



Trestleboard

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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2026

- 04/01—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 04/02—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 04/09—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 04/16—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 04/18—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Manor Grill, San Leandro—8:00 AM
- 04/21—Tuesday—[Zoom Social](#)—7:00 PM
- 04/23—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 04/27—Monday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 04/30—Thursday—Public Schools Night—6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Youth Choir followed by Presentations to Teachers of the Year

MAY 2026

- 05/06—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 05/07—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 05/14—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 05/16—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Manor Grill, San Leandro—8:00 AM
- 05/19—Tuesday—[Zoom Social](#)—7:00 PM
- 05/21—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 05/26—Monday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 05/28—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 05/30—Saturday—White Table Night—5:00 PM

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

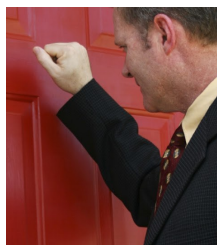
- ◆ San Lorenzo Chapter Eastern Star No. 103 meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Monday (8:00 PM)
- ◆ Castro Valley DeMolay meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
- ◆ Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)
- ◆ Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261 Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ 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,

This spring is off to a great start. We're bringing in several new Entered Apprentices and have already welcomed two new Brothers to the lodge, Brother Brian Rodgers and Brother Jacob Mapp, who joined us on March 26. Both have shown real enthusiasm for the Craft and have now been placed in the capable hands of their coaches. Thank you to the Officers who performed a fantastic degree and the brethren who were in attendance.



More candidates are patiently waiting with-out the door, and we will answer their knocks in May. Once the date is set, please plan to attend, as this is the only time they will receive their First Degree, and we strive to make it as memorable for them as yours was for you.

We are hearing our initiates express a desire to learn more about our esoteric work, along with the general principles of Freemasonry, and it is encouraging to see the eager minds now entering our practices.

Your officers are exploring ways to expand Masonic education within our lodge for those who seek further light, while continuing to balance the camaraderie that has long been a part of our lodge culture. You can expect to see some changes as we work to enhance the learning experience.

This is your lodge, and your officers and I are listening and discussing the ideas being shared on how to make it better for all. Please continue to offer your suggestions and constructive criticism, as they help guide our growth, foster involvement, and strengthen our service to one another and to our local community.

As a reminder, we will hold our Annual Public Schools Night on April 30. It is an evening of dining, an exceptional youth choir, and recognition of two of the most influential teachers of 2026 as selected by their colleagues. One of our best kept secrets is that this is a complimentary dinner event for teachers and



their families, as well as for Masons and their families. Please RSVP to our Secretary as soon as possible. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, and Castro Valley High School's premier choir, Madrigals, will perform beginning at 7:00 PM, with awards to follow.

Please note that this falls on a fifth Thursday, and the scheduled potluck will be replaced by this event.

Also, throughout 2026, any Brother celebrating a birthday or Third Degree anniversary that month (as listed in the Trestleboard) will receive a complimentary meal. Just check in with our Dining Hall Tiler, Brother Treasurer Phil Busch, H.A., for a raffle ticket and a chance at an extra dinner as well.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

From the West

By Alex Von Stadt — Sr. Warden

Brethren: April is now upon us, and Spring is now officially here. As the cold Winter temperatures and rainfall come to a close, it is now time to think about planting gardens and planning outdoor activities once again. The word, April, is believed to be derived from the Latin words "aperio" or "aperire" meaning "to open". It is thought that both words refer to the opening of buds on trees and flowers that occur during this month. Two notable events occur during the month of April: Earth Day on April 22nd and Arbor Day on April 24th.



Earth Day began in 1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson and was created to raise awareness about environmental issues and to inspire action to protect our planet. Arbor

Day originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton. Morton believed that on this day we should be encouraged to plant a tree or several trees to honor the memory of a loved one.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Brothers Mapp and Rodgers on having received their First Degree last month.

Have a Happy April and enjoy the outdoors...

From the South

By Andrew Hawes, PM — Jr. Warden

Welcome to April, brethren.

After one of the hottest March months ever, I am already prepared for it to be winter again... and yet here we are, merely a quarter of the way through the year.

As is typical for my monthly article, I shall endeavor to enjoiner you to:

Let it go. Turn the other cheek. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

With heart and tongue, promote one another's welfare, and rejoice in one another's prosperity!



Being a better person, to me, is like cleaning your house. You work on it, and you get it all spic and span, and looking great, so you take a break. You enjoy some hard earned relaxation time. The next thing you know, there's dust on the blinds, dirty dishes in the sink, muddy footprints on the floor, and a pile of laundry waiting to be washed.

