



CALIFORNIA LODGE NO.1
March - April, 2008

1185 VICENTE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO – 94116
MEETINGS: 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. (followed by Treats)
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*** MEETINGS AND TREATS SCHEDULE:**

- Tuesday, March 4th – Zvi Kirschenbaum
- Tuesday, March 18th – Tom & Tammy Manini
- Tuesday, April 1st – George & Erik Guerra
- Tuesday, April 15th – Ryan Schroeder

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

- January 1st – No meeting, no winner!
- January 15th – 28 members present
RAFFLE WINNER: Carl Steder
- February 5th – 28 members present
RAFFLE WINNER: Walt Ballard
- February 19th – 21 members present
RAFFLE WINNER: Tony Vicino

Board of Directors Meetings for 2008:

- Tuesday, March 25th, 2008
- Tuesday, June 24th, 2008
- Tuesday, September 23rd, 2008
- Tuesday, 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 Hillside 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 2008:**

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



UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day event

Saturday, March 15th – California Lodge No. 1 will be having a St. Pat's

celebration at the home of John & Carol Fraher. If you haven't already signed up, and wish to share a bit of blarney, possibly dance an Irish jig, and share a great time with your fellow lodge members, than see the flyer following in the newsletter to sign up . . .

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
SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!





Annual Rebekah Children Services Celebrity Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 2 for the annual Celebrity golf tournament to support Rebekah Childrens Services. The tournament will be held at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Gilroy. The cost is \$200.00. If you wish to attend, and you are a member in good standing (*dues paid current*) the lodge will sponsor half the cost of the event. For sign-ups please call Lou Woods at 408 741-8887. Deadline for 5 sign-ups is April 15th. The fee covers a golf shirt, BBQ lunch, tee bag, cart, green fees, and refreshments with dinner.

GRAND LODGE MEETING – MAY 21ST – 24TH

The Annual Grand Lodge meeting is being held from Wednesday, May 21st through Saturday, May 24th in Modesto. Lodging will be at the Doubletree Inn. At the meeting of February 19th, several third degree members and past Noble Grands were elected to represent our Lodge, they are as follows:



Representatives elected:

Walt Ballard
Ronald Carrey
John Fraher
Frank Lagomarsino
Ray Link
Tom Manini
Dennis Milton
Jim Reggiardo
Mikie Ballard

Third Degrees Elected:

Julie Ballard
Dennis Carrey
Carol Fraher
Tammy Manini
Carolyn Milton
Jan Reggiardo
Ed Schneider
Sue Texeira
Tom Texeira
Tony Vicino

Follow-up to LODGE EVENTS

OUR ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER, HELD SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH AT THE CROWN PLAZA IN FOSTER CITY WAS A ROUSING SUCCESS, IT WAS ATTENDED BY 104 LODGE MEMBERS, SPOUSES, AND GUESTS. THE INSTALLATION TEAM LED BY DEL CONLAN, DID A SUPERB JOB, AND WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AT OUR EVENT! AFTER THE INSTALLATION AND ANNUAL ROLL CALL, LED BY MIKE KESSLER, THERE WAS DANCING.

SOCIAL VISIT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY OF CALIFORNIA

This is another first for California Lodge No. 1. On Tuesday, January 15th, at our regularly scheduled lodge meeting, we held an open meeting and hosted the President of the Rebekah Assembly, Ruth Morgan. Ms. Morgan talked about the Rebekah's and her state projects, which include: The Children's Home, transitional aging for youth, "Charity Begins at Home", Community Service, the Three Links Camp, and the General Fund.

LODGE EVENTS continued . . .

Visitation to Redwood City Lodge

Carl Steder, Visiting Committee Chairman, arranged a visit to Redwood City Lodge on Wednesday, February 20th. There were 17 lodge members present, and we started with a wonderful dinner at Amelia's (good choice Carl). We dined on Salvadoran food, especially the appetizers called papusas, along with delightfully prepared main dishes. After dinner, we went around the corner to the Lodge where we joined the lodge members in a meeting. Their hall was recently renovated by one of the sons of the lodge members. It was absolutely beautiful! After the meeting we adjourned to the reception hall, where we had fellowship and enjoyed home-baked cookies. Thank you Carl for making the arrangements, and to Redwood City Lodge for a very nice evening!



INITIATION & CONFERRING OF DEGREES

- **First Degree - March 12th**
- **Second Degree - April 9th**
- **Third Degree - May 14th**

(Dates subject to change without notice) Degrees are held at Apollo Lodge No. 123. If you wish to attend a degree, please see Sue Texelra, Lodge Secretary to obtain a letter to be given to Apollo.

There are applications from the following candidates awaiting initiation:

CANDIDATE:

**Christine Bradley
Dan Callaghan
Cyra Cowan
Stacy Fell
Mike Lewis
Marcella McGinley
Michael Mendelson
Manny Montoya
Vince Smith
Collin Trola
Jessica Wallenius
Mary Welborn
Shula Zerbib**

SPONSOR:

**John Fraher
Mike Ditlevson
Donna Vogel
Gundy Fell
Mike Ditlevson
Shawna Fraher
Colleen Milton
Mike Ditlevson
Mike Ditlevson
John Fraher
John Fraher
Donna Hansen
Ray Zerbib**

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: susantexeira@sbcglobal.net** 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) Keith Fitzpatrick - still on the mend
- 2) Bobbie Giannini - surgery - hope you're feeling better really soon!
- 3) James Matysiak - Sympathy card for the loss of his mother-in-law
- 4) Aaron Reisinger - Sympathy card for the tragic loss of his dad - our hearts go out to you!

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2008 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: _____

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."

RURAL PEARLS FROM THE SENIOR EDITOR

- ♥ Laughter is the music of life
- ♥ Nostalgia isn't what it used to be
- ♥ If you can give your children only one gift, let it be enthusiasm
- ♥ Some of the best arguments are spoiled by those who know what they're talking about
- ♥ The one thing most responsible for the good old days is a poor memory
- ♥ May you never miss a rainbow because you are looking down
- ♥ God doesn't judge people until they're dead. Shouldn't we do the same?
- ♥ There's little point in concealing your age. Your old friends know it, and the new ones don't care.

THIS HALL

Tonight we have met in this Hall-
It should be filled with members from wall to wall.
We should all do our part to strengthen this great Order.

We should extend a hand of Friendship
To our friends and relatives

That we might have our Halls filled
with members from Wall to Wall.

We should be proud of our membership
In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Let us extend a helping hand in -
Friendship, Love & Truth,
Faith, Hope & Charity,

And for the Principles of Universal Justice.

We all have an Obligation for each other and this
great Order.

Let us not sit back and criticize,

Let us get out and socialize,

Let us all live up to that Obligation
And Be Proud.

Quoted from: Earl G. Whipple, Past Grand High Priest of the
Grand Encampment of California

PER CAPITA TAX followup

Submitted by Ron Carrey


We have completed our per capita tax report for December 31st, 2007. Unfortunately many members had to be dropped, as we have not been able to contact them. **When you move, please notify the Lodge so that we can forward your newsletter and your dues statement.** Don't lose your valuable membership in the Lodge - **WE NEED YOU!** If you would like a copy of the lodge roster, contact the Lodge Secretary, Susan Teixeira.

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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.

If any lodge member needs travel assistance, please see the following from one of our lodge members, Sarah Kirschenbaum:



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We look forward to helping you plan your next dream vacation!



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