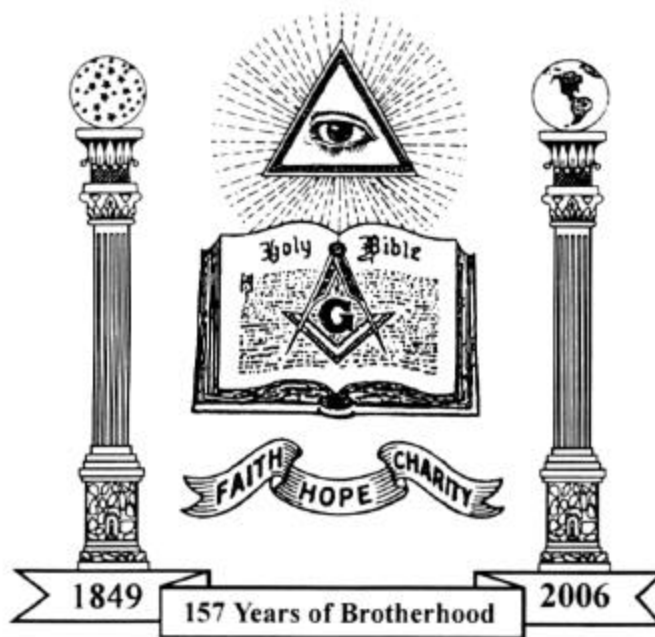


# CALIFORNIA LODGE NO. 1

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## May 2006 Trestle Board

Stated Meeting  
First Tuesday of Each Month



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**TRESTLE BOARD**  
**May and June 2006 Schedule**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday)**

Fellowship in the Fireside Room	6:00 PM
Pre- Stated Meeting Dinner	6:30 PM
Entrée:    May Special	
Cost:      \$5.00/person	
Stated Meeting	7:30 PM

**Dinner Reservations Are A Must...**  
Call Lodge Office With Your Reservations  
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<b>May 7<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	9:30 AM
Pancake Breakfast – Call Lodge Office with your reservations	

<b>May 9<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)</b>	6:30 PM
Officers Practice/Candidates Mentors Schooling	

<b>May 16<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)</b>	6:15 PM
District School of Instruction – First Degree (Mission No 169 - Host)	

<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)</b>	6:30 PM
Second Degrees – Brother Robert Bruce Christensen and Brother Stephen Gary Watson	

<b>May 30<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)</b>	6:30 PM
Third Degree – Brother Justin Myner	

<b>June 6<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)</b>	6:00 PM
Stated Meeting (Vote on Dues Resolution)	

<b>June 13<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)</b>	6:30 PM
Officers Practice/Candidates Mentors Schooling	

<b>June 14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)</b>	6:15PM
District School of Instruction – Second Degree (Columbia/Brotherhood No. 370 - Host)	

<b>June 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) – Degree Night</b>	6:30 PM
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<b>June 27<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)</b>	6:30 PM
Third Degree – Brother James Toy	

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

Since May is the month that we all pay tribute to all the mothers in the world, our own and the mothers of our children, let us reflect on this distinguished position in life, that of being a mother. The Webster's Dictionary defines the word "mother" as a female who gives birth to a child, a female parent or guardian; something that gives rise to, or exercises protective care over something else. That familiar song, "M is for many things, etc." letters the word in its own tribute. But motherhood is more than that. It is the role that she plays, as teacher, psychologist, nurse, cook, chauffeur and the many other roles in which she helped mold us to what we are today. So let's all remember those wonderful ladies who are mothers, and wish them every happiness on their special day – Mother's Day.

It is true that fraternities in general are suffering a decline in membership, including our own. Nevertheless, we cannot ignore the activities taking place in our Lodge. Our Officers are devoting almost as much time to the conferral of Degrees as to rehearsals. Now is the time that we must take every opportunity to talk about the many virtues of our Craft to your non-Masonic friends, inviting them to our social activities and by personally exemplifying our principle tenets of Freemasonry.

We will have our annual pancake breakfast in May. The charge is \$5.00 per person donation which all the proceeds will be going to the Masonic Homes Endowment Funds. It will be held on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving the usual breakfast items, pancakes, eggs, hash browns, refreshments, etc. Please give a call to our Secretary so that our officers can prepare enough food for everybody.

Did you know that the two California Masonic Homes – in northern California at Union City establishing housing for seniors and in southern California at Covina for sheltering children – evolved from an 1850 Sacramento cholera epidemic? The three lodges in that area with a total membership of 69 men raised \$4,500 for relief in two year, buried the dead and established a hospital at Sutter's Fort at a cost of \$32,000.

In 1889, the Grand Secretary reported 103 widow and 100 orphans were in need. A Widows and Orphans Home was dedicated in 1898 near Decoto, now Union City. Since then, thousands of dollars worth of improvements making life more comfortable have been made here.

