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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2022

04/04—Monday—DeMolay Donation Presentation 7:30 PM
04/05—Tuesday—Rainbow Donation Presentation 7:00 PM
04/06—Wednesday—Zoom Officer's Meeting / Centennial Committee Meeting to follow 7:00 PM
04/07—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM—Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
04/14—Thursday—Practice 7:00 PM
04/16—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV. 8:00 AM
04/19—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering 7:00 PM
04/21—Thursday—Practice 7:00 PM
04/22-04/24—Friday—Sunday—Masters and Wardens Retreat
04/26—Tuesday—Hall Association 7:00 PM
04/28—Thursday—Practice 7:00 PM

MAY 2022

05/04—Wednesday—Zoom Officer's Meeting / Centennial Committee Meeting to follow 7:00 PM
05/05—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM—Stated Meeting 7:30 PM—Cinco De Mayo
05/12—Thursday—Public Schools Night 5:00 PM
05/15—Sunday—Strawberry Feed at the Masonic Home—11:00 AM
05/17—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering 7:00 PM
05/19—Thursday—Practice 7:00 PM
05/21—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV. 8:00 AM
05/24—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
05/26—Thursday—Hiram Award Dinner—6:00 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 Brian Ross — Master

Brethren:

I am happy to announce the Lodge's Hiram Award recipient for 2022 will be Brother Mark Finger. Mark is one of the most generous persons in our Lodge and it is a privilege to award him this honor. His Hiram Award Dinner will be on May 28th!

I recently watched a great documentary on Freemasonry that I highly recommend to you all. It is called "33 & Beyond, The Royal Art of Freemasonry" and can be found on Prime Video. Johnny Royal does a fair job informing those who are interested in what we are about, including the Scottish Rite, York Rite, and other orders. Many of the documentaries on Freemasonry disappoint as they are done by outsiders - this one is done by Masons (many from California) and gives us the fair depiction we deserve.

March continued to be a busy month. Thanks to Uncle Roy and the purveyors for the magnificent St. Patrick's Day meal. His corned beef and cabbage are simply the best! On March 12, 2022, I was privileged to present a \$500.00 check to the Jobs Daughters at their booth at the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade – thanks Brothers for approving the donation! The officers are busily preparing for our Second Degree Conferral for Brother Blaine

Deaton on March 17, 2022. Please plan to attend as a sidliner. Being a sidliner is a true display of your dedication to the Lodge and our new candidates. Finally, to wrap up March 2022, by the time you read this we will have enjoyed our first game night (March 19, 2022) and our potluck (March 31, 2022). I will report on the success of both in my next article in May.

I hope to see you at our next Stated Meeting on April 7, 2022. I am happy to announce that I will be attending both a DeMolay (April 4, 2022) and a Rainbow meeting (April 5, 2022) to present them with a \$500.00 donation each from the Lodge – again, thanks for approving the donations brothers!

Finally, and importantly, please note that, due to the rising costs of food, starting at our Stated Meeting on May 5, 2022, the cost of our Stated Meeting Dinner will increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per person, and the cost for two persons together will cost \$25.00. Those who traditionally do not pay for their Stated Meeting Dinner will continue to eat without charge.

See you in the coming days!



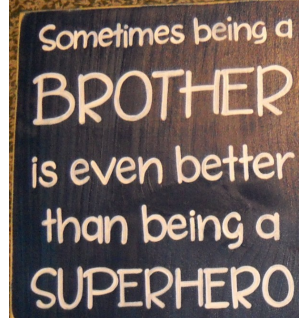
From the West

By J. E. C. Rafisura — Sr. Warden

Greetings, brethren! Spring has finally sprung! My prayers are for all of us to be in good health and high spirits for the rest of the year and the years to come. So far, Crow Canyon's Masonic year has been cruising well. As you all know, we did two double first degrees (that's four newly-minted brothers!) in February! Shortly thereafter, I had the pleasure of talking to each of their coaches and received wonderful reports on their progress! I have no doubt that it won't be long until we will be having a series of second degrees!

Speaking of second degree, we will be having an FC degree conferral upon brother Blaine Deaton on March 17, 2022. Brother Deaton has long been ready for his EA proficiency but due to the pandemic, there have been some delays. Now, the time has come, and he will have his EA proficiency at open lodge and the conferral will follow immediately after. As your SW, it is my turn to sit in the East. I would like to invite FCs and up to join and support our candidate and your officers as he embarks on a journey to his progression.

