



Trestleboard

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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2026

- 02/04—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 02/05—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 02/08—Sunday—Superbowl Watch Party—2:30 PM
- 02/12—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 02/14—Saturday—Sweetheart Event (TBD)
- 02/17—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 02/19—Thursday—2nd Degree—Bros. Baron and Johnson—6:15 PM
- 02/21—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Dougs, CV—8:00 AM
- 02/24—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 02/26—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM

MARCH 2026

- 03/04—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 03/05—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 03/07—Saturday—Crab Feed—6:00 PM —See Sec. for tickets (\$65/person crab & shrimp or \$25/person chicken)
- 03/10—Tuesday—DOSI—6:30 PM
- 03/12—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 03/17—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 03/19—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 03/21—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ The Dougs, CV—8:00 AM
- 03/23—Monday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 03/26—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 Paul Rodriguez-Obrian, PM—Master



Brethren and Families,

Here we are in February, and I am excited to share that our Lodge is revving up its activities for the year. Your officers and I are very much looking forward to seeing you at each event this Lodge hosts in your honor.

We have scheduled a Super Bowl party (2/8 @ 2:30 PM) in the Lodge fellowship hall (for Brothers, wives, and guests). We expect it will be well attended, lively, and full of enthusiasm, both Masonic and football related. The event came together from an impromptu motion raised at the January Stated Meeting and was met with thundering approval.



February brings us a very notable occasion that we hope is high on your must attend list. On February 19th at 7:00 PM, we will be conferring a double Second Degree for Bro. Ildjer Baron and Bro. Robert Johnson. Your officers have invested a great deal of time and effort to prepare the best degree possible for these worthy Fellowcrafts to be, and your presence always makes the work that much more meaningful.

We also have several other activities planned for February, listed on the calendar on the next page, along with a few that remain moving targets as we finalize details such as location, timing, and participants. These include the Masonic Sportsman Club rifle range outing and hiking opportunities. If you enjoy fresh air, good company, and returning home tired in a good way, please email me for further details.

For those who cannot attend every event in person, our online Zoom social continues to be an excellent way to stay connected, especially for Brothers limited by mobility or distance. It offers a relaxed, un-tiled setting for Masonic education, fellowship, or simply good conversation. Brothers and wives are welcome. Please see this Trestleboard for the Zoom link. If technology is not your favorite working tool, not to worry. Call me at least an hour beforehand and I will happily guide you through the sign in process.



We also look forward to welcoming you, your family, and your guests to our Stated Dinners. As a reminder, throughout 2026 we will be offering a complimentary meal each month to any Brother celebrating a birthday or Third Degree anniversary during that month, as listed in this Trestleboard. Be sure to check in with our Dining Hall Tiler, Bro. Treasurer Phil Busch, H.A., who will be faithfully standing guard (while sitting) at the entrance to the dining hall.



Following dinner, we encourage all Masons to migrate into the Lodge room to take part in the work of the Lodge during our Stated Meeting. Feel free to ask not what your Lodge can do for you, but ask what you can do for your Lodge. However, bench warmers are always welcome.

Lastly, please remember that I am always available should you or your family have any questions, ideas, concerns, or words of praise. An email is best for non-urgent matters, or feel free to call and leave a message. I will respond within hours.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

From the West

By Alex Von Stadt — Sr. Warden



Welcome to the month of February, the shortest month of this year. The name February is derived from the Latin word "februa" which means to clean or purify. It was named after Februalia, the Roman festival of purification and atonement, which was a month-long event. Two notable events during the month of February include Valentine's Day on February 14th, and Presidents' Day on February 16th.

Another February event that I look forward to every year is Groundhog Day on February 2, 2026. Legend has it that if a groundhog sees its shadow on this day, there will be six more weeks of winter; if not, then Spring is just around the corner. All eyes

will be on one famous groundhog, “Punxsutawney Phil”, in Gobbler’s Knob of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to witness this annual event.

On February 19th, we will be conferring the Second Degree for two brothers (Baron and Johnson). Please support these two individuals in their masonic journey by attending this special double degree event.

Until next month, have a pleasant February.

From the South

By Andrew Hawes, PM — Jr. Warden

Wow, look at us, over 8 percent of the way through 2026. We live in a world of technological marvels, taken for granted every day. Our electronic alarms wake us in the morning, our computerized cars drive us to work (with less and less assistance from us) we can use a palm-sized device to check the time of day, read predictions about the future weather, and learn about events from around the world. We can walk into a vehicle and sit down, and be whisked through the air at hundreds of miles per hour to arrive safely and comfortably at another place thousands of miles away a few hours later.

I myself spent the last week aboard a giant metal box that moved itself quickly over the ocean bearing thousands of people in it in luxurious comfort, living each day playing, eating, drinking, swimming, riding elevators and otherwise engaged in various leisure activities, while being delivered safely to exotic destinations.

We live in a world of wonders, and take most of them for granted, but it's important to remember that we have arrived here carried by the hard work, sweat and tears of generations before us. We owe thanks to so many that it isn't even conceivable to thank them all. But we should still remember to be thankful, and do our part to both appreciate the efforts that have gotten us to this level of unprecedented luxury in our daily lives. Can we pay that forward, to help everyone around us to have a better day than they would have had, if we weren't in it?

