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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2020

12/03-Thursday—“Virtual Stated Meeting”—Social: 6:30 PM/
Meeting: 7:30 PM—Zoom Meeting ID: **618-797-9982**

12/10-Thursday-DARK

12/17-Thursday-DARK

12/24-Tuesday-DARK—Merry Xmas

12/31-Thursday-DARK-Happy New Year

JANUARY 2021

01/07-Thursday—“Virtual Stated Meeting”—Social: 6:30 PM/
Meeting: 7:30 PM—Zoom Meeting ID: **618-797-9982**

01/14-Thursday-DARK

01/21-Thursday-DARK

01/26-Tuesday-Hall Association

01/28-Thursday-DARK

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

**Lodge Virtual Stated Meetings will be held on the normal day and time
via Zoom (Meeting ID: 618-797-9982)
until the Grand Master of California issues an edict that live meetings may resume.
If you need assistance joining us in our meetings, please contact any of your principle officers.**

From the East

By Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien—Master

Brethren and Families,

Last month we had our first 'Grand Lodge' sanctioned Virtual Stated Meeting. The event was a great success, and it was warming to see all the faces that we hadn't seen for quite some time now.



Although it wasn't a tiled environment, we were able to catch-up on all business, correspondence, and news, since the last time we were able to meet in person at our actual 'Lodge Night' last March. This virtual-style is how we will officially conduct business as a lodge going forward until we are again allowed to practice our craft



as it was meant to be. As we get closer to this as a reality, your officers and I will be sure to inform everyone as to how we will transition into the normalcy of Dinners and Lodge once again. ...Yes, I do see this as an attainable reality.

Among the typical business of Lodge, we also held the Officer elections that night, and it was voted and agreed upon to have your 2020 Officers give it another go for 2021.

There will however be some substantial changes to the lodge in that this year we will see the retirement of two of our "Great Pillars", W. Bro. George R. Lumm and Bro. Secretary Don Schauer, Sr. Bro. Pat Quinn and Bro. Perry Klahr will do their best to fill their shoes.

W. Bro. Treasurer George R. Lumm has been Treasurer for 15 years, and it has always been a pleasure to hear him read the 'Treasurer Reports'. To me his enunciation and delivery style harkened to the radio newscasters that we all grew up listening to like Paul Harvey.

W. George will be retiring to spend more time with his wife Kim, their 7 children, and their grandchildren. I'm sure we will be able to see him again as soon as we can get back into the building and do real Masonry. Thank you very much Worshipful for the years of dedication and service you have shown our lodge.



Bro. Secretary Don Schauer Sr. has been a Masonic Secretary for 42 years, and of those, 10 at CC-551. As anyone knows, Bro. Don always showed a fun-type of edgy commentary while reading all the lodge business, news, and correspondence. It was always fun to have the lodge groan at his "exurbanite" salary when he had to read them while reading the bills. His reply was always different and met with laughter from all. Don will actually be stepping down to the Assistant Secretary position for 2021, so we will not let him off the hook that easily.

Finally, please join us Brothers in our December Virtual

Stated Meeting on Thursday, December 3rd. Social at 6:30, and Lodge at 7:00 pm.

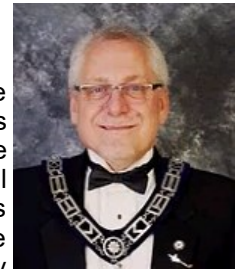
If you didn't receive an email invite for our November Virtual Stated Meeting, please let me know so I can update my list and record your address with Grand Lodge as well.

Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, and know you are a valuable part of our Masonry family. We are here to help and support you anyway we can. Just reach out and call us. Our phone numbers and email address are easily found within this Trestleboard, and on our website.

From the West

By Brian Ross—Senior Warden

Happy Holidays to you all! The coming of the COVID vaccines means life might actually return to some normality in the coming months. Until then, please heed the Governor's mandate – wear a mask and distance – and try to avoid that holiday gathering although it hurts to do so. Your life could depend upon it.



As many of you know, the officers decided to remain in their chairs for the year 2021. It is my sincere hope that, despite the COVID mess, Worshipful Paul is able to do many of the things he had planned for us this past year. I look forward to supporting him and the other officers in getting the Lodge back on track sometime next year.

Finally, we have added three new officers to our line. Brother Pat Quinn has generously volunteered to take over the Treasurer position in place of the outgoing Brother George Lum. Brother Tramaine Ellison has stepped up as Marshall and Brother Aaron Johnson will cover the Junior Steward's chair. A sincere thanks goes out to all three of you!

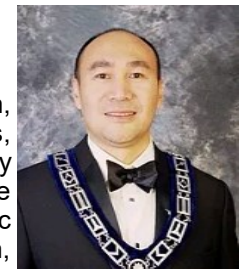
From the South

By J. Rafisura—Junior Warden

Autumn is here and pretty soon, Winter will be upon us. Cold mornings, breezy and rainy days, and gloomy skies are starting to creep in. As the Pandemic continues to wreak havoc into our way of living, it is, once again, time to hunker down as cases have been reported to go up in our area, as expected. After the "fire" season, here comes Fall – the beginning of the end of the cycle. Leaves start to drop and adorn the ground – orange, red, yellow...as they glow dead above the frigid cold ground.

