



# California Lodge No 1

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## July / August, 2011 Newsletter



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## Abridged Agenda (Meetings, Treats, Events)

### MEETINGS AND TREATS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Haim & Eva Cezana

Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – Troia's and Valentines (YOUTH NIGHT)

Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ron, Nancy & Dennis Carrey

Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – Shawna Fraher & Renee Martindale

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND SIGN UP DEADLINES:

-- Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – California State Fair, Sacramento, CA

-- Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – San Francisco Giants vs. Houston Astros (ALL SOLD OUT, See John Fraher to be put onto a possible waiting list)

-- Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Annual Lodge Picnic @ Beresford Park, San Mateo

-- Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – CORA Fundraiser

### INITIATION AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES DATES:

(For detailed information about the events, see Page \_4.)

# Upcoming Events

**Saturday, July 23<sup>th</sup>** – *Bus Trip to California State Fair, Sacramento Meeting at Home Depot parking lot, Foster City. Still room available. Contact Ralph Huerta to sign up*

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** – *San Francisco Giants Game. All tickets sold. Contact John Fraher to be put onto a waiting list.*

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** – *Annual Lodge Picnic, San Mateo. To be held at Beresford Park, San Mateo. See Ralph Huerta or lodge website (flyer) for sign-ups.*

**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** – *Annual CORA Fundraiser. Mark your calendars, more information to come. Hosts: Tammy & Tom Manini*

*For flyers to sign-up for these events, go to our lodge's website at:*  
<http://www.ioofcal1.com>

# LOOKING BACK

As reported by our Vice-Grand, Ralph Huerta

## PLAYLAND, NOT AT THE BEACH - - -

Playland not at the Beach went very well! Thirty-seven people attended and all had a great time. This was a potluck and all brought a nice side dish. There we all enjoyed full access to pinball machines from all generations; some machines were forty to fifty years old. Much of the memorabilia was from the old Playland that was located at Ocean Beach. Old games like skeet-ball, tic-tac-toe race type games, and bowling ball challenge push game, and old-time slide show booths. Games were free and there they gave coupons for the amount of points that a person scored on that particular game. At the end of the night you were able to redeem coupons for prizes and many people walked away with stuffed animals and such.

One fun activity that we all participated in was a scavenger hunt. We broke up into teams of four and almost everybody played along. There were IOOF symbols hidden throughout facility with clues to locate the secret number. It was a race and all were scrambling to finish the hunt first. It was a lot of fun and all that participated had a great time.

Then one of the final things that we did was watch a magic show. Many were picked for volunteers including Liele Huerta, Johnny Reggadio, and John Fraher. Liele was levitated, Johnny played with a magic hat, and John Fraher wore a huge genies hat. What he did, I forgot, because we were all laughing so hard.

We finished off the night with its-its and coffee and received our prizes and went on our way.

## ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FOLLOW-UP, AS REPORTED BY ORGANIZER, JOHN FRAHER:

**22 Golfers braved the wettest day in history for a June 4 playing in this year lodge's Golf Tournament at Sunol's Country Club. All week the Golf Committee went back and forth on whether to continue or cancel this event. Finally, the day before the event, the committee decided that either "Rain or Shine" the tournament was a "Go". The morning started with sunshine and belief was in the air that the weather forecast was wrong. However, right when the first foursome teed off, the rain started and gave only a few breaks until the back nine. All 22 players continued to brave it out and had a Great time (besides, what would an event without rain that the Frahers were involved in, be!). The event continued back at Joe and Vicky Valente's house for dinner and a team putting contest where all 40 attendees who signed up for the dinner got involved and showed their skills on the new putting green just recently completed by the Valentés over what was once considered a major water hazard (their swimming pool). Everyone had a fantastic time enjoying Friendship, Love and Truth with a little Blarney thrown in. A very special "thank you" to Joe and Vicky for offering their home, their preparedness in making this event so special with tables, chairs, canopies, food, barbecuing and homemade desserts. With all their effort to make this so special you would think they would say "Who wants to take this over next year?" But instead, they offered do host it again if they lodge wants another Golf Tournament!!!! Now that is Odd Fellowship.**

## **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 may be hard to remember what is required. Following is a checklist to help when you are bringing treats:*

- 1) Sign up with Ralph Huerta – (415) 640-8839) 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.*

May 3rd	45 members present	RAFFLE WINNER: Zvi Kirschenbaum
May 17th	21 members present	RAFFLE WINNER: Ron Carrey
June 7th	35 members/guests present	RAFFLE WINNER: Judi Engel (from Ocean View Lodge)
June 21st	25 members present	RAFFLE WINNER: Ed Schneider

## **Upcoming Board of Director's Meetings for 2011:**

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!***

**June 28<sup>th</sup> (canceled)**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**December 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **3-Year Directors**

Ralph Huerta, V.G.  
Kat Scarbosio  
Ed Schneider

### **2-Year Directors**

Carolyn Milton, N.G.  
Anthony Vicino  
Chris Sheldon

### **1-Year Directors**

Julie Ballard, J.P.G.  
Keith Fitzpatrick  
Zvi Kirschenbaum

## **2011 INITIATION & CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

### ***Apollo Lodge***

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, Tammy Manini.

Tentative dates for 2011 scheduled at Apollo Lodge No. 123 are as follows:

August 10th . Initiatory Degree

September 14th . First Degree

October 12th . Second Degree

November 9th . Third degree

Degrees start at 7:00 PM

Dear Dedicated Members for Change,

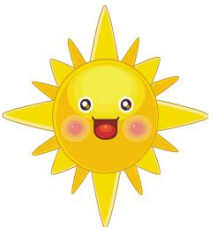
We certainly made substantial progress at the Grand Lodge, and we're already beginning to think of next steps in the evolution of our Order. We're already looking forward to the 2012 Grand Lodge.

Lest we forget, I wanted to remind DMC members of the sad numbers revealed by the "Advance Proceedings" that were distributed at Grand Lodge. As to Odd Fellows Lodges, at the end of 2010 we were down to 141 Lodges in California (from the 145 that were in place at the beginning of 2010) - so, once again we have a year where we have a net diminution in Lodges, not a net increase. The number of members also declined (again) in 2010. At the beginning of 2010 there were 5,104 members. At the end of 2010 there were 4,985 members for a net loss of 119 members. The only "good news" in this is that the decline numbers seem to now be going down a bit. Removing associate members and non-contributing members, at the end of 2010 there were only 4,566 dues paying members in California. If one extrapolates that only 50% of these members are "active" - then we have a shade over 2,200 active members left in California!

Even more telling are the statistics for "net gains". Of our 141 remaining Lodges, only 29 had a net gain of members in 2010. This means that the vast majority of Lodges in California were either stagnant (no net gain or loss) or actually had a net loss of members. Of the 29 Lodges which showed a net gain, 12 only had net gains of 1 or 2 members. And of the 17 remaining lodges that had a net gain of 3 or more, only 5 Lodges had a net gain in double digits.

As to Rebekah Lodges, in 2010 the number of Rebekah Lodges in California declined from 92 to 90 and the regular dues paying membership of all Rebekah Lodges was down to only 2,811. In the Encampment, only 217 regular dues-paying members of the Encampment survive in the entire State of California. If these statistics don't shock you into action, nothing will.

F - L - T - Dave Rosenberg



**SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN, Tula Bologna**, reports that she sent cards to the following:

**NONE REPORTED AT THIS TIME**

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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.