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Calendar of Events

MARCH 2024

03/02—Saturday—Annual Crab/Shrimp Feed—6:00 PM
03/05—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
03/06—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:15 PM
(Corned Beef and Cabbage)/ Business Meeting 7:30 PM
03/12—Tuesday—DOSI at Livermore—6:30 PM
03/14—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
03/16—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—
8:00 AM
03/19—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
03/21—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
03/26—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
03/28—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM

APRIL 2024

04/03—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
04/04—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:15 PM /
Business Meeting 7:30 PM
04/09—Tuesday—DOSI at Pleasanton—6:30 PM
04/11—Thursday—Public Schools Night—6:00 PM
04/16—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
04/18—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
04/20—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—
8:00 AM
04/23—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
04/25—Thursday—Degree or Practice—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

Whilst we don't have soothsayers warning us to beware it these days, I think the "Ides of March" are worth a mention in this month's article.



The 15th of March - known to the ancient Romans as "the Ides" - are most famous for being the date on which Julius Ceasar was assassinated. Back in Roman days, it was the date by which debts had to be settled. (Today, we more commonly think of that as being the Ides of April, when we need to file our taxes.)

Settling our debts should be an important consideration for Masons. Just as hypocrisy and deceit should be unknown amongst us, it's important to us to keep the ledger balanced – to pay the craft their wages if any be due, since otherwise they may go away dissatisfied, disrupting the harmony of our lodge.

When we borrow money or favors, we incur a burden upon ourselves that can weigh on both us and others – it is always better to have a positive balance sheet, both in terms of your budget and your social and moral obligations! Don't wait until someone does you a favor



before you offer to do one for them. Reach out to help someone carry a heavy bag down the stairs, let someone go before you through the door while you hold it open for them, offer to cut your neighbor's lawn when you are out cutting your own – there are a million tiny things that we can do every day, that swing the

scales a tiny bit towards the side of making a better life for everyone.

If we do enough of them, those scales will tip for everyone. When you're frustrated at those really obnoxious drivers on the road – don't let yourself become one. When you've having an exhausting day and just want to get your drive-through order and take it back to work with you, think about the possibility that the person behind you in line might be having even a worse day – and if you offer to pay for their order, it might turn their whole day around.

There's a movement out there, commonly referred to as "paying it forward" which supports and encourages this sort of behavior – I would argue that as Masons, we should be more likely than anyone to take part in actions like these. Just because we take on an obligation to help out someone in a destitute condition, doesn't mean we cannot help out someone who is NOT in such a

condition. Sometimes, a helping hand can make the difference and keep someone from ever getting into that situation in the first place.

Never question the rightness of an impulse to do good.

So this month, as we enjoy the start of spring, I charge you to try and do good, everywhere you go, every day – and make the world a better place for it.

From the West

By Lyman Penning, PM — Sr. Warden

We are holding ritual practices at this time. There are brothers and individuals who are preparing for degrees. However, there are two issues to take care of.



First, I have received an email which has shown me that some of our candidates are in need of a coach. So if any brother has the time and would like to work with candidates that do not have a coach, please let me know. Second, if any candidates are having difficulty in finding time for coaching, I would like to know about those issues as well.

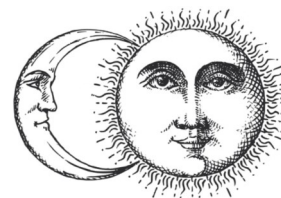
If new members are going to advance, I believe that we need to make sure that all efforts are made to help them



learn their proficiencies and receive all three degrees. While candidates are going thru their degrees, it is also helpful that they are kept active by making sure that the candidates know what events are coming up that they can attend. I am sure that well informed members will make the best members.

Finally, after my participation in last year's ritual competition, I have been advised to write some papers on our Masonic teachings. So starting with March, I am going to add an article that can be read by all the brethren. No, I will not be entering this year's ritual competition. However, I do encourage everyone to try your skills in the ritual competition for 2024. Good Luck brethren.

See you in lodge everyone.



