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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2023

04/05—Wednesday—Officers'/Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
04/06—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
04/11—Tuesday—DOSI at Pleasanton—6:30 PM
04/13—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
04/15—Saturday—Breakfast w/Brothers @ Normans CV 8:00 AM
04/18—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
04/20—Thursday—Public Schools Night— Dinner 6:00 PM / Ceremony 7:00 PM
04/25—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
04/27—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM

MAY 2023

05/03—Wednesday—Officers'/Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
05/04—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
05/05—05/07—Friday-Sunday—Master's & Warden's Retreat
05/09—Tuesday—DOSI at Castro Valley—6:30 PM
05/11—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
05/16—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
05/18—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
05/20—Saturday—Breakfast w/Brothers @ Normans CV 8:00 AM
05/23—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
05/25—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
05/20—Saturday—White Table Night (tentative)

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 J. E. C. Rafisura — Master

My dear brothers, the first quarter of 2023 is done! With this, I am pleased to report to you that so far, we have conducted the following activities:



- ♦ January 26th—Second Degree conferral of Bro. Steven Dorough
- ♦ February 9th—Double Second Degree conferral of Bros. Charles and Jacob Herrick
- ♦ February 18th—Sweetheart's Initiative
- ♦ February 26th—Successful sold-out Crab/Shrimp Feed
- ♦ March 9th—First Degree Conferral of Bro. Adam Brissey
- ♦ March 18th—Golden Veteran Award Ceremony for Wor. Ed Matraia
- ♦ March 30th—Potluck/Chili Cook-off night
- ♦ Additionally we Conducted successful examinations on Bros. Charles and Jacob Herrick (1st Degree), Jake Andreotti (2nd Degree), and Bro. Steven Dorough (2nd Degree) are in finalization of the proposed "Travelling Gavel" program by our Inter-lodge Committee.

As we begin the next quarter of this year, I am looking forward to more activities and degree conferrals.

To-date, we have two applicants in the pipeline and two brothers who are ready for their Third Degrees. Also, we will be scheduling another Golden Veteran Award Ceremony for Brother George Christensen.

Our Public Schools Night will also be held on April 20th. Castro Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) has already forwarded to us the names of the honorees for this year!

With all these upcoming activities I am excited to see what is to come and I encourage the rest of our brothers to get involved and participate in our activities. It can be daunting for our working committees and officers to balance work, family and masonic life. As we take on these activities, there's a lot of work that needs to be done in the background such as multiple degree practices, filling-in "empty chairs" during degrees and stated meetings, coordination for meal preparations for every events, dining hall set-ups/take-downs, among other logistical requirements. My sincerest thanks to

those who are silently working in the background to make these events successful. I appreciate all your efforts – dedicating your time and talents for the success of our events.

As we all know, our kitchen crew is currently understaffed due to some of the regular crews that are currently on extended travels/family vacation, relocation to other states, temporary illness, retirements, etc. My gratitude to our executive chef Wor. Roy Tamez who continues to "hold the line" and give his all despite his own limitations. Brothers, officers and non-officers alike continue to volunteer in the kitchen provide sumptuous meals. My gratitude also goes to the youth groups who help serve during stated meeting dinners and major events. The lodge owes deep gratitude to all of you.

As usual, I look forward to hearing from you or seeing you at one of the lodge activities! Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

From the West

By Andrew Hawes — Sr. Warden

In April, you will win the lottery, but the cost of gas is expected to hit \$25/gallon...



"April fools!" – we've all heard that phrase, probably many times. As a parent of a student who is waiting for college admission decisions, it's always amused me that they all promise to have decisions out by April 1. I cannot help but wonder how many admissions officers are tempted to post prank admissions letters, and blame it on April fools. No-one is apparently clear on when this tradition originated, but it's one that we must normally eschew, as Masons – since hypocrisy and deceit are unknown amongst us, it is hard to justify lying to one's brothers just for a moment's amusement. Unfortunately, for the same reason, we find ourselves in a position of being particular vulnerable to people who are willing to take advantage of our good nature – such as the scammers who pretend to be the current Master of a Lodge, and contact the brethren by text message, explaining that they are about to go into a meeting, and asking for a quick assist in picking up some gift cards to help the lodge. "Why of course!" is our natural inclination to respond. We always stand ready to assist a brother in need, it's part of what makes us Masons – but alas, these horrible people are merely attempting to trick us, and not only on April fools day. We've had a rash of such scam attempts over the past few years. The best way to handle

A Blast from the Past into the Future

By William M. Ferrell

Sadly the following is all that I have for these two lodges.

CASTRO VALLEY, U. D. Castro Valley Lodge was instituted May 19, 1951, with the legal maximum of 50 charter members. Since then they have read or accepted 22 petitions for degrees. The Lodge is adequately financed, having a cash balance of over \$1,500.00. Castro Valley is principally a residential community on the fringe of the tremendous industrial area of San Leandro, Alameda and Oakland, where further substantial increases in population appear inevitable. This Lodge is already taking its place in the community life and prospects for its future are bright. Your committee therefore recommends that a charter be granted to Castro Valley Lodge No. 713 in the County of Alameda. Castro Valley Lodge was chartered at Grand Lodge Proceeding of 1951, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1951. Membership 78

Grand Lodge records show that there were 48 members registered to Lake Chabot Lodge U.D. at Castro Valley in the County of Alameda while under dispensation.

Lake Chabot Lodge was chartered at the annual Grand Lodge Communications and issued No. 770, Friday, September 27, A. D. 1957, A. L. 5957. With Arthur R. McGinley as Master of the new lodge.

