

CALIFORNIA LODGE NO.1

January - February, 2009

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 – Michael James (510) 744-1398	Vice Grand – Julie Ballard (510) 471-6019	Treasurer – Dennis Milton (650) 359-4062
Financial Secretary – John Fraher (650) 342-7188	Secretary – Jenny Dadoun (650) 589-1733	D.D.G.M. – Dell Conlan 2466 30 th Avenue, SF (415)664-4627

*** MEETINGS AND TREATS SCHEDULE:**

- Tuesday, January 6th – Walt & Julie Ballard
- Tuesday, January 20th – Sue & Tom Texeira
- Tuesday, February 3rd – Carl & Mercedes Steder
- Tuesday, February 17th – NEED VOLUNTEER

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 Julie Ballard – (510) 471-6019 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

November 4th –	23 members present	RAFFLE WINNER:	Julie Ballard
November 18th –	20 members present	RAFFLE WINNER:	?????
December 2nd -	26 members present	RAFFLE WINNER:	No raffle held, degree night
December 16th -	27 members present	RAFFLE WINNER:	?????

Upcoming Board of Director’s Meetings for 2009:

The meeting(s) 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!!***

March 31, 2009	June 30, 2009	September 29, 2009	December 29, 2009
<u>3-Year Directors</u>	<u>2- Year Directors</u>		<u>1-Year Directors</u>
-- Julie Ballard, V.G.	-- Mike James, N.G.		-- Armand Dadoun
-- Keith Fitzpatrick	-- Jenny Dadoun		-- Jim Reggiardo
-- Carolyn Milton	-- Terry Giannini		-- Tom Manini



2009 INITIATION & CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dates are subject to change without notice. To receive a degree, arrive at Apollo Lodge by 7:00p.m. A letter is required from your lodge – please contact Secretary, Jenny Dadoun.
Tentative dates for 2009 scheduled at Apollo Lodge No. 123 are as follows:

February 11,2009 – Initiatory degree
March 11, 2009 – First degree
April 8, 2009 – Second Degree
May 13, 2009 – Third degree

There are applications from the following candidates awaiting initiation:

CANDIDATE:	SPONSOR:	CANDIDATE:	SPONSOR:
Christine Bradley	John Fraher	Steve Hauschildt	Mike Ditlevson
Dan Callaghan	Mike Ditlevson	Marcus Kessler	Steve Graham
Cyra Cowan	Donna Vogel	Mike Lewis	Mike Ditlevson
Marcella McGinley	Shawna Fraher	Manny Montoya	Mike Ditlevson
Vince Smith	Mike Ditlevson	Brad Trola	Rick Trola
Collin Troia	John Fraher	Jessica Wallenius	John Fraher
Shula Zerblb	Ray Zerblb		

THREE DEGREE DAY

ATTENTION ALL: Coming up on Saturday, February 7th, 2009 there will be a **THREE-DEGREE DAY** at Santa Rosa Lodge No. 53. The Lodge will confer the First, Second, and Third degree to any member that wants to receive these degrees. The day will start at 10:00a.m. with coffee and treats with the First degree beginning at 10:45. At 12:15 there will be lunch provided by Santa Rosa lodge consisting of cold cuts and salad. Second degree work will continue at 1:30, followed by the Third Degree at 2:45p.m. The times may change somewhat to accommodate the situation on that day. All lodges wishing to send members to this degree are asked to contact Santa Rosa Lodge no later than January 24 either by mail at: 545 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 or by phone at (707) 539-0213 OR (707) 546-1591. Any other members that would like to attend as a spectator are also welcome. Please note: Any California Lodge No. 1 members wishing to attend the Three Degree day, please contact Ron Carrey at (707) 526-4476, and provide your name, phone #, and what degree you wish to attend.

☞ **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CALIFORNIA LODGE NO. 1 MEMBERS WHO ATTAINED THEIR**

INITIATORY DEGREE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND:

STACEY FEIL
RICK GABLE
GLORIA PACELLA
KATHLEEN SCARABOSIO
MARY WELBORN

☞ **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2009:**

NOBLE GRAND: MIKE JAMES
VICE GRAND: JULIE BALLARD
SECRETARY: JENNY DADOUN
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: JOHN FRAHER
TREASURER: DENNIS MILTON
3 YEAR DIRECTOR: KEITH FITZPATRICK
3 YEAR DIRECTOR: CAROLYN MILTON
1 YEAR DIRECTOR: JIM REGGIARDO (REPLACING MIKE BALLARD)
1 YEAR DIRECTOR: ARMAND DADOUN (REPLACING TONY VICINO)

UPCOMING LODGE



INSTALLATION DINNER: Saturday, January 10th, 2009 at beautiful Scott's Seafood Restaurant, Located at 2 Broadway, Oakland, at Jack London Square. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter. No-host cocktails begin at 5:00, roll call at 6:00, and dinner to follow at 7:00. There are hotels in the area if you'd like to stay the night.

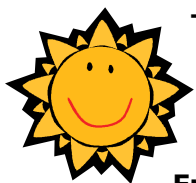
TREATS "THANK-YOU EVENT": For those members who provided treats at our bi-monthly meetings please hold open Sunday, February 8th, 2009 on your calendar for a luncheon at Café Cacao – 914 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, beginning at: 12:00p.m. followed by a tour at the Scharffenberge Chocolate Factory, right next door. Invitations were either handed at the last two meetings of the year, or will be mailed to your home the 1st week of January. Any questions please contact Julie Ballard at (510) 471-6019.

