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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2019

MARCH 2019

02/06 - Wednesday - Officers Meeting - 7:00 PM
02/07 - Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM /
Open 7:30 PM
02/09 - Saturday - Masters & Past Masters Convocation - Masonic Home -
3:00 PM
02/13 - Wednesday - District Officers (DOSI) @ Crow Canyon - 7:00 PM
02/14 - Thursday - Lodge Dark - Happy Valentine's Day!
02/16 - Saturday - Memorial Service - Bro. Howard Marmor - 1:00 PM
02/21 - Thursday - 1st Degree Practice - 7:00 PM
02/23 - Saturday - Annual Crab Feed
02/26 - Tuesday - Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 PM
02/28 - Thursday - 1st Degree - Mr. Aaron E. Johnson - 7:00 PM

03/06 - Wednesday - Officers Meeting - 7:00 PM
03/07 - Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM /
Open 7:30 PM - Inspector's Official Visit
03/12 - Tuesday - District Officers (DOSI) @ Mosaic, Livermore - 7:00 PM
03/14 - Thursday - 3rd Degree Practice - 7:00 PM
03/16 - Saturday - Sportsman's Club Event - 10:00 AM
03/21 - Thursday - 3rd Degree Practice - 7:00 PM
03/26 - Tuesday - Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 PM
03/28 - Thursday - 3rd Degree - Bro. Nicholas Nelson - 7:00 PM
03/29 - 03/31 - Friday-Sunday - Masters and Wardens Retreat

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- ◆ San Lorenzo Chapter Eastern Star No. 103 meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Monday (8:00 PM)
- ◆ Alchor White Shrine meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Friday (7:00 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 Robert Eckstein, PM—Master

How good and how pleasant it is to dwell together in unity!

We enjoyed our fellowship at our first potluck last month on January 31st. We will enjoy this get together every 5th Thursday in 2019.

Our next big gathering is on February 23rd when we will hold our Annual Crab Feed. This is always a sell out so get your tickets from the Secretary as soon as you can. Stated Meeting dinner would be a good time and place.

Our lodge will be dark on Thursday February 14th in honor of Valentine's Day. Remember your ladies with a night out as the Lodge Officers will be honoring theirs.

We will be voting on the application of Mr. Aaron E. Johnson of Hayward. If elected he will receive his First Degree on February 28th.

Our Brother, the Assistant Secretary, sent an email last month about our duty to say farewell to our departed brothers:

From the California Masonic Code Section 804.855: "It is the duty of every member to attend the funeral of a deceased member of this Lodge or any other Master Mason residing in the vicinity of his Lodge at the time of death, if he can do so without great inconvenience." If this requirement is news to you, please take note.



On February 16th at 1PM our Lodge will remember Howard Marmor with a Masonic Memorial Service and lunch. Howard received the Hiram Award in 2014 for his years of service to the Lodge. You may remember him in our kitchen working hard putting food on our table. He is missed very much.

From the West

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Senior Warden

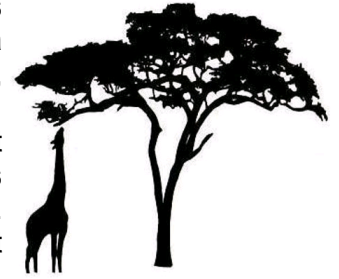
I would like to speak this month about the Acacia. We in Masonry know of this tree as a small artificial sprig that within the lodge, and on occasions, may cause us to lose our balance at the most unexpected moment. But what else do we know of this tree?

Being found in Africa, this tree has evolved with some interesting defenses. To protect itself against hungry Giraffes it has evolved with thorny branches that protect its fern like leaves. These thorny branches also have holes and tubes within the spikes which through a symbiotic relationship, serves as homes for stinging ants that stream out and sting anything trying to get



a free lunch. For this protection, the ants are rewarded by the Acacia with nutrient rich nectars found with the tubules.

A member of the Pea family, its harvest yields true gum arabic, a substance used in adhesives, pharmaceuticals, confections, and incense. The bark of most acacias is rich in tannin, which is used in tanning, dyes, and inks. The tree is so hardy, that if cut down to form beams of a house, it will often sprout branches even when they have no roots (reference Job 14:7).