But such is the cycle of life! In this mortal world, nothing lasts forever. However, as mentioned, it is a cycle of life...the end may really be not the end-end. But there is a time for everything. We read from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8:

To every thing there is a season,
And a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

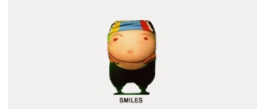


A time to kill, and time to heal;
 A time to break down, and a time to build up;
 A to weep, and a time to laugh;
 A time to cast away stones,
 and a time to gather stones together;
 A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
 A time to get, and a time to lose;
 A time to keep, and a time to cast away;
 A time to rend, and a time to sew;
 A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
 A time to love and a time to hate;
 A time of war and a time of peace.

Brethren, as the cycle of life goes on, I wish everyone a peaceful and meaningful Holidays. As of this writing, Thanksgiving Day is coming up. Soon it will be Christmas and New Years Day! So much to look forward to! We also know that these too shall pass, the holiday excitement dies down and so we begin again to anticipate the next.

As I get back studying my proficiency (again) for next year's "officership", I am reminded how our ancient craft is trying to teach us about our preparations here in this world for the ultimate admittance to the Celestial Lodge above. We do things in cycles, experience various feelings in cycles, learn in cycles. We learn by repetition and by these cycles, we are continually taught about mastery of life so that when the time comes, we are well truly prepared, duly qualified and well proficient. Again, it is an honor be able to stay in my chair for next year...a time to be still, and a time to move forward. These are times to be still. But this too shall pass. We will again move forward and the cycle will begin again.

**SHAKE IT OFF AND
 BEGIN AGAIN**



From the Secretary's Table

By Donald Schauer, Sr. —Secretary

This will be my last message as your secretary. Brother Perry Klahr is replacing me and he is a very good fit. The lodge will be in good hands. He has the knowledge, and as a much younger person he knows computers.

I was first installed as Secretary in Foothill Lodge 564 in Oakland on December 1976 and it has been a wonderful ride ever since. It is time for me to pass the baton on after 42 years and relax, letting someone much younger and more knowledge.

Masonry has been very good to me and I like to think that I gave it my all. I have witnessed many changes in the craft over the years, some are very good and some I don't care for.



I want to thank the officers that I have served with past and present, thank you for your support. It is my hope that the suprema being watch

of the craft and our members. Everyone have a safe and Merry Christmas!



Know Your Masonic Code

Article 8—Rights and Duties of Masons

804.810. Generally.

A Mason has all of the rights applicable to him in the *California Masonic Code (CMC)*, the General Regulations of Masonry and the Ritual, subject to the limitations applicable to demitted, withdrawn, suspended or expelled Masons. Every Mason, including a demitted, withdrawn, suspended or expelled Mason, is subject to all the duties applicable to him in the CMC, the General Regulations of Masonry and the Ritual.

804.815. Right to Attend Meetings.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 807.020 of this Code, it is the right of every member of a Lodge at all times to be present and participate in its proceedings while he conducts himself with due order and propriety. For a breach of propriety, the Master may refuse him admission or exclude him. The Master should refuse admission to any member who presents himself in a state of intoxication [Amended: 2012] [Source: Section 23080 of the 1991 CMC] *For more information, please refer to the Appendix on Grand Masters' Decisions.*

804.820. Right to Burial.

It is the right of every Mason, other than a demitted, withdrawn, suspended or expelled Mason, to a Masonic memorial service or interment with Masonic honors. The foregoing notwithstanding, a demitted Master Mason has the right to a Masonic memorial service or interment with Masonic honors if he dies within a year after receiving a demit.

It is the duty of the lodge to inter an eligible Mason of that Lodge, wherever he may have died, and an eligible Mason of another Lodge in this or any other Jurisdiction who dies within the vicinity of the Lodge. If such deceased Mason's financial circumstances require it, the Lodge shall pay the necessary expenses of the interment, even if the deceased Mason's Lodge refuses to reimburse the Lodge for such expenses.

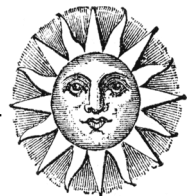
Now you are just a little more Masonic educated!

Sunshine and Visiting

These Brothers would love a phone call or e-mail from you to help cheer them up:

Mark Casperson, Woody Hibbs, Mic Bowers

Please contact Secretary Perry Klahr or check our members' only website for their respective phone numbers. If you know of a brother who is ill and could use some cheer please call Ernie or Les.



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2021 Committees

2021 Appointments

Audit: Mick Bowers

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Child ID: David Allen, and Perry Klahr

Crab Feed: Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

Executive Committee: Robert Eckstein, PM, Paul Rodriguez, Brian Ross, Kurt Allen, PM, and Don Schauer

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: Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer

Masons for Mitts: Kurt Allen, PM

Membership Retention: Don Schauer & Robert B. Eckstein, PM

Picnic: Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

Printing and Mailings: Don Schauer

Strawberry Feed: Ron Katz, PM and Perry Klahr

Sunshine & Visiting: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Sweethearts Committee: Perry Klahr, Mick Bowers, and Guy Phillips

Visitation / Traveling Degree : Kurt & Wynn Allen, and Don Schauer

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM

White Table Night: J Rafisura

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](#)

Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—Katie Bardwell 925.918.1675 [click to email](#)

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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 Saratov, Russia; Denver, CO; Bucharest, Romania; Nashville, TN; Lagos, Nigeria; Nuremberg, Germany; Freeport, ME; Winsor, NY; Lacmaria-plouzaine, France; Minneapolis, MN; South Royaltin, VT; Accra, Ghana; Suva, Fiji; Farnham, UK; Winfield, LA; Central Hong Kong; Auckland, NZ; Maritius; North Kingstown, RI; Adelaide, SA; Prague, Czechia; Zagreb, Croatia



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