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# Trestleboard

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No. 551

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## Calendar of Events

### JUNE 2020

- 06/03-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM - *Virtual Only*
- 06/04-Thursday-Dark
- 06/20-Saturday-Feast of St. John the Baptist-A Zoom Festive Board-6:00 PM
- 06/23-Tuesday-Hall Association 7:00 PM



### JULY 2020

- 07/01-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM - *Virtual Only*
- 07/02-Thursday-Stated Meeting-5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Open
- 07/09-Thursday-DARK
- 07/11-Saturday-Lodge Open House and BBQ-10:00 AM
- 07/16-Thursday-DARK
- 07/23-Thursday-DARK
- 07/26-Sunday-Masonic Home Strawberry Feed-11:00 AM
- 07/28-Tuesday-Hall Association 7:00 PM
- 07/30-Thursday-Lodge Potluck

(all live events in July are 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 Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Master

Brethren and Families,

I pray that you and your loved ones are all healthy and thriving during these uncertain times.

I have been listening to our elected officials, putting my ear to the railroad tracks, listening to grapes and their vines for any news on when we will all be able get back into our lodge. I need to report that unfortunately it won't be this June. My opinion on when we can get back to lodge is probably going to be one month longer than whatever our State Governor and/or Alameda County Officials will permit for group gatherings.

Your officers and I are continuing to collaborate through an internet conferencing application called "Zoom". This platform is commonly used for audio and/or video conferencing, and can host up to 100 callers sitting right in front of their personal computers.



During our last "Zoom Officers Meeting", your Senior Warden Brian, brought up a fantastic idea of having our lodge host an event I'm sure will be a fun way for us Masons to get back together. Be sure to read his article this month for his exciting news!

During this meeting, we also agreed as a lodge to donate \$500 to the Masonic Outreach Program, in helping our brothers in need.

I would also like to bring up the "The Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund". This fund is being championed by John E. Trauner, our Grand Master. This fund "was created to help Masons who've been affected by COVID-19 rebuild their lives by providing them access to important resources, support, and emergency funds." For those in urgent need, Masonic relief will be vital for helping them get through this difficult period. Every gift counts!" Should you need assistance, would like to give, or wish to learn more, please go to:

<https://californiafreemason.org/2020/03/26/dwb-relief/>

I want again to thank everyone who showed their brotherly love so far during these trying times, and assure you that should you need a helping hand going forward, please feel free to call any of your officers for help. Our phone numbers and email addresses are always to be found in this Trestleboard.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via email or cell phone: hal2pro@sbcglobal.net, (510) 461-1071.



## From the West

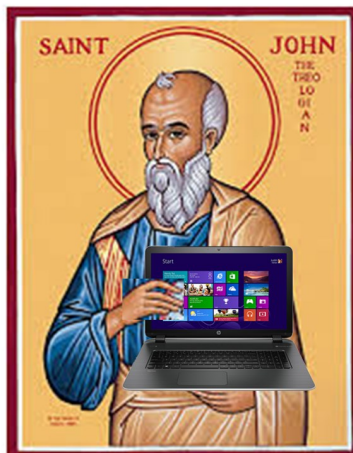
By Brian Ross—Senior Warden

I wanted to state up front that I dearly miss going to the lodge and seeing each and every one of you! I hope you are all well and safe.

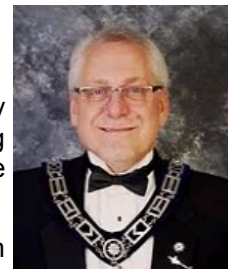
As always, I am happy to hear from our brothers during this difficult time.

I receive daily calls from brothers who simply want to say hello or who want to know what's going on at the lodge and what is coming up in the future.

Thanks to our Temple Board the lodge renovations and repairs currently in progress are almost complete. If there is a silver lining to the current crisis it has been the opportunity to address structural issues without major inconvenience to the fraternity, concordant bodies and the youth groups.



It appears that we will not have any events at the lodge in June – however, the officers are busy planning a Feast of St. John the Baptist by Zoom! I will be sending an email and making calls to our brethren with details of the Feast and how to participate in the coming days. I hope all of you are able to participate in this important gathering.



## From the South

By J. Rafisura—Junior Warden

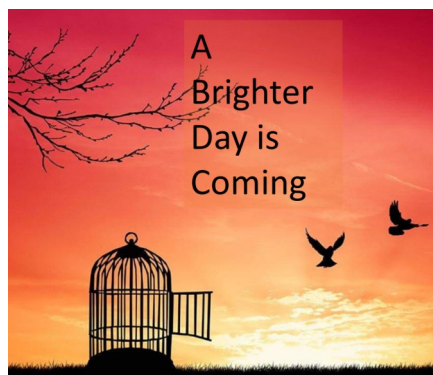
Another month of this crazy pandemic is gone. Both the federal and state officials are gearing up to re-open society. People are anxious to get ready to be back to the new 'normal'. As we have heard, phase-by-phase is the way to do it. Risks are still out there. Calculated risk, however, is the word. 6 ft. physical distancing, face-coverings recommended or in other cases, mandated, frequent hand-washing, and limited social gathering!

Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Facetime or Skype meetings, Telehealth SMS and chats are gaining traction with the way we interact with each other. So far, people are getting good at taking advantage of technology. At Crow Canyon lodge, meetings are done via Zoom to discuss and tie up some loose ends. Technical difficulties are at times a challenge but collective techy minds always prevail...meetings done via the information highway. At any rate, necessity is the mother of invention. Why do you think Masons felt the need to have secret passwords and



handshakes over 300 years ago? Difficulties and challenges spawn new ideas and innovations to move forward? But what about lodge meetings? What about rituals that involve tactile juxtapositions? What about regular social gatherings? After labor, will refreshments be as satisfying without being able to break bread with brothers, ladies and widows at the same table? Will the wine be as sweet without that collective gulping sound as we toast for friendship, brotherly love, hope and faith? Is the risk of getting sick worth the benefit of doing exactly what we used to do in the lodge?

These are the questions that pop into my mind as we draw closer to re-opening our society. Yes we open and integrate, but the risk is still out there, if I may repeat. As we take guidance from the Grand Lodge as to how we conduct our business, there will be decisions that will be left to the lodge to make. For now, the officers are meeting and coordinating whatever needs to be done or has to be done in new and different ways. It is not always easy as each of us are also inundated by struggling to keep life going. Being in the healthcare industry, life has never been busier and more tense. As this pandemic unfolded and continues to happen right before our very eyes, I feel like we are getting a glimpse of the "New World Order" that some people may have believed that Freemasons are advocating. And yet, here we are struggling to get our acts together just spending our time trying to figure out how to get the audio working in our Zoom meeting.



But rest assured, my brothers, we are getting through this and there will always be a light at the end of the tunnel. Days will be brighter as the days go by. We will learn to adapt and innovate. We will move forward - calculated baby steps, phase-

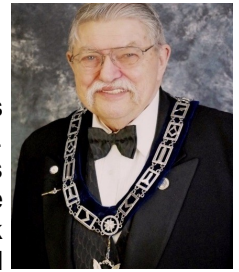
by-phase. When the time comes, we will again be able to break bread together at the same table, sit next to one another and raise glasses in a toast. Hugs, fist or elbow bumps will happen. Let us continue to look to the East – praying, hoping, searching and seeking for the truth, living out our obligations, and helping others in whatever way we can.

Hang tight, my brothers. Please reach out to the lodge if you need help and assistance.



## From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr—Secretary



Here we are writing about the events in June if we have any events at all. The coronavirus is on everyone's mind. The President just announced that everyone should wear a mask when outside of the home. A special project has been underway where the officers have tried to contact each of our widows to see if the lodge could be of any assistance. About a third of the telephone numbers we have on file are incorrect. It is important as a member of the Crow Canyon family that we have the correct information. I get a lot for changes of address from the trestleboard from the US Post Office which cost the lodge 66¢ each. The cost of mailing out the bulletin and the return with the change of address comes very close to \$1.00 each. It is very important that you let me know when you have moved and a contact telephone number. We have not forgotten you, and we do not want to lose you. You can contact me by phone at 510-258-0654 or my cell at 510-364-9429



Last month that I mailed 7 certified letters at \$6.96 each to members who have not paid their 2019 and 2020 dues. If this is not taken care of the member who chooses not to pay his 2020 and 2019 dues will be suspended for nonpayment of dues.

This is a part of the secretary's duties that I do not like. We still have 30 members who have not paid their dues of which 5 members are two years in arrears. Please everyone stay safe.

## Masonic Family Corner

Greetings from Bethel No. 1 Dublin. The recent stay-at-home order hasn't slowed our enthusiasm for Job's. Like you, Masons, we are not able to meet and have our usual ritual meetings. However, the Bethel has been having fun "Zoom" gatherings and have kept in touch with each other. We have one candidate who almost had her initiation but it has been delayed until we are able to meet. Also, with sadness there will be no Grand Bethel or Grand council this year. It has been decided that the present officers for this year will be extended through 2021. We appreciate you for allowing us to keep in touch by your newsletters.