GRAND MASTER VISIT – Grand Master, Barry Prock, will have his official visit to District No. 1 on February 26th, 2009. He will be visiting Yerba Buena Lodge No. 15.

RUN WILD FOR A CHILD – November 30th, 2008 (As reported by John Fraher, participant)

The team from California Lodge No. 1 arrived at the Western End of Golden Gate Park looking for a possible parking space, for they remembered the Bay-To Breakers experience and believed parking would be scarce. Though it was 7:00 AM, very chilly yet beautiful blue skies, doughnuts still sitting in all of our stomachs, coffee in hand, we ventured what was thought to be a short walk to the starting line. After each turn we walked, laughter started to diminish, and anger started to set in on why John Fraher parked so, so far away (if I only had more doughnuts to give out!). By the time we entered the area of the Academy of Science, it was 8:20 (An hour and 20 minutes later from arriving at the park). Carol Fraher noticed some individuals practicing a rare form of Tai Chi with long swords, and was inquiring if she could borrow one for a split second (this is where F.L.&T. ended). We arrived at the starting line, already sweating, but ready to go. Some crazy person from a radio station tried to get us to warm up by doing stretching. This did not go over well, nor was his commands followed. The gun sounded and we were off! Down the panhandle of the park on the North Side, past many gorgeous Victorians, chatting with fellow participants and returning on the other side of the park. It was at this time the younger members of the lodge started to gain a lead on the older members and, though not certain, it was believed Carol stopped thinking about the sword. Less than an hour from hearing the gun go off, we crossed the finish line. All in all, the San Francisco Fire Department raised a lot of money and new toys to be given out on Christmas Day to those less fortunate than us. The lodge wasn't involved financially on this event this year, but maybe next year the Charity Committee would reconsider putting this 10K run/walk on their list. When at last we returned to our cars, we felt a feeling of warmth knowing others would benefit from our involvement.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



TO ALL OUR MEMBERS: If you know of any lodge member who has been ill, has lost a loved one or may need a reminder that we are thinking about them, 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, Jenny Dadoun at (650) 589-1733, or to Carol Fraher at (650) 342-7188 or e-mail at carolfraher@netscape.net.

Follow-up on recent events

Lodge Meeting at Encampment Hall:

Our lodge meeting of November 18th was held at our Lodge on 7th Street. There were 20 members present, including two guests. Many of our members had never attended a meeting at our Encampment Hall. We will schedule another meeting during the 2009 year as well. Ron, Dennis and Nancy Carrey provided treats, and we thank them profusely as it is quite a job to get the treats from the parking garage up to the 6th floor!

Christmas Party – 2008

Despite a slow sign-up, the Lodge's Annual Christmas party was an unqualified success due to the hard work and diligence of Tom and Tammy Manini. There were close to 100 people in attendance despite the later starting time. The San Mateo Elks Lodge along with California Catering always provide a delicious meal, thank you Tim! Santa and Mrs. Claus made their appearance, much to the delight of 20 or so very happy children. They handed out gifts to the younguns, who were overjoyed. Families got to take pictures with Santa, a long standing tradition. The Lodge members also came through for Terry Giannini and the South San Francisco Boys and Girls Club. Gifts were donated, by the lodge members, to children who are disadvantaged. We picked names a few weeks earlier, so that we could shop according to our child's age. As always, THANKS SO MUCH TO TOM AND TAMMY MANINI!

BIG REMINDER! Make note that as of the January/February 2009 newsletter, we will be going electronic! We are entering a modern age, and the newsletter will be sent to all members on-line. Our website can be accessed at: <http://www.ioofcal1.com> Our webmaster is: Frank Lagomarsino, and he can be reached at (650) 589-5087 or at: 176 Romney Avenue, South San Francisco, 94080 to ensure that your name is added to the list. At this point, we have about 60 members who receive their bi-monthly edition this way.

Every other month hard copies are sent to over 260 members at a cost to the lodge of \$250 to \$300. For over 15 years Dennis Carrey has folded, stamped and mailed these. He has announced his retirement as of January 1, 2009. The lodge thanks him for all the time and hard work he has put in taking care of this task!!

Please note that if you do not have a computer or access to e-mail, a limited number of newsletter will still be mailed to our members, and those other Oddfellow Lodges without computers. If you would like to continue to receive a hard copy, please call Ron Carrey at (707) 526-4476 or write to him at: 1964 Fountainview Circle, Santa Rosa, 95403 prior to January 1, 2009.

➤ 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.

2009 Dues are due! You will be receiving shortly in the mail, your dues letter which will contain the correct amount needed to keep your membership current. Along with that letter will be a listing of all upcoming events in 2009. If you have any questions about the dues, please contact John Fraher at (650)342-7188 OR if there are questions about upcoming events, please feel free to contact the Vice Grand, Julie Ballard at either (510) 471-6019 or by e-mail at popcorn8858@sbcglobal.net

2009 DUES ARE DUE!!

Reference information directly above

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."
