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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2025

- 11/05—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 11/06—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 11/13—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 11/15—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ The Breakfast Club, CV—8:00 AM
- 11/20—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 11/25—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 11/27—Thursday—DARK—Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2025

- 12/03—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 12/04—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 12/06—Saturday—Installation—5:00 PM
- 12/09—Tuesday—DOSI 6:15 PM
- 12/13—Saturday—Xmas Party—11:30 AM
- 12/16—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 12/18—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 12/20—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ The Breakfast Club, CV—8:00 AM
- 12/23—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 12/25—Thursday—DARK—Merry Xmas

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 Lyman Penning, PM—Master

Our Stated Meeting in November will be an important meeting for the lodge. We will be holding our Annual Election of officers for 2026, as well as getting positions filled for the Hall Association and other lodge positions that need to be taken care of at this Stated Meeting. So please make sure to put in your reservations for November 6, 2025.

I would like to encourage everyone to try and come to the Castro Valley DeMolay Installation of Officers and the Dinner that will be held before the installation. Yes, the DeMolays have served our lodge at our dinners and other events when they were needed. So I would love to have as many of us come on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM (dinner) followed by the installation at 7:30PM. Please try to attend the meetings and events of our youth groups when possible in order to give them support.

Roger Glancy's memorial service will be on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Castro Valley Masonic Center.



Finally, don't forget to mark on your calendar our Installation of Officers which will be held at 5:00 PM on Saturday, December 6, 2025. The installation will be followed by a delicious dinner in the banquet room.

Please call our Lodge Secretary, Perry Klahr at (925) 699-1786 to make reservations for all of these events.

From the West

By Alex Von Stade, PM — Sr. Warden

Brethren:

November is now upon us and as such, the 2025 calendar year is slowly coming to a close. November is derived from the Latin word "novem" meaning the number nine. In the early Roman calendar, November was the ninth month; however as the Roman calendar was revised over time, November became the eleventh month.

Notable holidays this November include: November 2nd when Daylight Savings time ends, November



11th when we celebrate Veterans Day and November 27th when we celebrate Thanksgiving.

On the first Sunday morning of this November, please remember to set your clocks back one hour as we will now return to Standard Time. Daylight savings time will return once again on March 8th 2026. Veterans day, originally known as Armistice Day, is a Federal Holiday which honors military veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. This tradition goes back to World War 1 when the war ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. While most of us will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday on the 27th, with a feast of turkey and stuffing, cranberries, and pumpkin pie, it should be pointed out that the first Thanksgiving in 1621, did not include any of those items. Most likely the menu at that time included venison, wild fowl, and shellfish.

Until next month, have a pleasant and enjoyable November.

From the South

By Andrew Hawes, PM — Jr. Warden



We have all heard the saying "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade!" It is meant as an encouragement towards optimism, towards staying positive and "soldiering on" despite things being difficult. My personal favorite way of expressing this is "every cloud has a silver lining" - no matter how dark or bleak things look, there is always something positive that can be focused on instead of the woes or stresses in our lives. A singer that my wife and I enjoy, Andy Grammer, uses a lyric in one of his songs to express this sentiment that also captures the intent: "...everything will be alright -

If it's not alright, then it's not the end."

No matter how you choose to express it, the sentiment is an important one to keep in mind, especially when you are feeling down, or facing a crisis of some kind.

Some people are the sort who just never got this message, or refuse to take it to heart. Doom and gloom, end of the world, pessimistic and negative. Don't be this sort of person. If you encounter one, try to change their outlook- but don't get yourself down if they don't change or won't change. Some people don't want to have a positive



outlook on life. I don't know why this is, but I have encountered some over the years- no matter what happens, they see the dark cloud behind the silver lining and choose to imagine it getting darker instead of focusing on the silver. Someone who wins the lottery and immediately starts to stress out about how much taxes they'll owe, for example. The issue I have with this sort of attitude is not only that it isn't healthy, it's infectious! If you are working (and yes, it takes work sometimes!) on being positive, and someone is being irrepressibly negative with you, it is very easy to slip into a similar mode, and start to bemoan and berate the universe.

Don't let this happen to you! If someone you are with is being negative, and doesn't want to even try to be positive, it's ok to tell them you need to go, or to try changing the subject to one that they can be less negative about, if there is one.

We should be diplomats of positivity, and should try to spread a positive attitude whoever we go- but don't pour your bucket of optimism into a bottomless well of negativity, keep some in it, to give it a chance to refill so that you can keep on sharing it with others.

In summary, my advice is to keep on smiling, keep on taking the positive view on life, keep making lemonade from those lemons, and keep finding those silver linings.

