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Calendar of Events

MAY 2020

- 05/06-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM - *Virtual Only*
- 05/07-Thursday-Stated Meeting-*Postponed*
- 05/09-Saturday-Castro Valley Rodeo Parade - *Cancelled*
- 05/12-Tuesday-DOSI-Siminoff 7:00 PM - *Cancelled*
- 05/16-5/17-Saturday-Sunday-Rowell Ranch Rodeo - *Cancelled*
- 05/26-Tuesday-Hall Association 7:00 PM - *Virtual Only*

Note: Dates and times may change, please email or call the Secretary, Don Schauer for most recent info.

JUNE 2020

- 06/03-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM - *Virtual Only*
- 06/04-Thursday-Stated Meeting-5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Open
- 06/09-Tuesday-DOSI-Siminoff 7:00 PM
- 06/11-Thursday-Practice or Degree 7:00 PM
- 06/18-Thursday-Practice or Degree 7:00 PM
- 06/20-Saturday-Feat of St. John the Baptist-Stag Dinner and Festive Board-6:00 PM
- 06/23-Tuesday-Hall Association 7:00 PM
- 06/25-Thursday-Practice or Degree 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 Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Master

Brethren and Families,

I sincerely hope you and your loved ones are all healthy and well during these uncertain times.

The plunge into the Covid-19 Pandemic has truly been one of the strangest social experiences I believe we will ever experience (hopefully). I believe that it has truly shown us who we are as a culture as the ramifications of this hyper sterile isolation shape how we are interacting with each other and mold who we will become once the pandemic eases. I have read how pundits predict that what we do today to remain free of contagions will be the “new way of living” for our future.

I, as well as many of you, am a social person, and so we suffer from this isolation while doing our part by replacing speaking to our friends, neighbors, and family in person, with speaking to them on the phone, via video conferencing, or by conversing across the street while we wear masks, gloves, and clothes that we plan on washing immediately once we walk through the garage to undress and sanitize prior to entering the safe confines of our home’s bubble of security.

It is being said that restrictions will soon ease, states will reopen, travel will become normalized, and the increased expectation and need for social distancing will soon disappear from our supermarkets and our communities. I look forward to this, and to the curbing of the pandemic, in a way that might have been similar to our predecessors looking forward to the ending of the Spanish Flu or the Great Depression. Just as they did, we will overcome and we will persevere. In the meantime, your officers have been keeping up with the news of this pandemic, and have been discussing how we, as a lodge, will return to some form of normalcy.

With this in mind, one might ask when we will see each other again in Lodge for dinners, potlucks, BBQ’s or other



ryone who showed their brotherly love so far during this nebulous time, and assure you that the offer still stands should you need a helping hand going forward.

Please feel free to call any of your officers for help. Our phone numbers and email addresses are always to be found in this Trestleboard.

I pray that each of our members and their families remain healthy and safe as we weather this contagion, and I pray for our Brothers, and their families at the Masonic Home. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via email or cell phone: hal2pro@sbcglobal.net, (510) 461-1071.

From the West

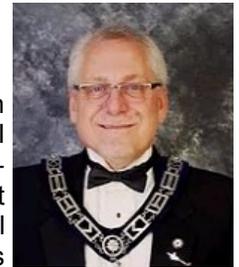
By Brian Ross—Senior Warden

I hope all of you are sheltering in place as required by our governor. I do not care about your political affiliation but I believe he is doing a great job under the circumstances. We all want things to get back to normal as soon as possible but simple common sense dictates otherwise. Stay safe – stay at home – distance yourselves!

I had the pleasure of contacting several of our Masonic widows since the pandemic broke out and those I spoke to reported that they had their lives under control. If any of our brothers, wives or families need assistance during these rough times please contact the Lodge and if we can help you can count on us doing so.

On a happier note – the Lodge is being cared for during this lay off. The front lobby floors have been replaced and the lights in the banquet room have been replaced with brighter ones. The building exterior is also being addressed for dry rot. Thanks to Brothers Bill Biddell and Pat Quinn for all their efforts – they are a Godsend to our Lodge!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Lodge in the near future.



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"Worshipful wants to know why you're not showing up for the Zoom meetings."

Masonic ceremonies and events that were scheduled in the 2020 calendar. Unfortunately, not in the month of May.

Earlier this month, Eric Korbas led a calling tree to reach out to all of you and check on your needs, and from this call we further cemented the belief that you are all resilient members. I want to thank eve-

From the South

By J. Rafisura—Junior Warden

Hello my brothers! I sure do miss you all. It's been a while since we are in this extraordinary times of global pandemic: too much uncertainty of what lies ahead of us. I often wonder what's going to be the 'new normal' once all this is over. How long do we still need to endure self-quarantine and physical distancing? What could be the future of Masonry and how are we going to preserve our time-honored 'exercises'?