In 1909, a group of 26 boys and girls was transferred to a large refurbished San Gabriel tourist hotel. Severe flood damage in 1915 caused the home to be move to Covina. These homes are monuments to all that Masonry implies and worthy of your contribution to help pay expenses. Income from a million dollar fund is not sufficient. It is very rarely do we have the opportunity to help others in so satisfying a way and thus ensure hope for the future of our young people and peace of mind for our elderly.

Please act accordingly.

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

## Be a Hero

I asked if could write an update to where we are as a lodge with regards to our Masonic giving. Remember the period of giving is a 12-month period from July 1 through June 30. In the 2004-05 time period this is what we did: Total Contributions \$7,429.00, with 374 Master Masons, 56 Contributing Members, Participation Rate 14.97%, Average Member Contribution \$132.66, Total Membership Average Contribution Per Member, \$19.86.

Ok, so where are we today, \$7,363.10, (This does not include our recent Lodge gift to the GM project.) 376 Master Masons, 52 Contributing Members, Participation Rate 13.83%, Average Member Contribution \$106.12, Total Membership Average Contribution Per Member \$19.58

There is a lot of good news in all of these numbers, and much to be proud of, as a member and as a Lodge. A few weeks back one of our members asked me, "Rich, What can we do to help?" Answer, the number one and most important is your participation. Number two is your gift. Hay, that is up to you. I would say about 25% of you have a computer. This is the easiest way to give, online. Go to [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org) next go to Contributions, but before you give, please view the "Be a Hero" slide show. Then e-mail me and let me know what you think, and then tell a Brother. If you just want to send in a check that's Ok, send it to Frank Loui and he'll see that it gets to the right place. But don't make it out to him, he isn't tax deductible.

I'll get back to you later in the year and let you know how we did. In fact I think I'll announce the totals at our Fall Dinner Dance & Past Masters Night to be held at the Lake Merced Golf Club, on Saturday, October 14. So save the date! We need four additional donations, hey count me in, and that becomes three Brothers plus you to give, and we will have succeeded.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Richard J. Modolo, P.M.

**Brethren: A motion was made by Frank Loui, P.M. and seconded by Albert Miller, P.M. at the April 4, 2006 Stated Meeting to raise the dues of our Lodge effective January 1, 2007 to no less than the Grand Lodge per capita assessment at each Annual Communications plus \$1.**

**As this is a change in the By-Laws of our Lodge, the membership must be notified at least 30 days before the ballot. This is your official notification that discussion and a ballot will be taken at the June 6, 2006 Stated Meeting.**

**Our current dues of \$24.00 per year were approved on November 1, 1998. That included the dues and per capita assessment. The current Grand Lodge per capita assessment effective November 1, 2006 through October 31, 2007 is fixed at \$27.50.**

**If approved, the dues for 2007 will be \$29.00.**

**Again, Life Memberships are available. They are calculated according to a member's age. Call the Lodge Office to find out what it would be for you.**

California Lodge No. 1

Presents:

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, May 7, 2006**

At 9:30 A.M.

Brotherhood Masonic Center  
855 Brotherhood Way  
San Francisco, CA 94132

\$5.00 per person

Reservations are a must!!!

Call our secretary, Frank Loui at () and leave a message.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday To:

#### Members & Candidates

Paul D. Hennig, P.M.	02
James Toy, F.C.	02
Gilbert C. Estrada	03
George E. Graham	04
Bill Cooley, Jr.	05
David E. Banastre, P.M.	08
Ernest J. Brockmeyer, Jr.	09
Manuel P. Williams	09
Edward G. Woodward, P.M.	09
Guy B. Lanphere	10
Melvin E. Sthol	12
Larry J. Dearing	13
George A. Carbone	14
John G. Rorabaugh, P.M.	14
Ray Berns	14
Willis G. Garriott	15
Raymond E. Ratzlaff	16
Christopher A. Comer	16
Wilbur D. Yip, P.M.	17
Richard T. Weinand	17
Robert J. Szakal	20
Jack P. Sanders	23
William M. Chionsini	25
Raymond Lim	25
Kenneth L.C. Dorking, P.M.	27
Donald H. Outsen	29
Warren G. Mohr	29
Fred G. Dominey	30
Harold P. Schulz, Jr.	31

#### Sweethearts

Dolores E. Wiswell	08
Evelyn Swinney	16
Helen Marie Stokes	21
Marlene B. Martinelli	29
Catherine R. Gyorgy	30

## **Wives**

Patricia Lowe	06
Betsy Trtek	12
Patricia L. Blair	13
Virginia Price	13
Marge Sutter	16
Louise Fischer	16
Barbara Cies Smith	17
Myrtle A. Castiaux	18
June R. Walrod	20
Lisa Lyau	21
Ann-Marie Stankowiak	21
Kitt Dexter	22
Bethsaida G. Rico	23
Jeanna Orozco	27
Lorraine M. McKinley	29
Mary Lou Bales	30
Cynthia Dughman	31
Dee Taylor	31

