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F&AM of California

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DMPSDead Masonic Poet Society

Share, learn and discuss:

Masonic history & mysteries
Our Craft's ever-evolving practices
Our true operative roots
Our positive effect on society; personally and otherwise

Every 4th Tuesday!

Open to all degrees! 7:00PM



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Appendant Bodies Meeting Schedules

- -Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM) http://lakechabot103oes.org/
- -Castro Valley DeMolay meets at Castro Valley Masonic Center (CVMC) 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
- -Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets at 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

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Sun 29	Mon 30	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thr 3 Stated Meeting	Fri 4 164th Annual Communication	Sat 5 164th Annual Communication
6 164th Annual Communication	7	8 District School of Instruction	9	10 Double 1st Degree	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Practice 2nd Degree	18	19
20	21	22 DMPS	23	24 Double 2nd Degree	25	26
27	28 Temple Board	29	30	31 Halloween & Family Potluck	1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Stated Meeting	8	9
10	11	12 District School of Instruction	13	14 Practice 1st Degree	15	16

Stated Meeting (October 3rd & November 7th):

Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:30 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend) \$10.00/person. Widows of the lodge and prospective members are our guests.

164th Annual Communication Grand Lodge (October 4th, 5th and 6th):

1111 California Street, San Francisco, California 94108

District School of Instruction (October 8th):

Refreshments at 6:30PM, Class at 7:00PM. Officers Mandatory. Election of Officer's & Presentation of the flag practice. At Crow Canyon Lodge #551, 4521 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552.

1st Degree Mr. Rodriguez-Obrian / Mr. Ramilo (October 10th):

7:00PM First degree conferral. All Masons welcome.

Practice 2nd Degree (October 17th):

7:00PM 2nd degree. Officers Mandatory, all Fellow Craft and Master Masons welcome.

Dead Masonic Poet Society (October 22th & November 26th):

Meeting 7:00 PM. At the Lodge. All Masons welcome.

2nd Degree Bro. Steven Cook / Bro. Richard Ramos (October 24th):

7:00PM 2nd degree conferral. All Fellow Craft and Master Masons welcome.

Halloween and Masonic Family Potluck (October 31st):

Lodge will provide sodas, BBQ chicken and candy. A-L please bring casserole dish / M-R please bring dessert / S-Z please bring a salad dish. No cost.

District School of Instruction (November 12th):

Refreshments at 6:30PM, Class at 7:00PM. Officers Mandatory. Annual Installation practice. The Installing Officer & Master of Ceremonies need to attend.

At Pleasanton Lodge #321, 3370 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

Practice 1st Degree (November 14th):

7:00PM 1st degree. Officers Mandatory, all Masons welcome.

1st Degree Mr. DeMasa / Mr. Thompson (November 21th - if elected at November Stated):

7:00PM First degree conferral. All Masons welcome.

Thanksgiving (November 28th):

Dark.

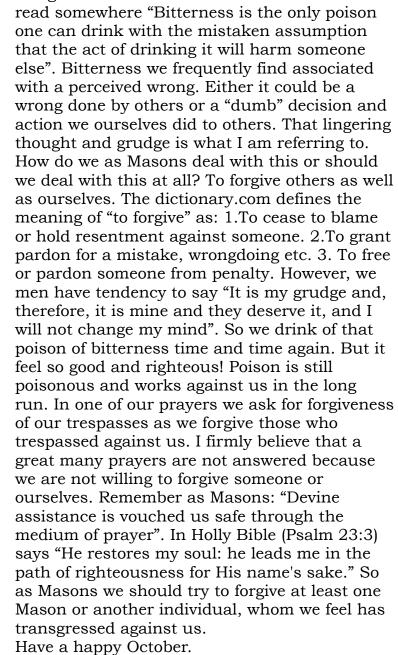
Save the Date:

Annual Installation of Officers (**December 7th**) 11:30 Brunch (open to all) / 1:00 PM Ceremonies.

From the East

By Kjell Bomark-Noel, Worshipful Master

This Monday the 16th of September 2013, finds me contemplating the "Forgiveness Factor". I have





From the West

By Ron Katz, Senior Warden, P.M.

At the last Temple Board meeting the decision was made by the Board and the Trustees



to replace the roof over the lodge room rather than simply fix it. This was a difficult decision because it had to do not just with lodge finances, and immediate concerns, but also with the future of the building for years to come.

