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Calendar of Events

JUNE 2022

06/01—Wednesday—Officers Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 PM—Centennial & Executive Committee Meetings to follow
06/02—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner /DeMolay Presentation 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting/Official Visit 7:30 PM
06/04—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV. 8:00 AM
06/08—Wednesday—First Degree Practice 7:00 PM
06/11—Saturday—Poker, Scotch & Cigars Night 5:00 PM
06/14—Tuesday—DOSI at Pleasanton 6:30 PM
06/15—Wednesday—First Degree Practice 7:00 PM
06/18—Saturday—Feast of St. John 5:00 PM
06/21—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering 7:00 PM
06/23—Thursday—Double First Degree (Mr. Hawes/Mr. Moore) 7:00 PM
06/25—Saturday—Shooting Trip to Livermore Range—9:00 AM
06/28—Tuesday—Hall Association 7:00 PM
06/30—Thursday—Lodge Potluck 6:00 PM

JULY 2022

07/06—Wednesday—Zoom Officer's Meeting / Centennial Committee Meeting / Executive Committee Meeting to follow 7:00 PM
07/07—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM—Hawaiian Shirt Night
07/14—Thursday—First Degree (The Herricks) 7:00 PM
07/16—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV. 8:00 AM
07/19—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering 7:00 PM
07/21—Thursday—3rd Degree Practice 7:00 PM
07/24—Sunday—Car Show and Open House 9:00 AM
07/26—Tuesday—Hall Association 7:00 PM
07/28—Thursday—3rd Degree 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 Brian Ross — Master

I hope you enjoyed our new Stated Meeting Dinner (May 5th) format this month. For the rest of my year as Master of the Lodge committees will report during our dinner and upcoming events will be given. These matters, with minor exceptions, will no longer be discussed during the actual Stated Meeting. I will also strive to have monthly guests to speak during dinner. In that regard, I want to thank Brothers Alan West and Kay Dunn for their presentation at our Stated Meeting about the AAHMES Shrine and what the Shriners do for deserving children.



I want to also thank Brother Adam Korbas for the wonderful job he did putting on the Public Schools Night (May 12th) presentations. The meal was great thanks to

the kitchen crew, the choir was wonderful and the selected teachers more than deserved their honors.

I was honored to attend the DeMolay

Installation on May 15th with several Lodge brothers and brothers from Live Oak Lodge in Oakland. I wish Master Counselor Paulo Cabral all the best during his term.

I hope to see you all at the Stated Meeting on June 2nd. The DeMolay will have a presentation during dinner and our District Inspector Allen Cuenca will be making his official visit to the Lodge. Let's make Worshipful Allen proud of this Lodge and have a strong showing!

From the West

By J. E. C. Rafisura — Sr. Warden

Brethren, last April I had the pleasure of attending a Wardens and Masters' Retreat in Lake Tahoe. It was my third Masonic Retreat, the first and second time were during pre-pandemic when I was a Sr. Deacon and Jr. Warden, respectively. The most recent one was different and not only because it was in Lake Tahoe, but because I attended as Sr. Warden. To me, it was crucial in my preparation for my progression to that Oriental Chair.

The trip up north was wonderful. My lady and I left home Friday at noon and had planned to take our time to enjoy the scenery. Midway to our final destination, we were



greeted with amazing snow flurries and picturesque landscape. As we stopped in one of the Vista Points to adore the magnificent snowcapped mountain views, an older lady approached me and said: "I can see that you have a square and compass at the back of your truck. I am an Eastern Star member. I am so pleased to meet you here!" To each other, we felt like we met a family member in some random place. She then introduced me and my wife to her husband and niece. She had told me stories of her involvement with masonic activities and how she enjoys it. She and her husband did not know that

there was a masonic event happening at Incline Village where we were heading. "Safe travels", I said, as we parted ways.



In another stop (for some snacks and gas), a lady comfortably approached me and said: "I suppose you are heading to the

same direction as we are!" She then introduced herself and her husband, who happened to be the Master of Brentwood-Antioch Lodge! To my delight, I exclaimed, "it's a small world! I live in Brentwood! It's nice to meet neighbors here in some random Rest Area in the sierras!" Again, I felt the same feeling as I did when I met the "Eastern Star" lady. Such a wonderful and comforting feeling, to know that I have brothers and sisters so well dispersed around the world, willing and eager to smile and have casual conversation like family. Masonic brothers (and their ladies) are certainly no strangers to each other. I'll will take this fraternal benefit any day!

