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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2024

04/03—Wednesday—Lodge officers visit Unity Rainbow—7:00 PM for youth group observance month.
04/04—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:15 PM / Business Meeting 7:30 PM
04/09—Tuesday—DOSI at Pleasanton—6:30 PM
04/11—Thursday—Public Schools Night—6:00 PM
04/16—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
04/18—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
04/19—Friday—Pictionary Party Game Night—7:00 PM
04/20—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
04/23—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
04/25—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM

MAY 2024

05/01—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
05/02—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:15 PM / Business Meeting 7:30 PM
05/04—Saturday—Volunteering at St. Vincent—8:00 AM
05/09—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
05/14—Tuesday—DOSI at CVMC—6:30 PM
05/16—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
05/21—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
05/18—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
05/23—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
05/28—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
05/30—Thursday—Masonic Family Potluck—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

I was standing in line at the bank the other day and the man at the window was taking a long time, performing several transactions with the sole teller that was available. There were three more of us standing and waiting for our turn, and when the man at the window started his third transaction, the third man in line, just behind me, started complaining and calling him names, because he was taking so long. When he did



this, the man in front of me turned to him and said that he shouldn't say such things, and the angry man turned his ire on that man instead, swearing at him and being, in general, belligerent. The man at the window finished up, and his defender turned to me as he headed up to the window, and said "make sure you take as long as possible!"

This whole experience was one that made me sad.

Why do we get angry at other people, even if they do nothing wrong and are in fact doing what we ourselves are waiting to do, just because they are inconveniencing us? While I agreed that it was inappropriate to curse at someone and call them names because they were taking "too long," my mental solidarity with the man in front of me crumbled when he suggested to me that we should attempt to punish the rude man by taking as long as possible at the window. Passive aggression... is still aggression. Why would rudeness be solved with more rudeness? We cannot solve the problems in the world by contributing to them. While all this was taking place, I stood quietly, and when it was my turn, I offered to the angry man to step in front of me if he wanted to go first. Surprising me, he politely declined, and even offered some pleasantries while waiting for me to finish at the window, and as I walked away. I think his expressed hostility earlier was frustration over his needing to wait, when already running late for another appointment – something we can all relate to – and it was not his intent to be rude, it was just that he did not think or care about the fact that voicing those frustrations at his situation in the way he did would be rude and offensive to others.

I'm sharing this with you all to make some points, of course. The first is that we should always consider carefully what we say, how we say it, and to whom, before we speak. When we offer



criticism of others, even if we feel it is justified it should be direct, and constructive. If someone has upset you with something they do or say – speak directly to that person, and explain to them why and how you were upset. Perhaps they never considered that their words or deeds might offend others. Masons are men amongst whom hypocrisy and deceit should be unknown – we should all make an effort to adhere to this, speaking as frankly and openly as possible, especially with each other.

Strive to lead by example, and try to set the example of what we want to see others emulate. Whether we think other people can hear us or not, whether we are alone or in a group- act as you would have others act. Do as you would have others do. Treat others as you, yourself, want to be treated. Practice what you preach, and hopefully it will become habit, and require no thought or effort on your part. Perhaps it might even influence others to act and speak as you do. . . but even if it does not, we are Masons.

We have, each one of us, been charged to act as just and upright men, and we should always strive to do so.

From the West

By Lyman Penning, PM — Sr. Warden

I am starting to receive information from candidate's coaches that we may have some Entered Apprentices



and Fellowcrafts that could be ready soon for examination. It appears that we will be doing Fellowcraft degrees in a few months. At this time, the officers are working on 2nd degree

Once we have the Fellowcrafts examined, we will be scheduling dates for the Master Mason degree.

One date that you will want to mark on your calendar is the Traveling 3rd degree (currently the weekend of October 12th). So most likely, the lodge officers could be working on 3rd degree



ritual around late summer. Yes, it looks like the lodge officers will have a busy schedule after the Entered Apprentices pass their proficiency exams.

