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Trestleboard

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Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2021

08/04—Wednesday—Officers Meeting—7:00 PM
08/05—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 6:00 PM —Meeting 7:30 PM
08/07—Saturday—Sportsmen Club—Rock cod fishing out of Half Moon Bay on the Riptide—Call Brian Ross for details.
08/12—Thursday—2nd Degree—Bros. Ghani / Johnson —7:00 PM
08/14—Saturday—Breakfast with the Brothers—8:00 a.m. at Normans in Castro Valley - RSVP to Brian Ross.
08/19—Thursday—2020 Hiram Award Dinner—Wor. Ron Katz —6:00 PM
08/21—Saturday—Sportsmen Club—Firing at the Livermore Gun Range—Details at Stated Meeting
08/24—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
08/26—Thursday—3rd Degree Practice—7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 2021

09/01—Wednesday—Officers Meeting—7:00 PM
09/02—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 6:00 PM —Meeting 7:30 PM
09/09—Thursday—Practice or Degree —7:00 PM
09/11—Saturday—Lodge Picnic at Golden Gate Steamers—11 AM
09/16—Thursday—Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
09/23—Thursday—Past Masters Role Call—Stag Dinner for all members honoring our Past Masters—6:15 PM
09/28—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
09/30—Thursday—Practice or Degree—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 — Master

Brothers and Families,

As you will read in this Trestleboard, we had our “Grand Reopening Stated Celebration”.

There were many preparations in making the night a success. The officers dusted off their rituals, the Rainbow Girls decorated the Lodge, the Chef and his Purveyors sharpened their cooking tools and prepared copious amounts of the best ingredients to welcome everyone back into our Masonic home.



As our brothers, families, and guests once again entered through the lodge doors, I was very proud to be a Mason and able to share that evening with my Officers, and everyone who had a part in making this reunion possible. We were all long parted family, about to reunite again with fine foods, rekindled friendships, and resumption of our Masonic rituals.

During the Stated Meeting, I was pleased to hear that I wasn't the only one to feel that surreal moment of again sitting side by side with our brethren, after having just passed through the storm of a year and a half of quarantine.

Two weeks later, we were able to bestow our 'Entered Apprentice Degree' for our newest brother Randy Lehman. Randy applied to our lodge back in 2/2020, just before Covid hit, and waited until we were again able to resume our craft to become a Mason within our Lodge. That my brother shows fine integrity! Welcome Brother.

Immediately following that EA degree, Brother Osman (Ozzie) Ghani gave his EA Proficiency and delivered a very well written paper. This of which he has agreed to read during our August Stated Meeting.

Regarding our August Stated, we will call-up to Fellowcraft to hear Bro. Roger (Scott) Hamilton give his Fellowcraft Proficiency and Paper. This is another fine brother who has waited quite some time with patience to be able to advance to the next degree.

In keeping pace with this very full and recovered lodge year, please show your brotherly love and attend the double 'Fellowship Degree' for Bro. Ozzie Ghani, and Bro. Aaron Johnson on August 12th at 7:00 PM. This



degree will be conducted by Bro. SW Andrew Hawes, and Bro. Brian Ross sitting in the East.



I would like to remind all that during our Covid Lockdown, we were able to do a virtual presentation of the Hiram Award for Wor. Ron Katz. This was a great event but we were not able to properly bestow our fondest appreciation for all that Ron has done and continues doing to show he is more than worthy for our lodges' highest accolade. As such, please attend Ron's Hiram Award Dinner (yes, it's free!) on August 19th. We would like to see all previous Hiram recipients there to share their stories as well.

Finally, we have a lot of work to do before we are called from labor to refreshment, so please look to our busy Calendar every month to attend our functions and degrees! Your officers and I look forward to seeing you again soon. Thank you all. Without your continued support, this resumption would not have been possible.

From the West

By Brian Ross — Senior Warden

What a great First Degree we had at the Lodge on July 15, 2021! Welcome Brother Randy Lehman! It felt good to get one under our belts because it has been so long. I am looking forward to our Second Degree next month - brother please show up and support our brothers on their journey!

As many of you know Uncle Roy is laid up with a back injury. You cannot take the cowboy out of that incredible brother and I hope he recovers soon! I hear brother Mark Finger will be running the show at our August Stated Meeting and I am looking forward to his selection of vittles. Let's all support Mark, Bob, Les, Johnnie, Dane, Phil and the rest of the purveyors in having a great meal.



We will be having special events on the first three Saturdays in August. Rock Cod Fishing, Breakfast at Normans, and the Livermore Gun Range. Check the calendar for info and call me for details (925) 803-9450.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Lodge and out in the field.

From the South

By J. Rafisura — Junior Warden

Brethren, our first Stated dinner/meeting since the lockdown about a year and a half ago was a blast! We counted over 60 brothers and guests. As usual, dinner was great! Kitchen crew, officers and brothers, marched in coordinated fashion serving appetizers, main courses and desserts.



It has been a while and the excitement was palpable. Pandemic stories, new adventures and pass-times while on lockdown -all shared in tables full of food and drinks. The social gathering was a feast to behold with “inch-thick” prime rib, (personally picked, seasoned and grilled to perfection by Uncle Roy and his crew) as the main course! The spirit of brotherhood and camaraderie always feels wonderful with good food and a variety of colored drinks – red, white, pink and what not. You can hear everyone sharing stories and catching up with each other. Such a sight to behold!