As we arrived at our final destination in the Hyatt Hotel, we met more brothers (and their families) as the retreat kicked-off with the introduction of Grand Lodge personalities. It was an event where not only we learned from the knowledgeable speakers, but also, from each other. We also had the chance to socialize and broaden our fraternal network. Masonic lodges rarely have unique challenges. With common issues and problems, we were able to compare notes and discuss solutions and best practices. Also, the group was never short of "older and wiser" Past Masters who would quickly share their wisdom in terms of lodge

management. In one of our break-out sessions, I was privileged to be selected as the speaker to share our group's output to the entire congregation. As a proud representative of our group and Crow Canyon 551, I shared common problems such as membership participations, filling in the chairs, prospecting, among



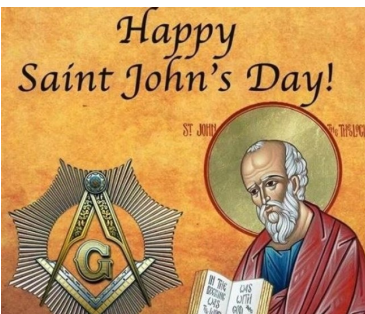
other things, and how collaboration with other lodges can help resolve challenges. Overall, it was a wonderful experience and I thank our lodge for the opportunity to socialize with the brothers from other lodges and to learn some of the best practices.

From the South

By Andrew Hawes — Jr. Warden

June is a month that I've always associated with good things. I was married in June. My wife's birthday, Flag Day, Father's Day, and now Juneteenth are all in June, as is a lesser known holiday, Paul Bunyan day! It's early summer, so the weather isn't TOO hot, but the rains of spring are mainly behind us, and so it's a sunny, warm, and happy month. I recall going on camping trips with my family in Junes past, enjoying the fresh greenery on the trees and the sunlight filtering through the leaves out of a beautiful clear blue sky.

As Masons, we have reason to celebrate June as well – Saint John the Baptist was born in June- or so we celebrate with the Feast of St. John, which we will be holding this year on June 18th! We will hold a festive board, with seven courses and seven firing of the cannon – make sure you let me know before then if you would like to attend, as we are preparing the feast for an exact head count, and you won't want to participate in the firing of the cannons without partaking of the feast – not if you plan to be able to still be able to sit in your chair by the end of the meal!



This year, we're trying something a bit different – we'll be offering a "Masonic Family Shuttle Service" home after the feast! If you don't have a designated driver to pick you up when we're finished, and live too far away to walk home, please ensure that you provide your address to me when you RSVP, and let me know that you would like a ride home after the meal, and we will confirm whether we can accommodate you- we may run out of space or time for everyone, so please try to arrange a pickup if you can, but we wanted to offer this option for those of you who would like to attend, and don't have a way home after – we can drive home up to 5 at a time with our minivan!

The feast of St. John the Baptist is an interesting one, because it's a celebration of his birth, and not his death – most saint's feast days are to commemorate the day of their passing into their eternal life – the "dies natalis" – to this rule there are only two notable exceptions, John the



Baptist, and the Virgin Mary. The feast has been celebrated by some famous people over the years- for example, Johann Sebastian Bach composed three church cantatas for the feast! Traditionally, the feast would fall on June 24th, but we've moved it a week earlier this year- the 18th of June also has some historic significance, as it was the day when Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo in 1815, the day in 1928 that Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly in an airplane across the Atlantic (a feat she repeated a few years later in her famous solo flight across that same ocean,) and the date in 1983 when Sally Ride was the first American woman to reach outer space!

June is also when they play tennis at Wimbledon, when the summer solstice (the longest day of the year) occurs, and originally had only 29 days in it! Julius Caesar added the 30th day to the month as part of creating his "Julian Calendar" back in 45 BC by his edict – but just like columns in architecture, we are indebted to the Greeks for it, as it was actually designed with the air of Greek mathematicians and astronomers! That calendar was the predominant calendar for most of the Western world for more than 1600 years, until being eventually replaced for most of the world by the Gregorian calendar promulgated by Pope Gregory XIII to adjust the Julian calendar's drift against the solar year.



That's all I have for this month – enjoy your first month of Summer!"

Do you have a car or truck you want to show off? Sign up for the

Crow Canyon Lodge 1st Annual Car Show

Sunday, July 24th
9:00 AM—5:00 PM



Brethren can send a photo and your information to John Smith livesteamtahoe@comcast.net or call Brian Ross at 510.331.6935 before June 10th.

After that date car registration will be open to the public.

Sunshine and Visiting



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

The function of the Sunshine committee is to comfort and provide guidance and assistance that you and other lodge Brothers can call on in your time of need. They have access to resources (and the Worshipful's ear) in tackling whatever obstacles may lie in a Brothers path.

Their contact information can be found here in the Trestleboard and on our website.

Ernie Nidick—925.828.6993

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Ozzie Ghani—860.655.7171

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3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Eric Korbas (8)	Marc Carpenter (7)
David Weaver (31)	John Davenport Jr. [PM] (63)
Victor VandenBerghe (46)	Gary Tucker (32)
Raymond Michardi (40)	Gilbert Brownfield (35)
John Mc Carthy (53)	Jimmy Burns (40)
Mark Kahn (56)	Scotty Stroup (51)
Roy Tamez [PM] (37)	Earl Kresge (43)
Henry Miller Jr. [PM] (49)	Larry Richardson [PM] (57)
Jeffery Lantz (54)	Edward Auguadro [PM] (45)
Ronald Selvey (43)	Robert Logan [PM] (29)
Robert Peters [PM] (59)	Joseph Stewart (28)
Clarence Teeters (50)	Frank Thrall Jr. (25)
Ronald Vandenbergh (58)	Jared Andreotti (22)
Kurt Von Brauch (43)	Jonathan Prestage (10)
David Wipf (45)	Joseph Elleard [PM] (66)



