

CALIFORNIA LODGE NO.1
May - June, 2008

1185 VICENTE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO - 94116
MEETINGS: 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. (followed by Treats)
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 347, PACIFICA - 94044-0347

Noble Grand - Tony Vicino
(650) 952-3832

Vice Grand - Michael James
(510) 744-1398

Treasurer - Dennis Milton
(650) 359-4062

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(650) 342-7188

Secretary - Susan Texeira
(510) 471-6958

D.D.G.M. - Dell Conlan
2466 30th Avenue, SF (415)664-4627

* **MEETINGS AND TREATS SCHEDULE:**

Tuesday, May 6 - Frank Lagomarsino

Tuesday, May 20 - NO MEETING (GRAND LODGE) - - - - -DARK NIGHT - PLEASE NOTE

Tuesday, June 3 - Sue, Steve & Eric Graham

Tuesday, June 17 - Rafael & Virginia Huerta

SPECIAL NOTE: Thanks to Ryan Schroeder on his first Treats - he came equipped with Starbucks espresso makers, which everybody REALLY enjoyed, followed by Chinese food.

TREATS RESPONSIBILITY

Each meeting we bring wonderful treats to our lodge. Anyone doing this realizes it is a LOT of work! Most of us just do it once a year, so it maybe hard to remember what is required. Following is a checklist to help when you are bringing treats:

- 1) Sign up with Mike James - 744-1398 to arrange to bring treats
- 2) The treats limit is \$150.00, excluding drinks and paper products. They are already at the Lodge.
- 3) Arrive at the hall by 7:00pm, and arrange access by getting the lodge key from any of our five elected officers (see list at top of newsletter)
- 4) Make sure you know the combinations to the locks upstairs. Elected officers have combinations.
- 5) You will probably miss the meeting the night you have treats. If you need to report on something, get a helper.
- 6) When the treats are complete, you must clean up the hall. Along with help from the other members, make sure that the tables and chairs are put back.
- 7) You must lock all the cabinets upstairs as well as the hall when you are exiting the building.

▪ **ATTENDANCE AND RAFFLE WINNERS:**

As an incentive to those who attend meetings, there is a name drawn at each meeting, and the winner receives a prize

March 4th - 22 members present, 1 guest from Sweden

March 18th - 27 members present, 1 guest - Dell Conlan

April 1st - 22 members present

April 15th - 30 members present

RAFFLE WINNER: George Guerra

RAFFLE WINNER: Jan Reggiardo

RAFFLE WINNER: Dennis Carrey

RAFFLE WINNER: Dutch Vogel

* **HALL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2008:**

John Fraher, Dennis Milton, Jerry Nunes, Jim Reggiardo AND Ed Schneider

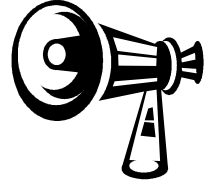
Board of Directors Meetings for 2008:

Tuesday, June 24th, 2008

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2008

Tuesday, December 23rd, 2008

The meeting will start at 7:00pm at Round Table Pizza at 1304 West Hillsdale Blvd in San Mateo. Pizza and drinks will be provided. **Come and have your opinion heard!!**



3 YEAR DIRECTORS

- - Mike James, Vice Grand
- - Jenny Dadoun
- - Terry Giannini

2 YEAR DIRECTORS

- - Tony Vicino, Noble Grand
- - Mike Ballard
- - Tom Manini

1 YEAR DIRECTORS

- - Frank Lagomarsino J.P.G.
- - Julie Ballard
- Jerry Nunes



GRAND LODGE MEETING – MAY 21ST – 24TH

The Annual Grand Lodge meeting is being held from Wednesday, May 21st through Saturday, May 24th in Modesto. Lodging will be at the Doubletree Inn. At the meeting of February 19th, several third degree members and past Noble Grands were elected to represent our Lodge, they are as follows:

Representatives elected:

Walt Ballard
Ronald Carrey
John Fraher
Frank Lagomarsino

Ray Link
Tom Manini
Dennis Milton
Jim Reggiardo
Mike Ballard

Third Degrees elected:

Julie Ballard
Dennis Carrey
Carol Fraher
Carolyn Milton
Jan Reggiardo

Ed Schneider
Sue Texeira
Tom Texiera
Tony Vicino



INITIATION & CONFERRING OF DEGREES

- ☞ **Third Degree – May 14th**
- ☞ **Initiatory Degree – June 11th**
- ☞ **First Degree – July 9th**

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

All degrees are performed at Apollo Lodge No. 123. To receive a degree the applicant and their sponsor should be at the lodge no later than 7:00pm with a letter from our lodge secretary, Sue Texeira stating their intent to receive their degree. (Dates subject to change without notice)

