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## Calendar of Events

### JULY 2021

### AUGUST 2021

07/01—Thursday—Live Stated Meeting-Social: 6:15 PM/ Meeting: 7:30 PM  
07/08—Thursday—Practice 1st Degree (Parts 1&2)—7:00 PM  
07/15—Thursday—1st Degree-Mr. Randy Lehman —7:00 PM  
07/22—Thursday—Practice 2nd Degree (Parts 1&2)—7:00 PM  
07/27—Tuesday—Hall Association  
07/29—Thursday—Practice 2nd Degree (Parts 1&2)—7:00 PM

08/04—Wednesday—Officers Meeting—7:00 PM  
08/05—Thursday—Stated Meeting-Social: 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:30 PM  
08/12—Thursday—2nd Degree—Bros. Ghani/Johnson—7:00 PM  
08/19—Thursday—2020 Hiram Award Dinner—Wor. Ron Katz—6:00 PM  
08/24—Tuesday—Hall Association  
08/26—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

**Lodge Virtual Stated Meetings will be held on the normal day and time via Zoom (Meeting ID: 618-797-9982) until the Grand Master of California issues an edict that live meetings may resume.**  
If you need assistance joining us in our meetings, please contact any of your principle officers.

## From the East

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien — Master

We have passed through that long tunnel and it sure looks good on this far side. Your Officers have hit the ground running, and are doing an excellent job at getting the Lodge back on track for all the in-person activities we hope to complete during my remaining term as your Worshipful Master.



In the month of July, we have seen several prospects gracing our halls, desiring to become Masons. We have also diligently been practicing for a First Degree for Mr. Randy Lehman on July 15<sup>th</sup>, with Bro. Junior Warden J. Rafisura sitting in the East! We may even see a double First Degree Proficiency on this special night. Please be in attendance, as we welcome our newest Brother into our ranks.



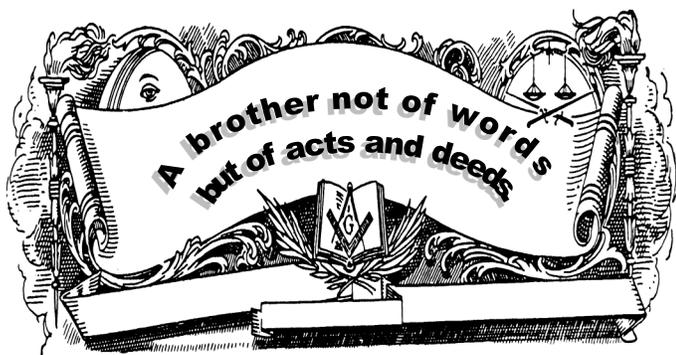
Soon after this 1<sup>st</sup> degree, your officers will quickly change gears and rev-up for Fellowship degrees in August. This will see your next Worshipful Master, Bro. Senior Warden Brian Ross sitting in that Oriental Chair in the East. It's also our hope to see Second degree proficiencies later that same night.

It has been my hope that within my term as Worshipful Master, to do a traveling 3<sup>rd</sup> degree within the iconic "Mendocino Masonic Lodge No. 179", situated on the beautiful Northern California coastal town of Mendocino. We are now in contact with their Principle Officers located in the Fort Brag Masonic Hall, to raise one of our Fellowcrafts to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the Saturday, Oct 2nd, 2021.

Stay tuned for more info to come as we work through all our preparations, and please have a look at the Trestleboard Calendar to see other Masonic activities we have scheduled. It's going to be a fantastic second half of the year and I look forward to seeing you all again as we practice our craft, welcome new Brothers, and share time with each other at these events.



In wrapping up, I would like to remind you that your Officers are always just a phone call away should you need anything or would like to share something with the Lodge. Our phone numbers and email addresses are easily found within this periodical, and on the Lodge website.



## From the West

By Brian Ross — Senior Warden

It feels good to get back to the lodge if only to practice! The officers are working hard to eliminate the dust and cobwebs during our recent degree practices. We are blessed to have such a qualified Mason as Worshipful Ron Katz taking over for Worshipful Kurt Allen as our officer's coach. Those are giant shoes to fill and the early returns are in - we are in good hands going forward.



