



CALIFORNIA LODGE NO.1
January- February, 2008

1185 VICENTE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO – 94116
MEETINGS: 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. (followed by Treats)
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Noble Grand – Tony Vicino
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Vice Grand – Michael James
(510) 744-1398

Treasurer – Dennis Milton
(650) 359-4062

Financial Secretary – John Fraher
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Secretary – Susan Texeira
(510) 471-6958

D.D.G.M. – Dell Conlan
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*** MEETINGS AND TREATS SCHEDULE:**

Tuesday, January 15th – Julie & Meghan Ballard
Tuesday, February 5th – Check with Mike James
Tuesday, February 19th – Check with Mike James
PLEASE NOTE: There will be no meeting on Tuesday, January 1st, 2008 as it is New Years Day!

A very special thank you to Armand and Jenny Dadouh who provided treats at the December 4th meeting – they were outstanding! Along with the dinner, they also made DVD copies for all, showcasing the Mystery Trip that the lodge took on November 17th.

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 \$125.00, 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:**

November 6th – 35 members present
RAFFLE WINNER: No raffle held

November 20th – 18 members present
RAFFLE WINNER: Walt Ballard

December 4th – 21 members present
RAFFLE WINNER: Ronald Carrey

December 18th – 39 members
RAFFLE WINNER: Heather Fraher

Board of Directors Meetings for 2008:

- **March 25th, 2008**
- **June 24th, 2008**
- **September 23rd, 2008**
- **December 23rd, 2008**

All members are welcome to attend. The meetings are held at 7:00p.m. at the Round Table Pizza, located at 1304 West Hillsdale Blvd in the Laurelwood Shopping Center in San Mateo. Pizza and drinks are 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

*** HALL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2007:**

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

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

2008 INSTALLATION/ROLL CALL DINNER



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12,
2008

(SEE FLYER FOLLOWING IN
NEWSLETTER)

“NO-HOST” COCKTAILS BEGINNING AT 6:00 TO
BE FOLLOWED BY INSTALLATION OF THE 2008
OFFICERS, ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS, DINNER
AND DANCING TILL 11:00.

PLACE: FOSTER CITY CROWN PLAZA
ROOMS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR
OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS.

Social Visit – Rebekah Assembly President

AT OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED LODGE MEETING
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH, WE WILL BE HOSTING
A VISIT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REBEKAH
ASSEMBLY, RUTH MORGAN. RUTH WILL SHARE
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REBEKAHS AS WELL AS HER
STATE PROJECTS. HER PROJECTS ARE: THE
CHILDREN’S HOME, TRANSITIONAL AGING FOR
YOUTH, CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME, COMMUNITY
SERVICE, THREE LINKS CAMP AND THE GENERAL
FUND. THIS WILL BE AN OPEN MEETING WITH NO
SECRET WORK, AS RUTH IS NOT YET AN ODD
FELLOW.

San Jose Giants Game

SEE FLYER IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR THE
UPCOMING SAN JOSE GIANTS GAME ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH. THERE WILL BE A BAR-B-
QUE OFFERED INSIDE THE PARK PRIOR TO THE
GAME, WHICH STARTS AT 2:00PM. COST TO
MEMBERS IS ONLY \$10.00. THANKS TO JOE
AND VICKY VALENTE AND RICK AND SUE
TROIA FOR PLANNING THIS EVENT

Follow-up to LODGE EVENTS

ANNUAL MYSTERY TRIP

Our lodge had the best turn-out ever for the annual
mystery trip organized by the capable hands of
Dennis and Carol Milton, and Carol and John Fraher.
There were so many members who wanted to go that
we had TWO buses for this event. The theme of the
day’s event was “Taste of San Francisco” We started
out by visiting the Mission district. The busses let us

(Mystery trip continued)

out at the end of an alley which had the most
beautiful and interesting murals painted on the walls.
When we reached our destination at the end of the
alley, we were treated to flautas and churros. As we
made our way further into the city, our next stop was
the “Cable Car Museum and Barn” For many of us
who have lived in this area all our lives, we knew
nothing of these different locales. The Cable Car
Barn was so interesting, wish we had more time to
look around! We drove through neighborhoods and
were able to see “The Painted Ladies” which are the
beautifully painted Victorian Houses. We made a
stop and had Irish Coffee, with the real stuff in it. On
we drove, ending up at the Fisherman’s Wharf area, a
true tourist stop. Our destination this time was the
Musee Mechanique at Pier 45, previously housed at
the Cliff House. We put our quarters in and watched
in delight at the old-time machines. As we boarded
our busses we were once again treated to a San
Francisco tradition of Shrimp Cocktails. As we
headed back to our cars and the end of a wonderful
day, the enterprising planners of our event had
capped off the evening with a visit to a local Chinese
restaurant in Brisbane who had a tasty buffet waiting
for us. Thank you so much to Carol and Dennis, and
John and Carol for organizing such a fantastic day!
Everyone had a great time!

