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## Calendar of Events

### 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 at Zephyrs Grill in Livermore—6:00pm

### JUNE 2026

- 06/03—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 06/04—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 06/11—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 06/16—Tuesday—[Zoom Social](#)—7:00 PM
- 06/18—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 06/20—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Manor Grill, San Leandro—8:00 AM
- 06/20—Saturday—Feast of St. John—5:30 PM
- 06/22—Monday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 06/25—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 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-Obrien, PM—Master

Brethren and Families,

I recently had the pleasure of attending the April DeMolay stated meeting, and I was truly moved by the exceptional work demonstrated by these young men. Their memory work and floor performance were outstanding, and I hold great hope that we may one day welcome many of them as Officers in our Lodge.

That would have been enough for a great night, but there's more!

Just two days prior, my wife Diana and I attended Acacia Lodge No. 243 in Hayward for their combined 150th Anniversary and Rededication of a Chartered Lodge. The event was well attended by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Garrett S. Chan and many other Grand Lodge officers. Our DeMolay also supported the occasion by providing dining services.

Through the efforts of our dedicated DeMolay "Dads," a special visit was arranged from the Grand Master to our DeMolay stated meeting. Despite the short notice, he graciously accepted and joined us to witness the splendid display of our DeMolay.



At the close of the meeting, the Grand Master rose to express his sincere appreciation for the invitation and for the excellence displayed during the stated meeting. He shared reflections on his own time in DeMolay in San Francisco, including his participation in P.R.I.D.E. Ritual Competitions and his service as a Divisional Master Councilor, during the same period that our own Brother Steve Kolden held that title. To conclude, he presented each DeMolay brother with one of his personal challenge coins, a gesture that made the evening even more meaningful.

During the Stated meeting, the DeMolay proudly displayed their P.R.I.D.E. Ritual Competition awards. Their accomplishments were remarkable as they dominated the event. Eleven participants brought home nine awards and seven trophies, many of them first place honors.

When you next see our DeMolay, please take a moment



to congratulate them and offer a handshake. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Brother Dad Steve Kolden and all the dedicated "Dads" who work tirelessly to support and guide these young men.

Looking ahead, the month of May will be an important and active one for our Lodge. We are preparing to initiate two gentlemen into the Entered Apprentice degree on May 28th, and your Officers and I eagerly anticipate continuing the growth of our just and legally constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

Additionally, we will be partnering with the American Red Cross to host our first blood drive at the Castro Valley Masonic Center on May 23rd. Blood supplies remain critically low, and this is an opportunity for us to serve our community in a meaningful way. Many of us have loved ones and friends who may one day depend on such generosity.

Flyers have been distributed to neighboring Lodges, and we are hopeful for a strong response from our brethren and their families. Please consider participating if you are able. You may contact me or our Junior Deacon, Brother Aaron Johnson, to schedule an appointment.

## From the West

By Alex Von Stadt, PM — Sr. Warden

Brethren:

The Month of May is upon us and Spring is officially here. It is believed that May is named after the Greek goddess Maia, the daughter of Atlas and the mother of Hermes. She was considered the goddess of Spring and growth. Her Roman equivalent, Bona Dea, was known as the goddess of fertility and is related to the Latin word "Maius". She was also associated with growth and springtime. For avid gardeners like myself, May is the time to start prepping the soil and purchasing seeds and plants for this year's vegetable garden. Every year, I try to plant something new or a different variety that I have not tried before; sometimes it works and at other times it does not. That is what gardening is all about.

Three special holidays occur in the month of May; Cinco de Mayo on May 5th, Mother's Day on May 10th, and Memorial Day on May 25th. Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, commemorates all men and women who have died in military service in the United States.

Until next month, have a pleasant May and I hope to see you in Lodge.



## From the South

By Andrew Hawes, PM — Jr. Warden

To be entirely unoriginal and yet hopeful:

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

May the rain fall softly on your fields.

And until we meet again,

May you keep safe.

May is a month synonymous with Spring for those of us living in the northern hemisphere, and we celebrate our release from the cold grip of winter... or at least the somewhat chilly on occasion handshake of winter that we get here in California.

Try to always be hopeful.

Prepare for the worst... but expect the best.

Platitudes, platitudes, yada, yada, etc.

...but I mean them all, and I hope you can accept them and live them, to let yourself be happy. We have only one life to live, so why not be content with it, and surround yourself with contentment, from friends, family, and anyone you meet, as much as you can.

Be well, and May the Fourth be with you.



## May Birthdays

Robert Pinkerton (05/04)  
Anthony Tancredi (05/04)  
Ted Rucker (05/06)  
Gregory Maier (05/06)  
David Wipf (05/09)  
Daniel Schauer (05/11)  
David Weaver (05/13)

Douglas Mc Kay (05/18)  
Brian Rodgers (05/20)  
Greg Glur (05/23)  
Robert Johnson (05/23)  
Robert Albritton (05/28)  
Lynn Reed (05/28)  
Frank Mitchell (05/29)

## Masonic Family Corner

By Denise Jow—Past Grand Guardian

Thank you to those who supported our Annual Spaghetti Feed & Silent Auction.

We had about 50 baskets/items to bid on which will help the Bethel Daughters go to our State Convention, Grand Bethel, in June. The Bethel Daughters are busy entering the various competitions and start planning their look-alikes & mascots.

The Bethel Daughters have been traveling to the various Grand Bethel Officer receptions and will enter the Friendship Bethel Competition at Grand Bethel.

May 5th our Bethel was invited to receive a proclamation from the City of Dublin proclaiming Job's Daughter Day in May. What a great opportunity to promote our Bethel and Job's Daughters.

Our May meeting on the 8th is Elections for Bethels not under reorganization, this is the meeting where the Bethel Daughters elect their Line Officers (leaders of the Bethel).

On May 16th we are going to have a picnic and go strawberry picking. Hopefully this includes eating some strawberries too.

We are very happy to receive another application for membership and will welcome Lily into the Bethel on May 27th.

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.

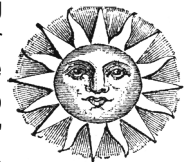
For more information about attending our activities or joining our Bethel, please contact us at our Bethel email: [Bethel1.Bethel1@cajdi.org](mailto:Bethel1.Bethel1@cajdi.org).



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## 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](mailto:Alan.Kenyon@comcast.net)



## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Adam Korbas (12)	Paul Rodriguez-Obrien (12)
Alvin Rodes (36)	Robert Steen (56)
Brian Ross (15)	Ronald Katz (42)
Chris Bokamper (29)	Ronald Meissner (62)
Dewayne Clark (20)	Ronald Reynolds (41)
Donald Johnson (61)	Stanley Clifton (57)
Gregory Rapp (39)	



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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:** 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:** Adam Brissey

**White Table Night:** Perry Klahr, Brian Ross, Pat Quinn, Bill Biddell

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

### 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: Chicago, IL; Stockton, CA; Istanbul, Turkiye; Anaheim, CA; Stockholm, Sweden; Meridian, ID; Santa Ana, CA; Saint-Gregoire, France



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