



Trestleboard

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**Crow Canyon Lodge
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Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2026

- 01/01—Thursday—DARK—Happy New Year!
- 01/07—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 01/08—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 01/15—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 01/17—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ The Breakfast Club, CV—8:00 AM
- 01/20—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 01/22—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 01/27—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 01/29—Thursday—Masonic Family Potluck—6:00 PM

FEBRUARY 2026

- 02/04—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 02/05—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 02/12—Thursday—2nd Degree—6:15 PM
- 02/14—Saturday—Sweetheart Event (TBD)
- 02/17—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 02/19—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 02/21—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ The Breakfast Club, CV—8:00 AM
- 02/24—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 02/26—Thursday—Degree or 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

From the East

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrian, PM—Master

Brethren and Families, Happy New Year - 6026 A.L.

Thank you to all who attended the Installation of Officers for 2026. The lodge was honored to have our DeMolay team perform the Arch of Steel as the new officers entered the lodge room. Our guests, the installation team, and the officers were then privileged to



witness the ceremonial presentation of our nation's flag by the Grand Patriotism and Representative to Iowa, Mississippi, and Missouri, Cierah



Cabral of Unity Assembly #65, flanked by the DeMolay Color-Guards.

Due to a last minute illness, our Installing Officer, Robert Pinkerton, was unable to attend. We are grateful that Wor. Allen Quenca, our own Inspector of the 317th Masonic District, stepped in on short notice and expertly conducted his second installation of the day. Wor. Brian Ross served as Master of Ceremonies, and it was clear from his confident delivery that this was far from his first rodeo. It was a truly memorable effort by all involved.



Following the installation, attendees enjoyed a hearty prime rib dinner prepared by our Master Chef, Wor. Roy Tamez, along with his dedicated purveyors.

As a reminder, throughout 2026 we will be offering a complimentary meal each month to any Brother celebrating a birthday or Third Degree anniversary during



that month, as listed in the Trestleboard. Please be sure to check in with our "Dining Hall Tiler," Bro. Treasurer Phil Busch, HA.

The camaraderie

does not have to end with dinner. We encourage all Masons to migrate into the lodge room for the Stated Meeting. To take part in the work of the lodge, make your voice heard, ask how you can become involved, and support the lodge in any way you are able. This is your lodge, and your voice matters.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that the Lodge hosts a Zoom social from 7:00–8:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. This gathering began in 2020 during the COVID lockdown as a way for Brothers to remain in fellowship with one another.

The Zoom social continues to be an excellent way to connect with Brothers who may be unable to attend Lodge in person due to mobility or distance. It also provides a relaxed platform for Masonic education in an un-tied, informal setting. Most importantly, it is an open forum where Brothers are welcome to discuss whatever is on their minds. Please browse this Trestleboard for the Zoom link and additional details.

From the West

By Alex Von Stadt — Sr. Warden

Brethren:



I hope that each and everyone of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It's now time to pack up the Christmas lights and decorations and make way for the events of 2026. It's time to recycle the Christmas tree- if you had a "real" one or if you didn't, it's time to box up and store the artificial one. It is at this particular time of year that I will hear multiple traffic reports during my morning commute of the sudden and mysterious appearances of loose Christmas trees on Bay Area roadways and highways creating hazards for drivers. It never ceases to amaze me that in the timeframe of roughly one month, a Christmas tree can go from being an object that was carefully selected, painstakingly decorated, illuminated by numerous colorful lights, and admired by both children and adults, to being an object cast away and carelessly discarded.

January is named after Janus, the Roman God of beginnings and traditions and the protector of gates and doorways. Janus is often depicted with two faces- one looking to the past and one looking into the future. January is the coldest month in the Northern Hemisphere and the warmest month in the Southern Hemisphere.

It is anticipated that there will be several degree conferrals during 2026. I am sure that the 2026 officers' line will be up to the challenge of creating meaningful experiences for the brothers participating in those events.

From the South

By Andrew Hawes, PM — Jr. Warden

2026! Wow. Time keeps flying past.