I want to invite any of the brothers to our monthly breakfast at Norman's in Castro Valley. This month's gathering will be at 8:00 a.m. on July 10, 2021 - please RSVP to me so we can reserve enough room at the table - it can be a tight fit if we do not reserve enough room.



Finally, now that the Lodge is opening in July, some of us are floating the idea of having monthly "whiskey and cigar" gatherings amongst the brothers at the Lodge. If you have any input as to how such an event should be tailored to be successful let me know.

I'll see you at July's Stated Meeting - I look forward to speaking to you all!

## From the South

By J. Rafisura — Junior Warden

About two days ago, I received in the mail the latest issue of "California Freemason" magazine. To my delight, this one is different as it is a "Filipino Edition"! From the front cover without to the several articles within, it featured Filipino arts and culture and some remarkable individuals and lodges with Filipino heritage and influence all-across California. In one section, it talks about famous Filipino masons who fought and struggled to pave the way towards Philippine independence.



Among those featured was Dr. Jose P. Rizal, the national hero of the Philippines. Rizal was made a Master Mason in Logia Solidaridad No. 53 in Madrid, Spain. He affiliated in a lodge under the jurisdiction of Grand Orient of France and was made an honorary Worshipful Master of Nilad Lodge No. 144 in 1892. He saw masonry as a great manifestation of democracy and an equalizer of all human race. Rizal was famous for his literary prowess - publishing novels, poems, proses and plays. Each literary piece conveys his messages about his deep sense of national pride, his distaste against foreign rulers and the massive exploitation of the indigenous people and the rape of the country's abundant natural resources. He stood against foreign oppressors and advocated the need for basic education, the right to self-govern, free speech and freedom of thought. Having incited "rebellion" through his works and underground activities, he was eventually



charged by Spain with "Treason" and was publicly executed in a firing squad. His martyrdom has fanned the flames of Philippine revolution in 1896 against the Kingdom of Spain that resulted in several revolutionary movements, leading to the independence of the Philippines.

After more than a century has passed since his death, his legacy is still very much alive today. At present, we can see Filipino-American masons wearing "barongs" (national costume intricately made of pineapple leaves, abaca or cocoon fibers) in some formal blue lodge festivities – such a display of national pride. For some Non-Filipino masons, owning a "barong", added with proper S&C embroidery, is a prized possession, usually obtained as a gift from a brother mason who has Filipino descent. Every 30th of December, the date of Rizal's execution, Masons in the Philippines participate in a public parade, in full masonic regalia, marching towards a "Rizal Edifice" to pay respect and offer elaborate floral arrangements. No Philippine town or city is without a Rizal Monument. Other civic organizations also join in the parade and make their own offerings. However, when it is the Masons' turn, the atmosphere changes and the whole exercise transforms into a more solemn, symbolic, mysterious and meaningful ceremony.

As 4th of July approaches, we celebrate America's Freedom, attained and kept out from the sweat and blood of great American patriots spawned through the sacrifices of our founding fathers, most notably, a fellow mason, WB George Washington. I would be remiss of my Filipino heritage if I do not also tip my hat to Dr. Jose Protacio Rizal - a great Filipino nationalist, a fearless writer/novelist, artist, educator, linguist, anthropologist, ophthalmologist, ethnologist, inventor, sportsman, revolutionary.....a FREEMASON!



## Masonic Family Corner

The daughters of Job's Bethel No. 1 are ready to get back to our usual, in person, meetings. Even though we have been Zooming and keeping our friendships and "online" activities going. Please keep us in mind when you are having lodge events and we in turn will again start our monthly announcements. This year our Grand Bethel was by way of the internet and we were able to use the Castro Valley Masonic Center's big screen to interact with the festivities. Next year we sure hope to be able to have an in person Grand Bethel to support Mr. Curt Conyers who will be the Associate Grand Guardian of the State of California.

**Now an FYI:** Historically the Job's Daughters organization has required that the young lady have Masonic relationship i.e. Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Guardian, etc. by blood or marriage. This is no longer the case. If a Master Mason would like to sponsor a young lady who they feel would benefit from an organization like Job's Daughters, the Mason may sign their petition for membership. Even if that is not possible please let us know if there are young ladies who are interested, we may be able to find a Mason who would like to help.



## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

*The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the months of July*

Ernest Nidick Jr. (61)  
James Stanford (22)

Gordon Warder [PM] (23)



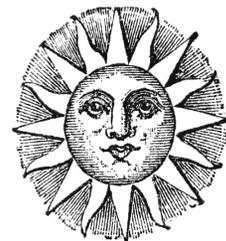
## July Birthdays

John Teixeira (07/01)	Les Blake (07/14)
Ronald Vandenberghe (07/01)	Glen Sears Jr. (07/15)
Tony Wilkinson (07/01)	Bill Ferrell (07/17)
Barry Bookman (07/02)	Tramaine Ellison (07/20)
Donald Clendenen Jr. (07/05)	Phil Action (07/22)
Joseph Elleard (07/06)	Nick Sears (07/22)
Glen Barth (07/07)	Ronald Garcia (07/23)
Harold Burk Jr. (07/07)	Bob Ficken Jr. (07/25)
Fred Avery (07/08)	Eric Korbas (07/26)
William Strain (07/08)	Earl Kresge (07/26)
Denis Beaman (07/09)	Charles Atwood (07/29)
Donald Jensen (07/09)	Earl Woodson (07/29)
Jody Juracich (07/11)	Perry Klahr (07/31)
Paul Amato (07/13)	

## Sunshine and Visiting

If you know of a brother who is ill and could use some cheer please call Ernie or Les.

Ernie Nidick—Sunshine Chairman  
925.828.6993 [click to email](#)  
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497  
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## In Memoriam



Wesley V. Hallmeyer  
Entered into rest

94 Years, 5 days  
June 6, 2021

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

## 2021 Officers

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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: Liverpool, UK; Hamburg, Germany; Denver, CO; McBee, SC; Nassau, Bahamas; Bridgetown, Barbados; Amsterdam, Netherlands; Chandler, AZ; Chelmsford, UK; Sugar Grove, TX; Orwigsburg, PA; Troy, MI; Burton-on-Trent, UK; Brooklyn, NY; Vienna, Austria; Clearwater, FL; Greenwood, SC



## Committees

### 2021 Appointments

**Audit:** Pat Quinn, and Andrew Hawes

**Charity Committee:** Master and Wardens

**Child ID:** Jerry Garcia

**Crab Feed:** Don Schauer Sr., Perry Klahr, and Roy Tamez, PM

**Executive Committee:** Robert Eckstein, PM, Paul Rodriguez, PM, Brian Ross, Kurt Allen, PM, and Perry Klahr.

**FOSJ and White Table Night:** J Rafisura

**Hiram Award Selection:** HA Committee (All HA recipients)

**Lodge App:** Robert Eckstein, PM

**Masonic Education:** TBD

**Masonic Funeral:** Kurt Allen, PM, Bill Ferrell, PM

**Masonic Hall Association:** Jerry Garcia

**Masonic Homes Endowment:** Don Schauer Sr.

**Masons for Mitts:** Kurt Allen, PM

**Membership Retention:** Don Schauer Sr., Robert Eckstein, PM

**Picnic:** Don Schauer Sr., Roy Tamez, PM, and Perry Klahr

**Printing and Mailing:** Don Schauer Sr.

**Strawberry Feed:** Ron Katz, PM, Perry Klahr, and Paul Rodriguez, PM

**Sunshine and Visiting:** Ernie Nidick and Les Blake

**Sweethearts Committee:** Phil Busch, Paul Rodriguez, PM

**Trustees:** Brian Ross, Paul Rodriguez, PM

**Visiting /Traveling Degree:** Kurt Allen, PM and Don Schauer Sr.

**Website and Trestleboard:** Ron Katz, PM.

### Masonic Youth Orders

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**Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1**—Katie Bardwell 925.918.1675 [click to email](#)

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Jobs Daughters - [jobsdaughtersinternational.org](http://jobsdaughtersinternational.org)

Rainbow for Girls - [gorainbow.org](http://gorainbow.org)



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