



CALIFORNIA LODGE NO.1

November - December, 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 (650) 952-3832	Vice Grand - Michael James (510) 744-1398	Treasurer - Dennis Milton (650) 359-4062
Financial Secretary - John Fraher (650) 342-7188	Secretary - Susan Texeira (510) 471-6958	D.D.G.M. - Dell Conlan 2466 30 th Avenue, SF (415)664-4627

★ **MEETINGS AND TREATS SCHEDULE:**

- Tuesday, November 4th - Jan & Jim Reggiardo
- Tuesday, November 18th - Ron, Nancy & Dennis Carrey
- Tuesday, December 2nd - Jenny & Armand Dadoun
- Tuesday, December 16th - ?????

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

September 2nd - 23 members present	RAFFLE WINNER: Walt Ballard
September 16th - 26 members & guests present	RAFFLE WINNER: Tom Manini
October 7th - 26 members present	RAFFLE WINNER: Ed Schneider
October 21st - 25 members present	RAFFLE WINNER: Mercedes Steder

★ **HALL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2008:**

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

LAST Board of Directors Meeting for 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!!***

Tuesday, December 9th, 2008 - LAST BOARD MEETING OF 2008

☞ **PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE**

3-Year Directors

2- Year Directors

1-Year Directors

- Mike James
- Jenny Dadoun
- Terry Giannini

- Tony Vicino
- Tom Manini
- Need a replacement for Mike Ballard

- Frank Lagomarsino
- Julie Ballard
- Jerry Nunes



INITIATION & CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dates are subject to change without notice

NO DEGREE WORK SCHEDULED AT APOLLO LODGE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2008 (Officers and member: We all have gone to Apollo Lodge No. 123 to receive or attend a Degree Night. We can all remember their wonderful Degree Captain, Balbino DeLeon. Balbino served as District No. 1 District Deputy Grand Master in 2000-2001. It is with great sadness to report that Balbino had passed away a few months ago after suffering a heart attack. We would like to offer the condolences of our Lodge and our members to his Lodge and family. Balbino always had a smile and a kind word to say about everyone. He was a true Odd Fellow!

PLEASE NOTE: CALIFORNIA LODGE #1 WILL HAVE AN INITIATORY DEGREE AT THEIR DECEMBER 2ND, 2008 MEEINTG

There are applications from the following candidates awaiting initiation:

CANDIDATE:

**Christine Bradley
Dan Callaghan
Cyra Cowan
Stacy Feil
Mike Lewis
Marcella McGinley
Shula Zerbib
Brad Troia**

SPONSOR:

**John Fraher
Mike Ditlevson
Donna Vogel
Gundy Feil
Mike Ditlevson
Shawna Fraher
Ray Zerbib
Rick Troia**

CANDIDATE:

**Michael Mendelson
Manny Montoya
Vince Smith
Collin Troia
Jessica Wallenius
Mary Welborn
Marcus Kessler
Kathleen Scarabosio**

SPONSOR:

**Colleen Milton
Mike Ditlevson
Mike Ditlevson
John Fraher
John Fraher
Donna Hansen
Steve Graham
Terry Giannini**

UPCOMING LODGE

Change in meeting venue: It was motioned and seconded to hold our regularly scheduled lodge meeting of November 18th at our lodge on 7th Street. It will take place in the Encampment Hall on the 6th floor. If you have never been there, please plan on joining us. The meeting will begin at 7:30p.m., followed by treats provided by Ron, Nancy and Dennis Carrey.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR: The Annual Lodge Christmas party headed up by Tom and Tammy Manini . See the flyer and sign-ups in the November-December newsletter following. The party will take place on Sunday, December 7th at the San Mateo Elks Lodge, 229 W. 20th Avenue, with social hour starting at 3:00, and dinner served at 4:00. Terry Giannini will once again be collecting gifts for children in need to benefit the Boys & Girls Club. He will have names available at upcoming lodge meetings or he can be reached at (650) 756-3141. The gifts should be wrapped and identified with each child's name, and can be brought to our Christmas party on the 7th. Your generosity in past years has been phenomenal, let's outdo ourselves this year!



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.

RUN WILD FOR A CHILD –Brother John Fraher and his family are participating in this event on Sunday, November 30th and would like to invite California Lodge No. 1 members to join them. This event supports the San Francisco Firefighters Toy Drive. It is a 5K/10K run or walk through beautiful Golden Gate Park. The event starts at 8:30a.m. TO sign-up and get information, go to <http://www.rhodyco.com/runwild.html>