From the South

By Alex Von Stade, PM — Jr. Warden

Brethren: Welcome to the month of April. It is unclear as to the actual origin of the name April. Some experts say it comes from the word, Aprilis. Others feel that it originates from the Latin word aperire or aperit, which means “to open” and refers to the opening of buds on trees that occur at this time of year. Still others feel that it derives from the Latin word, apricus which means “sunny” and refers to the spring weather with clear skies and warming temperatures that we experience this month.

Besides the two obvious days associated with April (April Fool's Day & Tax Day), there are two special days that occur this month. Although they are not celebrated as National Holidays, they are both important to all the inhabitants of this planet.



Image from www.cyanonline.org

On April 22nd, we celebrate Earth Day, a day dedicated to the support and protection of the environment and which began in 1970. On April 26th, we celebrate Arbor Day, which began in 1872, whose purpose was to encourage individuals to plant trees in honor or memory of a loved one. It also emphasizes the power

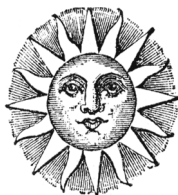
of trees as they support our health and the health of our environment.

Although our lives can become busy at times we must take the time to enjoy the outdoors and the benefits of nature. Happy April!

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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What Are the 24 Character Strengths?

People often look for good character in others, whether they are employees, students, friends, or potential dating partners. According to positive psychology, good character is exemplified by 24 widely valued character strengths.

The notion of character strengths was first introduced by psychologists Martin Seligman and Christopher Peterson. Seligman and Neal Mayerson, another psychologist, created the Values In Action (VIA) Institute on Character, which uses the VIA Inventory of Strengths developed by Peterson to identify people's positive character strengths.

However, as Freemasons, these strengths might look mighty familiar.

The 24 positive character strengths are split into six virtue classes:

Wisdom: Creativity, curiosity, open-mindedness, love of learning, perspective

Courage: Honesty, bravery, persistence, zest

Humanity: Kindness, love, social intelligence

Justice: Fairness, leadership, teamwork

Temperance: Forgiveness, modesty, prudence, self-regulation

Transcendence: Appreciation of beauty, gratitude, hope, humor, religiousness

April Birthdays

Charles Langel (04/02)

James Gibbon (04/15)

Bruce Tellardin (04/05)

Ronald Katz (04/15)

Steven Kolden (04/08)

Ernest Nidick Jr. (04/15)

Mark Finger (04/11)

Robert Peters (04/18)

Richard Keihner (04/11)

Ronald Bessette (04/19)

George Lumm (04/13)

Jeffrey Hansen (04/23)

Marc Carpenter (04/15)

Henry Miller Jr. (04/26)



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Roger Accurso (9)

Ronald Garcia (58)

Leslie Blake (58)

Julius Kahn III [PM] (50)

Christopher Boggess (18)

Alan Kenyon [PM] (42)

Charles Cammerer (48)

John Kralovansky (44)

Gregory Cooper (26)

George Lumm [PM] (31)

Roy Eddy (75)

Robert Marshall (68)

Michael Gallico (18)

Gerald Woergoetter [PM] (31)

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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: Bengaluru, India; Quito, Ecuador; Portland, OR; Nuremberg, Germany; Lansdowne, PA; Odessa, TX; Columbus, OH; Matlock, UK; Los Angeles, CA; Pakistan; Colton, CA; Anaheim, CA.



Committees

2024 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: Andrew Hawes, Lyman Penning PM HA, Alexander Van Stade PM, 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

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Car Show

July 13, 2024 -- 9 AM to 5 PM

Castro Valley Masonic Center
4521 Crow Canyon Rd. Castro Valley



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Crow Canyon Masonic Lodge



Cars to Show by Invitation Only

Send photo of car to: bkrlaw@hotmail.com

Entry fee for cars accepted \$30.00 includes lunch.

Food and drinks available.

Cars to be shown must arrive before 9:00 a.m.

Free admission to spectators after 9 am

Net Proceeds Donated to the Shriners Hospital



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28	29	30				