Two weeks after that momentous Stated Meeting on July 1, we broke the drought of degree conferrals as we had our premier 1st Degree conferral on our newest Bro. Randy Lehman. It was an honor to sit in the East as we welcome Bro. Lehman into our fraternity. All the officers and our new officer’s coach had been working so hard to shake off our rustiness in ritual and ceremony skills after a very long lay-off. After that event, I was so glad that we were able to pull a solemn, smooth and meaningful ceremony, preserving all the traditions and teachings that Freemasons hold so dear.

Following the degree conferral, we were treated with a stellar performance during the examination of Br. Ozzie Ghani and his coach, Wor. Lyman Penning. Bro. Ozzie, everyone can tell the amount of work that was you put in to your paper and your proficiency.

Randy and Ozzie, lets will move forward together to continue our quest to seek further light in this wonderful Craft. Lifelong lessons await and more mysteries to be uncover upon your qualification, at the proper place, and in due time.

Yesterday I was Clever

By Osman “Ozzie” Ghani, E.A.

“Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.”

That has always been one of my favorite quotes by the great scholar and poet of the thirteenth century known as Rumi. It reminds me of the fact that although life doesn’t come perfect (and indeed doesn’t have to be), that we all manifest within ourselves a desperate desire towards betterment.

Masonic teachings provide definitive guidelines that can be leveraged to establish thought processes, tasks and actions that are conducive to achieving these goals of knowing better, doing better and, ultimately, being better. This essential cycle of continuous improvement we urge ourselves to engage in is not limited to within ourselves but also incorporates our collective surroundings.



Proclaiming this, the Masonic emblem’s 24 inch gauge depicts pursuit of better time management among our daily routines. This encourages one to bring the various activities that are engaged in throughout the day into balance. The 24 inch gauge can also be applied to a wider interval of time, such as a year and how to successfully deliver our

yearly goals, or a lifespan of a project or our entire life.

Balance means that working at jobs, praying to God, and learning new subjects or skills are as important as sharing time with loved ones and providing support to those members of the community in need.

The common gavel shown in the emblem represents one’s intent to let go of negativity and suppress the ego, thereby making continuous improvement not just in our own lives but also in the lives of our friends and families, as well as strangers in need.

In addition to our life, mind and heart being “stones” that demand constant reshaping, other aspects of life such as personal and professional relationships, education, or our environment are prime examples of “stones” that can be improved to better fit our life.

I believe both of these tools encourage us to first communicate with ourselves. Without an increased and honest level of self reflection and subsequent engagement with those areas having been reflected upon, we may not see signs of improvement and growth. The 24 inch gauge — a better time management can help us identify the areas of improvement. The Common gavel — can help us acknowledge, strategize and apply remedies to address the needs in our life.

May God give us strength to collectively and collaboratively work on reshaping our lives towards betterment.



August Birthdays

William Quintel (08/01)	Gregory Cooper (08/18)
Craig Tangen (08/06)	Howard Ellis (08/18)
Scott West (08/06)	Lyman Penning (08/18)
Stanley Gresick (08/07)	Paul Leiber (08/19)
Dale Reynolds (08/07)	Donald Johnson (08/21)
John Kralovansky (08/10)	Theodore Santel (08/21)
Gordon Mac Donald (08/12)	Harold Brooke (08/23)
Kay Dunn (08/13)	Chris Bokamper (08/24)
Le Roy Swanson (08/17)	Danny Mrdja (08/25)

In Memoriam



William E. Strain
Entered into Rest

92 years and 5 days
July 4, 2021

*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: Liverpool, UK; Hamburg, Germany; Denver, CO; McBee, SC; Nassau, Bahamas; Bridgetown, Barbados; Amsterdam, Netherlands; Chandler, AZ; Chelmsford, UK; Sugar Grove, TX; Orwigsburg, PA; Troy, MI; Burton-on-Trent, UK; Brooklyn, NY; Vienna, Austria; Clearwater, FL; Greenwood, SC



Committees

2021 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, and Andrew Hawes

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Child ID: Jerry Garcia

Crab Feed: Don Schauer Sr., Perry Klahr, and Roy Tamez, PM

Executive Committee: Robert Eckstein, PM, Paul Rodriguez, PM, Brian Ross, Kurt Allen, PM, and Perry Klahr.

FOSJ and White Table Night: J Rafisura

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Lodge App: Robert Eckstein, PM

Masonic Education: TBD

Masonic Funeral: Kurt Allen, PM, Bill Ferrell, PM

Masonic Hall Association: Jerry Garcia

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer Sr.

Masons for Mitts: Kurt Allen, PM

Membership Retention: Don Schauer Sr., Robert Eckstein, PM

Picnic: Don Schauer Sr., Roy Tamez, PM, and Perry Klahr

Printing and Mailing: Don Schauer Sr.

Strawberry Feed: Ron Katz, PM, Perry Klahr, and Paul Rodriguez, PM

Sunshine and Visiting: Ernie Nidick and Les Blake

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch, Paul Rodriguez, PM

Trustees: Brian Ross, Paul Rodriguez, PM

Visiting /Traveling Degree: Kurt Allen, PM and Don Schauer Sr.

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM.

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Rainbow for Girls - gorainbow.org



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			7pm - Officer's	6:15pm - Stated 7:30pm - Stated		Sportsmen Club -
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				7pm - 2nd Degree-		8am - Breakfast
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				6pm - 2020 Hiram		Sportsmen Club -
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		7pm - Hall		7pm - 3rd Degree		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			7pm - Officer's	6:15pm - Stated 7:30pm - Stated		