



California Lodge No 1

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November / December, 2011 Newsletter

1185 VICENTE ST, SAN FRANCISCO – 94116
MEETINGS: 1ST & 3RD TUES AT 7:30 P.M. (followed by Treats)
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Abridged Agenda (Meetings, Treats, Events)

MEETINGS AND TREATS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, November 1st, 2011 – Ed & Rose Schneider

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 – NEED VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, December 6th – Daniel Ballard & Amy Rupp

Tuesday, December 20th - Rafael & Virginia Huerta

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SIGN UP DEADLINES:

-- Sunday, December 11th – Annual Lodge Holiday Party – San Mateo Elks Lodge

-- Saturday, January 28th, 2012 – Installation of 2012 Office / Dinner & Dancing

INITIATION AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES DATES:

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

Upcoming Events



Sunday, December 11th – Lodge Holiday Party. To be held at the San Mateo Elks Lodge, San Mateo. Chairpersons: Tammy and Tom Manini. Sign-up flyer attached
Children's Holiday Gift Giving Program, Chairperson: Terry Giannini. Please call him after November 15th at (650) 922-2160, or at the upcoming lodge meetings, to obtain a child's name. This is for low-income children, who may otherwise not receive gifts at Christmas time. Gift \$\$ limit: \$25.00. Please bring the gift to the Lodge Holiday party. If you are unable to attend, but still wish to donate a gift, let Terry know.

Saturday, January 28th, 2012 – Annual Installation of 2012 Officer AND Dinner / Dance to be held at the San Mateo Marriott.

Chairperson: Ralph Huerta. See flyer following.

5:30p.m. – Drinks, Appetizers, Fellowship

6:30p.m. Installation of 2012 Officers, Roll Call

7:45p.m. – Dinner

9:00p.m. – Dancing until 11:30p.m.

There is a block of rooms available for those wishing to stay overnight.

Call the San Mateo Marriott at (800) 228-9290, and ask for the Room Night Commitment for the Event with hotel reservations. Ask for the Odd Fellows Guest accommodations special rate. Check-in is at: 3:00p.m.



For flyers to sign-up for these events, go to our lodge's website at:

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LOOKING BACK

The ANNUAL LODGE PICNIC was held on Sunday, September 11th, at Beresford Park in San Mateo, chaired by: Ralph Huerta, Vice-Grand, and assisted by many people who made this day, like all of Ralph's events, this year, VERY successful. It was estimated that there were between 75-90 folks in attendance. There was a Bocce tournament, lots of kids games (planned by Ms. Tammy Manini). The food was phenomenal and PLENTIFUL! New this year, was bar-b-qued oysters – YUM! This editor, who was unable to attend, heard that I missed a lot of fun and fellowship. Thanks to everyone, from Bar-B-quer's, to game planners, to clean-up crew; takes everyone to make events the Success that they are!!

Open Meeting – 2nd open meeting of the year was held at our September 20th meeting. I know we got one new member out of it. These open meetings are always successful in allowing our friends and families to see what goes on at these meetings, meet some Members, and hopefully boost membership. Thanks to Chris Zeck, our Membership Chairman for getting these meetings on the calendar.

October 4th meeting – 1st nominations of officer / Board Members for the 2012 year, and A visit from the District Deputy Grand master.

Sunday, October 9th – BLUE ANGEL TRIP ON THE BAY. Fantastic lodge event chaired by Ralph Huerta, assisted by Rafael and Virginia Huerta, and Carl & Mercedes Steder. We headed out (on a 3-hour tour) on a sailboat tour, which left from Sausalito, and traveled across to the San Francisco Bay to see first hand the Canadian Snowbirds perform, followed by the US Navy's Blue Angel Precision Flying Team. We were provided with sandwiches and drinks, and those who were guests provided potluck items. When we left the dock it was warm, so glad we brought layers of warm coats, scarves, and gloves. As the day wore on, it got a bit colder. It was so exciting being right there while the planes zoomed overhead. The Blue Angels were scheduled to perform at 3:15, and darn, wouldn't you know it, a large fogbank came in a bit before 3, and alas, their performance had to be scrapped. We were certainly disappointed, but had such a great day, we were just glad for the opportunity to be with others from our lodge. On the way back in, as there was some time, the skipper of the charter drove close to the shore of Tiburon, and we had a short, but informative tour of the beautiful houses that line the shore area.