The wood has been associated with the sacred since time immemorial. Within the Bible, Moses was ordered to make the tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, the table for the showbread, and the rest of the sacred furniture from the Acacia. The Hebrews also planted a sprig of the acacia at the head of the grave of a departed friend. It is also a masonic custom at funerals to place a sprig of acacia or evergreen on the casket as "an emblem of enduring faith in the immortality of the soul".

This leads me to a great writing I would like to share "The Symbolism of Freemasonry" by Albert G. Mackey [1882]. Where in chapter 28 "The Sprig of Acacia.", he explains;

"...Freemasonry, is preeminently the symbol of the IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL--that important doctrine which it is the great design of the institution to teach. As the evanescent nature of the flower which "cometh forth and is cut down" reminds us of the transitory nature of human life, so the perpetual renovation of the evergreen plant, which uninterruptedly presents the appearance of youth and vigor, is aptly compared to that spiritual life in which the soul, freed from the corruptible companionship of the body, shall enjoy an eternal spring and an immortal youth. Hence, in the impressive funeral service of our order, it is said, "This evergreen is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By this we are reminded that we have an immortal part within us, which shall survive the grave, and which shall never, never, never die."

The teachings found within our degrees are obvious when looked upon as a 'Master Mason'. If we perform the duties set forth in our degrees; to God, our neighbor, and ourselves, if we divest our hearts and consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life, we will then fit our minds "as living stones, for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."



From the South

By Brian Ross—Junior Warden



Well the ball has fallen and a new year is upon us. Like many of you, I make resolutions in good faith only to break them as fast as they were made. However, this year I decided to be reasonable about my resolutions – that is, make those that I can keep. One of them is to be more active in the lodge. In that regard, I will make every effort to volunteer and attend as many functions as my work and family life will allow. I will practice the virtues of friendship and brotherly love, by making it a point to speak to each and every one of you at our Stated meetings, and further, I will reach out to our less active members if to do nothing more than to say “hello.”

As many of you know, I am a member of our Temple Board – the group that oversees the management of our wonderful lodge facility. Recently, due to a lack of interest and participation, the board has found it difficult to carry out its functions. Outgoing president William Ferrell has done a great job but at a great

cost to him in terms of his time and effort. I respectfully request that each of you reading this article consider volunteering some of your time by becoming a member of the board. No specific qualifications are necessary – just your input in how to keep our facility in good order. If interested, please give me a call.

I want to remind everyone that our lodge potluck is scheduled for January 31, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please bring an item based upon the first letter of your last name:

- A-H - salad or appetizer
- I-O - main course
- P-Z - dessert

Finally, our annual crab feed is set for Saturday, February 23, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. As of January 21, 2019, our secretary Brother Don Schauer reports that he has sold 7 crab feed tickets and 3 spaghetti feed tickets. Brother Don will have tickets available at our Stated meeting on February 7, 2019 – be sure to pick one up!

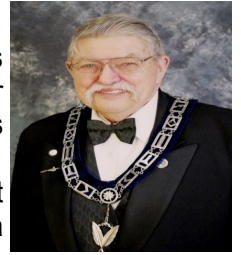


Hope you and yours can make these fun events!

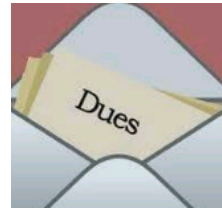


From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



We are starting 2019 with a lot of address changes. Most of the changes are from our sweethearts. Each time a change goes through the US Post Office it cost the lodge 0.59¢. This month I have received about ten of them. If you are moving, give me a call at 510 258 0654, email me at don-schauers@gmail.com or drop me a note at 19767 Royal Avenue, Hayward 94541. If you feel that you no longer want to receive our Trestleboard, please let me know and I will remove you from our mailing list.



