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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2022

11/02—Wednesday—Officer's Zoom Meeting, Centennial and Executive Committee—7:00 PM
11/03—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
11/08—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering 7:00 PM
11/15—Tuesday—DOSI @ Mosaic Lodge— 6:30 PM
11/17—Thursday—Installation Practice—7:00 PM
11/19—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV. 8:00 AM
11/22—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
11/24—Thursday—Thanksgiving (DARK)
11/30—Wednesday—Officer's Zoom Meeting, Centennial and Executive Committee—7:00 PM

DECEMBER 2022

12/01—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
12/03—Saturday—5:00 PM Installation of Officers (Practice is at 10:00 AM)
12/08—Thursday—DARK
12/10—Saturday—Lodge Christmas Party—11:00 AM
12/15—Thursday—DARK
12/17—Saturday—Feast of St. John
12/20—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering—7:00 PM
12/22—Thursday—DARK
12/27—Tuesday—Hall Association—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

Fall is certainly upon us as the air gets cooler and reminders of Halloween adorns yards around Castro Valley. For those of you that do not know, out in Livermore our Lodge Treasurer Phil Busch and his family go all out on Halloween. I was by his house last week and he and the neighbors have developed quite the



spooky block. I have been told that, if you trick or treat at his house, you get the good stuff – the giant sized Snickers bar or the like. I plan on trick or

treating at his house on Halloween (naturally dressed as a lawyer), and we will see what he is handing out!

We had a wonderful “Past Masters Roll Call” on October 13, 2022. Many Past Masters that we have not seen around the Lodge attended. It was a real delight. One Past Master was noticeably missing. For those of you who do not know, Worshipful “Uncle” Roy Tamez, our Lodge “Executive Chef” and resident cow-poker suffered a stroke recently and has been hospitalized. I know he would love to hear from you – contact me for his information. Nevertheless, Mark Finger, Johnnie Albanese, Dain Warton, and Pat Quinn made a “heckuva” meal serving meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy and the works. No matter – WE MISS YOU UNCLE ROY!



SW J Rafisura, JW Andrew Hawes, WM Bill Ferrell and I are off to Grand Communication on October 21-23, 2022 to represent our lodge in the big city. I am personally looking forward to it – I will report our antics in next month's issue of the Trestleboard.

If I do not see you before – Happy Thanksgiving to all our brothers, their families and friends!



From the West

By J. E. C. Rafisura — Sr. Warden

As we enter the last quarter of the year, we look back and reminisce about all the wonderful things that we have done since January. We opened the year with a series of double degree conferrals, several successive practices, the much-anticipated Crab Feed, Car shows and all! We have done a lot and had been busy since the beginning of this year. Also, there are lots of candidate examinations, leading to more degree conferrals. Huge thanks to our candidate's coaches who dedicated their time and effort in providing guidance and direction to ensure that our candidates are well educated to practice the art and science of our time-honored craft.



Currently, our membership has grown in number but also, I noticed an increased diversity. We now have younger generations in our fold (20's), along with those with different ethnic, religious, cultural, and professional backgrounds. Yet, despite our diversity, we remain in harmony and stronger than ever, learning and sharing each other's ideas, viewpoints, interests, culture, among other things. As I witnessed the evolution of our lodge, I have nothing but high hopes for the future of our lodge. For we all know that as the world is inherently diverse and keeps on evolving, it is also in diversity that we learn from each other, grow, evolve, and adapt as individuals, as a fraternity, and as a nation. Per Grand Lodge, the diversity of a blue lodge should reflect the diversity of its community. I could not agree more. Afterall, our fraternity speaks so much about tolerance, freedom of thought, being open to one's beliefs, religion, or opinions. Freemasonry is founded based on fidelity, respect, and inclusion to all good men who, in his own free will and accord, genuinely seeks further light and truth to better himself.

Entering the Fall season, our lodge cruises into a few remaining activities such as stated meetings, DOSI's, installation practices and series of planning sessions for next year's activities. Speaking of activities, please note that we will be forming brand new committees to handle increased activities and events next year. As a start, in addition to the Centennial Committee, we will be forming an Inter-lodge Relations Committee to strengthen our ties with other lodges. Its members may act as lodge “Ambassadors”. They can also work together with our Traveling/Visitation Committee as appropriate. New committee members will also be appointed to our existing committees. Through the years, we can all agree, that from time to time, we can use fresh legs and energy to revitalize some committees and keep them running for the next 100 years! Anybody interested to be a part of next year's working committee are most welcome. Please let me or any officer know of your desire.

From the South

By Andrew Hawes — Jr. Warden

November is a month that starts with Halloween, and ends with Thanksgiving. That's always the way I've mentally thought of it. Carved Pumpkins to Pumpkin pies. Kids dressed up in costumes and roaming the streets... to kids dressed up as turkeys and pilgrims, performing skits in school. It's a great month, in that



“solidly Fall” period – not early enough to go skiing yet, but cold enough to wear warmer clothes when going out of the house, for sure. It's the first month that's wholly part of “The Holiday Season” – with broadcasting starting to set up their annual “repeat playlist” of fall favorites, leading inevitably into the

December celebrations, and the end of another calendar year.

Traditionally, in our lodge, we celebrate Thanksgiving Dinner early in November, by having traditional Thanksgiving foods for our November Stated meeting, and this month is no exception. Thanks to the way voting went at Grand Lodge, we'll be free to enjoy a glass of wine with our meal for those who see fit to do so!

