



Trestleboard

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Calendar of Events

MAY 2025

- 05/01—Thursday**—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner (Featuring Fajitas for Cinco De Mayo) —6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 05/08—Thursday**—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 05/13—Tuesday**—DARK—No DOSI
- 05/15—Thursday**—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 05/17—Saturday**—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 05/22—Thursday**—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 05/27—Tuesday**—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 05/29—Thursday**—5th Thursday Potluck—6:00 PM

JUNE 2025

- 06/04—Wednesday**—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 06/05—Thursday**—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner (Featuring Italian Food) —6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 06/07-06/08—Saturday-Sunday**—Reno Bus Trip (tentative)
- 06/10—Tuesday**—DOSI (location TBA)
- 06/12—Thursday**—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 06/19—Thursday**—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 06/21—Saturday**—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 06/24—Tuesday**—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 06/26—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 Lyman Penning, PM—Master

When you receive this Trestleboard, we will already have held our Public Schools Night (April 24), along with the initiation of Lacy Johnson into Bethel 1 Job's Daughters in Dublin (April 24) and the Bethel 1 Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction (April 25) at our Masonic Center. Again, I feel that the continued support of our youth provides future strength for Freemasonry.

On the subject of our youth groups, please mark your calendars for the installations of our three youth groups. They are:

- ⇒ Castro Valley DeMolay on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 4:00 PM with a dinner at 6:00 PM
- ⇒ Job's Daughters Bethel 1 on Saturday June 7, 2025 at 2:00 PM, and
- ⇒ Unity Assembly #65 Rainbow for Girls on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 2:00 PM.

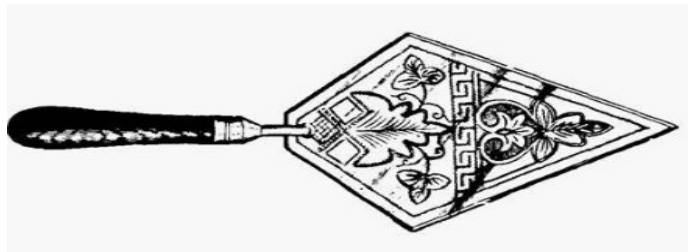
Our Reno Bus Trip, scheduled for June 7-8, is likely to be cancelled unless we have at least 40 people going on the bus by May 1, 2025. Right now, only 17 people have signed up. Please hurry as time is running out.



Our DOSI on Tuesday, May 13, has been cancelled by the inspector so that brethren and their ladies and friends can enjoy the

San Francisco Giants at AT&T Park in San Francisco. Feel free to enjoy a good baseball game.

That's it for now. See you in the lodge room.



From the West

By Alex Von Stade, 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, Mothers Day on May 11th, and Memorial Day on May 26th. 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

May is a good month to practice being a better person.

Then again, so is every month, really....

"May I?" is a phrase associated with asking permission to do something- but you don't need permission to be nice. Caring about what others think is an important part of coexisting in polite society. Many times I have heard the expression "it's easier to ask forgiveness than permission" used to justify taking an action that the person taking it suspects or knows to be wrong or against someone else's wishes, because they feel that asking for permission first will entail delays or resistance to something they want to do. The idea of it being inconvenient to have to deal with what other people think or want is, to me, a dangerous path. Once the



idea takes hold, it isn't that far a step to simply stop caring about permission at all, and do whatever you want, when you want to do it. Widespread hedonistic authoritarianism isn't something that fits within the idea of a polite society. The very tenets of Freemasonry require that we ask permission first, so that we need not seek forgiveness. Brotherly Love demands that we care what others care about. Relief insists that we give aid and support to our fellow creatures. Truth requires that we always be up front and honest about what we say and do, which means our intentions are known before we take action.



Asking "May I?" should be unnecessary amongst masons, since we should always agree on the best course of action to be taken to adhere to these standards- and yet, should for that same

reason always be asked, to ensure that we continue to perpetuate that same co-adherence to the nobility of purpose to which we have all bound ourselves.

...oh, and Mexican for dinner of course.

Feliz Cinco de Mayo!



Masonic Family Corner

My name is Emma, Librarian of Bethel No. 1, Dublin.. For the month of March, we celebrate our organization's founder Ethel T. Wead Mick...or Mother Mick as we call her. Her birthday was earlier in March. She was born on March 9, 1881 in Iowa. When Mother Mick was a kid, her mother read Bible stories every night. Often, her mother spoke of the values written in the Book of Job. She would talk of her hopes that her own daughters would become like Job's daughters that "in all the land were no women found so fair". Growing up, Mother Mick learned lessons in literature, arts, sciences and attended Creighton Medical College in Omaha, Nebraska.

After marrying a Masonic member and having two daughters, Mother Mick founded the International Order of Job's Daughters in 1920 in Omaha. There all young women with Masonic relationship would gather in friendship to build character through moral and spiritual development and support each other in developing confidence and leadership skills through service opportunities for the organization and their communities.

