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Calendar of Events

JUNE 2023

JULY 2023

06/01—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:00 PM / Business Meeting 7:00 PM. Announce Hiram Award designee.
06/08—Thursday—3rd Degree Practice—7:00 PM
06/13—Tuesday—DOSI at Livermore—6:30 PM
06/15—Thursday—3rd Degree—Bro. Jake Andreotti—7:00 PM
06/17—Saturday—Breakfast w/Brothers @ Normans CV 8:00 AM / (Tentative Feast of St. John—7:00 PM)
06/20—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
06/22—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
06/27—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
06/29—Thursday—Potluck—6:00 PM

07/05—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
07/06—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:00 PM / Business Meeting 7:00 PM
07/13—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
07/15—Saturday—Breakfast w/Brothers @ Normans CV 8:00 AM
07/25—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
07/27—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
07/29—Saturday—Strawberry Feed at Masonic Home—11:00 AM

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 J. E. C. Rafisura — Master

Greetings, brethren! I hope all of you are in good health and enjoying warmer weather. I am writing this article in the pre-departure area of Manila International Airport waiting for my flight back home to sunny San Francisco. I would like to thank the officers and members of our lodge for taking care of lodge businesses while I was away. Thanks to technology, I was still able to manage to conduct an officers meeting via zoom and remotely coordinate some of the activities through emails and messenger.



While in the Philippines, I had the pleasure to extend fraternal greetings from our lodge to some of our brothers dispersed in that part of the globe. Also, I was honored to be invited by no less

than the District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM), VW Rael Yap, to a third degree conferral of Seven Cardinal Virtues Lodge No. 390. As expected, their performance was nothing short of spectacular! (Costumes, sound effects, sideline participation, slide shows during the lecture and so on.) Kudos to our brothers in Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines! Masonry is indeed very much alive and vibrant in the Philippines. Sadly, I missed the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines due to a very tight schedule prioritizing some family time.

Meanwhile, I am happy to hear that SW Andrew Hawes, as expected, did a very good job as he sat in the East and presided over the May Stated meeting. I heard an incident happened during the balloting but he and officers handled it gracefully. I am excited that we have favorably voted upon our newest candidates, Joshua Prichard and Brian Canton. I am looking forward to welcoming them to the Craft and seeing their progression.

At the moment, our Officer's Coach and the members of the Third Degree Team are busy with ritual rehearsals to make sure we provide meaningful and quality degrees. As scheduled, we are looking into a Third Degree conferral in the months of June and July. One of which



will be a traveling degree to the historic Mendocino Lodge. Please let us know if any of you would like to join the fun and adventure. Much appreciation to Wor. Brian Ross for coordinating and handling the logistics of this activity while I am away.

After these couple of "Thirds" (and possibly one more), we will be switching gears back to First Degree conferrals. All in all, we are expecting to raise at least 3 or more brothers and initiate 4 new EAs by the end of this year, not to mention some FC conferrals in between. Much work needs to be done to accommodate the progress of our lodge and the ascension of our brothers. Credits to all the officers, degree teams, working committees, candidate coaches, kitchen crew, youth groups and their adult leadership, who had been continuously laboring and collaborating with each other to make things happen.

We are indeed one Masonic Family working together harmoniously for the benefit of Masonry in general and Crow Canyon Lodge in particular. In doing so, we are also transforming ourselves to become better at working with and serving others - truly a masonic benefit to our own personal ascension to become better men, polishing that "rough ashlar", little by little, chip by chip, day by day.



I look forward to seeing you soon!

From the West

By Andrew Hawes — Sr. Warden

June is a another big month for me. My wife's birthday, Father's day, my wedding anniversary date, and the anniversary of my first date with my future wife, all lie in June. June is when we traditionally celebrate the Feast of St John the Baptist, with a festive board – which are much more about baptizing out palettes with libations than anything related to the kind of Baptism that St. John used to perform. Just as no-one knows the literal origins of our Fraternity, the original reason why the Holy Saints John were chosen to be our patron saints is also lost in the mists of antiquity.



June is the month in which summer starts – "no rain season" out here in California, but back in New York I remember that there would be summer thunderstorms, where warm rain would fall, and I can recall as a child running around outside in them, and loving the feel of the warm water striking my skin.

June also marks the halfway point of the year... wait, the year is nearly HALF OVER already?!? Holy

cow! Where has the time gone? Ahem, back to the article...

While it is generally a happy and pleasant memory-filled month for me, it is also a milestone within each year, a reminder that time marches inexorably onwards. It holds the summer solstice, which is our longest day of the year and usually falls on the 21st. An interesting fact



about the summer solstice – while it's the first day of summer, and our longest day of the year, it actually marks the point in the Earth's orbit around the sun when it is nearing its furthest point away from the sun. Aphelion, the point where the earth is literally as far from the sun as possible, happens only a few weeks after the summer solstice. It's the tilting of the planet on its axis that makes us feel the summer warmth or winter's chill, and not how close to the sun it is. It has always seemed logical to me to think that our summer months should occur when the sun swings NEARER the sun- but no, it's just that little wobble on its axis that causes our seasons.

In this year of 2023, June is the month in which my daughter has just graduated from college, and my youngest son from high school. My wife is turning <CENSORED> and we have been married for 28 years!

I look forward to June each year, and I hope that all of you have (or can find) reasons why you can also!

From the South

By Lyman Penning — Jr. Warden

We have three events with dinners for the month of June. Our Stated Meeting on June 1st is the first. Our second is a 3rd degree for Jake Andreotti on Thursday, June 15th at 7:00 PM. When we hold a degree, there will be a dinner that will be served to all the brethren who are in attendance. No need to worry about the food, the lodge will take care of that issue.



