



# Trestleboard

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## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY 2024

- 01/03—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 01/04—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:15 PM / Business Meeting 7:30 PM
- 01/06—Saturday—St. Vincent De Paul Volunteering—1:00 PM
- 01/09—Tuesday—DOSI at Pleasanton—6:30 PM
- 01/11—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 01/16—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 01/18—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 01/20—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 01/23—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 01/25—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 01/31—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM

### FEBRUARY 2024

- 02/01—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:15 PM / Business Meeting 7:30 PM
- 02/08—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 02/13—Tuesday—DOSI at Pleasanton—6:30 PM
- 02/15—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 02/17—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 02/20—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 02/22—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 02/27—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 02/29—Thursday—Leap Day Potluck—6:00 PM
- 03/02—Saturday—Annual Crab/Shrimp Feed—6:00 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 Andrew Hawes —Master

Happy New Year!

2024 is upon us, and with the December solstice behind us, we're officially headed towards summer again. I hope you all enjoyed whatever festivities you may have partaken of, and that you are ready to face the year ahead. Our lodge budget has been scoped out, the calendar for the year is tentative and expanding, and – most importantly for many of us – we've done rough menu planning for all of our stated meeting and planned special dinners that are coming up this year.

We're getting back into our usual groove this year for the most part- we'll have a crab feed again (First Saturday in March this year), a car show in July, and hopefully a few Golden Veteran's awards to give out.



One thing that I hope will be different this year is to set up regular dates on which the brethren of Crow Canyon Lodge can volunteer in helping out our community. I will be working with some charitable organizations in Alameda County and setting up

dates for our lodge to help out- keep your eyes and ears peeled for those opportunities as they come along this year!

I was born in January – on the Epiphany, in fact, which as I like to think of it is the “12th day of Christmas” – also known as the day with the most presents, in the song. To date, I have never been given any french hens or pear trees (with or without a partridge sitting in them) and I'm fine with that. I've decided that birthday celebrations are something that matters most to the very young, who haven't had enough of them yet to lose their special excitement, and to the very old, who are happy to have made it through another year, and deserve congratulations for it. A quote I just heard recently from Dick Van Dyke, who celebrated his 98th birthday in December resonated with me – “If I'd have known I would live this long, I would have taken better care of myself!”



I don't expect to live to 98, but I am trying to make the most out of however many days I do have left to enjoy on this Earth, and make them count not just for myself, but for those around me.

I was asked once what one word I would choose to have people remember me by, and after some thought I came up with “fondly.”

Care for yourself, Brethren – and care for others around you, as well. Keep making the world a better place, it doesn't get there without help!

## From the West

By Lyman Penning, PM — Sr. Warden

As we begin 2024, my first duty as Senior Warden is to check on the progress of all of our candidates as they are working with their coaches in order to pass their proficiencies and advance to the next degree. I would recommend that each candidate coach not only work with their candidates, but also see that the new masons attend the degrees that they have already received. Also, invite them to attend the practices for these degrees.

In addition to degrees, encourage candidates to attend as many social events as possible. Remember, we do need some socializing in our lives.

With that said, I will conclude with "Happy New Year". See you at our next Stated Meeting.

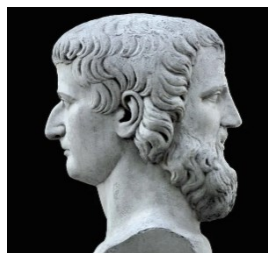
## From the South

By Alex Von Stade, PM — Jr. Warden

Brethren: I hope all of you had a pleasant Christmas holiday. The new year has arrived and it's now time to throw out that 2023

calendar and to replace it with a fresh new 2024 version. It is also the time to plan for all of the new activities and adventures we hope to accomplish in the new year.

Most sources suggest that January is named in honor of the Roman god Janus who



represented the concept of beginnings and endings and is often depicted in images having two faces; one looking forward into the future and one looking backward into the past. Perhaps that image suggests that while we formulate our future plans for a new beginning, we should keep an eye on the past as well. I hope to see all of you in Lodge for a memorable and eventful 2024



## Sunshine and Visiting

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



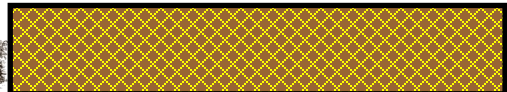
The Sunshine Committee will spread rays of warmth to those around them through hospital visitations, visits to the elderly, welcoming and get well gifts, and more.

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Roy Tamez—510.684.3047

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## January Birthdays

William Warnecke (1/1)  
 Frank Thrall Jr. (1/3)  
 Andrew Hawes (1/6)  
 Martin Nilson Jr. (1/8)  
 Stony Glover Jr. (1/8)  
 Gregory Rapp (1/8)  
 Charles Daniels (1/12)  
 Gerald Garcia (1/12)  
 Mark Kahn (1/13)  
 Dominick Piegaro (1/13)  
 Albert Thomas (1/13)  
 Geoffrey Linder (1/15)

Kurt Allen (1/18)  
 Paul Makela (1/20)  
 Wilfred Salmon Jr. (1/20)  
 Jack Tornio (1/20)  
 Billy Martens (1/25)  
 Roger Hamilton (1/27)  
 James Johnston (1/27)  
 Louie Garcia (1/28)  
 Johnnie Laney (1/28)  
 Delbert Kraft (1/29)  
 John Davenport Jr. (1/29)



George Christensen, Golden Veteran, 50 Years a Mason



Officers, Inspector and Grand Lodge Representative at 100 Yr.

## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

William Ferrell [PM] (43)	Mark Parinas (15)
Louie Garcia (10)	Jerome Samelson (38)
Fred Jonke (9)	John Smith (22)
Geoffrey Linder (12)	Sammy Tamez [PM] (44)
Nicholas Nelson (4)	John Teixeira (25)
Raymond Newman (34)	Dain Warton (20)
Gary Orr (39)	Jose Zamora [PM] (48)

## 2024 Officers

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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: Voronezh, Russia; Davao City, Phillipines; Seattle, WA; San Luis Potosi City, Mexico; Charlotte, NC; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; Corning, CA; Reston, WA; Waltham, UK; Bowling Green, IN; Ashburn, VA; Maringa, Brazil; Nashville, TN; Colorado Springs, CO; Slidell, LA



## 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:** Bill Biddell, H.A.

**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

**Website and Trestleboard:** Ron Katz, PM HA

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

**Youth Orders Liaisons:** Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn HA

### Masonic Youth Orders

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# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Officer's Mtg— 7:00 PM	<b>4</b> Stated Mtg Social/Dinner—6:15 PM Business—7:30 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Volunterism at St. Vincent De Paul Dining Room—675 23rd Street, Oakland —1:00 PM
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> DOSI @ Pleasanton—6:30 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Degree or Prac- tice—7:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Zoom Social— 7:00 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Degree or Prac- tice—7:00 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Breakfast w/ Brothers @ Noman's CV—8:00 AM
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Hall Associa- tion—7:00 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Degree or Prac- tice—7:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Officer's Mtg— 7:00 PM			