

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2013

4/4—Thursday—Stated Meeting – Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend) - Passover-Style Dinner—\$10.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.

4/9—Tuesday—District School of Instruction—Pleasanton Lodge—Covering 2nd Degree Opening and 2nd Section. Officers attendance is Mandatory. Master Masons and Fellowcraft are welcome to attend. Come by 6:30 for a complimentary meal.

4/11—Thursday— 2nd Degree—Bro. Daniel Lee—7:00 PM

4/18—Thursday—Public Schools Night—Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Program 7:00 PM—Canyon Middle School Jazz Choir—Teacher of the Year Awards. Dinner is complimentary with reservations. Please call the Secretary.

4/25—Thursday— Practice or Degree—7:00 PM

May 2013

5/2—Thursday—Stated Meeting – Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend) - Cinco De Mayo Dinner—\$10.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.

5/9—Thursday— Practice or Degree—7:00 PM

5/14—Tuesday—District School of Instruction—Mosaic Lodge (Livermore)—Covering 3rd Degree, 2nd Section—Officers attendance is Mandatory. Master Masons are welcome to attend. Come by 6:30 for a complimentary meal.

5/16—Thursday—Practice or Degree—7:00 PM

5/18—5/19—Saturday/Sunday—Rowell Ranch Rodeo—Kids ID Program

5/26—Sunday—Masonic Sweetheart Event—Brunch and A Play—Save the Date—Details next issue.

5/30—Thursday—Family Potluck—Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM

Castro Valley DeMolay meets at Castro Valley Masonic Center (CVMC) 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)

Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)

Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM) <http://lakechabot103oes.org/>

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

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From the East



This Saturday March 16, 2013 finds me here around noon writing this epistle or musing for the April trestle-board. March 2013 is a very interesting month as it contains Five Fridays, Five Saturdays and Five Sundays. The only way this month could have been more unusual is for the Month to also have been a Blue month, that is having two full moons in the same month. But then it could not have contained Easter for Easter Sunday falls on the first Sunday after the First Full Moon after Equinox. Since Spring Equinox falls on March 22 in the Northern Hemisphere, and our spring by definition in our latitude begins the March 20, this Easter on March 31 is one of the earliest we can have. Additionally we have a new Pope, a Jesuit, which by its very nature is unusual, as Jesuits can not seek higher office, so therefore, this pope is been "Volentold" all the way and accepted his lot in life. "Volentold" is a new word I learned on the Masters and Wardens retreat to mean we volunteered YOU. Anyhow, I hope I have some news regarding the Lodge and its State of repair for the Stated Meeting, but I have been informed that insurance company has hired an attorney and not an adjuster to deal with this matter which implies to me that they are not ready to pay the full cost of repair.

On a brighter issue Marty Schmidt, a resident of San Leandro, whom I had the pleasure to listen to many years ago, is back in home. He is a mountaineer and one of the leading high altitude climbers doing guided tours for people interested in mountaineering. His message to me and others was that we must all find that deepest meaning for what calls us. His is the mountains. These personal experiences are what we are living for and what we are looking forward to each and every day. As a guide Marty prefers to lead small groups without Sherpas, supplemental oxygen, huts or helicopters. This brings, according to him, "the real adventure back into mountaineering."



Well, this segues into our own pursuit of spiritual growth which we can chase with the help of guides, or we can self-learn through reading... which to me is the best method. Persons and personalities sometime get in the way or provide background interference in the pure transmission of the knowledge and word that may help us. A quiet place and a good book on the subject matter seems to do better for some of us.

This is Public School month and we as Masons have a duty to salute these individuals endeavoring to teach our children to become rational and reading individuals. Reading is important. Writers can put to pen a multitude of ideas and discoveries which we as individuals do not have enough hours in the day or years in our lifetime to learn alone. That is why it is worth learning, investigating and pursuing. I myself will shortly become 71 years old and

would love another lifetime to pursue all that interests me. However, life short and complicated, but oh so sweet.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon each and everyone of you.