I could use a crystal ball right now to foresee the future,



but then again, we are in uncharted seas. Well, I guess we do what we do best – persevere. Masonry had been in recorded existence for over 300 years. We all know it has seen better and worst days. This will be one for the

Do all the good YOU CAN.
 BY all the means you can.
 IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN.
 IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN.
 At all the times YOU CAN.
 To ALL THE PEOPLE
 AS LONG as you ever can.

john wesley

books, worthy of a whole chapter. We will prevail and we will adapt to better our fraternity as whole. Years from now, history will be written in detail featuring the best and the worst of humanity. A number of Masonic lodges all over the world have emerged as 'rock stars' to discover extraordinary ways to help the community, fellow brothers

and its widows. I have read and heard that some lodges are doing their part in so many amazing ways – donating food and lunch boxes to hospitals for the front-liners, volunteering to be part of community disinfection team in the wee hours while the rest of the world is sleeping, doing grocery runs for the elderly and the highly susceptible, and so on.

Yes, we are in a crisis at the moment. But with every crisis, comes opportunities, Opportunities to reflect and to take actions. It is in trying times that men are separated from the boys. It is in difficult times that characters are being tested.

Crow Canyon Lodge, under the leadership of Worshipful Paul, with the support of its officers and core members, have done it's own little way of showing concern to its members and the widows. In the past few weeks, I had the honor to get in touch with a number of our members for the purpose of welfare checks and communicate the lodge's offer to assist in supply runs and other errands, should members need help. I am glad to report that most of our members are hunkered down and are relatively doing well, being able to care for themselves, or at least with some friends or family members taking care of their needs. And even if they didn't need our assistance as of the time of the call, the lodge's gesture by getting in touch with each one of them via phone call just to make sure they are well, has surely resonated within them what Masonry is all about. My hope is for us to be able to get back to our usual routine and so we may again meet, act and part, physically.



In Memoriam

Peter Dinos Entered into Rest	87 years, 7 months, 6 days March 21, 2020
Paul Kraus Entered into Rest	98 years, 8 months, 22 days January 31, 2020
Jose Rodriguez, Jr Entered into Rest	97 years, 11 months, 18 days April 24, 2020

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



Castro Valley Masonic Center Update

By Bill Biddell—Tyler

A lot of upgrades and repairs are being done to the lodge hall during this period when there are no groups meeting. Listed below are the various projects under way.

If you have been by the lodge recently you've seen the front porch roof under repair. A year ago we found what we thought was a small amount of dry rot on the face board. As our contractor started the work he found more rot. The damage extended the full length of the porch and under the roof. The work will not be completed until we have no rain expected.



We are also replacing the carpet in the lobby area. The new floor will be a wooden appearing board laminate. It will extend from the front door to the rest rooms. We expect this work to be completed by early May. We want to thank the various renters for working with us to move their materials to storage in the dining hall.

We have also updated the lighting in the dining hall by installing LED lights and adding a row of lights over the counter area. You will find the dining hall much brighter. The lights will also now be motion activated. Pat Quinn has been doing this work. It is close to being done.

On Friday night April 10th the drinking fountain leaked until it was found on Saturday morning. The water extended from the front of the rest rooms to the kitchen. In some areas the water was 1/2 inch deep. It had seeped under the wall into the preparation room. We were able to get Hurtado Bros Carpets out in an hour and the water was removed by early Saturday afternoon. As a result of the leak we have removed the drinking fountain. There was minimal damage to the floor.

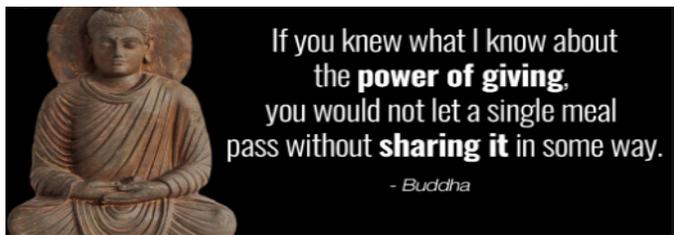
The Robber and the Spider

http://www.themasonictrowel.com/masonic_talk/stb/stbs/64-08.htm

The selfishness and disregard for the welfare of others that we find in the world today brings to mind the Japanese fable of the robber and the spider. The robber had been sent to the infernal regions. One day the Lord Buddha paid a visit to the gloomy underworld and the robber cried out to be returned to the world of light. When questioned by Buddha as to the kind deeds he had performed while on earth, he could think of only one. Once, instead of crushing with his foot a spider in his path, he lifted the spider to the side of the road, where it would be safe from the feet of others.

