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Calendar of Events

MAY 2022

05/02—Monday—Ritual Competition (Come watch Wor. Lyman Penning compete) Pleasanton Lodge 7:00 PM
05/04—Wednesday—Zoom Officer's Meeting / Centennial Committee Meeting to follow 7:00 PM
05/05—Thursday—CINCO DE MAYO -Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner with Presentation 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
05/12—Thursday—Public Schools Night 5:00 PM
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

JUNE 2022

06/01—Wednesday—Zoom Officer's Meeting / Centennial Committee Meeting to follow 7:00 PM
06/02—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM—Inspector's Official Visit
06/09—Thursday—Practice—7:00 PM
06/11—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV. 8:00 AM and Game Night 5:00 PM at CVMC
06/14—Tuesday—DOSI 6:30 PM
06/16—Thursday—Practice 7:00 PM
06/18—Saturday—Feast of St. John
06/21—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering 7:00 PM
06/23—Thursday—Practice 7:00 PM
06/28—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
06/30—Thursday—Lodge Potluck

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

Well April has been quiet compared to the first three months of this year - but I look forward to revving up again in May. At our Stated



Meeting on May 5th Alan West of the AAHMES Shrine will make a presentation on its behalf during our "Cinco de Mayo" dinner prepared by Uncle Roy and the kitchen staff. If you think you might want to join the AAHMES Shrine please come to dinner with your interest and questions.



Please note that commencing May 5th the cost of all Stated Meeting dinners has been increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for a member plus one. The cost of food has skyrocketed necessitating this increase.

On May 12th we will be holding our annual Public School's Night dinner (chicken and vegetable lasagna). A social will begin at 5:00 PM, dinner to be served promptly at 6:00 PM. the presentation itself will be in the Lodge room at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required. I look forward to seeing you in support of our local teachers!



Being honored this year are:

Nancy Galloway, the Physical Education Teacher at Jensen Ranch Elementary School, has been selected as **CVUSD's Alameda County Teacher of the Year**.

Jessica Labang from Chabot Elementary School and **Diane De Young** from Canyon Middle School have been selected as the **Masonic Teachers of the Year**.

On May 2nd our own Senior Deacon Wor. Lyman Penning will be competing in this year's ritual competition at 7:00 p.m., at Pleasanton Lodge. Lyman is one of our most knowledgeable officers when it comes to ritual and we will all be rooting for him as he represents Crow Canyon Lodge. All Master Masons are invited to observe the competition - hope to see you there in support of Lyman.



On May 26th at 6:00 PM the Lodge will honor our Hiram Award recipient, Bro. Mark Fingers. (**Note:** I made an error in our last issue of the Trestleboard as to the

date) Roy and the guys in the kitchen will be preparing one of his signature prime rib dinners - don't miss out!

Finally, I have finalized the date for our annual pilgrimage to another Lodge for the purpose of conducting a degree - September 24th, at Volcano Lodge, Volcano, California. Information regarding events and lodging that weekend will be coming out soon - stay tuned and plan to attend.

See you at our next Stated Meeting!

From the West

By J. E. C. Rafisura — Sr. Warden

Brethren, I am pleased to announce that so far, since January 2023, we have initiated 4 new brothers. One of whom, Bro. Jesse Bridgeman, quickly demonstrated his



EA proficiency, in tandem with Bro. Blane Deaton. Both received their 2nd Degrees following their stellar EA examination performances. I heard that Bro. Jesse is currently doing well with his FC studies (under the tutorial

of William Ferrell PM). I am sure that it will not be long until we will start scheduling for another 3rd degree! Also, I have pre-qualified EA Jake Andreotti for his EA proficiency at open lodge. As of this writing, his examination is scheduled on 4/28/22. His 2nd Degree conferral will follow immediately. All FC's and up are cordially invited!



Worthy to be mentioned are our brothers who are also laboring for their proficiencies of the 3rd Degree. Most notables are Bro. Aaron Johnson, Bro. Tramaine Ellison, Bro. Scott Hamilton, Bro. Ozzie Ghani and Bro. Orrin Benedict. If there are any other brothers who are silently working on their proficiency, please let me know so I can furnish them with suitable assistance. We will continue to follow their journey and I will continue to give the brotherhood updates. We all know what it means when a brother works on his 3rd Degree proficiency - it means that he wants to serve as a future principal officer and pillar of our lodge! Let us continue to support and encourage their effort and genuine intentions!

Time flies too fast these days and I have a feeling that this year will pass like a breeze (gusty at times). In the meantime, let us enjoy the ride, be part of the activity planning sessions and participate in our upcoming events. For some reason, I am excited about the "Volcano" Lodge visitation. There is something in the



lodge name that smells like fun! Don't miss out and watch for announcements.

If any brothers fancy a hike, bike ride, trip to the firing range, or an opportunity to bait a

hook, please approach any of our officers. We will point you to the right brother (or group of brothers) who have the same interests and schedule an activity! Do you like bourbon and/or cigars? I may know a few brethren who do as well. By creating meaningful memories, we establish lasting friendship and demonstrate brotherly love.

From the South

By Andrew Hawes — Jr. Warden

Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Time for all those flowers we were promised as a result of those April show-ers!



May will be a month of meeting and eating at our lodge! We will kick off the month with a Fiesta at our Stated dinner, and then roll into our Public School Night on the 12th, followed by our Hiram award dinner on the 26th. . . it will be a busy month in our kitchen!