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From the West



I am so proud to be serving with such great lodge officers. The degrees last month, both in our lodge and at the Masonic Home were excellent. The support of our members on the sidelines was incredible. This is a fantastic lodge because you make it so. Thank you brethren.

From Our Monitor

In each degree we often refer to "the Monitor which has been adopted by the Fraternity as a textbook and with which it is hoped you will soon make yourself familiar." The Monitor contains only published information about the Fraternity and holds no private work. In the Entered Apprentice degree we are introduced to several ideas. In each issue of our Trestleboard I plan to share one or more.

"A Lodge is a certain number of brethren duly assembled, with a Holy Bible, a Square and Compass, and a Charter or Dispensation authorizing them to meet.

A Charter is an instrument emanating from a Grand Lodge, and, in this Jurisdiction, signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, authorizing certain brethren therein named, when duly assembled, to Initiate, Pass, and Raise all good men and true who may apply for the purpose and whom they may find worthy. **A Dispensation** is a like instrument, issued by the Grand Master during the recess of the Grand Lodge, which for a limited period, confers similar powers."

It is interesting to note that a lodge only requires 5 things: a charter, a bible, a square, a compass, and a certain number of brethren.

We have had some issues with our building as of late. But, a lodge is not a building. A lodge is a certain number of brethren duly assembled who hold true to the virtues of brotherly love, relief and truth.

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Inspiring Words

How many times have you heard the words, "It's a miracle that he (or she) survived!", or, "It must be a miracle that this (or that) happened!"?

There are some who don't believe in miracles. Yet they live with and experience one many times in their lifetime. It's "the miracle of friendship".

There's a miracle called Friendship
That dwells within the heart
And you don't know how it happens
Or when it gets its start
But the happiness it brings you
Always gives a special lift
And you realize that Friendship
Is God's most precious gift!!



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From the South

Reflecting on the fact that April being the month of our annual Public Schools night started me thinking about the importance of education in our country and some of the people that established our country. I started thinking about popular books published in the early part of our country for the common man and the first thing I thought about was "Poor Richards Almanac" published by Benjamin Franklin. I have read, and often heard the quote, "He that teaches himself has a fool for a master, and have heard it attributed to Benjamin Franklin. I also remember reading that he only attended the first two years of schooling. He did not have any further formal schooling after that. How did a man who was un-educated become one of the leading thinkers of his day? Well...the complete quote was, "Learn of the skillful: He that teaches himself hath a fool for a master".



Looking up his biography, Benjamin was the 15th child of 17. His father wanted him to attend school with the clergy but was only able to send him to school at "Boston Latin" school for two years when his schooling ended at age ten. He worked as an apprentice printer for his older brother James, where he had his first writings published under the pseudonym of "Mrs. Silence Dogood". (For a fun read on the internet: <http://www.ushistory.org/franklin/courant/silencedogood.htm>). Moving on, Benjamin Franklin at age 21, with a few friends created the "Junto", a discussion group pertaining to the issues of that period. The Junto group created a library from their individually owned books, and started a subscription library to buy books for the members to read. This group started the "Library Company" and hired the first American librarian to run it. (It is still active today. <http://www.librarycompany.org/>) Franklin had a lifelong appetite for learning and exploring new things. He surrounded himself with good literature, knowledgeable people, and applied critical thinking skills to all he did. He thus became an accomplished writer, inventor, and statesman. He was also a Mason, joining Saints John's Lodge in 1731 at the age of 25 and becoming the G.M. of his lodge, and remaining a Mason the remainder of his life. Later among his many activities, Franklin established the Academy and College of Philadelphia. "He was appointed president of the academy on November 13, 1749, and it opened on August 13, 1751. At its first commencement, on May 17, 1757, seven men graduated; six with a Bachelor of Arts and one as Master of Arts. It was later merged with the University of the State of Pennsylvania to become the University of Pennsylvania." This preeminent Mason recognized the importance of education for the betterment of mankind by establishing one of our countries first libraries, and a college. How can we not continue this tradition? I hope to see many if not of all our Masonic brethren at our Public Schools night this month.

