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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 09/06—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 09/07—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:00 PM / Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- 09/12—Tuesday—DOSI @ Pleasanton—6:30 PM
- 09/14—Thursday—Hiram Award—Wor. Brian Ross—6:30 PM
- 09/16—Saturday—Breakfast w/Brothers @ Norman's CV—8:00 AM
- 09/19—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 09/21—Thursday—First Degree—Mr. Canton & Prichard—7:00 PM
- 09/26—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 09/28—Thursday—Master Masons & Past Masters' Roll Call—6:30 PM

OCTOBER 2023

- 10/04—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 10/05—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:00 PM / Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10/12—Thursday—First Degree—Mr. Beardo—7:00 PM
- 10/21—Saturday—Lodge 100th Anniversary—9:00 AM
- 10/24—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 J. E. C. Rafisura — Master



August had been a busy month so far and it will continue to be in the coming weeks and months. I would like to thank everyone for participating in our past events and helping us continue to thrive as a fraternity. It was great to see the smiles of our brothers and widows at the Masonic Homes during our recent Strawberry Feed. Thank you Bro. Sec. Perry Klahr for spearheading this activity and to the officers and their families and some members who showed up to help prepare, take orders and serve different sorts of strawberry goodies!

It was also an honor to have our Filipino Heritage night during our August monthly gathering. It's been a while since I wore my barong (men's national Filipino formal wear). Glad I was still able to fit in it! My lady also joined me with her Filipina-inspired "bolero" vest while she distributed give-away handcrafted folding fans made of handmade paper courtesy of my family's business back in the Philippines. Fully open them up and you will see it customized with the masonic emblem on it.

The event had a very good turn out with Filipino-American members, past masters and current masters from our neighboring lodges - Acacia No. 243 (Hayward), San Leandro No. 113, Alameda No. 167 and Patterson Masonic Lodge No. 448 as our guests. It was great to see all of them proudly sporting their barongs, or at least, versions of it. I was glad to see Wor. Ed Matraia and Bro. Aaron Johnson (his was "fresh from the Philippines") in their barongs! Thank you brothers for your full support! It was also cool to see some members and ladies wearing their tropical/islander outfits for the hot summer!

Food-wise, the kitchen crew and volunteers, headed by our executive chef, Roy Tamez PM did a wonderful job. Truly a gifted cook being able to pull-off a Filipino dish (baked pork-chop, fancy pilaf rice, lumpia and mango ice cream) after doing his own research on the recipe. He has never done Filipino dishes before but after making a few research on his own, it turned out to be as authentic as it can be. I am also glad I got good feedbacks on the "social lubricants" (alcoholic beverages) I brought in. Many

felt the instantaneous kick of Red Horse with an 8% ABV content. To some, the classic San Miguel Beer, that's been around since the 1800's did the job. Worthy of the same gratitude, our DeMolay and Rainbow youth orders and their Dads and advisers, who silently labor and help us enjoy our festivities in comfort with their self-less services. Thank you everyone!

As we move forward, we are all set on our travelling/visiting third degree at the Volcano Consolidated Lodge # 56 in Volcano, California on August 19. Thanks to the third degree team and those who stepped up to fill-in positions. Bro. Ernie Nidick, Wor. Al Kenyon, Wor. Bill Ferrell and even our officer's coach, Wor. Bob Pinkerton will have roles to play during the sublime ceremony. To bro. Steven Dorough, this is going to be a "all hands on deck" event and it is going to be fun! Following this trip will be our Annual Lodge Picnic with the Golden Gate Steamers in Tilden Park on August 26. I hope you already made your reservations. With all these events and in the spirit of family-work-life balance, I had to cancel our lodge potluck that is supposed to be on the 31st.

This is all for now and I hope to see you in our events and festivities! Please do not hesitate to call me or any of the officers if you have questions or concerns.

From the West

By Andrew Hawes — Sr. Warden

Sorry, no article this month. See you next month.



From the South

By Lyman Penning — Jr. Warden

As I am writing this article, I am getting ready for our visitation to Volcano Lodge. Also, I am working on the ritual for the Ritual Competition that will conclude in Fresno on Saturday, September 30th.



