



# Trestleboard

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No. 551**

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## Calendar of Events

### APRIL 2025

- 04/02—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 04/03—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner (Featuring Ham) —6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 04/10—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 04/15—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 04/17—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 04/19—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 04/22—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 04/24—Thursday—Public Schools Night—6:00 PM

### MAY 2025

- 05/01—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner (Featuring Fajitas for Cinco De Mayo) —6:15 PM / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
- 05/07—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 05/08—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 05/13—Tuesday—DOSI (location TBA)
- 05/15—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 05/17—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 05/22—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 05/27—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 05/29—Thursday—5th Thursday Potluck—6:00 PM
- 05/31—Saturday—White Table Night—6:00 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 Lyman Penning, PM—Master

Wow, time sure flies. The month is April and we are into the second quarter of 2025. Let's check out some of the events that are coming up.

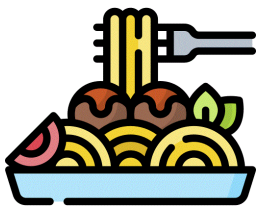


If you enjoy basketball, the members of Castro Valley DeMolay would like to play a half court game with Crow Canyon Lodge on Sunday, April 6 at noon. If you are just an observer, no problem. You can be a part of the cheerleading section. There will be

food to enjoy with the DeMolays. We just ask that you inform our Secretary, Perry Klahr, that you will be coming. Go Crow Canyon!

The lodge would also like to see as many members as possible for our Public School Night that will be held on Thursday, April 24, at 6:00 PM. All who attend will receive a wonderful dinner which will be followed by a choral concert and the awards that will be given to two outstanding teachers. You can sign up at our stated meeting dinner or contact Perr Klahr (925) 699-1786.

Job's Daughters Bethel 1 will be initiating Aaron Johnson's daughter, Lacey, into the Bethel on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:00 PM at the John Knox Church in Dublin. It would sure be nice to give support to Lacey and to all the members and adults of Bethel 1. Also Bethel 1 will be at our building on Friday, April 25. to put on their popular spaghetti feed and silent auction starting at 6:00 PM. Tickets for the spaghetti feed are \$15.00.



There is still plenty of room on the bus for the Reno Bus Trip that is scheduled for Saturday, June 7 and Sunday June 8. The cost is only \$275.00 per single person and \$420.00 for couples (\$210.00 for each person). The price covers the hotel room and bus transportation. Each person brings their own bottle of booze, but the bottles can be shared. We will stop for lunch at a rest stop with restrooms available. Please, everyone, we will all have a great time on this trip.

Finally, we would like to be able to put on a White Table Night in order to give brethren a chance to take that special woman out to dinner (and maybe a little dancing). The list of possible events in 2025 had Saturday, May 31, 2025 as a possible date. Please let the lodge know if you are interested in having this event.

Take care everyone. See you all at the next Stated Meeting.

## From the West

By Alex Von Stade, PM — Sr. Warden



Brethren: April is now upon us and Spring is now officially here. As the cold Winter temperatures and rainfall come to a close, it is now time to think about planting gardens and planning outdoor activities once again. The word, April, is believed to be derived from the Latin words "aperio" or "aperire" meaning "to open". It is thought that both words refer to the opening of buds on trees and flowers that occur during this month. Two notable events occur during the month of April: Earth Day on April 22nd and, Arbor Day on April 25th. Earth Day began in



1970 by Senator Gaylord Nelson and was created to raise awareness about environmental issues and to inspire action to protect our planet. Arbor Day originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton. Morton believed that on this day we

should be encouraged to plant a tree or several trees to honor the memory of a loved one.

Until next time, have a Happy April and enjoy the outdoors...

## From the South

By Andrew Hawes, PM — Jr. Warden



April showers bring May flowers - I used to joke with my sons that this was a partial metaphor, referring to pretty girls as "flowers" and meaning that they should shower at least once a year, whether they needed it or not, in order to not drive away any potential attraction that those flowers might feel towards them! ...I was of course joking, since they

were required to shower at least once every month. Ok, so person hygiene jokes aside, April is the first month of Spring, and the month during which we celebrate Easter. As an homage to that tradition, we usually have ham and potatoes at our Stated Meeting dinners for April, but I'm not really sure why ham is considered such an Easter traditional dinner. ...if only there was



some way I could find out some information that I didn't have already... oh, wait. The Internet can help! (one quick google search later) ham is traditionally eaten as an Easter meal because the curing process for the meat was done over the winter, meaning that the ham would be ready for consumption in the spring. It also became a generally cheaper option than lamb, which was formerly an easter staple, because pork farming bloomed, and the demand for wool dropped, leading to there being fewer sheep raised over the years. It's amazing to me what we can learn with just a short search for information online - but as always, one must be careful to think about the facts one learns, and cross check them with multiple sources, before taking them as true and accurate - there is almost too much information available these days, and we are more and more turning to simple answers - the "AI summary" of data we see when we do an internet search is designed to make finding information easier for us - but it's data which has been located and distilled for our consumption, and isn't always assured to be relevant to what we're trying to find out!