A very viable solution was put forward to repair the trusses. This may have gotten us back into our lodge room sooner, but may not have prevented our having the same problem again at some point in the future because the engineering that caused the problem in the first place would not be completely corrected.

I applaud the Temple Board and the Trustees for looking beyond their own short-term goals and thinking about the legacy the building will provide to generations to come. This is especially important because we are seeing more and more young men, ages 21 - 40, submitting applications for membership.

This term is drawing to a close and plans are being made by myself and other lodge leaders for a consistent annual program, and for continued growth of our lodge. The Junior Warden and myself, along with our present Junior Deacon, and Senior Steward, met to plan out the next four years. Bro. Michael Ramos has stepped forward as a candidate for Junior Warden next year and Bro. Kem Apak has expressed a commitment to be our Senior Deacon. By the time you read this, they both will have qualified ritualistically. I intend to appoint Bro. Apak to the role he seeks, if I am elected Master. Our election of officers is schedule for the November Stated.

Some things that we are considering adding to the calendar on a consistent basis are: a Ladies' Night (annual Dinner-Dance), Quarterly Festive Board Meals (for St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, in honor of our Past Masters, and one other to be announced), and more. Plans are also in the works to have a Reno Bus Trip in April of next year. Please call me or text me at 510-375-3137 or email me at rstephen94545@yahoo.com with your preference for a weekend trip (Friday-Sunday) or a weekday trip (Sunday-Tuesday). Bro. Lyman Penning will be organizing the event for us, so you know it will be a great success.

Thank you, brethren for the faith you have placed in me as Senior Warden. It is a pleasure to serve this great lodge.

From the South

By Robert Pinkerton, Junior Warden, P.M.

The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and myself will be attending the Grand Lodge Annual Communications on October 4th, 5th and 6th. Hopefully by then you will have been able to contact one of us and let us know what your opinion of the various pieces of legislation being voted upon. Grand Lodge is primarily made up of all the lodges of California which are represented by the Lodge's top three officers and the Past Masters representative. We wish to reflect the opinion of our lodge members, so let us know your opinions. If you wish to read the legislation, I am providing the URL to read it on line;

https://www.freemason.org/doc/ 02.+Legislation+for+the+164th+Annual +Communication.pdf?id=21517 since it is too long to print here (54 pages). I also want to reiterate, that any Master Mason can attend the Grand Lodge and certainly encourage those who would like to observe the proceedings to do so. Speaking of annual events, our lodge participated once again in the Castro Valley Fall Festival held on September 14th and 15th representing Crow Canyon to the public by setting up the Kids ID booth. As an added bonus, the Rainbow Girls from Unity Assembly No. 65 joined us and help lighten the work load by fully participating in the activities, operating the computer, scanning for finger prints and drawing attention to our booth. I would like to thank Rainbow girls Alexa Dutchover, Beth Hawes, Nadia Molloy, Sabrina

Murugesu and Mrs. Wynn Allen for assisting us. I also express appreciation to Wor. Roy Tamez, Wor. Sammy Tamez, Wor. Kurt Allen, Bro. Howard Marmor, Bro. David Allen, Bro. Ernie Nidick for setting up and manning the booth. I also want to thank Bro. Earl Woodson for the loan of his generator and Wor. Bill Ferrell for the use of his popup Canopy. I have to say it is great working with such a wonderful group of people that demonstrate the values of Masonry. We provided ID's for 375 kids and one small dog (Ha!) and met some very nice parents as well.

During the month of September, the Lodge has been fairly busy doing degrees. In addition to the 3 third degrees mentioned last month, on September 12th we conferred the 3rd ° of Masonry on Bro. Stephen Kinsman, and by the time you read this will have conferred the 1st ° of Masonry on Mr. Adam Korbas and Mr. Eric Korbas.

In October, in addition to the Grand Communication, we have scheduled a double first degree for Mr. Paul Rodriguez-Obrian and Mr. Ramilo on Oct. 10th. I hope to see you there. We will also be having an officer's practice on the 2nd ° on October 17th in preparation for a double 2nd ° for Bro. Steven Cook and Bro. Richard Ramos. Please check the Calendar for event times. For those interested in a bit more about Masonry offered in Lodge stated meetings and degrees, I encourage you to swing by and participate in the DMPS meetings held on the Last Tuesday of each month. They are very informal, lots of fun and even somewhat educational. I hope to see you all at lodge or one of our events. Please come up and introduce yourself to me if I haven't met you yet.