Buddha responded not. He merely smiled and went his way, but soon the robber saw before him a thread of finest silk glittering in the darkness. It was a thread of spider's silk leading upward. To his astonishment the robber found the silk strong enough to bear his weight, so hand over hand he climbed upward. As he was nearing the light, he heard below him the voices of many others who were climbing the apparently frail spider's thread. Fearing that all the weight would break the thin, trembling silk, the robber called angrily to those below, "Get off, get back, this thread belongs to me!" The words had scarcely been spoken when the thread snapped and the robber fell to the gloomy depths from which he had so nearly escaped.

The robber of the fable has many human imitators. Every day we see cases of those who have given all their efforts to acquiring material things for themselves without thought for others. The physical body cannot stand the effort and the silken cord snaps. On the other hand, we see others who have no ambition to have more than enough to provide for their own comfort, but who get much out of life because of their regard for the welfare and happiness of others.



Interest in others is not demonstrated by contributions of material things, but rather by forgetting material things long enough to show a keen interest in what others are endeavoring to accomplish. By forgetting material things long enough to have time to mingle with friends. By forgetting material things long enough to have time to take a smile into a sick room. By forgetting the race for material possessions long enough to have time to sympathize with the misfortunes of others. By taking time we might otherwise employ to our own profit to show others how they may follow in the way where we have succeeded.

After all, should any man wish to be the only one to reach a goal? He'd be very lonesome.

A Point Within A Circle

<https://www.masonicworld.com/education/files/stjohndays.htm>

The vast majority of Craft Masons had little education. They could neither read nor write-unimportant matters to most, because there were no books to read and there was nothing which they needed to write. Skilled craftsmen they were, through long apprenticeship and careful teaching in the art of cutting and setting stone, but except for manual skill and a cunning artifice founded on generations of experience, they were without learning.

This was not true of the leaders or, as we would call them, The Masters. The great cathedrals of Europe were not planned and overseen by ignorance.

There, knowledge was power and the architects, the overseers, the practical builders, those who laid out the designs and planned the cutting and the placing of the stones these were learned in all that pertained to their craft.

Doubtless many of them had a knowledge of practical mathematics. Certain parts of this knowledge became diffused from the Master Builders through the several grades of superintendents, architects, overseers, foremen in charge of any section of the work. With hundreds if not thousands of men working on a great structure, some organization must have been essential.

Equally essential would be the overseeing of the tools. The tools used by the Cathedral builders were gavel and mallet and setting maul and hammer; they had chisel and trowel and plumb and square and level and twenty-four-inch gauge to "measure and lay out their work."

The square, the level and the plumb were made of wood-wood, cord and weight for plumb and level; wood alone for square.

Wood wears when used against stone. Wood warps when exposed to water or damp air. The metal used to fasten the two arms of the square together would rust and perhaps bend or break. Naturally, the squares would not indefinitely stay square. Squares had constantly to be checked up for their right-angledness. Some standard had to be adopted by which a square could be compared, so that, when Operative Masons' squares were tried by it they would not "materially err."

The importance of the perfect right angle in the square by which the stones were shaped cannot be over-estimated. Operative Masonry in the Cathedral building days was largely a matter of cut and try, of individual workmen, of careful craftsmanship. Quantity production, micrometer measurement, interchangeable parts were ideas which had not been invented. All the more necessary, then, that the foundation on which all the work was done should be as perfect as the Masters knew how to make it. Cathedral builders erected their temples for all time because they knew how to check and try their squares!

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Steven Aracne (14)	Ronald Reynolds (35)
Chris Bokamper (23)	Thomas Robertson (73)
George Christensen (47)	Alvin Rodes (54)
William Christensen (39)	Paul Rodriguez-Obrien (6)
Dewayne Clark (42)	Brian Ross (9)
Stanley Clifton [PM] (51)	Nicholas Sears (5)
Jack Holt (52)	Norman Shrader (55)
Donald Johnson (55)	Robert Steen [PM] (50)
Ronald Katz [PM] (36)	David Stephenson (22)
Adam Korbas (6)	Le Roy Swanson (54)
Ronald Meissner (55)	Jack Tornio (39)
Gregory Rapp [PM] (33)	Lee White (57)