November Birthdays

Brian Katz (11/3)	David Stephenson (11/13)
Michael Gallico (11/5)	Elmer Seutter (11/18)
Gabriel Amaral PM (11/6)	Felipe Castellanos (11/24)
Steven Dorough (11/6)	Glen Lane (11/24)
Joseph Stewart (11/6)	Gary Orr (11/24)
Ahmad Nasri (11/7)	Ruben Vossekul (11/24)
Stevean Allen (11/12)	Kurt Von Brauch (11/28)
Patrick McCord (11/12)	Stanley Clifton PM (11/30)

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Donald Clendenen Jr. (33)	Douglas Mc Kay (52)
Kay Dunn (22)	Frank Mitchell (49)
Ahmad Nasri (17)	Alvaro Reynoso (29)
Robert Johnson (36)	Mark Simens (41)
Stevean Allen (42)	Harold Rubin (70)
Steven Kolden (41)	Anthony Tancredi (52)
Robert Wagle (50)	Bruce Tellardin (44)
Gregory Maier (27)	Augustine Rhee (16)
Mark Casperson (15)	

Masonic Wordsearch

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Word List:

APRON COMPASS GAUNTLET GAVEL LEVEL LODGE
MASON PILLAR PLUMB SQUARE TROWEL WARDEN



Bethel No. 1 Dublin

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
WITH
SANTA

NOVEMBER 22, 2025
8:30AM-11:00AM
Castro Valley Masonic Center
4521 Valley Crow Canyon Rd

ADULTS \$15.00
12 - 2 yrs \$8.00
Under 2 Free



Masonic Family Corner

By Denise Jow—Past Grand Guide

Bethel One has had a busy month.

It started with the Bethel members participating in the Alden Lane Nursery Scarecrow building contest on October 12th. There were three categories to pick from Traditional, Wizard of OZ or Super hero. Voting ended on October 31st. On October 28th we participated at the Truck or Treat at Las Positas College in Livermore. We decorated our car with a Halloween Peanuts theme which included Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Lucy & Linus, we passed out candy & give about 50 promotion cards to girls & families. In November we had the Last GGOV for 2025 which was a Halloween Carnival. Twelve Bethels participated with games, treats, costume contest & photo booth. Church Service is planned for November 9th. The Bethel members won their Bethel challenge by getting 3 new members last term & lunch at Ruby & Roses after church service. Please mark your calendars for our Jr. Princess Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, November 22nd at the Castro Valley Masonic Center (flyer included).

Grand Guardian Council will be held in Visalia this year celebrating 100 years. This is the second year we will have Daughter Delegates voting on our adult leaders and amendments. All 18 and 19 year olds are also encouraged to register as voting delegates. We want to hear their voices.

We are proud of these Job's Daughters for attending the session and participating in this new process.

Bethel members learned membership skills at our Boot camp to invite their friends to our activities. We had at least one friend attend each activity in October! We are so proud of our members for telling their friends about Job's Daughters!!

Members are 10 to 20 years old with the opportunity for younger girls to join our Bee Hive and become JD to Bees. If you would like more information on attending our activities or joining our Bethel please contact us at our Bethel email: Bethel1@cajdi.org.

Wishing everyone Happy Thanksgiving!



**Job's Daughters
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Bethel 1 Daughters at the
Scarecrow building contest

In Memoriam

Harold Lassle
Entered into Rest

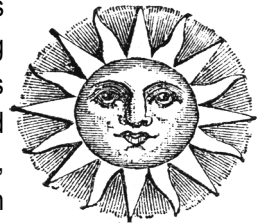
89 years and 7 months
January 14, 2025

*Great Architect of the Universe, into thine hands
we commend the souls of our dear departed brothers*



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. Robert Eckstein at (510) 449-7944 or Rbeckstein@att.net.

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Committees

2025 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Justin Ortiz, Andrew Hawes

Breakfast with Brothers: Brian Ross, Bill Biddell, Phil Busch

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Bill Biddell, Brian Ross

Executive Committee: Lyman Penning PM HA, Alexander Van Stade PM, Andrew Hawes PM, Perry Klahr

FOSJ: Bill Biddell

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Inter-lodge Relations: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Robert Pinkerton PM

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell, Lyman Penning, Roy Tamez, Pat Quinn, Ray Weatley, Bill Biddell,

Masonic Hall Association: President, Pat Quinn

Membership Retention: Lyman Penning, Alex Von Stade, Perry Klahr, Ron Reynolds

Picnic: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Bill Biddell, Brian Ross,

Printing and Mailing: Bill Biddell, H.A.

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas, Brendan Korbas, Roy Tamez

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Robert Johnson, Bill Biddell, Brian Canton

Sunshine and Visiting: Robert Eckstein

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch

Trustees: Robert Logan, Brian Ross, Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, Hank Andreotti, Adam Korbas

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM HA

Welcome: Bill Ferrell, Adam Brissey

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

Youth Orders Liaisons: Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn HA

Masonic Youth Orders

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

Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—Heidi Kolden - 510.693.1385 [click to email](#)

Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261—Joy Molina 510.754.4983 [click to email](#)

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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: Apodaca, Mexico; Los Angeles, CA; Banbury, United Kingdom; Sacramento, CA; Derby, United Kingdom; Scotts Valley, CA



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 Officer's Meeting – 7:00 PM	6 Stated Meeting – Social/Dinner—6:15 Business—7:30 PM	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20 Degree or Practice –7:00 PM	21	22
23	24	25 Hall Association – 7:00 PM	26	27 DARK—Happy Thanksgiving	28	29
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