At the moment, we do have plenty of applications to attend to. Our Investigation Committee are getting busy



doing what they do best – making sure we make good men better, as they say. I have noticed that lately, newer members and applicants are coming from the younger age-group. In the coming months or years, it would be interesting to see how these new and younger Masons bring in new ideas/activities into our almost 100-year-old (99!) lodge! Well, for sure, all the ancient masonic traditions will be preserved under the watchful eyes of the "once-young" members and the Grand Lodge. But what I am talking about is the "culture" of the lodge in general. I guess only time will tell how we handle the "balance" of life as "tradition" is now starting to meet "innovation". Interesting indeed as we approach our Centennial Anniversary next year!

Please check our calendars for more events and scheduled ceremonies. In April, together with your WM and JW, I will be attending a Masters and Wardens Leadership Retreat in Lake Tahoe, California. We hope to bring back useful insights and best practices to effectively and efficiently manage our fraternity in general and our lodge in particular. Cheers to Spring!



From the South

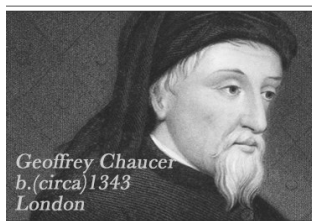
By Andrew Hawes — Jr. Warden

"Whan that Aprill, with his
shoures soote

The droghte of March hath
perced to the roote..."

...Thus begins the Canterbury Tales, by Geoffrey Chaucer, an epic poem written in the late 1380s. Chaucer lived at a time when we don't have many details about Masonry that were preserved through to today – in fact, he lived and wrote his masterwork more than 300 years before the foundation of the Grand Lodge of England, from whence our own Grand Lodge of California received its charter.

Just as today, back over 600 years ago, March was a dry month, and April brought longed-for showers of rain, which as we say today "bring May flowers!"



It is exciting to me to feel the weight of our Masonic history, to think back on those times so long ago that even our English language was so different we can now barely read it or understand it, and realize that

even then, there were men who might have been our brothers in lodge if they were alive today, or we in their time. Masonry unites not only men of every sect, country and opinion- but men of different eras as well.

As we continue our 2022 fellowship into "Aprill," we start off our masonic month on the 7th, with a Ham dinner served up with scalloped potatoes and salad.

Next month, we celebrate our public schools – the foundation of our nation's greatness – with Public School Night, where we will honor some of the teachers from Castro Valley. Also in this month, your Master and Wardens will be working on improving ourselves in masonry, at the Master and Warden's Retreat, put on each year by the Grand Lodge.

For all of our brethren in the Ukraine, let us offer our prayers and best wishes, during these difficult times.

Yes, for those of you who were unaware, there is Freemasonry in Ukraine. The first Masonic lodge in Ukraine was founded by Polish noblemen in 1742, and the Grand Lodge of Ukraine is recognized by our own Grand Lodge of California.

Thanks for taking the time to read through my little history lesson on Freemasonry in other parts of the world, and I look forward to seeing you in lodge soon!



Sunshine and Visiting



We would like to remind you of a valuable link in the support of our Lodge; the 'Sunshine Committee'.

The function of the Sunshine committee is to comfort and provide guidance and assistance that you and other lodge Brothers can call on in your time of need. They have access to resources (and the Worshipful's ear) in tackling whatever obstacles may lie in a Brothers path.

Their contact information can be found here in the Trestleboard and on our website.

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3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Julius Kahn III PM (48)

Charles Cammerer (46)

Robert Marshall (66)

Donald Schauer Sr. (52)

Alan Kenyon PM (40)

Ronald Garcia (56)

Roy Eddy (73)

Robert Douglas (46)

John Kralovansky (42)

Gregory Cooper (24)

George Lumm PM (29)

Gerald Woergoetter PM (29)

Christopher Boggess (16)

Michael Gallico (16)

Leslie Blake (56)

Roger Accurso (7)



April Birthdays

Bruce Tellardin (4/5)

Steven Kolden (4/8)

Mark Finger (4/11)

Richard Keihner (4/11)

George Lumm (4/13)

Ronald Katz (4/15)

Marc Carpenter (4/15)

Ernest Nidick Jr. (4/15)

Robert Peters (4/18)

Ronald Bessette (4/19)

Jeffrey Hansen (4/23)

Arnold Sidun (4/25)

Henry Miller Jr. (4/26)

In Memoriam

John L. Hinkley
Entered into Rest

89 years and 107 days
April 27, 2021

Freddie M. Wilson PM
Entered into Rest

82 years and 77 days
March 06, 2022

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



Masonic Family Corner

What is happening in Job's Daughters?