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Masonic Family Corner

General Call for Help!

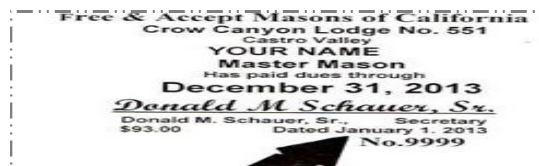
On the back of this Trestleboard is a list of Masonic Youth which we support in some form or other. Masonic Youth are the CORNERSTONE of our masonic future. Each of these groups is in need of Adult Leadership as well as prospective new members. Please contact the Leaders listed and ask them **HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

From the Secretary's Desk



You may have noticed there is a change in the format of our bulletin. The front cover has been reversed. The U.S. Post Office wants the fold with the address on it to be positioned is such a way that when the item is run through the machine the fold enters first. That is why the bulletin appears to be printed backwards. The post office is also requiring two tabs one placed on the top right and one left side of the pages, along with heavier paper.

I hate having to write about brother's not paying their dues. We still have 67 members that have not paid their 2013 dues and 7 who have not paid 2012. I will suspend those who have not paid their 2012 dues on May 2nd. This is what your dues receipt should look like. . .



Check yours now.

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Hiram Award Designee 2013

We are pleased to announce that **Lyman Penning**, a 38 year member and Past Master of both Crow Canyon Lodge #551 and Mountain View-DeAnza #194 has been selected to receive the Hiram Award. Lyman has proven his dedication and commitment to Masonry as well as to the Masonic Youth (he served on Castro Valley DeMolay's Council and Mountain View Jobs' Board). He is also an active member of Asiya Shriners. Lyman joins a great group of Masons who have served our lodges both past and present.



- Allen**, Kurt (2005); **Amaral**, Gabriel (1996); **Barham**, Edward (1994)*; **Basham**, James (2001)*; **Beaman**, Roger (1994)*; **Beeman**, Floyd (1975)*; **Benko**, Mickey (2009); **Biddell**, William (2005); **Bishop**, Charles (2003); **Blisard**, William (1991)*; **Castona**, Donald (1990)*; **Cerates**, Sidney (2011); **Clough**, Eugene (1992)*; **De Bruyn**, Gordon (1988)*; **De Poe**, John (1993)*; **Ferrell**, William (1999); **Fershleiser**, Irwin (1990); **Fisher**, Merle (1994)*; **Folck**, Billy (1980)*; **Frisvold**, Gary (1988); **Gill Jr.**, Robert (1982)*; **Giovannelli**, Silvano (1985)*; **Golden**, Daniel (1995)*; **Gotelli**, Lawrence (1996)*; **Gravier**, Andre (1991); **Haines**, Carson (1995); **Hanna**, Franklin (2004)*; **Hansen**, Robert (2008); **Hansford**, John (1990)*; **Harrell**, Wallace (1988)*; **Hernandez**, Jose (1997)*; **Jaeckel**, Kurt (1993); **Keller**, Harold (1997)*; **Kenyon**, Edwin (1987); **Keshishian**, Albert (2007); **Ketels**, Irving (1994)*; **Koontz**, Everett (1981)*; **Krause**, Paul (1993); **Locklear**, Gordon (1988)*; **Logan**, Robert (2006); **Manov**, Anthony (1974)*; **Martens**, Billy (2012); **Matraia Jr.**, Edward (1989); **Mc Guire**, Max (1993)*; **Miller Sr.**, Henry (1992); **Morris**, Donald (1990)*; **Mullins**, James (1980)*; **Mumford**, Emory (1988)*; **Nelson**, Roy (1990); **Palmeri**, John (2000)*; **Patterson**, George (1986)*; **Perryman**, Arthur (1980)*; **Peters**, Robert (1997); **Petersen Sr.**, James (2002)*; **Pinto**, Arthur (1996)*; **Reynoso**, Alvaro (2012); **Rowe**, Thomas (2002)*; **Salomon**, Wayne (1989)*; **Sanders**, Chester (1979)*; **Schauer Sr.**, Donald (1990); **Smith**, John (2010); **Sneep**, Adrianus (1987)*; **Sotelo**, Prudencio (1984); **Stedinger**, Russell (1994)*; **Tamez**, Roy (2007); **Tamez**, Sammy (1999); **Tilden Jr.**, Charles (1989)*; **Townsend**, Jack (1989)*; **Tucker**, Charles (1989)*; **Turpeinen**, Ray (1990)*; **Watson**, Audus (1998)*; **Weisser**, Allen (1983); **Werner**, Robert (2001)*; **Worthing**, William (2000); **Yetter**, Harry (1984)*