Follow-up on recent events

Our annual MYSTERY TRIP - HUGE KUDOS to Mike James and Ryan Schroeder for what was undoubtedly one of the best Mystery trips this lodge has ever had. After a pick-up in Hayward, the group of 40 headed northwest towards Santa Rosa, accompanied by the movie "Madagascar" (it was a slight hint as to our designated stop). Along the way the guests were treated to Subway sandwiches, old-fashioned Coca Cola, chips, candy and fruit. Upon our arrival at Safari West, our group was split into 10 per group. Each group was accompanied by a very knowledgeable tour guide, who took us through the different displays, and then onto an African style jeep to visit Safari West's 300 acres. We were initially greeted by beautiful giraffes, who decided to taste the seat belts on the folks on the upper tier. What a treat to get SO close-up to such a magnificent creature! All the four-legged creatures there are from Africa – kudus, ferric foxes, two newly arrived rhinoceros, water buffalo, wildebeest, and many others! After an 1-3/4 hour tour, we arrived back at headquarters to be treated to a fantastic buffet dinner, followed by a walk to a nearby lake to watch one of the naturalists pitch raw chicken to the LARGEST catfish. There was a feeding frenzy like none we've ever seen. TO end the night we were invited with the overnight guests to roast marshmallows over the fire. In addition to members, many family members joined us as well, making the day a true family event. Many thanks to Mike and Ryan for making this such a special day!



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The 2nd Annual CORA dinner was held on Saturday, October 18th at the American Legion Hall in Pacifica. There was a great turn-out, 70 members & guests showed up to dine on a delicious dinner of chicken, pasta, green salad, rolls, and dessert that was provided by Tammy & Tom Manini, Jan & Jim Reggiardo, and several wonderful helpers, Don & Maureen Nunes, and Jerry & Loretta Nunes. There was a grand total of \$1220.04 donated to CORA. Thanks go out to several people who also provided baskets for the drawing gifts, Carl Steder, Sue Texeira, Tammy Manini, and Jan Reggiardo.

"CORA is the only agency in San Mateo County with the sole purpose of serving victims/survivors of domestic violence/abuse. We are a multicultural agency committed to serving victims/survivors, regardless of age, ethnicity/race, financial status, language, sexual orientation, immigration status, class, religion, gender, mental or physical ability. We provide free and confidential emergency, intervention and prevention services, including the county's only emergency shelter and transitional housing for victims/survivors and services in Spanish, English and Tagalog"



THE ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE DINNER WAS HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH STARTING WITH COCKTAILS & APPETIZERS AT WALT AND JULIE BALLARD'S HOME. THERE WERE 27 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. AFTER SOCIAL HOUR WE HEADED OVER TO THE LOCAL HOT SPOT "BALDIE'S" FOR DINNER. AFTER A DELICIOUS AND FUN TIME, THE GROUP HEADED BACK TO THE BALLARDS FOR DESSERT AND COFFEE. THIS EVENT WAS TO HONOR THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO DONATE BLOOD IN THE PAST YEAR, AND TO THOSE WHO WEREN'T ABLE TO DONATE THEY DONATED \$\$ INSTEAD TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. THANK YOU TO MIKE JAMES FOR THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION, AND TO THE BALLARDS FOR THE USE OF THEIR HOME FOR THIS EVENT. THANKS TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO ATTEND!

VISITATION TO FRANCO AMERICAN LODGE

On Thursday, October 16th, six members of California Lodge No. 1 went on a visitation to Franco American Lodge No. 207. The meeting is conducted in French, and even though you may not know the language you can pick up some of the information being presented. There were less of us, and less of them, than originally thought, so there was PLENTY of food to share after the meeting in their social hall. This is where the true meaning of Odd Fellowship played out. It was wonderful to sit down with these gentlemen and get to know them. They are a wonderful, friendly group of folks who we encouraged to come to our meetings so that we can return the hospitality. Our group, specifically Carl Steder, brought a beautiful, BIG cake to share!

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One of our newer lodge members, Ryan Schroeder, left for New Orleans on Sunday, October 25th to work with his fellow Starbuck employees building a house for Habitat for Humanity. He'll be down in the south for 5 days! Fantastic charity efforts on Ryan's part ☺

Members, Jenny and Armand Dadoun stepped up to the plate after hearing Ms. Villareal from the Rebekah Children's Home say how the kids who leave the program have nothing to take their belongings in when they go. The Dadouns asked members to donate gently used suitcases and duffel bags. So far, they have collected about 16 suitcases. If you find that you have unused suitcases and would like to donate them to a very worthy cause, please bring them to the November 4th lodge meeting. The Dadoun's will load their truck and drive them down to Gilroy to donate. Thank you Jenny and Armand!

**COMING IN NOVEMBER * VOTING OF OFFICERS FOR 2009
ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 4TH**



Nominations are as follows:

- 1) Noble Grand: Mike James
- 2) Vice Grand: Julie Ballard
- 3) Secretary: Jenny Dadoun
- 4) Financial Secretary: John Fraher
- 5) Treasurer: Dennis Milton
- 6) (2) Three year directors: Keith Fitzpatrick, Carolyn Milton, Armand Dadoun

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, 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.

Our Sunshine Chairlady sent cards to the following: Louise Vicino, who has not been feeling well and Dutch and Donna Vogel, who we miss at lodge and hope they are doing well.!

2009 DUES ARE 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."

IMPORTANT!!!!

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.

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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.