We meet the same way now, every other Wednesday. We elect our own officers, decide and plan our own events & fun activities: like the Saint Patrick's Day parade; Ice Cream Social; Bowling with the DeMolay; and Boomers. We've gone to Pier 39 in San Francisco, the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, and had sleepovers.

In 2021, the name changed to Job's Daughters International having Bethels across the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil and the Philippines.



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Is Freemasonry a Religion?

(excerpt from California Grand Lodge Website)

Questions abound about Masonry and religion. Unpacking Masonry's relationship to God, the church, and the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

The question of the connection between Freemasonry and religion is not an easy topic to tackle. On the one hand, Masons are adamant that Freemasonry is not a religion, and not a substitute for religion. It encourages its members to be active in their own faith community but does not favor or promote any particular faith.

On the other hand, Freemasonry requires that all its members have a belief in a God. It begins and ends its meetings with prayer. Members take their promises as Masons on sacred book, often a Masonic Bible. Its rituals have frequent references to God. Their meeting places are often called Masonic temples. So if it isn't a religion, why is religion such a feature of Freemasonry?

The History of Masonry and Religion— and Why Any Religion Can Be a Mason

It would be easy just to say that requiring a belief in God is a part of our Masonic heritage, and a part of the fabric of Freemasonry. It is, but it is also something more.

The Judeo-Christian tradition was a crucial influence in the early days of modern Freemasonry. That can be seen in the many references to Christian religious iconography in its ritual, from the story of Solomon's Temple to St. John the Baptist (one of two patron saints of Freemasonry), and the bible as one of the "three great lights" of Masonry.

When the first Grand Lodge was organized in London in 1717, its leaders asked one of its prominent members, a Presbyterian minister named James Anderson, to write a set of rules to govern the new society, called "charges." His "Six Charges" became the standard interpretation of the craft and still remain an important source for understanding the fundamental principles of our institution.

His first charge, "Concerning God and Religion," was probably the most important. It read, "But though in ancient Times Masons were charg'd in every Country to be of the Religion of that Country or Nation, 'tis now thought more expedient to oblige them [Masons] to that Religion in which all Men agree, leaving the particular Opinions to themselves; that is, to be good Men and true, or Men of Honour and Honesty, by whatever Denominations or Persuasions they may be distinguish'd..."

In other words, the fraternity would not be divided by religious differences.

Are Masons Christian?

While Masonry is and has always been open to men of all religions, 18th century Britain was a predominantly Christian world. Historian David Hackett has written that while Anderson's First Charge was a radical change, he was probably thinking more about uniting Unitarians, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Anglicans, and Catholics—in other words, various Christian denominations.

As a result, Masonic rituals retain many elements and symbols

of Christianity. Perhaps most important is the fundamental mythology of Freemasonry, the Biblical story of the building of King Solomon's Temple. Even today, Freemasonry bears the marks of the era in which it was founded.

That said, Masons today belong to practically all world religions. People of Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Catholic, Protestant, Mormon, and many other faiths are welcomed as members.



May Birthdays

Robert Pinkerton (5/4)	Charles Cammerer (5/18)
Anthony Tancredi (5/4)	Douglas Mc Kay (5/18)
Gregory Maier (5/6)	Greg Glur (5/23)
Ted Rucker (5/6)	Harold Lassle (5/24)
David Wipf (5/9)	Robert Albritton (5/28)
Daniel Schauer (5/11)	Lynn Reed (5/28)
David Weaver (5/13)	Frank Mitchell (5/29)



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Steven Aracne (19)	Gregory Rapp [PM] (38)
Chris Bokamper (28)	Ronald Reynolds (40)
George Christensen (52)	Alvin Rodes (59)
Dewayne Clark (47)	Paul Rodriguez-Obrien (11)
Stanley Clifton [PM] (56)	Brian Ross (14)
Donald Johnson (60)	Nicholas Sears (10)
Ronald Katz [PM] (41)	Robert Steen [PM] (55)
Adam Korbas (11)	David Stephenson (27)
Ronald Meissner (60)	



1st Annual DeMolay vs Freemasons Basketball Game

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Committees

2025 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Justin Ortiz, Andrew Hawes

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

Car Show: Brian Ross, Robert Johnson, Justin Ortiz, Phil Busch, Ray Weatley

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 and White Table Night: Bill Biddell

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

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

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez Pat Quinn, Robert Johnson, Eric Korbas, Blain Deaton, 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, Dan Schauer

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

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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: Moscow, Russia; Detroit, MI; Cournon-d'Auvergne, France; Sailkot, Pakistan; Perm, Russia; Santa Ana, CA; Durham, NC



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11	12	13	14	15 Degree or Practice—7:00 PM	16	17 Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's CV— 8:00 AM
18	19	20	21	22 Degree or Practice—7:00 PM	23	24
25	26	27 Hall Associa- tion—7:00 PM	28	29 5th Thursday Masonic Family Potluck—6:00 PM	30	31