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Calendar of Events

MARCH 2021

03/04-Thursday—"Virtual Stated Meeting"—Social: 6:30 PM/ Meeting:
7:30 PM—Zoom Meeting ID: 618-797-9982
03/11-Thursday-DARK
03/18-Thursday-DARK
03/23-Tuesday-Hall Association
03/25-Thursday-DARK

APRIL 2021

04/01-Thursday—"Virtual Stated Meeting"—Social: 6:30 PM/ Meeting:
7:30 PM—Zoom Meeting ID: 618-797-9982
04/08-Thursday-DARK
04/15-Thursday-DARK
04/22-Tuesday-Hall Association
04/28-Thursday-DARK

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

**Lodge Virtual Stated Meetings will be held on the normal day and time
via Zoom (Meeting ID: 618-797-9982)**

until the Grand Master of California issues an edict that live meetings may resume.
If you need assistance joining us in our meetings, please contact any of your principle officers.

From the East

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien — Master

My first order of business is to convey my sincere appreciation for your Worshipful to-be, Brother Brian Ross, who led the lodge as the Worshipful Master for the February Virtual Stated Meeting. I heard tremendous praise for his calm and well-polished leadership as he easily conducted the business of the lodge in my absence. There is no doubt that he is ready and eager to take the Oriental Chair for 2022, which also happens to be the 100 Anniversary of our lodge. I feel most confident that his year will be one that we all will look forward to and remember as the year we 'Got it all back together'.

I would also like to briefly speak about the "Virtual Sweet-Heart" event we held on February 13th. It was fantastic to see our 'Sweet-Hearts' again, and a lot of fun catching up



with how they have been keeping themselves busy. The lodge delivered to their homes, a nice bouquet of Easter flowers and gift card as our humble way to let them know that they are an important part of our Lodge and the Brothers.

Lastly, I would like to bring up the Masonic Youth Organizations. Their tenacity to stay active in Masonry during these times and with dealing with Remote Education is a testament to these strong-minded individuals that find very creating new ways to adapt and thrive. I am so very proud of all of them and to their parents and leaders who dedicate so much time in the background to allow these young adults to build their leadership skills to forge their way into this uncharted normalcy.

I bring this up because we as individuals within the lodge can also help them by becoming involved in their activities and fundraisers (both of which are actually planned and run by these same enthusiastic young adults). In addition to having their leaders read our Masonic Youth's 'Fundraising fliers' in our Virtual Lodge night, I would also like to challenge them to add to our monthly Trestleboard a condensed flyer so that the members can have notice of and can engage in their Fund-raising activities.

In wrapping up, I would like to remind you that your Officers are always just a phone call away should you need anything or would like to share something with the Lodge. Our phone numbers and email addresses are easily found within this Trestleboard and the [Lodge website](#).

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A PHONE CALL
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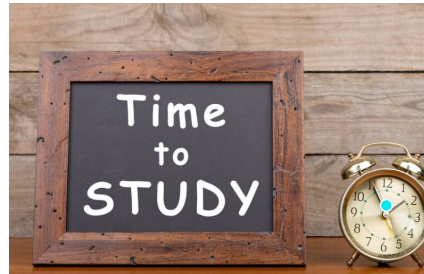
From the West

By Brian Ross — Senior Warden

I hope all of you are well and safe. It appears that the COVID-19 vaccine is getting administered and I understand many of you have received at least a first dose. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Lodge by the end of the year – God willing.

In the meantime, I encourage our brethren moving through the degrees to pull out their Ciphers and start brushing up.

Once Lodge is finally open, the Officers want to go to work as soon as practical on the advancement of our candidates.



I hope to see all of you at our virtual stated meetings. As a reminder, we meet

on the first Thursday of the month via Zoom. There is a social meeting from 6:30 p.m. until the Stated Meeting commences at 7:30 p.m. It's an easy way to catch up with other Lodge members and keep up with the Lodge's administration and upcoming virtual events.

From the South

By J. Rafisura — Junior Warden

Spring has sprung!
New beginnings! Rebirth!



I wish everyone a renewed spirit to re-start a fresh year ahead. This is a new beginning and our hopes are high for a year that should be better than the last. It may be this year that we might be able to meet again in person. It may be this year that we may be able to confer degrees and do some rituals. It may be this year that we will go back to what we used to be as an organization (with more improvements on communication and virtual meetings added to our fraternal resumé). We will be Freemasons 2.0!

Also, it may be this year that we will be reminded how awesome it is to shake hands, hug, high five, fist bump or simply just stand a little bit closer to each other while having casual conversation, without masks on! Hoping and praying that this will be the year.

In the meantime, let us continue to meet virtually. Your officers and key members are regularly meeting to discuss lodge matters, youth orders, hall associations, etc. Please do attend whenever you have a chance.

