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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2020

04/01-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM
04/02-Thursday-CANCELLED - Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM /
Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
04/04-Saturday-POSTPONED - 50 Year Dinner Pin Presentation
- Bro. Don Schauer, Sr. 6:00 PM
04/09-Thursday-DARK
04/16-Thursday-DARK
04/23-Thursday-DARK
04/28-Tuesday-CANCELLED-Hall Association 7:00 PM
04/30-Thursday-CANCELLED-Lodge Potluck - 6:30 PM

MAY 2020

05/06-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM
05/07-Thursday-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15
PM / Open 7:30 PM
05/09-Saturday-Castro Valley Rodeo Parade
05/12-Tuesday-DOSI-Siminoff 7:00 PM
05/16-5/17-Saturday-Sunday-Rowell Ranch Rodeo Child ID
05/26-Tuesday-Hall Association 7:00 PM

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

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

Our Brethren and Families.

As I'm sure you are well aware, there are mounting concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus. The virus poses the highest risk to people over 60 and those with underlying conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory disease, compromised immunity, and cancer.

Your officers have been keeping up with this pandemic, and have been discussing how we as a lodge would address currently scheduled Masonic events and the safety of our Brethren and their families.



“To prevent the spread. . . the prudent remedy is to suspend all lodge gatherings until further assessments can be made.”

We feel that to prevent the spread of any contagions between our members, the prudent remedy is to suspend all lodge gatherings until further assessments can be made. **Until further announcement, this is our official notice of the cancelation of all Blue Lodge events at Crow Canyon 551 for the month of March and April.**

A small team of your officers will continue to work behind the scenes in conducting the required duties as spelled out by Grand Lodge. By the end of April, I will send out a confirmation of our continuing suspension of meetings or announce our projected return to a new 2020 calendar.

I pray each of our members and families remain healthy and safe as we weather this contagion.

Below you'll find links to local resources where you may also keep up with the latest announcements concerning the COVID-19 virus and our communities.

Alameda County, City of Oakland, and State of California Updates

[Click here for the latest update from the Alameda County Public Health Department](#), including a situation update regarding the Grand Princess cruise ship.

[Click here for the latest update from the City of Oakland.](#)

[Click here for the latest updates from the office of California Governor Gavin Newsom.](#)

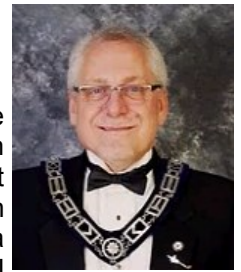
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via email or cell-phone: hal2pro@sbcglobal.net, (510) 461-1071.

From the West

By Brian Ross—Senior Warden

I was honored to sit in the East for the Second Degrees conferred upon Bro's. Tremaine Ellison and Scott Hamilton on March 12, 2020. I am proud of both as each has shown a genuine dedication to the fraternity. I look forward to participating in their continued journeys to the Master Mason degree.

Regarding our current circumstances, what can be said? We are in uncharted waters and we must make the health and welfare of our members our sole concern. I support Worshipful Paul's prudent and wise decision to cancel our activities until May. In the meantime, I wish you all good health and that each of you perseveres in the face of this pandemic.



From the South

By J. Rafisura—Junior Warden

As we all know, the threat of Covid-19 is upon us. We read and hear from all across media platforms that we should not panic, remain calm and that the health authorities are doing everything they can to contain the virus. While it really helps to be calm, it is also good to be proactive and be pragmatic about the situation. This is not the time to be complacent and passive. We have to seek out reliable information that would help us stay calm and at the same time take necessary and appropriate precautions.

As of this writing, The Grand Lodge of California has advised us to take precautionary measures and take guidance from local health authorities. We also learned that the Masonic Homes of California is doing its part in protecting our brothers and sisters by limiting resident visits and gathering in groups to minimize the risk. It is a rapidly evolving situation and risk assessments are changing daily. It is important that we keep informed on a day-to-day basis. The WHO has been ringing the bell loudly and has declared Covid-19 a global pandemic. The threat is real and let us all be reasonably prepared.

Let me therefore join the call to please take precautionary measures such as frequently washing your hands properly with soap and water, avoiding frequently touching of your eyes, nose and mouth ("points of entry") and staying away from crowds. While we are also a 'social' organization, let us also not forget to prioritize health safety among our membership. Let us keep in mind that there will always be another time (or alternatives) for hugs, kisses, handshakes and gathering in large groups in order to socialize. During our recent DOSI, we each had fun with the 'elbow bumps' instead of the usual handshake. It is in times like this that social distancing is acceptable and necessary.



According to CDC, the incubation period of the virus is 2-14 days. This means that within this period, a person infected with the virus may not yet experience the symptoms of the disease (fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.). During this time, an infected person may still continue to mingle with friends, family, and the general public. With this knowledge, we need to be proactive instead of being reactive. We need to act first before the symptoms become so obvious and it is too late.