June Birthdays

Robert Eckstein (6/1)	Orrin Benedict Jr. (6/15)
Ace Gilbert (6/2)	Leland Peck (6/23)
Dain Warton (6/4)	Lester Bridge (6/24)
Mark Parinas (6/8)	Raymond Michardi (6/24)
Dewayne Clark (6/8)	Donald Schauer Sr. (6/27)
Nicholas Nelson (6/9)	John Mc Carthy (6/27)
Paul Rodriguez-Obrien (6/14)	John Freestone (6/30)
Benjamin Newmarker (6/15)	

Understanding Masonic Homes of CA Services

The most visible part of the Masonic Homes of California is, well, the [homes themselves](#). And as important to the mission of Masonic relief as the residences in Union City and Covina are, they are only one part of it. (Or rather, two.) In fact, many of the Masonic Homes of California's other services ultimately reach a far greater number of people, including Masons, than the senior homes do. They include:

Masonic Assistance Line and Masonic Outreach Services

This hotline connects California Masons from any part of the state with a team of counselors and staff from the [Masonic Outreach Services](#) team who can identify and connect them to resources they need, [whatever that is](#). Oftentimes that involves health-related issues—[assistance with obtaining a wheelchair or arranging in-home care for a loved one](#)—but it can also involve financial assistance or advice for [those facing hardships](#). These aren't [only for seniors](#) or those meeting certain financial criteria. The help line is [open to all Masons of all ages](#). Lodges can schedule for a member of Masonic Outreach Services to speak to their lodge about the range of services they offer and how to access them. 888-466-3642.

Masonic Center for Youth and Families

Based in San Francisco and Covina, [MCYAF](#) specializes in emotional wellness services for children, teens, adults, [and seniors](#)—in other words, everyone. This includes both in-person and virtual services, including therapy and family and marriage counseling. Additionally, MCYAF offers a [host of programs for school-age children and teens](#) including [academic support, testing for learning issues](#), and dealing with [mental and behavioral challenges](#). No Masons are ever turned away from MCYAF, and fees are charged on a sliding scale, making them within reach for all members and their families. [mcyaf.org](#).

Memory Care and Assisted Living for Everyone

The newly opened [Pavilion at the Masonic Homes](#), in Union City, represents an important expansion of MHC's leading work on [memory-loss conditions](#) like Alzheimer's and dementia. With an entire floor devoted to those experiencing memory loss and a second floor for those in need of [assisted-living services](#), the Pavilion is bringing [MHC's model of care to the wider population](#). While Masons are given priority admission to the Pavilion, its services are open to all—meaning that California Masons can now refer family members who aren't in the fraternity there for care. [pavilion-unioncity.org](#).

Masonic Value Network

Understanding all that goes into senior care can be difficult for anyone, whether you're looking for care yourself, or for a parent or loved one. Through the [Masonic Value Network](#), California Masons can get help finding and connecting to needed and affordable senior care services. The network includes independent providers in several areas of care, including in-home care, senior living communities, and senior-care placement services. Also, the Masonic Value Network includes a pharmacy discount program to help you find the best prescription drug prices at pharmacies in your area. [masonichome.org/valuenetwork](#)

Post-Surgery Rehab in Union City

Another service offered to the public in Union City is [Transitions](#), a short-term care program for neurological and post-surgical rehabilitation. Through it, those recovering from a stroke, heart attack, or other health issue can tap into MHC's care services and residential facilities for a matter of weeks or months after they're discharged from the hospital. [masonichome.org](#).

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is an amazing
organ. It
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24 hours a day
from the day we
are born and only
stops when we
are performing
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Committees

2022 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Aaron Johnson

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez, Don Schauer Sr., Perry Klahr, Tramaine Ellison

Executive Committee: Brian Ross, J. Rafisura, Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr.

FOSJ and White Table Night: Andrew Hawes

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Masonic Education: Paul Rodriguez O'Brien, PM

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell, PM HA, Roy Tamez HA, Pat Quinn HA

Masonic Hall Association: Paul Rodriguez, O'Brien PM

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer Sr.

Masons for Mitts: Ozzie Ghani

Membership Retention: J. Rafisura

Picnic: Sr., Roy Tamez, PM HA, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross

Printing and Mailing: Don Schauer Sr.

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton, Paul Rodriguez O'Brien, PM

Sunshine and Visiting: Ernie Nidick, Les Blake, Ozzie Ghani, Aaron Johnson

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch, Aaron Johnson, Paul Rodriguez, PM

Trustees: Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, PM HA

Visiting /Traveling Degree: Jerry Garcia, Lyman Penning, PM HA.

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM HA

Welcome: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton

Masonic Youth Orders

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Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—Bill Ferrell 510-886-2288 kb6xa@att.net

LEARN MORE ABOUT MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

DeMolay - demolay.org

Jobs Daughters - jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls - gorainbow.org



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