There are applications from the following candidates awaiting initiation:

CANDIDATE:

Christine Bradley
Dan Callaghan
Cyra Cowan
Stacy Fell
Mike Lewis
Marcella McGinley
Michael Mendelson
Manny Montoya

SPONSOR:

John Fraher
Mike Ditlevson
Donna Vogel
Gundy Fell
Mike Ditlevson
Shawna Fraher
Colleen Milton
Mike Ditlevson

CANDIDATE:

Michael Mendelson
Manny Montoya
Vince Smith
Collin Trola
Jessica Wallenius
Mary Welborn
Shuia Zerbib

SPONSOR:

Colleen Milton
Mike Ditlevson
John Fraher
John Fraher
Donna Hansen
Ray Zerbib

UPCOMING LODGE

Annual summer picnic

Okay ALL Lodge members, friends, and family, come out and join California Lodge No #1 for their annual summer picnic to be held Sunday, July 27th at Beresford Park in San Mateo at 699 Parkside Way on the Alameda de las Pulgas. There will be bocce, old-fashioned games (egg toss, three-legged race, spoon races) bingo and there's a great playground for the kids. Picnic will begin at 10:30, with lunch served at noon. If there are questions, call Julie Ballard at (510)471-6019. Watch for the sign-up flyer in the July/August newsletter



CALLING ALL FISHERMAN

Carl Steder, along with Vice Grand, Mike James will be working with Captain Joe, (a long time lodge member) to get a rock fishing trip going on his boat out of Fisherman's Wharf in S.F. Not sure of a date yet, but keep this in mind. It's been a few years since the lodge went out on the bay, but this should one REALLY fun trip!

HEY LODGE GOLFERS – Mark your calendar for this year's golf tournament to be held Saturday, August 23rd at Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino – yes you heard it right! Golfers will tee off at high noon (12:00). Chairman for this event will be Mike Ditlevson. If you need info or have questions he can be reached at either (415) 559-1900 OR (650) 400-3926. Please see flyer in July/August newsletter for information. There will be dinner following golf, at a location nearby.



HEY LODGE BOWLERS – If you haven't already done so, get signed up for the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament being held on Sunday, May 18th starting at 12:00 to be held at Brentwood Bowl in South San Francisco. Enthusiastic Lodges from all over Northern California have been invited! The event Chairman(s) are: Mike Kessler and Steve Graham. Their committee have promised a day filled with bowling, food, drinks, raffle prizes and FUN! Chuck Larson is handling all the donated prizes for the raffle. Teresa Goodnal is taking care of Public Relations and Mailing. The event is also supported by Terry Giannini, Charity Committee Chairman, and Mike James, our Vice Grand. Please see the enclosed flyer and sign up before May 9th, 2008.

3rd ANNUAL YOUTH NIGHT – Tuesday, July 15th. This will be an open meeting where California Lodge No. 1 has invited Juniors and Theta Rho clubs from Northern California to speak during the Good of the Order. There will be dinner to follow.

GILROY CHILDREN'S HOME Speaker, Eleanor Villarreal, Public Relations Chairperson, has been invited to an open meeting on Tuesday, September 16th, along with various Director's from the home as well as visitors from District No. 1 to speak about the Home. We look forward to her visit.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT PATRIARCH Peter Sellers will be at our lodge meeting on Tuesday, October 21st. He will share some insight into the other degrees of the order; the Rebekah Degree, and Encampment or Patriarchal degrees, which teach sublime (grand, exalted) and useful lessons. This is your chance to step up to the next level of Odd Fellowship. Come and join us for this presentation.

UPDATE ON PAST LODGE

1) Three degree day held at Santa Rosa Lodge on February 23rd.

The day started with refreshments, with the First Degree work being held. After lunch, The members worked on their Second degree, and finally towards the end of the day, their degree was completed. California Lodge No. 1 would like to congratulate Erik Guerra, on his work and dedication in achieving all three degrees that day!

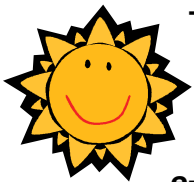
2) On Saturday, March 2nd, those lodge members who so kindly provided treats at a lodge meeting in 2007, were treated to a fantastic day at the movies – We journeyed to Palo Alto to the Stanford Theater, where we thoroughly enjoyed Hitchcock's "Rear Window". After the movies we strolled over to Bucca di Beppo and had a yummy "all-you-could" eat dinner, and eat we did! It was loud, crazy and DELICIOUS!

