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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2025

- 02/05—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 02/06—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner (Breaded Chicken) —6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 02/08—Saturday—Golden Veteran Award and Dinner—Bro. Anthony Tancredi—5:00 PM
- 02/13—Thursday—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM
- 02/15—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 02/18—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 02/20—Thursday—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM
- 02/25—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 02/27—Thursday—2nd Degree—7:00 PM

MARCH 2025

- 03/01—Saturday—Crab Feed—5:00 PM
- 03/05—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 03/06—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner (Corned Beef and Cabbage) —6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
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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 Lyman Penning, PM—Master



Brethren, we are off to a good start. Crow Canyon Lodge has already held its January Stated Meeting, and two new candidates have now been initiated. A potluck dinner was held on Thursday, January 30th which gave everyone a chance to bring something great to share and our kitchen crew was busy with some great tasting meat.

Our Stated Meeting on Thursday, February 6th, is one that no one will want to miss. Our brother Anthony Tancredi will be receiving his Golden Veterans Award. We will be serving in Anthony's honor, a terrific Italian dinner which will have spaghetti, meatballs, and other great items for your Italian taste. So, let's come out and enjoy the Italian dinner that will be served. Congratulations, Anthony, for 50 years of Freemasonry.



If you are a crab and shrimp lover, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 1st, at 6:00 PM for the Crow Canyon Lodge Crab and Shrimp Feed. Crab and Shrimp tickets will be \$60.00 and Chicken tickets will be \$25.00. You can get tickets at our February Stated Meeting. This event does sell out.

We have several upcoming events, but I wish to call your attention to a bus trip to Reno which is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th through Sunday, June 8th. This event is being handled by Phil and Teresa Busch. We each get to bring our own refreshments (yes, we can share the refreshment with others) and play some games on the bus which could lead to an enjoyable prize. Phil Busch will be giving us more details in February, but for now, please mark your calendars. Also, please feel free to invite your friends to join us on this great weekend trip.



Take care everyone. We will see you at our next lodge event.

From the West

By Alex Von Stade, PM — Sr. Warden



Welcome to the month of February, the shortest month of this year. The name February is derived from the Latin word "februa" which means to clean or purify. It was named after Februalia, the Roman festival of purification and atonement, which was a month-long event. Two notable events during the month of February include Valentine's Day on February 14th, and Presidents' Day on February 17th.

Another February event that I look forward to every year is Groundhog Day on February 2, 2025.



Legend has it that if a groundhog sees its shadow on this day, there will be six more weeks of winter; if not, then Spring is just around the corner. All eyes will be on one famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, in Gobbler's Knob in

Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to witness this annual event.

At this time, I would like to congratulate our two newest Entered Apprentices, Brother Ildjer Baron and Brother Gilbert Garcia Jr. on having received their First Degree in Masonry last month on January 23, 2025. It is anticipated that a 2nd degree will take place later this month.

Until next month, have a pleasant February.

From the South

By Andrew Hawes, PM — Jr. Warden



Today I was heading back to the office with my lunch, which happened to be a pizza I had ordered from 7-11. On the corner was a man asking the people passing by for "a dollar... anything to help out..." — so I offered him some of my pizza. He peered into the box I had opened in front of him, and then said "Oh, pepperoni? No, thanks." I moved on, and returned to my office. My first instinct was to feel somewhat offended. Why was my offer not good enough for him? Perhaps he was in fact not so destitute, if an offer of free food would be so quickly turned down. Then it occurred to me that many

people do not eat pork, as a matter of religion. If he were one such, and was in fact hungry, but feel that he had to refuse my offer because of his beliefs, then far be it for me to judge him unworthy of my aid, rather I should judge myself for thinking such unworthy thoughts!

As we encounter the changes which will be coming over the next few years, I think it's important that we keep in mind that we are all in this together, and that we are all one family, created by one almighty parent, and inhabitants of the same planet. We are in this together. Remember that we should all aid, support and protect one another, and we should always strive to lead by example, be noble in the face of ignobility, and kind in the face of cruelty.

If you offer someone a helping hand, and they refuse it, don't be offended. Life's too short to live it offended.

Masonic Family Corner

Hello from Bethel No. 1 Dublin! My name is Maliha and I am currently Guide.

I wanted to let you know about some of our upcoming events:

In February we are going Bowling.

In March we have the Dublin St. Patrick's Parade & Promotion Booth and plan to visit the Pinball Museum in Alameda.

Our 25th annual Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction is on Friday, April 25th at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. Save the date!

Our Bethel Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. We would love to see you there.

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.



February Birthdays

Christopher Boggess (2/3)	Brandon Moore (2/16)
John Smith (2/3)	Mark Warzyniak (2/17)
Alvin Rodes (2/5)	John Groff (2/19)
Harold Rubin (2/5)	Ronald Selvey (2/19)
Robert Steen (2/10)	Brian Brunckhorst (2/25)
Fred Jonke (2/14)	Alan West (2/26)



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Orrin Benedict (7)	Kishore Gidvani (26)
Ronald Bessette (33)	Jeffrey Hansen (28)
David Bode (40)	Douglas Howe (20)
Harold Burk (33)	Allen Weisser [PM] (61)
Ronnie Castia (34)	

Sunshine and Visiting

Ernie Nidick—925.828.6993	Roy Tamez—510.684.3047
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Brother George Washington

George Washington's journey as a Freemason began in 1752 when he joined the Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia. His deep commitment to the Masonic values of brotherhood, relief, and truth significantly influenced his leadership and vision for the United States.

Washington's Masonic beliefs shaped his approach to unity, equality, and justice—core principles that guided him during the American Revolution and the drafting of the Constitution. His dedication to integrity and moral character, hallmarks of Freemasonry, earned him widespread respect.

In a symbolic Masonic ceremony in 1793, Washington laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol building. This event underscored the connection between Freemasonry and the nation's founding, highlighting the impact of Masonic values on American democracy.

His life and work continue to inspire Freemasons and non-Masons alike, emphasizing the importance of the values he upheld.

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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: Ashburn, VA; Perth, Australia; Laveen, AZ; Plymouth, UK; Angers, France; Chicago, IL; Ames, IA; Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia; Stevenage, UK; New York, NY; Zapopan, Mexico; Paris, France; Beaverton, OR; Plymouth, Montserrat; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Woodbridge, Canada; Tallahassee, FL; Leon, Spain; Shaunavon, Canada; Cagayan de Oro, Philippines



Committees

2025 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Justin Ortiz, Andrew Hawes

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

Car Show: Brian Ross, Robert Johnson, Justin Ortiz, Phil Busch, Ray Weatley

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

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

Executive Committee: Lyman Penning PM HA, Alexander Van Stade PM, Andrew Hawes PM, Perry Klahr

FOSJ and White Table Night: Bill Biddell

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Inter-lodge Relations: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Robert Pinkerton PM

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez Pat Quinn, Robert Johnson, Eric Korbas, Blain Deaton, Ray Weatley, Bill Biddell

Masonic Hall Association: President, Pat Quinn

Membership Retention: Lyman Penning, Alex Von Stade, Perry Klahr, Ron Reynolds

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

Printing and Mailing: Bill Biddell, H.A.

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

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

Sunshine and Visiting: Robert Eckstein

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch

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

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM HA

Welcome: Bill Ferrell, Adam Brissey

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

Youth Orders Liaisons: Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn HA

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