As we begin to come out of quarantine and begin to start our journey in the same fashion that we had become accustomed to two years ago, we are hitting the ground running.

We are moving forward and not looking back. We just participated in the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade and also held a promotion booth at the festival grounds at Dublin Civic Center.

We had a variety of Mason's and former Job's Daughters stop by the booth to share stories about their experiences. We would like to give a shout out to Crow Canyon Lodge 551's Worshipful Master Brian Ross for stopping by with a donation for the Bethel to help assist the youth groups! It is much appreciated and will likely be used to send our Daughters to Grand Bethel in Visalia.

We have many other things going on as well. Our Honored Queen will be selling chocolates near Mother's Day, our Jr. Princess will be selling ad space on our Spaghetti Feed Flyers, and our Guide is selling Spaghetti Feed tickets. The Bethel will also be selling See's Easter Candy as a fundraiser for the open line spot of Sr. Princess. The Marshal has just concluded her Popcorn Sales and will have met and surpassed her goal.

The Council Adults are also pitching in with fundraising....We are offering Drive Thru Smoked Meat BBQ Plates

Bethel No. 1 Grab and Go Smoked Meat BBQ by Drop Top Dohny's

April 9, 2022 3-5pm @ CVMC



Individual Plate—¼lb. Smoked Tri-Tip, Potato Salad, Cornbread
\$15.00

Family of 4—1 lb. Smoked Tri-Tip, Potato Salad, Cornbread
\$50.00

Advanced Ticket Sales Only

Contact Dee Dee Myers (925) 819-0238
or deedeemyershamilton@gmail.com

Can't pick it up? Add \$5.00 per household for Delivery within East Bay (Made after 5 PM)

Bethel No. 1, Spaghetti Feed and Auction

Help you mother or wife start their Mother's Day weekend free from the stove.

**Bring your family to a Spaghetti Feed Dinner
at CVMC May 9, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**

Includes: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert



**\$12.00 per adult
Ages 5-12 \$5.00
Under 5 Free**

Come enjoy a no cost dinner and award presentation for Public Schools Night

May 12, 2022—5:00 PM
Castro Valley Masonic Center

RSVP to the Secretary by May 8, 2022

This annual event honors the great teachers and support personnel of the Castro Valley School Districts. Help these wonderful heroes celebrate the recognition by their peers of years of dedication and service.

2022 Hiram Award Bro. Mark Finger



Dinner and Presentation
May 28, 2022—6:00 PM
Castro Valley Masonic Center

RSVP to the Secretary by May 24, 2022

Masonry recognizes members who go above and beyond to serve the lodge and the community. Each year, the lodge has the opportunity to present a special award, called "The Hiram

Award", to honor a member for their service and dedication to the lodge.

Editor's note: Mark works so hard for the lodge in our kitchen that it is almost impossible to find a picture of him. I snagged this one from a recent Crab Feed.



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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:
New York, NY; Henderson, NV;
Murfreesboro, TN; Sevenoaks,
UK; Greenville, OH; Tokyo, Japan,
Preveessin-Moens, France;
Gurgaon, India; Myrtle Beach,
SC; Halifax, Canada; Fribourg,
Switzerland; La Paz, Bolivia; Chicago, IL; Savannah, GA; Gemas, Malaysia; Delhi, India



Committees

2022 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Aaron Johnson

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez, Don Schauer Sr., Perry Klahr, Tramaine Ellison

Executive Committee: Brian Ross, J. Rafisura, Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr.

FOSJ and White Table Night: Andrew Hawes

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Masonic Education: Paul Rodriguez O'Brien, PM

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell, PM HA, Roy Tamez HA, Pat Quinn HA

Masonic Hall Association: Paul Rodriguez, O'Brien PM

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer Sr.

Masons for Mitts: Brian Ross, Scott Hamilton

Membership Retention: J. Rafisura

Picnic: Sr., Roy Tamez, PM HA, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross

Printing and Mailing: Don Schauer Sr.

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton, Paul Rodriguez O'Brien, PM

Sunshine and Visiting: Ernie Nidick, Les Blake, Ozzie Ghani, Aaron Johnson

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch, Aaron Johnson, Paul Rodriguez, PM

Trustees: Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, PM HA

Visiting /Traveling Degree: Jerry Garcia, Lyman Penning, PM HA.

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM HA

Welcome: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton

Masonic Youth Orders

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LEARN MORE ABOUT MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

DeMolay - demolay.org

Jobs Daughters - jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls - gorainbow.org



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April 2022

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