This is all I could find on this lodge. It originally met on our property until it merged with Diamond 603 and Lakeshore 551 to become a part of Tri-square 551. Fremont lodge 497 merged at a later date.

Next month we will present Ashland Lodge 798.

On a personal note when our Castro Valley Masonic Center was constructed late 1984, the temple board was comprised of six members of Castro Valley lodge 713 and three members of Chateau Thierry lodge 569. Prior to their mergers Castro Valley had two thirds ownership and Chateau Thierry had one third ownership in the

a situation like this is not to start distrusting each other, far from it – it is to use your contact information to call the person who supposedly reached out to you- not on the spoofed number that your text message came from, but their actual published number – and ask them if they really DO need help of some kind. This will insure that should there actually be a distressed brother in need, you will be able to offer them immediate assistance – but also will protect your good nature from being abused by those who care only for themselves, and will sometimes go to great lengths to try and abuse the good faith that we repose in each other. In short, if you feel the need to buy gift cards to help a brother in the lodge – TALK to them about it first! April is the first month of the second quarter of the year. One fourth of the year is gone already – time marches inexorably onward – even when March is over! To wrap up my musings for this month, I'll quote from "Poor Robin's Almanac" published in 1760:

*The First of April some do say
Is set apart for all Fool's Day
But why the people call it so
Nor I nor them themselves do know*

I wish you all a very Happy April, my brethren – No Fooling!

From the South

By Lyman Penning — Jr. Warden

I hope that everyone enjoyed the meals that we had in March. Now that we have enjoyed our Corn Beef and cabbage, as well as our Prime Rib at the Golden Veterans Anniversary, and the food for our potluck dinner, we are now setting our sights on the April Stated Meeting Dinner and the Public Schools Dinner.

Roy Tamez and his crew will be serving Ham (chicken upon request) for the Stated Meeting Dinner which will start at 5:30 PM with the usual social time followed by dinner at 6:15 PM on Thursday, April 6th. I will announce what the entree will be for the Public School Dinner which will start at 5:00 PM followed by the ceremony at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 20th.

I wish to thank everyone who put their reservations on the sign-up sheets. At the April Stated Meeting, I will have sign-up sheets for the May Stated Meeting Dinner as well as the Public Schools Ceremony. If you miss the sign-up sheets, please call Perry Klahr at (925) 425-3360 or me at (510) 441-3901. Try to get reservations in at least one week before the event so we can be sure to have enough food for everyone.

See you at Lodge everybody.



temple association. Members of both lodges equally were active in the construction. John De Poe owned and operated a cabinet shop and supplied the cabinets and storage doors. Charles Tilden was actively supervising the construction. The sliding door in the anti-room was a major project of commercial grade. The electrical was done by Beaman Electric, Roger Beaman was a member of Chateau Thierry.

If any member has information about any of the eight lodge prior to the consolidation, please contact me at kb6xa@att.net

Tell Him Now!

*If with pleasure you are viewing
any work a brother's doing;
If you like him or admire him, tell him now!
Don't withhold your approbation
till the parson's grave oration
As he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow.*

*Then no matter how you shout it
he won't really care about it —
He won't know how many teardrops you have shed.
If you think some praise is due him
now's the time to tell it to him -
For he cannot read his tombstone once he's dead.*

*More than fame and more than money
is the comment, kind and sunny,
And the unmistakable handshake of a friend.
For it gives to life a savor,
and it makes you stronger, braver,
And it gives you heart and spirit to the end.*

*If he earns your praise - bestow it,
if you like him let him know it,
Give the hearty, warm approval you can say.
Don't make him wait till life is over
and he is underneath the clover,
Voice the words of true encouragement today!*

In Memoriam

Joseph Elleard, PM
Entered into Rest

95 years, 8 months and 6 Days
March 12, 2023

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



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Roger Accurso (7)	Michael Gallico (16)
Robert Marshall (66)	Ronald Garcia (56)
Christopher Boggess (16)	George Lumm [PM] (29)
Leslie Blake (56)	Julius Kahn III[PM] (48)
Charles Cammerer (46)	Alan Kenyon [PM] (40)
Gregory Cooper (35)	John Kralovansky (42)
Robert Douglas (46)	Donald Schauer Sr. (52)
Roy Eddy (73)	Gerald Woergoetter [PM] (29)



April Birthdays

Charles Langel (4/2)	Marc Carpenter (4/15)
Bruce Tellardin (4/5)	Ronald Katz (4/15)
Steven Kolden (4/8)	Ernest Nidick (4/15)
Mark Finger (4/11)	Robert Peters (4/18)
Richard Keihner (4/11)	Ronald Bessette (4/19)
George Lumm (4/13)	Jeffrey Hansen (4/23)
James Gibbon (4/15)	Henry Miller (4/26)



Sunshine and Visiting



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

The function of the Sunshine committee is to comfort and provide guidance and assistance that you and other lodge Brothers can call on in your time of need. They have access to resources (and the Worshipful's ear) in tackling whatever obstacles may lie in a Brothers path.

Their contact information can be found here in the Trestleboard and on our website.

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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: Don Schauer Sr.

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

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Welcome: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Jesse Bridgeman, Lyman Penning

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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: Berlin, Germany; San Francisco, CA; The Villages, FL; Atlanta, GA; Stroudsburg, PA; Miami, FL; Columbia, MO; Murrells Inlet, SC; Nebraska City, NE; Glasgow, UK; Berkeley, CA; Burnaby, BC Canada; Walterboro, SC; Piura, Peru; Cape Coral, FL; Celaya, Mexico; Toronto, Canada; Conyers, GA; Athy, Ireland; Conyers, GA; St. Petersburg, FL;



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