The receipt of annual dues has slowed down considerably. As of January 15th, 52 members have not paid their dues. Of those 52 member, 12 are delinquent on their 2018 dues. Remember the lodge will have to pay your per-capita tax even if you don't pay your dues. If you have a hardship and are not able to pay, please contact me and we may be able to have your dues remitted. Check your dues receipt.

Now that the rainy season is upon us, I ask each of you drive carefully.

I hope to see you at Stated Meeting!



In Memoriam



Robert D. Keller Entered into Rest	91 year and 10 days June 12, 2018
Howard Marmor Entered into Rest	84 years, 6 months, 29 days January 1, 2019
Douglas Vorpahl Entered into Rest	79 years, 2 months, 1 day December 25, 2018
Marshall L. Field Entered into Rest	91 years, 11 months, 30 days January 8, 2019

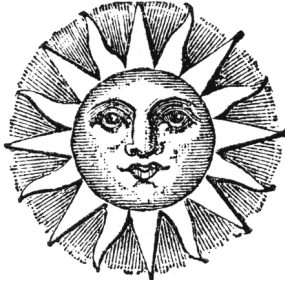
*Great Architect of the Universe, into thine hands
we commend the souls of
our dear departed brothers!*



Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson, George Christensen, Gary Frisvold, Charles Hintz, Corbit Ray, Woody Hibbs



Please contact Secretary Don Schauer 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.

Ernie Nidick —Sunshine Chairman 925.828.6993 [click to email](#)
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [click to email](#)

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Paul Amato (61)	Jeffrey Hansen (22)
Glen Barth (76)	Anthony Lloyd (51)
Orrin Benedict Jr. (1)	Paul Makela (45)
Ronald Bessette (27)	Norvalle May (54)
David Bode (34)	Billy Mc Clary (36)
Harold Burk Jr. (27)	Roger Moore (39)
Ronnie Castia (28)	Ronald Nobriga (22)
Kishore Gidvani (20)	Allen Weisser [PM] (55)

MASTERS' and PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION



106th ANNUAL CONVOCATION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019
3:00 PM

Grand Master Stuart A. Wright will attend

Masonic Home, Union City, CA

Reservations are REQUIRED
Contact mpmsecretary@att.net

February Birthdays

Chris Boggess (02/03)	Billy Mc Clary (02/13)
John Smith (02/03)	Fred Jonke (02/14)
Anthony Lloyd (02/05)	Mark Warzyniak (02/17)
Alvin Rodes (02/05)	John Groff (02/19)
Harold Rubin (02/05)	Ronald Selvey (02/19)
Edward Augadro (02/06)	Jack Fischer (02/23)
Robert Steen (02/10)	Alan West (02/26)

TRAIN HIM WELL



ONE DAY, HE MIGHT BE
GRAND MASTER

Do you know how to conduct a Masonic Funeral Service?

Would you like to learn how?

Plan to attend the Funeral Service Master Class.

Saturday 3/23 at 9am-11:30am

at Alameda Masonic Temple in Fremont.

A light breakfast will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. the Master if you are interested.



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2019 Committees

2019 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—Laurel M. 559.696.0746 [click to email](#)

Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—Jessica Keene 510.755.6312 [click to email](#)

LEARN MORE ABOUT MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

DeMolay - demolay.org

Jobs Daughters - jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls - gorainbow.org



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Bill Ferrell - 510.520.7242 cell



Crow Canyon Lodge #551 February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Officer's Meeting - 7:00 PM	7 Stated Meeting Social 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Opening 7:30 PM	8	9 Masters & Past Masters Convocation - Masonic Home - 3:00 PM
10	11	12	13 District Officers' School of Instruction @ CVMC - Pleasanton Hosts Opening 7:00 PM	14 Lodge Dark Happy Valentine's Day	15	16 Memorial Service - Bro. Howard Marmor - 1:00 PM
17	18	19	20	21 1st Degree Practice 7:00 PM	22	23 Annual Crab Feed \$40/person - 5:00 PM
24	25	26 Hall Association - 7:00 PM	27	28 1st Degree - Mr. Aaron E. Johnson - 7:00 PM (if elected at Stated)		