Finally, June has five Thursdays, so there will be a potluck on Thursday, June 29th. We will start with a

social period at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:00 PM. If you can, please bring something to share with everyone. The idea is to have variety in the food that we are enjoying as well as to have plenty for all. The most important point is to have enough folks in attendance for the evening.

If you did not sign the reservation sheets for the Stated Meeting dinner, just call me at (510) 441-3901 or e-mail me at "lymanpenning@gmail.com". The other contact is our Lodge Secretary, Perry Klahr, at (925) 699-1786 or "pklahr1234@comcast.net". Try to contact us at least a week before the dinner so that Roy Tamez and the kitchen crew will have enough food for the evening.

See you in lodge everyone.

Patriotic Brother Feature

Honored Freemason, patriot and philanthropist. Il. Bro. Richard Bernard "Red" Skelton 33o, Geourgas Medalist was born July 18, 1913 and died of pneumonia on September 17, 1997. In the 84 years of his life, he perfected his craft as a comedian, working in medicine shows, burlesque, showboats, circuses and vaudeville. He became an MGM movie star as well as a radio star. Red was among the first to recognize the potential of TV. He starred on Television in its early days from 1951 through 1971.



On several occasions he shared his interpretation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Here are his words:

"I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time.

He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance one day, and he walked over.

Mr. Lasswell was his name.

He said, "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester, and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you.

If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?"

I: me, an individual, a committee of one.

PLEDGE: dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

ALLEGIANCE: my love and my devotion.

TO THE FLAG: our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom.

Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

OF THE

UNITED: that means that we have all come together.

STATES: individual communities that have united into 48 great states.

Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

OF AMERICA

AND TO THE REPUBLIC: a state in which sovereign power is vested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

FOR WHICH IT STANDS

ONE NATION: meaning, so blessed by God.

INDIVISIBLE: incapable of being divided.

WITH LIBERTY: which is freedom, the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

AND JUSTICE: the principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

FOR ALL: which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: UNDER GOD

Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That is a prayer," and that would be eliminated from schools, too?"

This patriot and Brother was inspired to become a Mason, by a Mason's act of kindness. When he was a young boy selling newspapers, a gentleman paid for one with \$5. Red asked why he was so generous and learned it was because he was a Mason. Red vowed to become a Mason as a result.

Red was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Vincennes Lodge No. 1 on September 20, 1939. He joined the Scottish and York Rites as well as the Shrine. He was coroneted an Inspector General Honorary Thirty-third Degree by the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite on September 24, 1969. Red was awarded its highest honor, the Gourgas Medal on July 14, 1995. This came as a recognition of his activities as a Freemason, philanthropist and patriot.

Red was inducted into the International Clown Hall of Fame in 1989. He became an accomplished painter. He is primarily known for his paintings of clowns.

Brother Skelton has raised countless sums of money for the Shrine Hospitals and has been an inspiration for the members of the International Shrine Clown Association.



3rd Degree Anniversaries

The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the months of May & June

MAY

Steven Aracne (17)
Chris Bokamper (26)
Dewayne Clark (45)
George Christensen (50)
Stanley Clifton [PM] (54)
Paul Rodriguez-Obrien [PM] (9)
Donald Johnson (58)
Ronald Katz [PM] (39)
Adam Korbas (9)
Ronald Meissner (58)
Gregory Rapp [PM] (36)
Ronald Reynolds (38)
Alvin Rodes (57)
Brian Ross [PM] (12)
Robert Steen [PM] (53)
David Stephenson (25)
Le Roy Swanson (57)
Jack Tornio (42)

JUNE

Jared Andreotti (23)
Edward Auguadro [PM] (46)
Gilbert Brownfield (36)
Jimmy Burns (41)
Marc Carpenter (34)

John Davenport [PM] (64)
Joseph Elleard [PM] (67)
Mark Kahn (57)
Eric Korbas (9)
Earl Kresge (44)
Jeffery Lantz (55)
David Wipf (46)
Robert Logan [PM] (30)
Henry Miller [PM] (50)
David Weaver (41)
Raymond Michardi (41)
Robert Peters [PM] (60)
Jonathan Prestage [PM] (11)
Larry Richardson [PM] (58)
John Mc Carthy (54)
Ronald Selvey (44)
Joseph Stewart (29)
Scotty Stroup (53)
Roy Tamez [PM] (38)
Clarence Teeters (51)
Frank Thrall (26)
Gary Tucker (33)
Ronald Vandenberghe (59)
Victor VandenBerghe (47)
Kurt Von Brauch (44)
Rodney Wilson (34)



May/June Birthdays

MAY

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

JUNE

Robert Eckstein (6/1)
Ace Gilbert (6/2)
Dain Warton (6/4)
Dewayne Clark (6/8)
Mark Parinas (6/8)
Nicholas Nelson (6/9)
Paul Rodriguez-Obrien (6/14)
Orrin Benedict (6/15)
Benjamin Newmarker (6/15)
Leo Rizzo (6/18)
Leland Peck (6/23)
Lester Bridge (6/24)
Raymond Michardi (6/24)
Jason Deitschman (6/27)
John Mc Carthy (6/27)
Donald Schauer (6/27)
John Freestone (6/30)

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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: Har-smith, South Africa; Orange Park, FL; Anderson, SC; Sialkot, Pakistan; Ashburn, VA; Dublin, CA; Portugal; Harringay, UK; Bloomington, IN; Landstuhl, Germany; Chicagon, IL; Voorhees Township, NJ; Altoona, PA; Perlin, NJ; Yorba Linda, CA; Finleyville, PA; Miami, FL; Aiken, SC; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Brooklyn, NY



Committees

2023 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: J. Rafisura, Andrew Hawes, Lyman Penning PM HA, 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: Don Schauer Sr.

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

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June 2023

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