May Birthdays

Robert Pinkerton (05/04)	Edmund Hempel (05/15)
Anthony Tancredi (05/04)	Charles Cammerer (05/18)
Myles Madlock (05/05)	Douglas Mc Kay (05/18)
Gregory Maier (05/06)	Harold Lassle (05/24)
Ted Rucker (05/06)	Rex Toltschin Jr. (05/25)
John Hinkley (05/08)	Robert Albritton (05/28)
David Wipf (05/09)	Gary Hughes (05/28)
Leonard Ambrose (05/13)	Lynn Reed (05/28)
James Stanford (05/13)	Frank Mitchell (05/29)
David Weaver (05/13)	Joseph Gottardi (05/30)



Sunshine and Visiting

These Brothers would love a phone call or e-mail from you to help cheer them up:

Mark Casperson, Gary Frisvold

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer or check our members' only website for their respective phone numbers. 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 [click to email](#)



Hiram Award Recipients

The following brethren were honored with the Hiram Award - a distinction for brethren who provide exceptional service to the lodge.

Anthony Manov 1974 ~	Irving Ketels 1994 ~
Floyd Beeman 1975 ~	Merle Fisher 1994 ~
Chester Sanders 1979 ~	Roger Beaman 1994 ~
James Mullins 1980 ~	Daniel Golden 1995 ~
Arthur Perryman 1980 ~	Carson Haines 1995 ~
Billy Folck 1980 ~	Lawrence Gotelli 1996 ~
Everett Koontz 1981 ~	Arthur Pinto 1996 ~
Robert Gill 1982 ~	Jose Hernandez 1997 ~
Allen Weisser 1983	Robert Peters 1997
Prudencio Sotelo 1984 ~	Harold Keller 1997 ~
Harry Yetter 1984 ~	Audus Watson 1998 ~
Edward Matraia 1984 ~	William Ferrell 1999
Silvano Giovannelli 1985 ~	Sammy Tamez 1999
Theodore Santel 1986	Julius Kahn 1999
George Patterson 1986 ~	John Palmeri 2000 ~
Adrianus Sneep 1987 ~	William Worthing 2000 ~
Edwin Kenyon 1987 ~	James Basham 2001 ~
Wallace Harrell 1988 ~	Robert Werner 2001 ~
Gordon De Bruyn 1988 ~	Thomas Rowe 2002 ~
Emory Mumford 1988 ~	James Petersen 2002 ~
Gorden Locklear 1988 ~	Charles Bishop 2003 ~
Gary Frisvold 1988	Franklin Hanna 2004 ~
Charles Tucker 1989 ~	Kurt Allen 2005
Wayne Salomon 1989 ~	William Biddell 2005
Edward Matraia 1989	Robert Logan 2006
Charles Tilden 1989 ~	Roy Tamez 2007
Jack Townsend 1989 ~	Albert Keshishian 2007 ~
Donald Schauer 1990	Robert Hansen 2008 ~
Irwin Fershleiser 1990 ~	Mickey Benko 2009
Roy Nelson 1990 ~	John Smith 2010
Donald Morris 1990 ~	Sidney Cerates 2011 ~
Donald Castona 1990 ~	Alvaro Reynoso 2012
John Hansford 1990 ~	Billy Martens 2012
Ray Turpeinen 1990 ~	Lyman Penning 2013
William Blisard 1991 ~	Howard Marmor 2014 ~
Andre Gravier 1991 ~	Phillip Busch 2015
Henry Miller 1992 ~	Ernest Nidick 2016
Eugene Clough 1992 ~	Ronald Reynolds 2017
Kurt Jaeckel 1993 ~	Fred Avery 2018
Max Mc Guire 1993 ~	Leslie Blake 2018
John De Poe 1993 ~	Augustine Rhee 2018
Paul Krause 1993 ~	Patrick Quinn 2019
Edward Barham 1994 ~	
Russell Stedinger 1994 ~	

~indicates Brother has ascended to the Celestial Lodge



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2020 Committees

2020 Appointments

Audit: Mick Bowers

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Child ID: David Allen, and Perry Klahr

Crab Feed: Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

Executive Committee: Robert Eckstein, PM, Paul Rodriguez, Brian Ross, Kurt Allen, PM, and Don Schauer

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: Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer

Masons for Mitts: Kurt Allen, PM

Membership Retention: Don Schauer & Robert B. Eckstein, PM

Picnic: Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

Printing and Mailings: Don Schauer

Strawberry Feed: Ron Katz, PM and Perry Klahr

Sunshine & Visiting: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Sweethearts Committee: Perry Klahr, Mick Bowers, and Guy Phillips

Visitation / Traveling Degree : Kurt & Wynn Allen, and Don Schauer

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM

White Table Night: J Rafisura

Masonic Youth Orders

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

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