3) On Saturday, March 15th John and Carol Fraher graciously opened their house for a celebration of St. Patrick's Day. There were probably about 60 -75 people who showed up for the dancing of the jigs (only if you'd had a little too much whiskey!), a bit of the blarney (there's also a lot of that going around), and a great time with our fellow Lodge members where we thoroughly enjoyed the three different kinds of corned beef that Carol had cooked, in addition to many other goodies that rounded out the dinner. Many thanks to the Fraher Family, including Shawna and Heather, who put a lot of work and effort into making this evening a real special treat.

4) We will report in the July-August newsletter about the upcoming:

- ♥ San Jose Giants game being held on Sunday, April 27th –
- ♥ AND the Celebrity Golf Tournament being held Friday, May 2nd for the Rebekah Children's Services down in Gilroy
- ♥ AND the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament being held Sunday, May 18th at Brentwood Bowl in South San Francisco.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



TO ALL OUR MEMBERS: This year we have started a "Sunshine Committee" to send out get well/thinking of you and sympathy cards to our members in distress. If you know of any lodge member who has been ill or has lost a loved one, please let us know as the Lodge would like to send a card to them. You may either call or e-mail your news to: Sunshine Committee Chairman, Tula Bologna at (707) 585-8966, e-mail to TulaBologna@aol.com; Lodge Secretary, Susan Texeira at (510) 471-6958, e-mail to: susantexeira@sbcglobal.net or Carol Fraher at (650) 342-7188 or e-mail at carolfraher@netscape.net.

In a report received from the Sunshine Chairman, cards were sent to the following:

Frank Lagomarsino & family AND Tom Manini, Jan Reggiardo & Maureen Nunes and families
In the loss of their moms

2008 DUES ARE DUE!!

If you have not paid your 2008 dues, they are now WAY past due. Please drop your check in the mail to P.O. Box 347, Pacifica, CA 94044

Name: _____

Address: _____

Highest Degree: _____

Phone #: _____

E:mail address: _____

PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WHEN SENDING IN YOUR DUES!!

"Dues are not tax deductible" By-laws, article VI, Section 3: "Failure to pay dues within ninety (90) days will result in suspension of active membership."



RURAL PEARLS FROM THE SENIOR EDITOR

Tearing down another man's house doesn't make mine any bigger – treat each other with kindness and don't say mean things about them

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way

In all things, it is better to hope than to despair

Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly

No man ever injured his eyesight by looking on the bright side



TO GO GREEN (In honor of Earth Day, April 22nd)

To make your own liquid soap, shred a 3.5 oz bar of soap and place it in a 2-quart bowl with 3 cups of water. Microwave on high, stirring every 2 minutes, until the soap dissolves (about 6 minutes). Let the mixture stand till cool, This makes 3 cups of liquid soap for your dispensers.

REPRINTED FROM THE: Calaveras County Activities Guide

E. Clampus Vitus – History, humor and helping hand come together in the form of an ancient Order unique to the Sierras "In the Gold Rush days of the mid-nineteenth century, thousands of mining camps and towns sprung up throughout the Sierra Nevada mountain range. If gold was found nearby, a new town would rise up overnight. A miner's life was rugged, dangerous and often short, and for many a nomadic existence moving from one location to another in search of that precious yellow metal. For all but a few, their arduous labor produced scant reward.

In 1850, both the Masonic Lodge and the **Odd Fellows** were well established in California. These fraternal organizations were groups of men of influence whose meetings required formal attire and provided little humor or relief from a day's hard labor. In 1851, a group of men in Mokelumne Hill felt that another, less serious organization was needed and thus began "The Ancient and Honorable Order of E. Clampus Vitus" with an avowed dedication to the protection of "Widows and Orphans" in the West.

Originally the order was a bit of a spoof, but soon grew like wildfire as chapters spring up in nearly every mining community. Clampers banded together, supporting each other and caring for the families of killed and injured miners. E. Clampus Vitus became a respected and honored men-only organization, and yet enjoyed a well deserved reputation as hard drinking pranksters.

Modern day Clampers are dedicated to preserving western and mining history and have erected hundreds of historical markers and plaques to commemorate sites, people and events that played a role in their western heritage.

PER CAPITA TAX followup

Submitted by Ron Carrey

We have completed our per capita tax report for December 31st, 2007. Unfortunately many members had to be dropped, as we have not been able to contact them. **When you move, please notify the Lodge so that we can forward your newsletter and your dues statement.** Don't lose your valuable membership in the Lodge – **WE NEED YOU!** If you would like a copy of the lodge roster, contact the Lodge Secretary, Susan Texeira.

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REMINDER: For an article to be included in the next month's newsletter, please have it to the Senior Editor by the 2nd meeting of the month.