On January 5, I had my first Moderna Covid vaccine dose. From the very beginning of the development of Covid vaccines, a lot of information and/or disinformation circulated about how it can cause horrible lasting side effects, or worst, even death. So far, as one of your human "guinea pigs", I am currently doing perfectly fine. I had my second dose 28 days after the first one. With

that, I felt some mild flu-like symptoms with body and joint aches, low grade fever and maybe a little congestion. It was generally tolerable and nothing that could not be soothed by a hot chicken soup. After 1-2 days, all discomforts were gone. I would have been worried if I did not feel anything. It would have meant that my immune system is so dumb that it is unresponsive to stimuli that would normally prompt to defend itself and produce natural anti-bodies. To feel certain side-effects like what I previously mentioned means that your immune system is robust and is functioning as it should. While no vaccine is 100% risk-free, still, the benefit outweighs the risks. Severe side-effects may be possible but in very small percentage (1 in 1.4 million) This is the reason why you will be placed in an observation area for 15-30 minutes immediately after every shot to make sure you are fine. I encourage everyone to please consult with your Primary Care Physician, obtain reliable information from CDPH, CDC or local hospital and have your shot whenever you can. We are all in this together and it may take a "herd" to completely eliminate this virus.



Looking back at history, in 1947, Small Pox was detected in New York City and it was reported to have 30% mortality rate. NYC then quickly decided to vaccinate all citizens and as a result, it has completely eradicated the virus in a few months!

Looking forward to seeing you again in-person!

From the Secretary's Table

By Perry Klahr — Secretary

Your new secretary has been keeping busy with the many responsibilities that come with his new role. The Grand Lodge has been providing an online secretary boot camp that is covering topics such as imember 2.0 training, Governance: Minutes, By-laws, Important Records and Record Retention, the Membership Process, and Dues & Fees. This has been provided over several evenings and is well attended with typically 90 lodge secretaries across California learning and having our questions answered.

Regarding Dues & Fees, we still show 39 brothers who have not yet paid their 2021 dues. Given the Grand Lodge has taken on the dues collections and reporting there are opportunities where things may have gotten lost in the mail or recorded incorrectly. As a reminder our dues for 2021 are \$116 and if you have not yet paid your dues you can go to the new iMember 2.0 site at:



https://member.freemason.org/users/sign_in and pay with your credit card. Alternately, you can send me your payment to my address:

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For those that iMember shows have not yet paid, our retention committee & I will start reaching out to you via phone calls to get an update from you to learn if your payment was lost or to better understand your personal situation. If for any reason payment of dues causes a hardship, please share that information and we will work with the Master to determine how we can help.

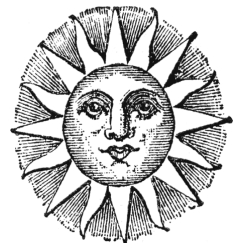
Also, in support of the Sweetheart Event that was held this past February 13th, at the end of January we mailed out 130 invitations to our widows. A request for contact information updates along with a self-addressed stamped envelope was also included. As of this writing, we have received less than 20 replies. We would appreciate all of our Sweethearts providing a response so that we can confirm that the contact information we have for you is accurate. Also, as noted in the letter sent, please let us know if the lodge can assist you in any way.

Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson

Please contact Secretary Perry Klahr 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](#)

In Memoriam

Forrest "Woody" M. Hibbs, PM
Entered into Rest

92 years and 4 days
February 24, 2021

Ronald E. Nobriga
Entered into Rest

85 years 165 days
July 30, 2020

*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 Atlanta, GA; Pembroke Pines, FL; Saint-Eustache, QC; Burlington, NC; Vienna, Austria; Spruce Grove, AB; Ashburn, VA; San Antonio, TX; Orem, UT; Mexico City, Mexico; Lenexa, KS; Guadalajara, Mexico; Whitefish, MT; Pristina, Kosovo; Newark on Trent, UK; Skopje, North Macedonia; Bray, Ireland; Tampere, Finland; Brno, Czechia; Zagreb, Croatia



Committees

2021 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, and Andrew Hawes

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Child ID: Jerry Garcia

Crab Feed: Don Schauer Sr., Perry Klahr, and Roy Tamez, PM

Executive Committee: Robert Eckstein, PM, Paul Rodriguez, PM, Brian Ross, Kurt Allen, PM, and Perry Klahr.

FOSJ and White Table Night: J Rafisura

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: Jerry Garcia

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer Sr.

Masons for Mitts: Kurt Allen, PM

Membership Retention: Don Schauer Sr., Robert Eckstein, PM

Picnic: Don Schauer Sr., Roy Tamez, PM, and Perry Klahr

Printing and Mailing: Don Schauer Sr.

Strawberry Feed: Ron Katz, PM, Perry Klahr, and Paul Rodriguez, PM

Sunshine and Visiting: Ernie Nidick and Les Blake

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch, Paul Rodriguez, PM

Trustees: Brian Ross, Paul Rodriguez, PM

Visiting /Traveling Degree: Kurt Allen, PM and Don Schauer Sr.

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM.

Masonic Youth Orders

Castro Valley DeMolay — Steve Kolden — 510.409.6118 [click to email](#)

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

Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261 — Joy Molina 510.754.4983 [click to email](#)

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

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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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