Your Master and Wardens spent a very informative week-end at the retreat in April, and picked up some great new ideas and information! We have plans to bring some of it back to all of you and start to suggest and discuss some changes- not just to how we run things and help future officers run things for our lodge, but to our lodge events, such as shortening the length of our time spent in business meetings- something that we expect very few of you will have an issue with! :)

We'll keep it short this month, and I will wrap up with some May-appropriate well wishes for you all:

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your



face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

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-William Witherup

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.

Ernie Nidick—925.828.6993

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Ozzie Ghani—860.655.7171

Aaron Johnson—510.509.4312

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Steven Aracne
Chris Bokamper
George Christensen
Dewayne Clark
Stanley Clifton PM
Donald Johnson
Ronald Katz PM
Adam Korbas
Ronald Meissner
Gregory Rapp PM

Ronald Reynolds
Alvin Rodes
Paul Rodriguez-Obrien
Brian Ross
Nicholas Sears
Robert Steen PM
David Stephenson
Le Roy Swanson
Jack Tornio



May Birthdays

Anthony Tancredi (5/4)
Robert Pinkerton (5/4)
Gregory Maier (5/6)
David Wipf (5/9)
Daniel Schauer (5/11)
David Weaver (5/13)
James Stanford (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)

In Memoriam

Glen A. Barth
Entered into Rest

100 years and 248 days
March 25 2022

Glen was a member for more than 75 years. He loved to play the piano.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1zWp2yy2_M

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



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

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

Honoring

Nancy Galloway from Jensen Ranch Elementary School
Jessica Labang from Chabot Elementary School
Diane De Young from Canyon Middle School

This annual event honors the great teachers and support personnel of the Castro Valley School District.

Help these wonderful heroes celebrate the recognition by their peers of years of dedication and service.

RSVP to the Secretary by May 8, 2022

2022 Hiram Award Bro. Mark Finger



Dinner and Presentation
May 26th, 2022—6:00 PM
Castro Valley Masonic Center

RSVP to the Secretary by May 24th

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.

Do you have a car or truck you want to show off? Sign up for the

Crow Canyon Lodge 1st Annual Car Show

Sunday July 24th 2022
9 AM—3 PM
Castro Valley Masonic Center



If you are interested, email a picture of your car with your contact information to Wor. Brian Ross, br575653@gmail.com.

Space is limited. Priority will be given to those who email Brian before the July 11th deadline.

Masonry

By Bro. Guy F. Bucher

Masonry is like a golden chain
the links are Masonic Brethren so dear.
And like a rare and precious jewel
it's treasured more each year.
It's clasped together firmly
with love that's deep and true
and its rich with many memories
and fond recollections too..
Time can't destroy this Brotherhood,
for as long as those memories live,
years can't erase the pleasures
that the joy of Masonry gives..
For Masonry is a priceless gift
that can't be bought or sold,
but to have an understanding brother
is worth far more than gold..
And the golden chain of Masonry
is a strong and blessed tie,
binding Masonic hearts together
as the years go passing by.

Fraternity

By Bro. David E. Guyton

We build us temples tall and grand,
With gifts we heap our altars high,
Unheeding how, on every hand,
The hungry and the naked cry.
We sound our creeds in trumpet tone,
With zeal we compass land and sea,
Unmindful of the sob and moan
Of souls that yearn for sympathy.
We hurl to hell, we bear above,
With equal ease we loose or bind,
Forgetful quite that God is Love,
And Love is large and broad and kind.
O Thou Eternal Largeness, teach
Our petty, shriveled souls to swell
Till Thou, within their ampler reach,
In every human heart may dwell;
Till Love alone becomes the creed
Of every nation, tribe and clan,
The Fatherhood of God, indeed,
The blessed Brotherhood of Man.

Best Wishes

By Bro. Cyril E. Brubaker

May the cause of Brotherhood
'Round the World be understood;
And peace espoused in every land,
By one and all on every hand.

May the joys of friendships be renewed,
Greed, and lust, and avarice subdued.
May the good which can be done,
Touch the lives of everyone.

May the gifts which we possess,
Be deployed for happiness.

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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: Mississauga, Canada; Kingston, Jamaica; Incline Village, NV; Perth, Australia; Smithers, Canada; Birmingham, AL; Orlando, FL; Downers Grove, IL; Pritchard, WV; Lieston, UK; Kailua-Kona, HI; Plainfield, IL; Cary, NC; Merrick, NY; Bucharest, Romania; Tel Aviv, Israel; Meycauayan, Philippines; Sialkot, Pakistan; Philadelphia, PA



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

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Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—Heidi Kolden - 510.693.1385 [click to email](#)

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DeMolay - demolay.org

Jobs Daughters - jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls - gorainbow.org



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May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7:00 Ritual Competition Pleasanton Lodge	3	4 7:00 Officer's Meeting (Zoom) 7:30 Centennial Committee (Zoom)	5 CINCO DE MAYO 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner with Aahmes Shrine Presentation / 7:30 Stated Meeting	6	7 Rock Cod Fishing—Emeryville
8	9	10	11	12 5:00 Public Schools Night	13	14
15	16	17 7:00 Zoom Social Gathering	18	19 7:00 Practice	20	21 8:00 Breakfast with Brothers at Norman's in Castro Valley
22	23	24 7:00 Hall Association	25	26 6:00 Hiram Award Dinner honoring Bro. Mark Fingers	27	28
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