As of this writing, seven counties in San Francisco Bay Area region has issued a "Shelter-in-Place" order in several counties including Alameda and Contra Costa counties to slow the spread if this disease. Let us therefore take heed and make this situation count.

When you connect to the
silence within you,
that is when you can
make sense of the
disturbance going on
around you.

Stephen Richards

As we pause from our 'labors', let us take this opportunity to spend quality time with our family, clean that garage or fix that broken window, or perhaps, learn to cook - whatever you fancy. Maybe it is also an opportunity to reflect on what Masonry really means to us, other than the usual Stated Meetings, modes of recognition and ceremonies. Now may be an opportunity to look at our inner selves and examine what our craft has done for us over the years. Have I become a better person because of Masonry? What has Masonry turned me into? What do I need to do to become a better neighbor, son, husband, father, or brother (biological or fraternal)?

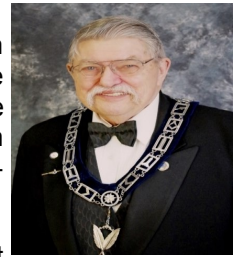
Lastly, I wish everyone good health and a productive time as we ride out this challenge with reasonable vigilance and much optimism. Let us keep each other safe and pray for our affected brothers. We are all called to fight in a war against an unseen (and lesser known) enemy. So far, the best way to defeat it is by staying at home and cutting the 'chain of infection'. Let us therefore move "from labor to refreshment (at home)"! Let us be "asocial" at this time! Will you fight?

***Freemasonry, not withstanding,
still survived. . . to impress upon
the mind wise and serious truths.***

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A

It seems that the coronavirus is on everyone's mind these days. I have never seen anything like this. These are the times that we as Masons can stand together (6 feet apart) and extend a helping hand.



I sent out an e-mail to everyone that is on our email list informing them of the cancelation of the lodge Stated Meeting dinner on April 2nd, the 50-year pin on April 4th and the Potluck on the 30th. I was looking forward to getting my 50-year pin this month and celebrating with my brothers, but it will have to wait for a month or two. No one has any idea what May will bring. We will all do what we have to in order to survive though these trying times. Our Public Schools month celebration, normally in April, will most likely be delayed as well.

I sent out 9 past due notices for members who have not paid the 2019 and 2020. It is my hope that we will not have to suspend anyone this year. So check your dues receipt and make sure you are current.

While we are physically away from each other, we can still enjoy the little blessings . . . I love seeing the sun still shining at 7:00 PM. I hope all of my brothers enjoy it as much. I look forward to the time when I can again see you at lodge, in the meantime stay vigilant, stay informed, and stay safe.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

What does it mean?



The Expendables

or Let Your Officers Take One for the Team

By Andrew Hawes, Sr. Deacon

These are trying times for everyone. Even those of us blessed with good health are feeling the impacts of the pandemic, and are worried - not only about remaining healthy, but about our friends, family, and brethren.

As everyone has heard, those who are more advanced in years are more likely to experience serious complications and may even die if they contract Covid-19. There are many brethren in our lodge who are "carrying the weight" of more than 60 years of life. You must therefore take even more care to avoid contracting this Novel Coronavirus.

As Masons, we are obliged to care for one another, and to hold regular meetings - but how can we do both in our current situation, without increasing the risk of exposing our brethren to more risk? Enter the lodge officers. Our Worshipful Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens have crafted a plan to meet at the lodge with only three - just enough to allow us to open our lodge for the April Stated meeting. Thus we can keep the Light burning strong at Crow Canyon, while keeping the doors locked. This will help flatten the curve to reduce the chances of spreading anything but friendship and brotherly love to our brethren.



We encourage everyone to please keep social contact in-person to a minimum - but that doesn't mean you should not reach

out through telephone or video calls, send emails, and continue to keep in contact with each other.

Most all of us have email and telephones in this Information Age - don't let 'sheltering in place' become 'hiding in isolation' - stay in touch with your friends, family, and brethren.

Share news, play games online, text chess moves to one another. Let the "Expendables" go out into the world and take the risks, for now, and stay safe, healthy, and happy at home.

Stay healthy my brethren!

Editor's note: Andrew wanted everyone to know that this article was written with the hope of sharing a little humor during these challenging times. Of course, none of us are truly expendable. We love and value each and everyone of our members, families and friends.



Shut-in or Sheltering In Place Lodge Officers Respond

Bro. Eric Korbass had an idea which he shared with the Master regarding the lodge calling our members who may be shut-in or sheltering-in-place, and who may not easily be able to or safely be able to get food, medical supplies, and other essentials.

The Master has asked him to chair a committee to identify, contact, and perhaps run some errands to allow our more at-risk Masonic Family members to remain safely sheltered.

We will start by reaching out to our lodge widows and members who are 70+ in the Bay Area to do a needs analysis.

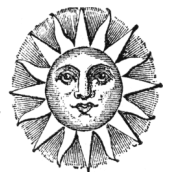
Eric will be looking for other brethren, who may now have some time on their hands due to temporary company shutdowns, who would be willing to help out in some way. He has identified and can provide appropriate personal protective equipment so that these deliveries might be done with the low level of risk.

