



# **CALIFORNIA LODGE NO.1** **DECEMBER 2006**

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

Noble Grand – Terry Giannini  
After 7:00 p.m. – (650) 922-2160

Vice Grand – Frank Lagomarsino  
(650) 589-5087

Treasurer – Dennis Milton  
(650) 359-4062

Financial Secretary – John Fraher  
(650) 342-7188

Secretary – Susan Texeira  
(510) 471-6958

D.D.G.M. – Tom Manini  
263 Alta Mesa Drive S.S.F.  
(650) 952-0154

↪ **STARTING WITH THE JANUARY, 2007, NEWSLETTER, IT WILL BE PREPARED AND SENT OUT EVERY OTHER MONTH, RATHER THAN EVERY MONTH!!**

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• **MEETINGS AND TREATS SCHEDULE:**

December 5th, 2006 – Tony Vicino  
December 19th, 2006 – Ed Schneider

• **ATTENDANCE AND RAFFLE WINNERS:**

November 7th, 2006 – **21 members/3 guests**  
**RAFFLE WINNER: Jan Reggiardo**

November 21st, 2006 – **17 members**  
**RAFFLE WINNER: Carl Steder**

• **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS, 2006**

7:00P.M. – ROUND TABLE PIZZA, 1304 WEST HILLSDALE BLVD, SAN MATEO. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

**DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2006**

**3 YEAR DIRECTORS**

- - Frank Lagomarsino, Vice Grand
- - Julie Ballard
- - Tony Vicino

**2 YEAR DIRECTORS**

- - Terry Giannini, Noble Grand
- - Walt Ballard
- - Jim Reggiardo

**1 YEAR DIRECTORS**

- - Keith Fitzpatrick, Junior Past Grand
- - John Fraher
- - Dennis Milton



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2007:**

**Noble Grand: Frank Lagomarsino**  
**Vice Noble Grand: Tony Vicino**  
**Secretary: Sue Texeira**  
**Treasurer: Dennis Milton**

**Financial Secretary: John Milton**

**Board of Directors: Mike Ballard, Tom Manini and Jerry Nunes**



**HAPPY "DECEMBER" BIRTHDAYS TO THE FOLLOWING LODGE MEMBERS:**

Mark Barba - 12/5      Robert Burton - 12/28  
Steve Cloud - 12/30      Gerald Davis - 12/10  
John DeMarco - 12/7      Dean Farias - 12/1  
John Feil - 12/26      Tiffany Feil - 12/20  
Paul Garvey - 12/13      Ernest Gentner - 12/8  
Robert Gonzalez - 12/19      Teresa Goodnal - 12/16  
Lupe Gutierrez - 12/26      Elizabeth Hooper - 12/29  
Lou Hutson - 12/4      Cheryl Jordan - 12/20  
Ron Kratochvil - 12/11      Alton Laplante - 12/5  
Louis Madrid - 12/9      Elizabeth Merrick - 12/29  
Steven Rosello - 12/30      Donald Samson - 12/18  
Chris Witzel - 12/12      Mike Yorks - 12/30

The most updated membership roster the Editor has is December 31, 2005. If you joined after that time, and your name has been overlooked, please contact Julie at (510) 471-6019

↪ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE FOLLOWING CHARITY/SOCIAL EVENTS:**

**LODGE: Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Initiatory Degree at California Lodge #1**

**LODGE: Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Santa Nella Educational Seminar**  
*This year the seminar will be open to all third degree members and desk officers. The lodge will sponsor interested members in attending. All desk officers should attend for the latest updates on filing "per capita tax" and "end of the year" reports.*

**SOCIAL:** Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Christmas Party at San Mateo Elks Lodge (see flyer following in newsletter)

**CHARITY:** Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – Gift giving to less fortunate children at Lodge party. Terry Giannini will provide names of kids.

**SOCIAL:** Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Installation Dinner/Dance and Roll Call. There are rooms available for \$89 double occupancy AND \$79 single occupancy. Please call El Rancho Inn/Suites at (650) 588-8500 to reserve a room. When you call to reserve, mention "Oddfellows" for the special room rate.

**INITIATION AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES:**

The following degrees will take place at Apollo Lodge No. 123 at 7:30 p.m.