To start this year, I will digress a bit from my usual introspective attempt to provoke thought, and take a more Junior-Warden-based approach to my article. Specifically, I want to share with everyone the tentative menu for each stated meeting dinner of the year. Subject of course to minor changes or large corrections as deemed appropriate, here is the plan:



January: (Winter belly warmer!) - Soup, Meatloaf and mashed potatoes with gravy, and peas. Pudding for dessert.

February: (More winter) - Salad, Breaded chicken, potatoes au gratin, and green beans. Dessert might be bread pudding.

March: (St. Patrick's day) - Soup, Corned Beef, Cabbage, carrots and potatoes.. Dessert: mint ice cream

April: (Easter) - Salad, Ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots. Dessert: pie

May: (Cinco de Mayo!) - Nachos, fajitas, refried beans, corn. Dessert: sweet bread

June: (Italian heritage month!) - Soup, chicken parmigana, garlic bread, pasta. Dessert: something Italian.

July: (Independence Day BBQ) - Salad, BBQ tri-tip, corn on the cob, potato salad. Dessert: Watermelon

August: (more BBQ!) - Salad, BBQ ribs, cornbread, baked beans, green beans. Dessert: chocolate cake

September: (Fall is here!) - Soup, baked chicken, acorn squash, asparagus. Dessert: apple pie a la mode

October: (Oktoberfest!) - Salad, bratwurst, knockwurst, sauerkraut, peas, German potato salad

November: (Thanksgiving) - Soup, Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, stuffing. Dessert: pumpkin pie

December: (Christmas) - Salad, Ham, baked potatoes, carrots. Dessert: ice cream

Please make sure you RSVP to our secretary as far in advance as possible, so that we can be sure to prepare the right amount of dinner for the folks who will be attending each month.

Also, don't forget about our Crab feed in February, and be sure to get your tickets early to secure yourself a seat!

Masonic Family Corner

By Denise Jow—Past Grand Guide

Job's Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin

Bethel One ended the year attending Ashleigh's Lily of the Valley Award on December 27th. Ashleigh joined Bethel One when she was 10 years old, later her family moved to Sacramento so she joined Bethel No. 291. She is a PHQ of both Bethels & was a Grand Bethel Officer in 2023. This award is presented to young women between the ages of 18 and 24 who have shown outstanding dedication to both their Bethels and Job's Daughters by continuous, meritorious service for the order. Congratulations Ashleigh!

January started with the Bethel helping the Castro Valley DeMolay take down the Christmas decorations at the Masonic Home. It's always nice to visit the residents at the Masonic Home. The Bethel has planned a Majority Ceremony for their members who have turned 20. This is a milestone for these young ladies since many started as JD to Bees and grew up in Job's Daughters.

Installation of Bethel Officers is January 10th 2 PM at the Castro Masonic Center. Please join us for a Winter Wonderland.

As we look forward to a New Year the Bethel Daughters are excited for the Dublin St. Patrick's Day week-end and will start planning our annual Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction on April 24th. We appreciate your support.

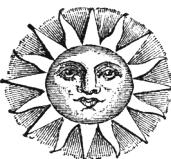
Members are 10 to 20 years old with the opportunity for younger girls to join our Bee Hive and become JD to Bees. If you would like more information on attending our activities or joining our Bethel please contact us at our Bethel email: Bethel1@cajdi.org.



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Sunshine and Visiting

The "Sunshine Committee" focuses on spreading positivity and providing support to members and their families during challenging times. This could include sending cards, making visits, or offering assistance to those in need. Similarly, our "Visiting Committee" ensures that members who are unwell or unable to attend meetings feel connected and supported. These committees embody the Masonic values of brotherhood and compassion.



If you know of a brother who could use some Sunshine or a Visit please contact our chairman, Wor. Alan Kenyon at 510-520-7672 or Alan.Kenyon@comcast.net

Grand Master Bio—Garrett S. Chan

It's no exaggeration to say Garrett Chan has spent a lifetime in Masonry, from his time as an active member of the youth orders all the way through his service to multiple blue lodges, the Grand Lodge, and several other Masonic organizations.

A third-generation Mason, Bro. Chan followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, Ralph Leo, his father, Hendry Chan, and his brother, Stephen Chan, all of whom were Masons. Additionally, his grandmother was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and his sister, Lauren Chan-Welch, is past honored queen of Bethel No. 37 of Job's Daughters.