So, enjoy ham... and think about why you are enjoying it this month. Think about how things change over time. Think about the factors that drive those changes.



Thinking about things in our life is one of the things we are asked to do as Masons. Consider, pontificate, ruminant, and conceive. We don't just eat ham in April because "that's what we do" - there are reasons for everything, and we should understand them!

## Masonic Family Corner

Hello from Bethel No. 1, Dublin!

March 15 & March 16 was the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Festival.

This is a big event for us every year.

On Saturday the Bethel Daughters participated in the parade with the Richmond & Hayward Bethels. Two Bethel Daughters wore cape & crown while the other girls passed out invites to visit our promotion booth for a prize. We were very busy both days playing corn hole, giving prizes and inviting girls to our Ice Cream Social on March 26th. We passed out 60 invites, gave out 80 info cards about the Bethel and received 11 names (6 were JD to Bee age)! Keeping our fingers crossed they attend our upcoming events.

In April we have Boomers on April 5th, a Membership Ceremony on April 23rd for our JD to Bee Lacy (hopefully more) and April 25th is our 25th Annual Spaghetti Feed & Silent Auction. Tickets are still available. Join us for a fun night of Spaghetti & about 40+ items to bid on. Thank you!

Job's Daughters International Bethel 1 Dublin

# Spaghetti Dinner

## SILENT AUCTION

**\$15.00**  
Kids Only \$10.00

Friday, April 25th

6pm - 9pm

Includes Spaghetti,  
Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert  
and Refreshments

**Castro Valley Masonic Center**

4521 Crow Canyon Rd  
Castro Valley, CA

RSVP or Questions?  
Maliha 510-881-3757



## April Birthdays

Charles Langel (4/2)	Ronald Katz (4/15)
Bruce Tellardin (4/5)	Ernest Nidick (4/15)
Steven Kolden (4/8)	Robert Peters (4/18)
Mark Finger (4/11)	Ronald Bessette (4/19)
Richard Keihner (4/11)	Jeffrey Hansen (4/23)
James Gibbon (4/15)	Henry Miller, Jr. (4/26)

★ Let's Celebrate! ★

## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Leslie Blake (59)	Ronald Garcia (59)
Christopher Boggess (19)	Alan Kenyon [PM] (43)
Charles Cammerer (49)	John Kralovansky (45)
Gregory Cooper (38)	Robert Marshall (69)
Roy Eddy (76)	Gerald Woergoetter [PM] (32)
Michael Gallico (19)	



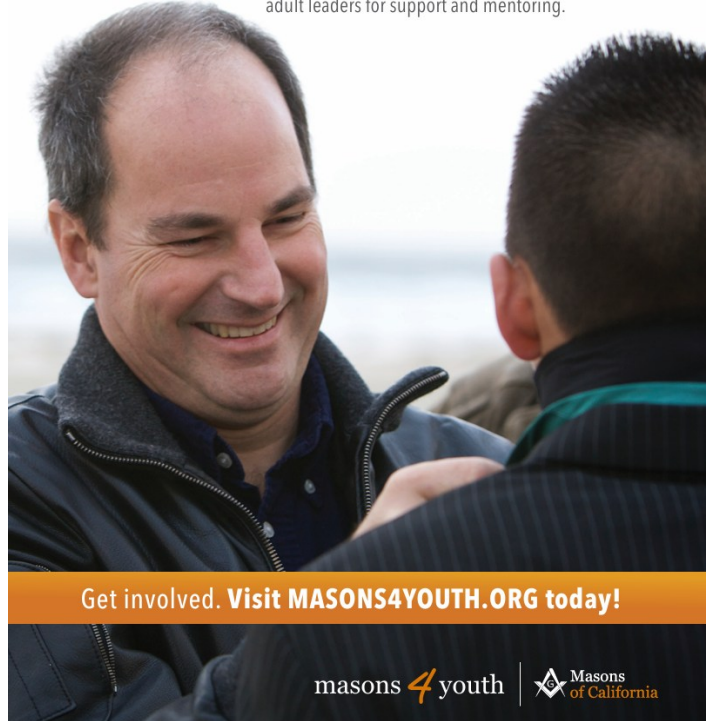
Bethel 1 Daughter's at St. Patrick's Day Parade



Masters & Past Masters Convocation 2025

## Tomorrow's leaders need you today

Adult leaders are critical to the overall success and survival of our youth orders. They rely on lodges and adult leaders for support and mentoring.

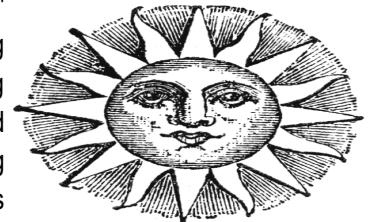


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## Sunshine and Visiting

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. Robert Eckstein at (510) 449-7944 or [Rbeckstein@att.net](mailto:Rbeckstein@att.net).



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## 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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## Where in the World

Each month we log visitors to our website. This month we were pleased to have guests from: Daly City, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Colorado Springs, CO; New Delhi, India; Hong Kong; Boardman, OR; Houston, TX; Murfreesboro, TN; Tokyo, Japan; Pittsburg, CA



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