- o Initiatory Degree – December 5<sup>th</sup> (CA #1)
- o Second Degree – December 13<sup>th</sup>

**(All dates are subject to change)**

**Conferring of Degrees continued . . . .**

**We have applications from the following candidates awaiting initiation:**

**Candidate:**

Mike Lewis  
Mike Mendelson  
Cyra Cowan  
Helena Vogel  
Jennifer Vogel  
Michael Vogel  
Nathan Vogel  
Mary Cavazos  
Bea Gilmore  
Matt Gilmore  
Jessica Wallenius  
Alex Rodriguez  
Christine Bradley  
Dan Callahan  
Jeffrey Longwell  
Collin Troia  
Richard Troia  
Sue Troia  
Joe Valente  
Kinsten Valente  
Vicky Valente

**\*\*Sponsor:**

Mike Ditlevson  
Colleen Milton  
Donna Vogel  
Donna Vogel  
Leonard Vogel  
Donna Vogel  
Leonard Vogel  
Nancy Carrey  
Sue Graham  
Sue Graham  
John Fraher  
Rafael Huerta  
John Fraher  
Mike Ditlevson  
Sue Texeira  
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**\*\*It is up to the sponsor to make sure their candidates are initiated**

- - **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>:** FOR THOSE CANDIDATES WHO SEEK THEIR INITIATORY DEGREE, CALIFORNIA LODGE NO. 1 WILL HOST THIS DEGREE AT THE LODGE AT VICENTE STREET. THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET THOSE CANDIDATES INITIATED THIS YEAR. TO THOSE NEW LODGE MEMBERS WHO HAVE JUST RECENTLY JOINED, YOUR DUES FOR 2007 WILL BE PAID IN FULL.

**Cast for December 5<sup>th</sup> Initiatory Degree**

Noble Grand: Ron Carrey  
Vice Grand: Tony Vicino/Gundy Feil  
Secretary: Sue Texeira  
Warden: John Fraher  
Conductor: Carol Fraher  
Chaplain: Jan Reggiardo  
Past Grand: Carol Milton  
Inside Guardian: Denny Nunes  
Outside Guardian: Dutch Vogel  
Right Scene Supporter: Nancy Carrey  
Left Scene Supporter: Tammy Manini  
Scene, Props: Jerry Nunes and Mike Abeyta  
Treats: Tony Vicino  
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**2006 DUES ARE DUE**

**If you have not paid your 2006 dues, they are now past due. Please drop your check in the mail to P.O. Box 347, Pacifica, CA 94044**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

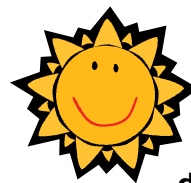
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E:mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**The 2006 dues cards are being printed up and will be sent to you in your newsletter. Please pay your dues and our financial secretary will have them mailed to you. Included with the dues cards will be a pocket calendar for 2006, along with the new officers, committees, and social and charity calendar.**

**"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."

**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](mailto:TulaBologna@aol.com); Lodge Secretary, Susan Texeira at (510) 471-6958, e-mail to: [Texeira@email.msn.com](mailto:Texeira@email.msn.com) or Carol Fraher at (650) 342-7188 or e-mail at [carolfraher@netscape.net](mailto:carolfraher@netscape.net).

## **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2006**

In 2006 California Lodge No. 1 should reach a membership level 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. After you join your dues are around \$25.00 per year.

## **EVENTS PRICING FOR 2006**

This 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.

We hope to hit 300 strong in our membership this year, a huge increase since 1987. Ironically, the population of the United States, sometime in mid-October reached 300 million in population. A huge increase of 100 million in population since 1967. By the year 2030, almost 20% of the U.S. population will be 65+ There will be a high demand for retirement communities and retirement homes. With this large increase the Napa and Saratoga homes should be full, and our order should be able to gain some new members, as our order and its benefits do have an appeal for older members. (Information gathered from an article in A.A.R.P. magazine)

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month.

*Special thanks to our webmaster, Frank Lagomarsino!!*

**CALIFORNIA LODGE #1 WEBSITE ADDRESS:**

<http://www.ioofcal1.com>

**PLEASE CHECK THE SITE FOR CURRENT EVENTS,  
NEWSLETTERS, ETC.**