Enjoy life, and help others do the same!



A Masonic Short Talk

By Ron Katz with assistance from Microsoft CoPilot

Brethren,

As we gather in the spirit of fellowship, it is fitting that we pause to reflect on President’s Day, a time set aside to honor the leaders who have guided our nation through trials and triumphs. While the holiday often brings to mind the towering figures of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, it also invites us to consider the deeper qualities of leadership — qualities that resonate strongly with our Masonic principles.

George Washington, himself a Brother Mason, exemplified the virtues we hold dear: integrity, humility, and a steadfast commitment to truth. He understood that leadership is not about personal glory, but about service to a greater cause. Abraham Lincoln, though not a Mason, embodied the Masonic ideal of equality, striving to unite a divided people under the banner of liberty and justice.

In our Lodges, we are reminded that true leadership is rooted in moral character. The gavel in the Master’s hand is not a symbol of power, but of responsibility — to guide with wisdom, to act with fairness, and to inspire others toward the light.

On this President’s Day, let us reflect on how we, too, can lead in our own spheres — not necessarily from a podium or public office, but through daily acts of honesty, compassion, and courage. Just as the Presidents we honor shaped the destiny of a nation, so can we shape the character of our communities.

May we always remember that the greatest leaders are those who serve, and the truest service is that which uplifts humanity.

So mote it be.



February Birthdays

Christopher Boggess (2/3)	Brandon Moore (2/16)
John Smith (2/3)	John Groff PM (2/19)
Alvin Rodes (2/5)	Ronald Selvey (2/19)
Harold Rubin (2/5)	Brian Brunckhorst (2/25)
Robert Steen PM (2/10)	Alan West PM (2/26)
Fred Jonke (2/14)	John Fischer (2/27)



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Orrin Benedict Jr. (08)	Kishore Gidvani (27)
Ronald Bessette (34)	Jeffrey Hansen (29)
David Bode (41)	Douglas Howe (21)
Harold Burk Jr. (34)	Allen Weisser (62)
Ronnie Castia (35)	



Sunshine and Visiting

The "Sunshine Committee" focuses on spreading positivity and providing support to members and their families during challenging times. This could include sending cards, making visits, or offering assistance to those in need. Similarly, our "Visiting Committee" ensures that members who are unwell or unable to attend meetings feel connected and supported. These committees embody the Masonic values of brotherhood and compassion.



If you know of a brother who could use some Sunshine or a Visit please contact our chairman, Wor. Alan Kenyon at 510-520-7672 or Alan.Kenyon@comcast.net

Masonic Family Corner

By Denise Jow—Past Grand Guide

2026 began on a high note with four of our Past Honored Queens receiving their Majority on January 7th. It was wonderful to see these young women—who joined us at such early ages—now moving forward with their education and lives.

Our Installation of Bethel Officers took place on January 10th. This term's theme is "Winter Wonderland," complete with polar bears as mascots. The ceremony was beautifully done, and we were delighted to welcome one potential member and a new JD-to-Bee in attendance.

Upcoming Events

- ♥ February 13: Galentine's Fun Event
- ♥ March: Dublin St. Patrick's Parade & Promotion Booth
- ♥ April 24: Our 26th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction at the Castro Valley Masonic Center — save the date!

Bethel Meetings We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at John Knox Church. Membership is open to girls ages 10 to 20, with opportunities for younger girls to join our Bee Hive and become JD-to-Bees.

For more information about attending our activities or joining our Bethel, please contact us at our Bethel email: Bethel1.Bethel1@cajdi.org.



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Committees

2026 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Justin Ortiz, Andrew Hawes

Breakfast with Brothers: Brian Ross, Bill Biddell, Phil Busch

Masonic Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Community Outreach: Aaron Johnson, Paul Rodriguez

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Bill Biddell, Brian Ross

Executive Committee: Paul Rodriguez, Alexander Van Stade, Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr

FOSJ: Bill Biddell

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell, Lyman Penning, Roy Tamez, Pat Quinn, Bill Biddell.

Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn—President

Membership Retention: Paul Rodriguez, Alex Von Stade, Perry Klahr, Ron Reynolds

Picnic: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Bill Biddell, Brian Ross,

Printing and Mailing: Bill Biddell

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas, Brendan Korbas, Roy Tamez

Sportsman Club: Brian Ross, Phil Busch.

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Robert Johnson, Bill Biddell, Brian Canton

Sunshine and Visiting: Alan Kenyon

Sweethearts Committee: Aaron Johnson, Jacob Herrick, Tramaine Ellison

Trustees: Robert Logan, Brian Ross, Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, Hank Andreotti, Adam Korbas

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz

Welcome: Bill Ferrell, Adam Brissey

White Table Night: Perry Klahr, Brian Ross, Pat Quinn, Bill Biddell

Youth Orders Liaisons: Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn, Bill Ferrell

Masonic Youth Orders

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Where in the World

Each month we log visitors to website. This month we were pleased to have guests from: cust Grove, GA; Oakley, CA; attle, WA; Kitchener, ON; Prestatyn, UK; Laplace, LA; Nashville, TN; Ry, Denmark; Shelby, NC; Colledgeville, PA; ronto, ON; Stockton, CA, Durham, NC



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