Katie Bardwell, Bethel Guardian

DeMolay

[demolay.org](http://demolay.org)

Jobs Daughters

[jobsdaughtersinternational.org](http://jobsdaughtersinternational.org)

Rainbow for Girls

[gorainbow.org](http://gorainbow.org)





# Celebrate!

## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

*The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the month of June-July*

### JUNE

Leonard Ambrose [PM] (52)  
Jared Andreotti (20)  
Edward Augadro [PM] (43)  
Gilbert Brownfield (33)  
Ronald Burch (41)  
Jimmy Burns (38)  
John Davenport Jr. [PM] (61)  
Joseph Elleard [PM] (64)  
Herbert Freeman (47)  
Mark Kahn (54)  
Frederick Kao [PM] (38)  
Eric Korbas (6)  
Earl Kresge (41)  
Jeffery Lantz (52)  
Robert Logan [PM] (27)  
John McCarthy (51)  
Raymond Michardi (38)  
Henry Miller Jr. [PM] (47)  
Robert Peters [PM] (57)

Jonathan Prestage (8)  
Larry Richardson [PM] (55)  
Ronald Selvey (41)  
Edgar Smith (40)  
Joseph Stewart (26)  
Scotty Stroup (50)  
Roy Tamez [PM] (35)  
Clarence Teeters (48)  
Frank Thrall Jr. (23)  
Gary Tucker (30)  
Ronald Vandenberghe (56)  
Victor Vandenberghe (44)  
Kurt Von Brauch (41)  
David Weaver (38)  
David Wipf (43)

### JULY

Ernest Nidick Jr. (60)  
James Stanford (21)  
Gordon Warder [PM] (22)

## June-July Birthdays

Robert Eckstein (06/01)	Donald Clendenen Jr. (07/05)
Ace Gilbert (06/02)	Joseph Elleard (07/06)
Dain Warton (06/04)	Glen Barth (07/07)
Dewayne Clark (06/08)	Harold Burk Jr. (07/07)
Mark Parinas (06/08)	Fred Avery (07/08)
Nick Nelson (06/09)	William Strain (07/08)
Paul Rodriguez-Obrien (06/14)	Denis Beaman (07/09)
Orrin Benedict Jr. (06/15)	Donald Jensen (07/09)
Benjamin Newmarker (06/15)	Jody Juracich (07/11)
Peter Amato (06/17)	Paul Amato (07/13)
Lee White (06/17)	Les Blake (07/14)
Leo Rizzo (06/18)	Glen Sears Jr. (07/15)
Leland Peck (06/23)	Bill Ferrell (07/17)
Lester Bridge (06/24)	Tramaine Ellison (07/20)
Ray Michardi (06/24)	Phil Action (07/22)
Jason Deitschman (06/27)	Nick Sears (07/22)
John Mc Carthy (06/27)	Ronald Garcia (07/23)
Donald Schauer Sr. (06/27)	Bob Ficken Jr. (07/25)
John Freestone (06/30)	Eric Korbas (07/26)
John Teixeira (07/01)	Earl Kresge (07/26)
Ronald Vandenberghe (07/01)	Charles Atwood (07/29)
Tony Wilkinson (07/01)	Earl Woodson (07/29)
Barry Bookman (07/02)	Perry Klahr (07/31)

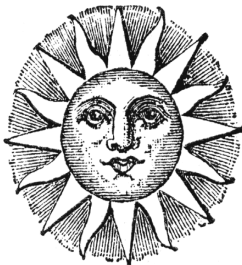


## Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson, Gary Frisvold

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](#)

## In Memoriam

George W. Adams, Jr.  
Entered into Rest

83 years, 5 months, 28 days  
April 29, 2020

Iver E. Edwall  
Entered into Rest

87 years, 11 months, 3 days  
May 6, 2020

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



## 2020 Officers

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**Senior Warden** — Brian Ross  
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**Junior Warden** — J. Rafisura  
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**Assist. Secretary** — Perry Klahr  
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**Chaplain** — Robert Eckstein, P.M.  
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**Marshal** — Steve Kolden  
510.409.6118 / [click to email](#)

**Senior Deacon** — Andrew Hawes  
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**Junior Deacon** — Phil Busch  
510.566.7019 [click to email](#)

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**Officer's Coach** — Kurt R. Allen, P.M., H.A.  
925.735.1233 [click to email](#)

### Candidate Coaches

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Bill Ferrell - 510.520.7242 cell  
Ron Katz - Fremont-Hayward—510.375.3137 cell  
Eric Korbas - Castro Valley 510.823.6334  
Roy Tamez - Hayward 510.537.1077 / 510.684.3047 cell

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Wor. Allen Cuenca 916.390.1003  
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## 2020 Committees

### 2020 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 Ellesmere Port, United Kingdom; Anaheim, CA; Islamabad, Pakistan; Ararat, Brazil, Burbank, CA; Fairborn, GA; New Paris, PA, Portland OR; Fresno, CA; Altoona, PA; Toulon, France; Montevideo, Uruguay



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