Just like your home, your moral and Masonic edifice needs constant care and attention to keep it shipshape! "Oh, I just gave five dollars to that panhandler on Monday" is a solid reason to not give away more money to help the unfortunate... on Monday. Maybe on Tuesday. But does it forgive you from cutting in line on Wednesday? What about deciding not to go back into the store on Thursday when you realize they forgot to charge you for the item under your cart? Maybe running that red light on Friday? ...I mean, no one saw it anyway...

Its a constant battle to keep ourselves on the right path. To square our actions and keep them on the level.

When you act with nobility and humility, be proud of yourself! You deserve it!

...and you deserve it to yourself to keep doing it. All day. Every day.

If we don't, who will?



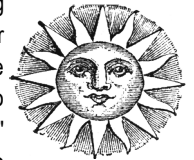
Public Schools Night: Celebrating a Century of Masonic Support for Education

April 30, 2026 at 6:00 PM—Our lodge is proud to carry this legacy forward with this year's Public Schools Night, a community focused evening dedicated to the Castro Valley Unified School District. The event begins with a shared dinner, giving members, families, and guests time to connect and reflect on the vital role public education plays in the life of our community.

Following the meal, we will honor two exceptional teachers from the Castro Valley School District. These educators represent the very best of public service—bringing creativity, compassion, and dedication to their classrooms every day. Their work strengthens not only their students, but the broader community, and we are proud to recognize their contributions.

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

April Birthdays

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



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Leslie Blake (60)	Alan Kenyon (44)
Christopher Boggess (20)	John Kralovansky (46)
Gregory Cooper (39)	Robert Marshall (70)
Roy Eddy (77)	Stanley Oliver (52)
Michael Gallico (20)	Gerald Woergoetter (33)
Ronald Garcia (60)	

Arbor Day and the Masonic Spirit

Arbor Day is a celebration rooted in a simple yet profound act: planting a tree with faith in the future. It calls communities to pause, reflect, and invest in something that will outlive them. This spirit aligns beautifully with the teachings of Freemasonry, where growth—moral, intellectual, and communal—is a lifelong pursuit. Masons are encouraged to cultivate virtue within themselves just as carefully as one tends a young sapling, knowing that strength and character develop over time.

Trees have long served as symbols of wisdom, endurance, and the interconnectedness of all life. In Masonic thought, these themes echo through lessons on building strong foundations, supporting one another, and contributing to the common good. Many lodges embrace Arbor Day as an opportunity to serve their communities through beautification projects, environmental stewardship, and educational outreach. Planting a tree becomes more than a civic gesture; it becomes a living emblem of Masonic ideals—rooted in tradition, reaching toward light, and offering shelter to future generations.

By participating in Arbor Day, Masons reaffirm their commitment to leaving the world better than they found it. Each tree planted stands as a quiet testament to hope, responsibility, and the enduring work of building a more harmonious world.

Masonic Family Corner

By Denise Jow—Past Grand Guide

On March 11th we welcomed two new members into our Bethel!

We are so happy to have Fiara and Noreen join!

March 14th was the Dublin St. Patrick's Parade. The Bethel Daughters decorated the truck and marched in the parade with JoBee (our CAJDI mascot) right behind the Shriners. They passed out information about Job's Daughters and our Ice Cream Social on March 25th. We were even featured in The Mercury News!

In March we continue to travel and help other Bethels with their Majority and Membership Ceremonies.

March 28th we have a fun activity to the Exploratorium in San Francisco and April 12th we are going to Color Me Mine. The Bethel Daughters are encouraged to invite their friends to all activities. We hope to receive another application for membership and will plan another Membership Ceremony on April 22nd.

April 24th is our 26th Annual Spaghetti Feed & Silent Auction. Tickets are still available. We hope you will join us for a fun night of Spaghetti & about 40+ items to bid on. Thank you!

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.



Job's Daughters International - Bethel 1 Dublin

Spaghetti Dinner

SILENT AUCTION

\$15.00
Kids only \$10.00

Friday, April 24th
6pm - 9pm

Includes Spaghetti,
Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert
and Refreshments

Castro Valley Masonic Center
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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, 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, Perry Klahr

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, 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

Castro Valley DeMolay—Steve Kolden—510.409.6118 [click to email](#)

Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—Heidi Kolden -
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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: Pensacola, FL; Pleasant Hill, CA; Brandenburg, Germany; Lincoln, CA; Salem, India; Stockton, CA; Singapore; Los Angeles, CA; Antioch, CA;



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