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, OUR
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, DELL
CONLAN, HOSTED A SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION
AT OUR TEMPLE ON 7TH STREET. THE
CONFERENCE STARTED AT 9:30AM AND
CONTINUED THROUGH 12:30PM. THE
CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON THE 3RD FLOOR.
THIS EVENT WAS OPEN TO ALL DISTRICT ONE
MEMBERS. AFTERWARDS THERE WAS AN
INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON ON THE 2ND
FLOOR WHICH STARTED AT 12:30 AND
CONTINUED ON THROUGH TILL 2:30, THIS WAS
FREE TO ALL DISTRICT ONE MEMBERS. RON
CARREY REPORTED ON THE EVENT

ANNUAL LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

HATS OFF TO ANOTHER COUPLE WHO SET THE
STANDARD FOR PLANNING AND EXECUTING A
FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS PARTY: TAMMY AND
TOM MANINI, ASSISTED BY JAN AND JIM
REGGIARDO. ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH,
THE ANNUAL PARTY WAS HELD AT THE SAN
MATEO ELKS LODGE AND ATTENDED BY 106
MEMBERS, GUESTS AND FAMILY. AS ALWAYS
THE BUFFET WAS WONDERFUL, FOLLOWED BY

(CHRISTMAS PARTY FOLLOW-UP CONT)
 A VISIT BY SANTA CLAUS AND HIS LOVELY ASSISTANT, MRS. CLAUS!! THE KIDS CLAMORED AROUND THE BIG GUY TO RECEIVE THEIR PRESENTS AND HAVE THEIR PICTURE TAKEN WITH HIM. THERE WAS WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY THE EL CAMINO JAZZ BAND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF RAY GALELA.

UPCOMING CHARITY EVENTS



To be held on Friday, May 2nd, all you golfers OR wanna be golfers, sign up for the annual Rebekah Children's Services Celebrity Golf Tournament to be held at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Gilroy. The price per golfer is \$200, which includes the following: green fees, golf shirt, BBQ lunch, tee bag, cart, refreshments, concluding with dinner and door prizes. For information, you can contact either Eleanor Villareal at 408 846-2142 OR Lou Woods at 4078 741-8887 to sign-up. DEADLINE for sign ups is Tuesday, April 15 at the regularly scheduled lodge meeting. The Lodge will sponsor half the cost of the event (for California Lodge members only.).



INITIATION & CONFERRING OF DEGREES

On Tuesday, December 18th, our Lodge did an initiatory degree for eight candidates. The following are new members of Lodge No. 1:

Meghan Ballard
 Erik Guerra
 Erin Guerrero
 Ryan Schroeder
 Terri Stevenson
 Katie Uhrle
 Mark Uhrle
 Kinsten Valente

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT MEETINGS AND EVENTS IN 2008!

Three Degree day: For those candidates that have just received their initiatory degree or for anyone who would like to do their degrees all in one day, then this event is for you! Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 23rd starting at 10:15 with coffee and donuts, hosted by Santa Rosa Lodge #53. Right after refreshments, the first degree will begin. We will then break for lunch, provided

by the lodge. We will reconvene for the 2nd degree, have a break, and lastly conclude the day with our third degree work. Plan on having a celebratory dinner afterwards. If you are interested contact your sponsor OR Sue Texeira, Lodge Secretary, to sign up for this fantastic day.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 07-08

- Grand Master, Glenn Bailey #345
- Deputy Grand Master, Barry Prock #63
- Grand Warden, Paul Kramer #70
- Grand Secretary, Gerald Poarch #29
- Grand Treasurer, George Hannaford #63

November 6th, 2007 – Lodge meeting:
Grand Master visit with Glenn Bailey – there were 35 members and friends in attendance to welcome Glenn Bailey to our lodge. Glenn presented the "Grand Maters" award to our member, Carol Fraher, for her outstanding job on publishing the "California Odd Fellow and Rebekah magazine. The lodge donated \$250 to Glenn's projects.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

