

# CALIFORNIA LODGE NO. 1

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**March 2006  
Trestle Board**

Stated Meeting  
First Tuesday of Each Month



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**TRESTLE BOARD**  
**March and April 2006 Schedule**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

Fellowship in the Fireside Room	6:00 PM
Pre- Stated Meeting Dinner	6:30 PM
Entrée:        St. Patrick's Day Special	
Cost:          \$5.00/person	
Stated Meeting (Officers in Business Suit)	7:30 PM

**Dinner Reservations Are A Must...**  
Call Lodge Office With Your Reservations  
(415) 586-6864

**March 14<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

Officers Practice/Candidates Mentors Schooling	6:30 PM
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**March 15<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)**

District School of Instruction – Third Degree, First Section (California No. 1 Host)	6:15 PM
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**March 21<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday)**

Degrees (tbd)	6:30 PM
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**March 28<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

Golden Veteran's Awards/Dinner	6:30 PM
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**April 4<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

Stated Meeting, Youth Night and Inspector's Official Visit	6:30 PM
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**April 10<sup>th</sup> (Monday)**

District School of Instruction – Third Degree, Second Section	6:15 PM
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**April 11<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

Officers Practice/Candidates Mentors Schooling	6:15 PM
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**April 18<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

Second Degrees	6:30PM
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**April 25<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

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California Lodge No. 1, F. &A.M. consists of the following lodges: California Lodge No. 1, Occidental Lodge No. 22, Mount Davidson Lodge No. 481, Pyramid Lodge No. 562 and Ingleside Lodge No. 630.

## MASTER'S MESSAGE

Did you ever wonder how we get the term "Free" Masons? There have been many explanations as to how the term "Free" came to be applied to Masons. Operative Masons frequently were free of local laws. In some cases they were free from taxes. Their actions were not restricted as were the actions of others. They were free to travel from country to country in following their trade or art. Masons who labored on Solomon's Temple, legend tells us, enjoyed special privileges and were free from laws others were required to obey.

In modern days, however, it seems some feel the term means free from attending Lodge, free from calling on the sick, free from obligations voluntarily assumed, free from giving aid to the officers, free from taking any part in the work, free from any responsibility, free with criticism.

Let us be the kind who does not wait for free time in which to attend lodge. Let us not be the kind who believes Freemasonry is free. We are free to do as we wish about these things, but no one can be a Freemason in the true and fullest sense of the word unless he purchases that Freemasonry with his time, with his energy and by use of the faculties wherewith God has blessed him.

As you might not know, the lodge is canceling the Vancouver Cruise in June due to the underwhelming response that I received. Those who had sent their deposit in will receive their check back in the next few days.

For those who had missed the Crab Feed, you missed a great meal and entertainment. My special thanks to John Bermudez who had chaired this event for the Lodge. I also want to thank Pearl and Roy Kirkland for arranging the Valentine's Whist game in which we had 32 people participating along with another 5 who were learning how to play the game for the first time and to our Junior Warden, Bob Lowry who cooked a very fine dinner for all and lastly to our Junior Warden, George Terry who supplied the desserts for this evening.

This month, the Lodge has planned a special night, Tuesday, March 28 when the Lodge will acknowledge our members who has reached their 50-year in Masonry. Please plan to attend and offer your good wishes for these brothers. The Lodge has planned to confer several second degrees for the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, providing if the candidates are ready, if not, then we will confer the first degrees on the several applicants that the Lodge had voted upon recently. Also included in this Trestle Board is a flyer for those who are interested in a whale watching outing. If there is a lot of interest from our lodge members who make reservations, we can think of carpooling or rent a tour bus for a day.

**Theodore W.M. Lyau, P.M., Master**

# California Lodge No. 1

Presents:

## **MASONIC YOUTH NIGHT**

Tuesday, April 4, 2006

*At 6:30 P.M.*

*Brotherhood Masonic Center  
855 Brotherhood Way  
San Francisco, CA 94132*

*(Golden Gate Assembly Rainbow for Girls, Bethel No. 37 Jobs Daughter, Bethel No. 107 Jobs Daughter, and California Chapter DeMolay)*

*The youth groups will be the guest of our Lodge at the regular stated meeting dinner and present a short program in the Lodge room. Wives and guests are invited to witness their programs prior to our stated meeting.*

*Please come and observe our Youth doing their work. They need your support.*

*Reservations are a must!!!*

*Call our secretary, Frank Loui at (415) 586-6864 and leave a message.*

## **MASONIC GIFTING GIVING Or Lodge Identity**

I have been thinking a lot about California Lodge No.1. I asked my self, what is California Lodge, how do we show/tell others who we are, and have we become lethargic. Has our focus on the past blinded us to the challenges of the present? Maybe I need to find a life, just kidding. We must address this from the outside, and the inside. Are we relevant to our members and our communities? What does it mean to be number One? What is the identity of California No.1?