In Memoriam

Henry G. Keyser

87 years 8 months 6 days Entered Into Rest August 21, 2013.

Donald G. Brooks

83 years 0 months 27 days Entered Into Rest September 8, 2013.

 ${\cal M}$ mighty Father, Great Architect of the Universe, into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear departed brothers.

Ancient Temples

By Charles HIntz

A huge swarm of locusts attacked fields of fruits and vegetables in the south of Israel on March 5, 2013. The swarm came up from Egypt through the Sinai Peninsula, and attacked an area



where farmers grow tomatoes, herbs, potatoes and peppers.

The desert locusts originate in the Sudan. They swarm after heavy winters in the desert of Sudan, when the local bush is not enough to satisfy their extreme appetites and they expand their search for more food. Once in several years, coinciding with the passing of low sunspot cycles, they migrate to look for larger areas with crops and there remain until they eat all the crops or until they die. They move first North into Egypt and make an exodus to Israel, crossing over the Suez channel and passing Northeast through the desert of Sinai. One theory for the building of ancient temples on high places is that these temples, as a solar observatories, enabled the high priest to predict locust swarms based on low sunspot activity. Timely warnings could enable farmers to harvest early and protect their harvests inside the local stone granary. (Genesis 41:1-43:14)

Grand Stewards' Lodge

By Mike Ramos, Junior Deacon

On St. John's Day, June 24th 1717, the Premier Grand Lodge of Masons was formed in London at the Goose & Gridiron Ale House in St. Paul's Churchyard. This Grand Lodge was initially comprised, solely, from what we have come to coin the "Four Old Lodges".

By 1721, the number of Lodges meeting under the auspices of the Premier Grand Lodge had grown in abundance, and with the installation of the Second Duke of Montagu as Grand Master of the Craft; they needed a new venue to hold all the Brothers who wished to feast. They chose to meet at the Kings Arms Tavern where they would then march in procession to the Stationers' Hall to dine.

The feasts were traditionally managed by the Grand Wardens and the staff of the dining hall, but due to the overabundance of Brethren, the idea of appointing Stewards to assist the Wardens and hall workers was put in place.

The first known Steward was a Bro. Jessiah Villeneau, who organized the entire feast with the assistance of a team of waiters. By 1728, the feast were still growing, so the idea of making the Steward position an office, and the need for a set group of Stewards was set in motion; where 12 were selected. In March 1735, a re-print of the Book of Constitutions was distributed that listed off every Grand Officer who had ever served in the capacity of Steward. It was decided that if one wanted to move up the Grand Lodge latter, at that point in history, he had to have served as a Steward. It was decreed that only Brothers who had served in that capacity would be eligible for promotion - this made the role of Steward very sought after.

In June 1735, Brothers who had served as Stewards petitioned to form their own Lodge with select privileges - here was the beginning of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. One unique fact is that Grand Stewards wear white aprons lined in red and wear their jewel hung from a

red sash. The Grand Stewards' Lodge is now 278 years old and has a vastly fun and unique history. For anyone interested in finding out more, please visit the below link.



http://grandstewards.org/Default.aspx

Euclid's Elements and Scientific Logic

By Austin Rhee

Euclid's Elements were written by the ancient Greek mathematician Euclid around 300 BC. Based on axioms, propositions, and mathematical proofs, it helped lead to the development of scientific logic.

It has been suggested that the relationship of theorems to geometry are as letters to language. Multiple combinations of simpler components can build multiple variable outcomes, that are knowable and predictable based on the combination of the inherited principles. A proposition can progress and be elaborated upon from earlier propositions, in a known order.

Euclid outlines the basic propositions in geometry, describing angles, parallelism, and the sum of the angles in a triangle. He also outlines geometric interpretations of algebraic principles, shapes, polygons, magnitudes, proportions, and sequences. His 13th book covers the Platonic solids, which in turn was thought to represent nature in the ancient elements of Fire, Water, Earth, Air, and Ether

(which was thought to represent the heavens). The modern periodic table of elements was built on similar mathematical principles on the relationship of protons, electrons, and neutrons.

The logic and approach helped to influence the scientific approach we know and use today, a theory or premise can be presented as a proposition and reasoned through a proof or series of proofs. A technique that was also used by the ancient philosophers of the day to weigh and debate known principles and thoughts.

By knowing what's measurable we can help extrapolate or help define predictability of sequences and order.

Chaplain's Message

By Irwin M Fershleiser, Chaplain, P.M., H.A.