October 18th meeting – 2nd nomination of officers. See nominations following in newsletter

October 29th – CORA Fundraising dinner – (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse)
There were close to 80 lodge members, guests, and Board Members from CORA present at dinner. Happy hour turned into Happy Dinner. The event, chaired by Tammy & Tom Manini, and assisted by many to make this a successful evening, was just that. From the fall inspired, decorated tables to the wonderful food; bar-b-qued chicken, coleslaw, corn on the cob, potato salad, right on through to trendy cupcakes, the night was a big success. The biggest winner of course, was CORA, as ALL proceeds, from the cost of your dinner and the money earned from the door prizes will go to CORA. There was a fantastic array of door prizes, many of which were donated by lodge members. One of the most sought after grand prizes was the intarsia "hot air balloon" wood piece made & donated by Jerry Nunes. It was absolutely beautiful. The very happy, enthusiastic winner was Sue Texeira, who could barely contain her exuberance at being the winner. There were many folks who helped make this night a success, from the bar-b-que chefs, food preparers, raffle ticket sellers, to the donaters of the door prizes, dessert cupcakes. We would like to thank everyone for their participation!

November 1st – Election of Officers for 2012

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.

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| September 6th - 28 members present | RAFFLE WINNER: Julie Ballard |
| September 20th - 33 members/guests present | RAFFLE WINNER: Amy Rudd, guest |
| October 4th - 29 members present | RAFFLE WINNER: John Fraher |
| October 18th - 31 members present | RAFFLE WINNER: Julie Ballard |

Upcoming Board of Director's Meetings for 2011/2012:

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!***

December 27th, 2011 March 27th, 2012 June 26th, 2012 September 25th, 2012 December 11th, 12

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

Nominations for the 2012 Board of Directors are, as follows:

3-year: John Fraher and Tom Manini 1-year: Haim Cezana

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:

November 9th . Third degree

Degrees start at 7:00 PM

☺October is nominations for elected officers. November is election month for officers.

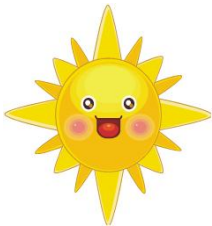
Nomination of Officers for the 2012 year for California Lodge #1 are as follows:

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| Noble Grand: | Ralph Huerta | Vice Grand: | Chris Zeck |
| Secretary: | Tammy Manini | Financial Secretary: | Frank Lagomarsino |
| Treasurer: | Terry Gianini | | |

Final nominations and voting will be at the November 1st meeting

FEATURED LODGE MEMBERS – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

There are many special people in California Lodge #1. Sometimes there are those who stand out because of their quiet, unassuming dedication to our lodge. They do not ask for notice or thanks. However, this editor would like to give thanks to Tammy & Tom Manini, for their many years of volunteering, be it; organizing kids games at our annual picnics, chairing the fundraising CORA dinner, chairing the Christmas party, holding positions in the lodge, being our Sunshine Chairman, bar-b-queing at events, etc. They always have a smile for you, are willing to help in any capacity, are always there. There are not enough ways to say thank you, but THANK YOU SO MUCH!



SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN, Tammy Manini, reports that she sent cards to the following:
Jenny Cordon, Get Well card, recuperating from knee surgery
Ron Carrey Get Well card
Louise Vicino – Get Well card

Many thanks to Tammy, our new Sunshine Chairlady, for taking on this position!

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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.