That is, you just can be number One; you need to be number One! I know Rich, but what the heck are you talking about. We cannot think about California Lodge from only the outside, but we must look for the betterment of our Lodge and our Fraternity from the inside our Lodge. It all starts from the inside out, and that means being the best in everything we do. It doesn't mean we need to change every event, it just means being the best, sticking our chest out, and taking pride in who we are and what we do. Yes we do that, but we don't do it enough.

But Rich how does this tie in with Masonic giving. When the Lodge makes a gift or donation to the Youth Groups, doesn't that say to them who we are. When we make a gift to the Masonic Homes, or the Masonic Foundation, doesn't that represent what the Lodge is and who we are. We are very thankful for each and every contribution you have made. All I can say is keep the sprit going and don't stop now. Where does the Lodge tie into all of this, you ask.

In short the Lodge can make a contribution to these Masonic Charities; however that will require a shift in our thinking. We are not a poor lodge, and we are not the richest Lodge, we are not going to go broke, and it doesn't matter if there are good times or not, the Lodge has survived them all. We are not going to give the shop away, we are going to do it when it's right and makes sense to do so. We can retain our fraternal spirit, that lively characteristic nature of our Lodge, and show what it is to be California Number ONE.

Next Month, a look from the outside, how did we do in 04-05 and where are today, and where do we go next.

Fraternally yours,  
Richard J. Modolo, PM

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday To:

#### Members & Candidates

Thomas E. Ciotti	01
Emile I. Khoury	01
Rhey Lopez	02
James B. Kickhofel	02
Donald E. Howard	02
Longin G. Bytof	04
John A. Traina	05
Joseph H. Boyd	06
Kenneth L. Platt, Sr.	06
Antonio Difuntorum	07
Robert A. Crowe	07
Oleg L. Puzyrko, Candidate	07
H. George Checchi	10
Kenneth L. Bechtold	12
John E. Trood	13
Donald G. Blair	15
James H. Ludlow, P.M.	16
Bert P. Gabriel, E.A.	17
Gale R. Blosser	17
Michael L. Hardwick, E.A.	19
Richard J. Halloran	20
Allan F. Riley, P.M.	20
Roy E. Kirkland	21
Frederick L. Alberts, Jr.	23
Stephen Gary Watson, Candidate	23
Earl J. Pero	24
Harry J. Pierce	25
Robert W. Sieker, Jr.	25
George E. Frank, P.M.	25
George J. Kelly	26
Paul S. Larson	28
Jack E. Garnett	28
Daniel Leong	28
James M. Piasias, P.M.	28
Donald R. Van Iderstine	30

## **Sweethearts**

Betty M. Wells	02
Mary Markel	16
Geraldine Milam	17
Frances Cauthen	19
Joan Johnson	21

## **Wives**

Joyce M. Dubay	01
Mary M. Hively	05
Mary Ata Manneh	07
Mary Gavin Loughlin	10
Wilda K. Bunker	11
Virginia Wells	11
Lynne Hurst	12
Mary H. Trood	12
Janet Wilson	13
Ruth S. Williams	15
Harriet I. Fithian	15
Shirley T. Groeper	19
Marie Owyang	21
Rosa Chan	22
Dell Conlan	23
Marilyn Halloran	27
Marie Comer	31

## THE SACRED ROLL

We have been notified of the following deaths:

Brother : Harvey E. Noennick, P.M.  
Born : January 6, 1927  
Raised : April 14, 1959  
Entered into Rest : January 7, 2006  
Master : 1967

Brother : Jerry Gurino Manini, P.M.  
Born : April 1, 1916  
Raised : October 22, 1956  
Entered into Rest : February 2, 2006  
Master : 1971

*Almighty Father, Unto Thy Hands  
We commend The Souls of Our Departed Brothers.  
Amen*

## FROM THE SECRETARY

Remember to pay your dues for 2006 if you haven't. The 2006 dues receipts will be mailed out shortly if your dues have been received. Keep your dues current.

## SUNSHINE

We remember our Brothers and Sisters who remain ill: Albert Miller, PM had surgery and developed pneumonia while at Kaiser Hospital in South San Francisco. Emile Laversin, PM is resting after surgery. Keep them in your thoughts.

“Our ailing Brothers would very much appreciate calls and visits...let them know you care! Do you know of a brother who is ill, in the hospital or would like a visit from his fellow brothers? Let us know. Please contact either:

**Theodore Lyau, P.M.**, Worshipful Master    **Frank Loui, P.M.**, Secretary

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