Mitts: Brian Ross, Scott Hamilton

Membership Retention: J. Rafisura

Picnic: Sr., Roy Tamez, PM HA, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross

Printing and Mailing: Don Schauer Sr. **Public Schools Night:** Adam Korbas

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton, Paul Rodriguez

O'brien, PM

Sunshine and Visiting: Ernie Nidick, Les Blake, Ozzie Ghani, Aaron Johnson Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch, Aaron Johnson, Paul Rodriguez, PM

Trustees: Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, PM HA

Visiting /Traveling Degree: Jerry Garcia, Lyman Penning, PM HA.

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM HA

Welcome: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton

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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 Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—Bill Ferrell 925.918.1675 kb6xa@att.net

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DeMolay - demolay.org

Jobs Daughters - jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls - gorainbow.org







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