A Mason and a Man

Brother, Masonry means much more

Than the wearing of a pin,
Or carrying a paid up dues receipt
so the Lodge will let you in.
You can wear an emblem in your coat,
from your finger flash a ring
But if you are not sincere at heart
this doesn't mean a thing.

It is merely an outward sign to show the world that you belong, To that great fraternal brotherhood that teaches right from wrong.

What really counts lies buried deep within the human breast,
'Til Masonic teaching brings it out and puts it to the test.

If you practice out of Lodge the things you learn within, Be just and upright to yourself and to your fellow man. Be always faithful to your trust and do the best you can, Then you can proudly tell the world you're a Mason and a man.



From the Editor's Desk

By Kem Apak, Senior Steward, Editor in Training.

As individuals, we all have our favorite facet of our Fraternity. Some are loval Craft Lodge Masons, while others are also involved with the Scottish and York Rites. Some brethren participate with the youth groups, while some are very active with the Shrine. My view, along with the younger brethren, is a very traditional approach that focuses on ritual, research, philosophy and the history of our Craft. The beauty of our Lodge is that our leaders have given us an environment that supports our diversity. This is the reason we keep getting applications, while other Lodges suffer from the opposite. This is also the reason our attendance is very high and we're starting to see brethren return, even though they may have been inactive for a very long time. If elected as Senior Officers, the next generation will be more inclined to set course for a more traditional Lodge of old, while respecting the opinions of all brethren. As the editor in training, I know there is still a lot to learn, and mistakes to be made. If I miss something, please do let me know. I cannot promise to make you all happy, but I will do my best to make our Trestleboard reflect our diversity of interests.



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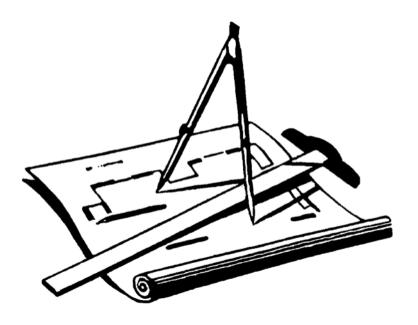
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Thank you in advance for all your support.
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Masonic Quotes

"Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwile."

Wilfred T. Grenfell

"God hides some ideal in every human soul. At some time in our life we feel a trembling, fearful longing to do some good thing. Life finds its noblest spring of excellence in this hidden impulse to do our best."

Robert Collyer

"The only way on earth to multiply happiness is to divide it."

Paul Scherer

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Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—Rebecca Ortiz—(559) 916-4701—justrvortiz@gmail.com.

Sunshine and Visiting

Bros. Mark Casperson in Santa Cruz and Mark Castille in San Leandro are still in need of friendship calls. They would love to hear from you.

If you know of an ailing brother or Masonic widow who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret.

Ernie Nidick, Committee Chairman (925) 828-6993

3rd Degree Aniversaries

David W. Allen (2), William J. Bain (57), Dave L. Baratto (18), Charles W. Bishop PM (60), Barry L. Bookman (24), Harold R. Brooke PM (51), Brian R. Brunckhorst (14), Phillip M. Busch (6), Carson B. Haines PM (42), John F. Hardesty (38), Charles F. Hicks Sr. PM (29), Charles R. Hintz (14), Warren G. Hintz (50), Melvin R. Huckins (54), Charles A. Johnson (44), Richard G. Keihner (35), Gordon Kolsch (45), Delbert W. Kraft (39), John R. Kresge PM (53), Glen W. Lane (45), Royle M. Langton (59), Paul H. Leiber Jr. (59), Bruce A. Lobree (31), Donald C. Mc Evers (58), Paul G. Meier PM (52), Henry E. Miller Sr. PM (44), Bertram Z. Mutnick (64), Martin N. Nilson Jr. (47), Lyman C. Penning PM (39), Robert E. Pinkerton PM (15), Russell L. Porter (49), Walter E. Price (24), Rowell P. Prosser (4), Dale A. Reynolds (31), Robert E. Saks (61), Michael A. Schaffer PM (38), Raymond A. Schulz (27), Elmer P. Seutter (45), David E. Sonnichsen (68), William T. Stephenson (47), David A. Stevenson (46), William E. Strain (58), Leonard W. Suokko (54), Gene D. Tague Jr. (26), Richard M. Thomas (34), Eric J. Unti (6), Arnold M. Weinstein (7), Alan D. West PM (26), Jack M. York (6)

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