* Indicates a brother who has been raised to the Celestial Lodge Above.

Bro. Rudyard Kipling

Born: December 30, 1865 – Bombay, India
 Deceased: January 18, 1936 – London, England

Bro. Kipling is considered one of the greatest storytellers of all time. His experience's within India's culture of various race, religion and language, drew him to the Craft at the early age of twenty; to which a dispensation from the Grand Lodge was needed to allow him admission. Bro. Kipling felt that Masonry bridged the gaps between people with extreme differences of faith and caste, and throughout his life and work Masonry stood as an ideal of brotherhood, civic duty and moral compass. Bro. Kipling acted as Secretary for his Mother-Lodge, Hope & Perseverance No. 782 – Lahore, India.



Here is a brief statement about the experience by Bro. Kipling:
 "In 1885, I was made a Freemason by dispensation (being under age) in The Lodge of Hope and Perseverance 782 E.C. because the Lodge hoped for a good Secretary. They did not get him, but I helped, and got Father to advise me in decorating the bare walls of the Masonic Hall with hangings after the prescription of King Solomon's Temple. Here I met Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, members of the Araya and Brahma Samaj, and a Jewish Tyler, who was a priest and butcher to his little community in the city. So yet another world was opened to me which I needed."

Masonry can be seen in a vast number of his literary and poetic works, whether it was the stories entire theme, a key element, or a mere few phrases that only Brethren would pick up on. Author, Richard Jaffa, wrote an entire book on Kipling's use of Masonry in literature entitled "Man and Mason – Rudyard Kipling".

Bro. Kipling received and turned away numerous accolades for his work, and was even bestowed with a Noble Peace Prize in literature.

A Quick Masonic History Lesson

The Lodge at Haughfoot (Scotland), founded in 1702, was the first purely "Speculative" Lodge of Freemasons.

Founded by three Gentlemen, John Hoppringle, Andrew Thompson and James Pringle; the Lodge held the peculiar characteristic as not having evolved from an Operative Stonemasons Lodge but purely by Speculative Brethren.

It remained independent during its whole existence, not wanting to affiliate with the new-fangled Grand Lodge of Scotland, founded in 1736.

The Lodge at Haughfoot went dark in 1763, to be re-established in August 2002 as a Research Lodge. Currently, Haughfoot Lodge No 1824, is set up to examine, study and to exemplify the actual degree workings carried out in the original Haughfoot Lodge (and other Lodges of Freemasons working before 1700). These being the rituals used before the formation of the three Grand Lodges – (England 1717 - Ireland - 1725 - Scotland 1736)



Brethren, come take part! DMPS - Revisited

Share, learn and discuss:

- *Masonic history & mysteries*
- *Our Craft's ever-evolving practices*
- *Our true operative roots*
- *Our positive effect on society; personally and otherwise*



DEAD
 MASONIC
 POETS
 SOCIETY

All degrees welcome!

Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 PM in the CVMC Dining Room

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Masons on Deck!

Throughout Northern California, Masonic lodges are preparing for their favorite time of year: baseball season!