- California Barbeque Committee – Leonard Vogel
- Long Range Planning – Ron Carrey

THE NEW "PER CAPITA TAX"

Our Grand Lodge met in May in Modesto. They set our new per capita tax for 2007 -2008 at \$34.70. Our by-laws call for our dues to be \$5.00 more than the per capita tax, rounded off to the nearest dollars. **Our January 2008 dues will be \$35.00.**

DISTRICT DEPUTY, 2007 – 2008

Our new District Deputy for District No. 1, San Francisco, is **Dell Conlan** from Apollo Lodge No. 123. Dell completed her District Deputy training in Modesto and received a "certificate of proficiency" on her examination. Only 5 District Deputies qualified for that honor! She will be scheduling her social and official visits with our lodge. **WELCOME DELL!**

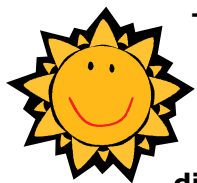
The new elected officers for 2008 are:

Noble Grand: Tony Vicino
 Vice Grand: Mike James
 Secretary: Sue Texeira

Financial Secretary: John Fraher
 Treasurer: Dennis Milton

Directors: Jenny Dadoun and Terry Giannini
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FOR TAKING ON THESE POSITIONS!

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: Texeira@email.msn.com or Carol Fraher at (650) 342-7188 or e-mail at carolfraher@netscape.net.



LODGE MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK AND IN DISTRESS:

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

- 1) Leonard Bologna – had appendix surgery. At that time was discovered to have cancer in his left kidney, and will have surgery on January 23rd.
- 2) Lodge #1 extends its sympathy to the family of Rose Fraher, who passed on December 19th. She will be missed by all!!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2007

In 2006 California Lodge No. 1 reached a membership goal of 300+. Only one other lodge in California has attained this goal. In 2000 our Sovereign Grand Lodge gave us the opportunity to recruit women into the order. Presently our lodge has a membership of 68 women, 39 of which are wives of our members. Many of our adult children have also joined the Lodge.

When we have a new member join we are fortunate in that our Mission Street Trust gives us a dividend for each new member. This dividend helps us carry on our social and charitable programs each year. The Sovereign Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge of California also benefit from our membership program by receiving more per capita taxes. We invite each husband or wife, who is not a member, to join this year. If you attend lodge activities, you will be part of the camaraderie and friendship, please consider this an invitation to join and support California Lodge No. 1:

The requirements are:

- ✓ You must be 18 years of age
- ✓ You must believe in a supreme being, creator and preserver of the universe
- ✓ You must be loyal to your country
- ✓ You must be of good moral character

There is an application fee of \$75.00, and this fee covers your first year dues and your four degrees.

EVENTS PRICING FOR 2007

This past year, our Board of Directors and lodge, voted on a new three tier pricing policy for events. The motion states "that there would be a standard pricing of \$10 for members, \$15 for members guest (significant other/date/whatever) and nonmembers guest would pay the full estimated price of the event. All children (under the age of 18; therefore not eligible for membership) would be \$5.00". Variations from this motion, must be approved by the lodge, so expensive events don't go over budget. If the lodge has a special event to bring out potential members, we can modify the pricing accordingly.

2007 DUES ARE DUE

If you have not paid your 2007 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: _____

"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."

BY LAWS REVIEW

The Grand Lodge of California has requested that our lodges update their by-laws, and would like them to conform to model by-laws issued by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. A committee was formed, headed by Ron Carrey, and assisted by Carolyn Milton and Julie Ballard. The first reading took place at our meeting on July 3rd, a second reading took place on September 4th, and the final reading and vote was taken on October 2nd. Ron, Committee Chairman, sent them off for approval on October 3rd. We wait for the final results! **Note: The results of the by-laws were received back from Grand Lodge by brother, Ron Carrey, in late December. The results will be printed in the February/March newsletter.**

RURAL PEARLS FROM THE NEWS EDITOR'S DESK:

- ☉ Don't lose your temper, no one else wants it!
- ☉ The best vision is not foresight or hindsight, but insight.
- ☉ Be aware that it's possible to have more with less.
- ☉ No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted
-Aesop
- ☉ Beauty of the shadow of God in the universe
- ☉ No man ever injured his eyesight by looking on the bright side.
- ☉ No matter what your lot in life, build something on it.

➤ **NEWSLETTER STAFF:**

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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.