If you think you might be interested in helping make calls or making deliveries, please reach out to eric.korbass@gmail.com

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](#)

April Birthdays

Robert Fabel (04/02)	Ernest Nidick Jr. (04/15)
Donald Goodman (04/04)	Robert Peters (04/18)
Bruce Tellardin (04/05)	Ronald Bessette (04/19)
Steven Kolden (04/08)	William Christensen (04/19)
Richard Keihner (04/11)	Jeffrey Hansen (04/23)
George Lumm (04/13)	Cy Sidun (04/25)
James Gibbon (04/15)	Henry Miller Jr. (04/26)
Ron Katz (04/15)	Leonard Suokko (04/26)



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Roger Accurso (5)	Donald Goodman (61)
Leslie Blake (54)	Gary Hughes [PM] (31)
Christopher Boggess (14)	Julius Kahn III [PM] (46)
Charles Cammerer (44)	Alan Kenyon [PM] (38)
Gregory Cooper (33)	John Kralovansky (40)
Robert Douglas (44)	George Lumm [PM] (27)
Roy Eddy (71)	Robert Marshall (64)
Michael Gallico (14)	Donald Schauer Sr. (50)
Ronald Garcia (54)	Gerald Woergoetter [PM] (27)

Masonic Family Corner

Greetings to all! My name is Emily P., I am currently Chaplain of Bethel No. 1 Dublin of Job's Daughters.

This past month has been a little hard for us due to many people in our Bethel feeling under the weather, but that won't stop us from doing various fundraisers for our Grand Bethel girl's project and for the daughters going to the Supreme Session this July.

Our most current installation of officers was January 4, 2020. I guess you could say it was successful and a blast. This was my second installation as a Job's Daughter.

One of my favorite things I love doing with my sisters has to be Grand Bethel in Ontario this past summer. I have had a great time with my Bethel more recently on March 7th when our current Honored Queen, Sophia, planned a mystery trip to the Pinball museum in Alameda it was a lot of fun playing the different games.

Every year my Bethel looks forward to being in the Dublin St. Patrick's Day parade and festival, which got canceled this year, but we will be planning an event soon to promote Job's Daughters along with the help of Pleasanton DeMolay. In the past many of our active members came to us by way of the promotional booth at the festival.

We are planning an open meeting where all may attend to see who we are and why we are so excited to share our experiences. We invite you to attend our meetings that are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at John Knox Presbyterian Fellowship Hall, in Dublin.

We are also hosting a "Battle of the Prospects" with Pleasanton DeMolay, which will be held on April 17, 2020 at 7pm. So far it has been a good term and I can't wait for what the rest of the term has to offer.

Editor's note: Emily submitted this article prior to the recent county orders regarding assembly of people. Any dates or times in this article may be changed as of publication of this Trestleboard. Please contact our Secretary for any updates prior to trying to attend.

Unchanging Freemasonry

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

Anyone who has lived three-fourths of a century has seen the development of all the modern gadgets for office and home, as well as such things as the typesetting machine, automobile, airplane, radio, television, and a thousand so-called modern necessities that were not so much as dreamed of in the days of our fathers. During the years many things have been invented, have been useful for a time, and have disappeared from the scene.

Freemasonry, however, was here long before the invention of these modern conveniences and machines that have revolutionized the home, society and industry. It will continue, regardless of to what undreamed of extent inventions may take us. No ancient or modern invention has wrought any noticeable effect upon it. It has remained unchangeable while everything around it has changed. Life has been streamlined; but Freemasonry's rituals teach the same things that were taught by the rituals of 1717 and earlier. Even the manner of teaching Freemasonry's lessons has hardly changed except as greater understanding has given us opportunity to make more modern applications, or has given us new interpretations of unchanging **Symbols**.

We need more things in life as fundamental and as unchangeable as the eternal Truths which have attended and preserved Freemasonry through the centuries.

Symbols

<http://www.themasonictrowel.com/education/references/MDictionary.htm>

It is interesting to compare this word with "emblem" with which it is so often confused. The Greek symbolon was a mark, or sign, or token, or tally; it is derived from sun, together, and ballein, put, or throw, from which we have ball, ballistics, etc. Symbolon indicated two things put together, thrown together, or matched together. If, for example, the numeral 9 is matched to a pile of marbles, one to one, the 9 is a symbol of the number of marbles. From this came the custom of calling a symbol some object, device, design, picture, etc., used not for its own sake, but for the purpose of referring to some other, and perhaps very different, thing with which it has been associated. It is any visible, audible, or tangible object used to typify some idea, or truth, or quality, as when a wedding ring is made the symbol of marriage, the square is made the symbol of the earth, or the cross is made the symbol of Christianity, the crescent of Mohammedanism, etc.

It signifies or represents some truth, idea or fact, but is not itself the thing it represents.



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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

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 — Laurel M. 559.696.0746 [click to email](#)

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

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