The 2013 [Masons4Mitts](#) campaign launches on April 5.

This is the fifth season of the unique partnership between Northern California Masonic lodges and the Giants Community Fund – the charitable arm of the San Francisco Giants. And this year's campaign has an ambitious goal – to bring Masons4Mitts' five-year fundraising total to \$250,000.



Each year, teams of Northern California Masons compete to fund the highest number of baseball mitts for underprivileged youth who participate in the Junior Giants program. The non-competitive Junior Giants baseball league echoes the values of Masonry with its focus on character-building, teamwork, and leadership skills. More than half of Junior Giants participants cannot afford to buy a baseball mitt of their own.

Masons outside of Northern California are also encouraged to participate. The California Red Stockings Team collects donations statewide.

Visit [masons4mitts.org](#) starting April 5 to make a donation in support of at-risk youth.

The Gift of Literacy

The Masons of California are well into the second year of their groundbreaking partnership with award-winning literacy and family engagement leader, [Raising A Reader](#). And pilot schools throughout California are reporting astonishingly positive results.

In one San Jose-area classroom, students' independent reading ability improved by 70% after introducing Raising A Reader. Parents, educators, and administrators are applauding the program and California Masons' commitment to supporting public education.

"The students and parents are excited and thankful to have this wonderful opportunity," said Shari Fox, Ph.D., superintendent of San Jacinto Unified School District. "Our reading scores will improve as a result of this program, but equally important, the love for reading is being fostered. We thank the Masons for making this possible."

A teacher in San Francisco added, "My students and parents have been very excited about the program since the day it was introduced to them. They love having something 'extra special' to share together."

Support the fraternity's project, Raising A Reader, by making a personal or lodge gift at [freemason.org](#).

Lodges that contribute to Raising A Reader this year will be recognized by Grand Master John Lowe during the 164th Annual Communication in October.





June 29, 2013

August 31, 2013

An Outdoor Degree
at the Union City
Masonic Home

A Visitation to
Fort Bragg

428 N. Main St.

9:00 AM

1:00 PM

Lunch to Follow

Details in future
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3rd Degree Anniversaries

Armstrong, Herman [PM] (54); **Blomseth**, Warren [PGM] (61); **Boggess**, Christopher (7); **Brown**, James (36); **Cammerer**, Charles (37); **Cooper**, Gregory (26); **Donley**, Peter (10); **Douglas**, Robert (37); **Eddy**, Roy (64); **Elmore Jr.**, Barney (57); **Garcia**, Ronald (47); **Goodman**, Donald (54); **Hughes**, Gary [PM] (24); **Kenyon**, Alan [PM] (31); **Kralovansky**, John (33); **Lumm**, George [PM] (20); **Marshall**, Robert (57); **Nelson**, Roy (50); **Rees**, Franklin (30); **Renner**, Ira (66); **Rix**, Robert [PM] (42); **Rourk**, Ronald (32); **Schauer Sr.**, Donald (43); **Shiflett**, Sorrell (1); **Stuart**, Ronald (50); **Suer**, Charles (48); **Sullivan**, Richard (62); **Woer-goetter**, Gerald [PM] (20)

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Event Committees

Public Schools Night (4/18) - Eric Unti

Kids ID (5/18-5/19 Rodeo, 9/7-9/8 Festival) - Sammy Tamez / Roy Tamez

Sweetheart Event (5/26) - Phil Busch

Feast of St. John (6/22) - Charles Hintz

Strawberry Feed (7/21) - Frank Thrall, Jr. / Bob Pinkerton

Visitation to Fort Bragg—(8/30-9/1) - Lyman Penning

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Sunshine and Visiting

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the following brothers who are bedridden or homebound: Mark Caspersen, Mark Castile, Roy Nelson, Bob Hansen, Sidney Cerates.

Please contact me if you would like to call, visit or send a card to one of these brothers.



If you know of an ailing brother or Masonic widow who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret.

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