From the South

By Alex Von Stade, PM — Jr. Warden

Brethren, welcome to the month of March. The month of March is named after Mars, the Roman God of War. During Roman times, it was actually the first month of the calendar year and signaled the time to resume military campaigns that were interrupted by winter weather. It is during this month that we celebrate several special events- the return of Daylight Savings time on the 10th, Saint Patrick's Day on the 17th, and Easter on the 31st. For avid and devoted gardeners like myself, March marks the beginning of Spring with the vernal equinox on the 19th. With the cold days of winter behind us, it's now time to start thinking about this year's garden with flowers or vegetables or both. Have a happy and eventful March!



The Virtue of Temperance

By Lyman Penning, PM, HA

When we hear the word "Temperance", what is it that comes to our mind as Masons? My feeling is that Temperance is an aid that enables us to keep our desires under reasonable control. When we practice this virtue, we are able to enjoy various activities in everyday life without allowing problems to occur.

One example of how this virtue helps Masons when we practice it, is when we wish to enjoy alcoholic beverages. When we consume too much alcohol (more than what our bodies can handle), we lose our ability to think clearly and



move in such a way that we can end up doing things that are very dangerous and unwise. By drinking alcoholic beverages at safe levels, we can avoid problems that alcohol can create when too much is consumed. This is an example of staying clear of excess and bad habits.

Temperance comes into play when a brother is operating an automobile and must make life saving decisions. Staying calm and not getting emotional about other people's foolishness will help prevent an accident from happening.

Many bad decisions are made when people allow their emotions to get in the way of sound and sensible judgement. What we as Masons need to do is to take a moment and check the results of what could happen by the actions that we are contemplating. So please brethren, always use sound judgement in order to prevent bad choices.

Sunshine and Visiting

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



The Sunshine Committee will spread rays of warmth to those around them through hospital visitations, visits to the elderly, welcoming and get well gifts, and more.

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March Birthdays

Ralph Larsen (03/03)	Edward Matraia Jr. (03/21)
Michael Sanders (03/09)	Alvaro Reynoso (03/21)
Raymond Newman (03/11)	Roberto Holguin Jr. (03/22)
Max Morris (03/12)	Henry Andreotti (03/23)
George Christensen (03/13)	George Wheatley II (03/24)
Alan Kenyon (03/16)	Frank Sepulveda (03/25)
Russell Porter (03/16)	Steven Aracne (03/27)
Roger Accurso (03/17)	Roy Eddy (03/30)
Kishore Gidvani (03/17)	Mark Leite (03/30)
Aaron Johnson (03/17)	Ronald Reynolds (03/30)
Jerome Samelson (03/17)	Steven Stark (03/30)
Jeffery Lantz (03/21)	



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Billy Martens [PM] (41)	Harold Lassle (35)
Brandon Morrison (17)	Howard Ellis (19)
Charles Atwood (12)	Leonard Leavitt (49)
Craig Tangen (51)	Perry Klahr (6)
Daniel Schauer (9)	Richard Ramos D.D.S. (10)
Edward Matraia Jr. [PM] (51)	Robert Albritton [PM] (47)
Gabriel Amaral [PM] (34)	Robert Soule III (28)
Gilbert Alston (54)	Wilfred Salmon Jr. (44)

In Memoriam

Victor L. VandenBerghe
Entered into Rest

76 years, 4 months and 3 days
February 14, 2024



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

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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: Medford, NJ; Palo Alto, CA; Taunton, UK; Los Angeles, CA; Kingston, Jamaica; Honolulu, HI; Newham, UK; Belgrade, Serbia; Sioux Falls, SD; Gwillimbury, Canada; Macapa, Brazil; Cardiff, UK; Corning, CA; Versailles, KY; Chapmanville, WV; Kyiv, Ukraine; Coimbatore, India



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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March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Annual Crab / Shrimp Feed—6:00 PM
3	4	5	6 Officer's Meeting 7:00 PM	7 Stated Meeting Dinner—6:15 PM Business—7:30 PM	8	9
10	11	12 DOSI @ Liver- more—6:30 PM	13	14	15	16 Breakfast w/ Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
17	18	19 Zoom Social— 7:00 PM	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Hall Association— 7:00 PM	27	28	29	30
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