

# CALIFORNIA LODGE NO. 1

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**September 2006**  
**Trestle Board**

Stated Meeting  
First Tuesday of Each Month



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**TRESTLE BOARD**  
**September and October 2006 Schedule**

**September 5<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

Fellowship in the Fireside Room 6:00 PM

Pre- Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM

Entrée: Fall Special

Cost: \$5.00/person

Stated Meeting and Golden Veterans Award to James Ludlow, P.M. 7:30 PM

**Dinner Reservations Are A Must...**

Call Lodge Office With Your Reservations

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**September 12<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

6:30 PM

Officers Practice/Candidates' Proficiency

**September 13<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)**

6:15 PM

District School of Instruction – Third Degree/Second Section (GG No. 30 - Host)

**September 19<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

6:30 PM

Annual Roll Call Dinner – World Trade Club (Master Masons of California No. 1 only)

**September 26<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)**

6:30 PM

First Degrees – Candidates TBD

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)**

6:00 PM

Stated Meeting

**October 8<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> (Sunday thru Wednesday)**

Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge and Installations of Officers

**October 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)**

6:00 PM

Fall Dinner Dance/Past Masters' Night – Lake Merced Golf Club (See Flyer)

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

Brethren:

This message is starting with a happy note. Last month, in which we had our Annual Family outing as well as Second Annual Master's Golf Tournament, I received some of these quotes concerning both events: "Best Ever" "Most Organized and Well Planned" "Great Food" "Great Prizes" "Great Location to have this event" from several of our friends and brethren. The day, the place, the food and the many planners and workers made these two outings a truly enjoyable occasion. I must say that they did an excellent job. There are too many to mention names in this bulletin by my sincere appreciation and heart felt thanks to all who planned, procured, prepared, served and attended.

In looking through prior records, it is noted that the Lodge customarily have a Roll Call Dinner for its members as well as a Dinner-Dance to honor the Past Masters. Well this year our Roll Call dinner event will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> and thanks to Worshipful Ken Dorking, we will hold this event at the World Trade Club on the Embarcadero in San Francisco. This is a stag event for Master Masons only. Only those who made advance reservation will be allowed to attend. See the enclosed flyer for further details and a correction on the flyer, there will be no chicken entrée as one of the choices, so if you had already sent in your reservation, please make another choice.

Our Annual Fall Past Master Dinner-Dance will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> and thanks to Worshipful Rich Modolo, we will hold this event at the Lake Merced Golf Club. If you know Rich or had been to one of his chaired events, you know that this will be a truly great evening. This event is open to all members and wives or friends. More details are in the enclosed flyer.

Congratulations are in order to all the members of this Lodge who had contributed to the Annual Masonic Charity Fund this Masonic year. Our Lodge is ranked number 14 among all the lodges in California in terms of charitable giving. I hope that next year we will be ranked number "1" to match our Lodge number. Keep up with your charitable donations. And for this honor, we were asked to open a Lodge of Master Masons during Grand Lodge on Monday night, October 9, for the Oklahoma Indian Third Degree conferral during the Annual Grand Lodge Communications.

(Master's Message continued):

In closing, as all of you are well aware, our fraternity is an aging one and even though there will always be Masons, how many of us will be around in the future is dependent upon on what we do now. We, each and every individual brother, should let the public know that He is a Mason, conducting ourselves as just and upright citizens. It is your Lodge, your Grand Lodge, or whoever need to, to do their part, but as always it is up to infantry (that is us brothers) to take the hill. So each and every day wear your Masonic rings, belts, hats, pins, bumper stickers, etc. I can personally say you will meet brothers from all over that you may otherwise not have had the chance to speak to. But when that non-mason say, "What is that?" and points to some item with the square and compass on it, be ready with a quick answer of what the symbol stands for. This is a way of life or a worldwide brotherhood for example. I challenge you to do some reading, talk it over in your lodge, or look on the website [www.whatisamason.com](http://www.whatisamason.com) you need to give an answer that means something to you.

So that is my challenge to all of you to meet some new friends and possibly someday bring them into our lodge. Sound easy!

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

## **MASONIC INFORMATION**

### **COWAN**

Some find its origin in a Greek term meaning "dog." Some as an old scotch word of contempt. Masons used the word to describe a "dry-diber, one who built without cement" or a Mason without the word.

Blackstone describes an eavesdropper as a "common nuisance punishable by fine." Legend has it that Masons punished persons, who sought to learn their signs and secrets, by holding them under the eaves until the water ran in at the neck and out at the heels.

## INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS FOR ACACIA CREEK

In order to better serve our members and their families, The Masonic Homes of California is planning to expand the retirement services we offer by building additional senior-living accommodations and amenities on our Union City and Covina campuses. After much discussion, we have named these proposed new communities Acacia Creek, Masonic Senior Living at Union City; and Acacia Creek, Masonic Senior Living at Covina.

Both Acacia Creek campuses will allow the fraternal family in California to enjoy each day to the fullest. There will be brand-new, spacious residences, fine amenities, and convenient services – all right on campus. To learn all about these communities, please visit our new website at [www.acaciacreek.org](http://www.acaciacreek.org).

At this time, we are conducting informational sessions and accepting \$1000 Founder deposits. Listed below you will find the dates/times/locations in September for a series of information sessions being planned across the state. We hope you can attend one of these sessions and that you encourage your members and widows to participate as well. If you have any questions about these informational sessions or the Acacia Creek developments, please contact us by e-mail at [seniorhousing@mhcuc.org](mailto:seniorhousing@mhcuc.org) or by telephone:

For Northern California – please call (888) 553-7555

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm  
Salinas Lodge No. 204 - 48 E San Joaquin Street - Salinas, CA 93901

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am and 1:00 pm  
Burlingame Lodge No. 400 – 145 Park Rd - Burlingame, CA 94010

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am and 2:00 pm  
Masonic Homes – Siminoff Chapel – 34400 Mission Blvd - Union City, CA

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am and 1:00 pm  
Yount Lodge No. 12 – 4125 Solano Avenue - Napa, CA 94558

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am and 2:00 pm  
Orinda Lodge No. 122 – 9 Altarinda Rd – Orinda, CA 94563

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday To:

#### Members & Candidates

Alvin H. Groeper, P.M.	01
Justin D. Stimson	02
Rudolph A. Mohr	03
Frank J. Pagano	04
Dennis A. Mann	07
Sam J. Hannon	07
Robert Menzies, Jr.	08
Frank R. Savattere	11
Edmond M. Lim, P.M.	12
Thomas B. Laird	12
Douglas G. Hively, P.M.	14
Donald G. Nelson	14
Harry O. Roberts	16
G. William Filley	16
Eddie J. Adams	16
Craig A. Holm, P.M.	17
Johnny Kwong	18
Robert C. Banzet	19
Norman S. Nelson	19
Harold R. Christensen, P.M.	20
Ray E. Graham	21
C. "Rick" Howle, Jr.	21
William T. Ames	21
James M. Robertson III, P.M.	21
Andrew J. Makin, P.M.	21
Paul F. Engler	23
Clarence O. Cortopassi	23
David L. Thomson	26
Adolph B. Fraysher	27
Hans J. Rudolph	28
Cameron G. Loughlin	28

## **Sweethearts**

Lou Propert	01
Dawn R. Donnellan	03
Teresa L. Cunningham	11
Maria C. Duran Marihugh	16
Beatrice Nelson	23

## **Wives**

Annette Lim	06
Arletta L. Semes	07
Adelle Riese	10
Betty D. Bartleson	12
Linda Dyson Weaver	13
Esther Kabakchi	14
Gabrielle Modolo	15
Ginger Rowlands	16
Jeannie Lutticken	16
Mendota J. Szakal	17
Coleman Ayle	19
Alyce A. Pagano	20
Jean Dominey	20
Diane Larson	21
Jeanie Loui	22
Margie Ross	26
Julitte Manneh	27

## THE SACRED ROLL

We have been notified of the following death:

Brother : John Rudolph Hermann Jr.  
Born : November 6, 1918  
Initiated : January 15, 1940  
Passed : February 12, 1940  
Raised : April 29, 1940  
Entered into Rest : August 5, 2006  
Worshipful Master : 1952  
Masonic Services : August 11, 2006

*Almighty Father, Unto Thy Hands  
We commend The Soul of Our Departed Brother.  
Amen*

## FROM THE SECRETARY

At the June 6, 2006 Stated Meeting, the members of California Lodge No. 1 in good-standing voted in increase the annual dues from \$24.00 per year to \$29.00 effective January 1, 2007. Life Memberships are available prior to the increase on January 1<sup>st</sup>. They are calculated according to a member's age. Call the Lodge Office to find out what it would be for you.

Please plan to attend the upcoming Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge and Installation of Officers.

Congratulations to "Bus" Orear Jr., P.M. who received his 50-year pin and certificate from our District Inspector.

## SUNSHINE

Brother Jack Gardner is at home resting after surgery. George Frank, P.M. also had surgery and is at home resting.

"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:

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GOLDEN VETERANS AWARD  
JAMES LUDLOW PM  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2008