Bro. Chan's Masonic career began at 13 years old, when he was initiated into San Francisco Chapter of the Order of DeMolay in 1976. There, he became deeply involved in DeMolay, serving as chapter master councilor and later as master councilor of the Pacific Division and Senior Councilor for Northern California. He was later invested with the DeMolay Chevalier and the DeMolay Legion of Honor awards.

In 1984, he followed his brother into Masonry in United No. 374 (now Pacific-Starr King No. 136). Garrett Chan was raised there in 1985 and was elected master of the lodge in 1992. Shortly thereafter, he was elected president of the Chinese Acacia Club, the venerable San Francisco Chinese American Masonic organization, and still serves as its director of ritual. In 2000, he affiliated with California No. 1, where he has served as a trustee for the past several years. He is also a charter member of Columbia Historic Lodge.

A lifelong San Franciscan, Bro. Chan graduated from San Francisco State University with a degree in business administration and worked for 38 years in new construction real estate sales as vice president of sales and marketing for Pacific Marketing Associates and Lennar, a national homebuilder firm. He was also active in his children's schools as chairman of their marketing and fundraising committees, sitting on the school's board, and serving as president of the parents' association for several years.

He and his wife, JoMay, still live in San Francisco and have two adult sons, both of whom are now senior DeMolays.



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Grand Master Chan's Logo

January Birthdays

William Warnecke (1/1)	Geoffrey Linder (1/15)
Frank Thrall (1/3)	Kurt Allen PM (1/18)
Andrew Hawes (1/6)	Robert Johnson (1/19)
Martin Nilson (1/8)	Wilfred Salmon (1/20)
Gregory Rapp PM (1/8)	Billy Martens PM (1/25)
Charles Daniels (1/12)	Roger Hamilton (1/27)
Gerald Garcia (1/12)	Louie Garcia (1/28)
Mark Kahn (1/13)	Johnnie Laney (1/28)
Dominick Piegaro (1/13)	John Davenport PM (1/29)
Albert Thomas (1/13)	Delbert Kraft (1/29)



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

William Ferrell (45)	Jerome Samelson (40)
Geoffrey Linder (14)	John Smith (24)
Nicholas Nelson (06)	Sammy Tamez (46)
Raymond Newman (36)	John Teixeira (27)
Gary Orr (41)	Dain Warton (22)
Mark Parinas (17)	



Brother Paul Warnecke
Entered into Rest

82 years and 6 months
July 22, 2025

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



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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: Ankara, Turkiye; Sacramento, CA; Mumbai, India; Istanbul, Turkey; The Villages, FL; San Jose, CA; Prescott, AZ; Cuauhtemoc, MX; New York, NY



Committees

2026 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Justin Ortiz, Andrew Hawes

Breakfast with Brothers: Brian Ross, Bill Biddell, Phil Busch

Masonic Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Community Outreach: Aaron Johnson, Paul Rodriguez

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Bill Biddell, Brian Ross

Executive Committee: Paul Rodriguez, Alexander Van Stade, Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr

FOSJ: Bill Biddell

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell, Lyman Penning, Roy Tamez, Pat Quinn, Bill Biddell

Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn—President

Membership Retention: Paul Rodriguez, Alex Von Stade, Perry Klahr, Ron Reynolds

Picnic: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Bill Biddell, Brian Ross,

Printing and Mailing: Bill Biddell

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas, Brendan Korbas, Roy Tamez

Sportsman Club: Brian Ross, Phil Busch.

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Robert Johnson, Bill Biddell, Brian Canton

Sunshine and Visiting: Alan Kenyon

Sweethearts Committee: Aaron Johnson, Jacob Herrick, Tramaine Ellison

Trustees: Robert Logan, Brian Ross, Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, Hank Andreotti, Adam Korbas

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz

Welcome: Bill Ferrell, Adam Brissey

White Table Night: Perry Klahr, Brian Ross, Pat Quinn, Bill Biddell

Youth Orders Liaisons: Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn, Bill Ferrell

Masonic Youth Orders

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January 2026

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4	5	6	7 Officer's Meeting -7:00 PM	8 Stated Meeting – Social / Dinner— 6:15 PM	9	10
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