In my family, we have a tradition when we sit down to eat Thanksgiving dinner: before we eat, we go around the table, and each of us talks about something that we are grateful for from the past year. Often, we are the most grateful that we are again gathered around a Thanksgiving feast with our family, able to enjoy each other's company and partake in a life-long tradition that has been passed down through generations of my family, of spending the day together, enjoying each other's company, and celebrating those things which we are thankful for- perhaps a bit redundant, but what are traditions for? It's something that we should practice more often, we all know it, but that's the one time each year, when we make SURE to do it.



This November, try to make sure you spend time thinking about your life, and the things in it you are thankful for – and share those things with the people in your life. Hopefully the people that you are feeling thankful for and sharing your life with are feeling the same way about you.

A Blast from the Past into the Future

By William M. Ferrell

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What I found most interesting was that John C. Fremont, a Master Mason, was the military Governor in California just before it was granted statehood. As an abolitionist, he put pressure on Congress to admit California as a “free” state. When our elected officials were debating how to admit California to the union, he proclaimed military law and said that California was an independent republic. Washington quickly admitted California to the union as a “free” state.

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The History of Fremont Lodge No. 497 runs back to September 8, 1920 when fifteen brethren held the first of a series of four preliminary meetings in the home of Henry Howard Caldwell.

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At this meeting, the brethren voted to give their proposed Lodge the name “Fremont.” Then they elected [James Spencer Sullivan](#) as their first Master, [Chester Culwell Morris](#) as Senior Warden, and Henry Howard Caldwell as Junior Warden.

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At the second, third, and fourth meetings, held respectively in the homes of Hiram Eugene Miller, Chester Culwell Morris, and Roy Gustav Lucks, they handled all other organizational matters. On December 1, 1920, Grand Master Rodden issued their dispensation. That same evening, Inspector Granville Warren of the 32nd Masonic District instituted their Lodge in the Fruitvale Masonic Temple.

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Fremont Lodge received its charter on October 13, 1921, and was jointly constituted in the San Francisco Masonic Temple with Lebanon, Roosevelt, Sunnyvale, and Cupertino Lodges by Grand Master Burke the following day.

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During its organizational period, the founders of Fremont Lodge subscribed \$5.00 each to a fund intended to “pay for any entertainment expense that might arise.” This taught them the valuable lesson of forethought in all financial matters – and to ‘pay as you go.’

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Consequently, their lodge has always been in excellent financial condition. Save two minor setbacks in 1933 and 1936, Fremont Lodge's annual returns to grand Lodge haven't ever shown a net loss. They have otherwise climbed steadily from 50 members in 1921 to 462 members by the beginning of 1949. Fremont Lodge's first regular meeting place was the

Fruitvale Masonic Temple at 34th avenue and East 14th Street. After several moves, they merged with Tri-square No. 551 on October 1, 1986.

Our Lodge Library has a copy of "50 Years of Fremont Lodge No. 497, F. & A. M.," which shows Past Masters from 1921 to 1970. It is currently held in our secretary's archives.



Reminder: If you have any additional information about Fremont Lodge, please email me at kb6xa@att.net

Editor's Note: Do you want to see pictures of our Past Masters. We have an archive of all of the photos we have scanned at: <https://www.ccl551.org/PastMasters>



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.

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3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Steven Allen (39) | Leland Peck (72) |
| Mark Casperson (12) | Alvaro Reynoso (26) |
| Donald Clendenen Jr. (30) | Augustine Rhee (13) |
| Kay Dunn (19) | Harold Rubin (67) |
| Steven Kolden (38) | Glen Sears Jr. (40) |
| Gregory Maier (24) | Mark Simens (38) |
| Douglas Mc Kay (49) | Anthony Tancredi (49) |
| Frank Mitchell (46) | Bruce Tellardin (41) |
| Ahmad Nasri (14) | Robert Wagle (47) |



November Birthdays

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Brian Katz (11/03) | Elmer Seutter (11/18) |
| Michael Gallico (11/05) | Alexander Hawes (11/20) |
| Gabriel Amaral (11/06) | James Hooks (11/22) |
| Steven Dorough (11/06) | Felipe Castellanos (11/24) |
| Joseph Stewart (11/06) | Glen Lane (11/24) |
| Ahmad Nasri (11/07) | Gary Orr (11/24) |
| Robert Douglas (11/11) | Ruben Vossekui (11/24) |
| Steven Allen (11/12) | Kurt Von Brauch (11/28) |
| Patrick Mc Cord (11/12) | Stanley Clifton (11/30) |
| David Stephenson (11/13) | |
| Brandon Morrison (11/18) | |



Leadership at Grand Lodge 2022 (an artistic interpretation)

In Memoriam

Harold R. Brooke PM
Entered into Rest

87 years, 7 months and 13 days
April 05, 2012

Great Architect of the Universe, into thine hands we commend the soul of our dear departed brother



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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 Funeral: Bill Ferrell, PM HA, Roy Tamez PM 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: 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

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

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch, Aaron Johnson

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

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November 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 Officer's Meeting by Zoom—Centennial & Executive Committee Meeting to follow—7:00 PM	3 Stated Meeting—5:30 PM Social 6:15 PM Dinner 7:30 PM Stated	4	5
6	7	8 Zoom Social Gathering—7:00 PM	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 DOSI—Mosaic Lodge—6:30 PM	16	17 Installation Practice—7:00 PM	18	19 Breakfast w/ Brothers at Normans CV—8:00 AM
20	21	22 Hall Association Meeting—7:00 PM	23	24 DARK—Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30 Officer's Meeting by Zoom—Centennial & Executive Committee Meeting to follow—7:00			