Regarding the Ritual Competition, I do not know yet as to whether I am going to Fresno to compete in the final rounds. The top four winners in the Division Level will be competing in the final session. I have not been notified

yet, but there is still a chance that I will be in Fresno. The winner of the final round will be recognized at the Grand Lodge Annual Communications. Stay tuned for more details.

In addition to our Stated Meeting Dinner on Thursday, September 7th, Brian Ross will be receiving the Hiram Award the following week on Thursday, September 14th at 6:30 PM. Please get Stated Meeting reservations to me by Thursday August 31, 2023 (Perry Klahr will be on vacation), and make Hiram Award reservations to Brian Ross at (510-331-6935) by Thursday, September 7th.

Finally, our next District School of Instruction will be held in Pleasanton on Tuesday, September 12th. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM with the school following at 7:00 PM.

See you in Lodge everyone

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

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| Johnnie Albanese (19) | Mark Leite (11) |
| Kurt Allen [PM] (22) | James Luque (15) |
| Denis Beaman (13) | Patrick Mc Cord (28) |
| Robert Eckstein [PM] (26) | Danny Mrdja (16) |
| John Freestone (30) | Verl Rothlisberger [PM] (23) |
| Gerald Garcia (15) | Larry Russell (20) |
| Donald Jensen (13) | Albert Thomas (13) |
| Johnnie Laney (25) | Mark Warzyniak (24) |
| Ralph Larsen (10) | |



September Birthdays

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| Michael Barnhart (9/1) | Jared Andreotti (9/16) |
| Robert Marshall (9/3) | Mark Casperson (9/17) |
| Gordon Warder (9/4) | Richard Ramos D.D.S. (9/17) |
| Phillip Busch (9/5) | Brian Ross (9/17) |
| Roger Glancy (9/5) | Rowell Prosser (9/20) |
| Robert Logan (9/6) | Mark Simens (9/22) |
| Leonard Leavitt (9/7) | Adam Korbas (9/23) |
| Sammy Tamez (9/7) | Robert Soule III (9/25) |
| Douglas Howe (9/11) | Gilbert Alston (9/26) |
| Roy Tamez (9/11) | David Bode (9/28) |
| Lelend Allen (9/12) | David Allen (9/29) |
| Mickey Benko (9/12) | Gary Tucker (9/30) |
| Larry Richardson (9/13) | |

174th Annual Communication

October 27–29, 2023

California Masonic Memorial Temple, San Francisco

Business Sessions

Friday, Oct. 27, 1-5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 28, 8:30 a.m.–noon and 1:15–5 p.m.

Get key updates on the latest organizational initiatives, learn more about the work of the fraternity’s related entities, and vote on legislation and officers for the year ahead. This is where the work of the fraternity comes to pass—and your chance to have your lodge’s voice heard.

Grand Master’s Banquet

Saturday, October 28

\$150 per person

Enjoy a spellbinding soiree with lifelong magician and Grand Master Randall Brill as he hosts the biggest and most glamorous event of the fraternal year at the Fairmont Hotel’s Venetian ballroom. Dinner, drinks, and more than a few demonstrations of the “magical arts.”

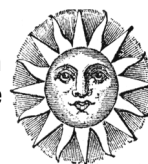
Grand Master’s Installation

Sunday, October 29

A yearly highlight! Watch and celebrate as a new set of Grand Lodge Officers is installed, including a new Grand Master of California. This event is open to the public, and a great opportunity to highlight the pageantry that makes

Sunshine and Visiting

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



Ernie Nidick—925.828.6993

Roy Tamez—510.684.3047

Tramaine Ellison—209.481.7430

Aaron Johnson—510.509.4312

In Memoriam

Earl L. Kresge
Entered into Rest

94 years and 9 days
August 4, 2023

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



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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: Sao Paulo, Brazil; Grand Prairie, TX; Sierra Leone; Ranchi, India; Malden, MA; Memphis, TN; Livermore, CA; Cypress, TX; New York, NY; Myrtle Beach, SC; Houston, TX; Accra, Ghana; Scarborough, Canada; Blumenau, Brazil; Doha, Qatar; Minneapolis, MN; Modesto, CA; Dunfermline, UK; Philadelphia, PA; Castro Valley, CA



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

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24	25	26	27	28 Master Masons & Past Masters' Role Call—6:30 PM	29	30			