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Apr 04	(Thursday)
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
Apr 09	(Tuesday)
7:00 PM	Masonic Education
Apr 11	(Thursday)
7:00 PM	Third Degree Conferral
Apr 18	(Thursday)
7:00 PM	TBA
Apr 23	(Tuesday)
6:00 PM	OAM - Palo Alto-Roller #346
Apr 25	(Thursday)
7:00 PM	TBA

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From the East The Sweet Hearts Brunch was a big success. Thanks to Bill & Lynn Bell for organizing the event.



During April, Masonic lodges throughout California are joining together to support and champion the year-long work and dedication of educators and students in our state's public schools. Public Schools Advisory Councils – led by teams of local Masons – are leading statewide efforts by hosting Public Schools Month kickoff celebrations throughout the state. Show your support for the fraternity's efforts to champion public schools by attending a celebration near you! For Public Schools Month kickoff celebration event details, contact foundation@freemason.org.

<http://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/article.htm?id=10577>

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Join
Masons4Mitts at AT&T Park!
masons4mitts.org

Tickets for **Masons'** Night Are Now Available

The 2013 [Masons4Mitts](http://masons4mitts.org) campaign is launching on April 5.

This year marks our fifth year of fundraising for the Junior Giants – a baseball league run by the San Francisco Giants Community Fund, which provides safety, health, and character-building skills for at-risk youth ages 5-18.

Join Masons throughout Northern California on Monday, Sept. 9 as we celebrate the conclusion of the Masons4Mitts campaign during Masons' Night at AT&T Park. Last year, more than 500 Masons joined in the festivities.

Discounted lodge tickets are available through April 16. To purchase tickets for your lodge, download and submit the [ticket order form](#).

To sponsor your local team – and help us meet our five-year fundraising goal of \$270,000 – visit masons4mitts.org starting April 5.

Questions? Contact foundation@freemason.org.

April Birthdays

MARK MCEUEN
ROBERT CURTIS, PM
JEFF UMSCHIED
BERNARD FINDLAY
BEN KUCKENS
IRWIN FERSHLEISER, PM
MELVIN FLETCHER
ALBERT WHEELER
LINDEN SWANSON
JOHN LUKES
MATT MILDE
PAUL DORSA
TROY VIERTTEL
JACK COOPER
JOHN CHAMBERS
RAYMOND BAREISS
WARREN WOOD
MICHAEL FEUQUAY
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WALLY HENWOOD
JOSEPH LAWSON
JACK POTTROFF
DENNIS PARLE
JOHN SKINNER JR.
ARTHUR WILMOTH
RICHARD MEDEFESSER
ROBERT PEDERSEN
KLAAS BOL
DONALD MATTHEWSON
ROBERT STEWARD
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In Memoriam



The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. The memorial opened to the public on April 29, 2004 and was dedicated one month later on May 29. It is located on 17th Street, between Constitution and Independence Avenues, and is flanked by the Washington Monument to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

“Almighty Father, into Thy hands we commend the souls of our Beloved Brothers.”

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Trade Unions and Masonic Lodges

The book *Traveling Brothers*, gives a view of the connection between Trade Unions and Lodges. " The six centuries road from craft fellowship to trade unionism provides a lot of the historical information needed to understand the origins of Freemasonry. This is because the basic structure and purpose of Masonic lodges came from the craft based fraternal organizations that developed to support England's 'tramping' workmen, long before the development of modern Freemasonry. While craft based fraternal organizations may evoke a sense of egalitarianism, the reality is that these groups often embraced exclusionary principals that worked to enfranchise a minority of workers, while helping to keep the majority of workers down. The hierarchical and divisive nature of the craft system makes it quite compatible with class and/or racially and/or gender based systems of social oppression and control. Craft oriented fraternal organizations sometimes used ritualism and mythology to bind the brotherhood, but on a more limited basis than modern Freemasonry's delusional brotherhood."

Masonic scholars and historians assert the Masonic fraternity has played a pivotal role as a driving force behind America's Revolution and as an agent for progressive social change. With 1717 as the date of origin of present-day Masonry, little more than 100 years later (1827) the first federation of trade unions was organized. This organization was called the Mechanic's Trade Association of Philadelphia. Although there were many trade unions prior to this time, especially in the pre-1820 era of the Democratic societies and the Democratic-Republican Party, the national labor federations, as we now know them, began with the foundation of this organization. This and other trade unions similarly organized, continued to exist throughout the next 40 years, making a few gains, but failing to write a very productive chapter in the history of the United States. During the Civil War a number of these workingmen's associations fostered wartime strikes, published incendiary pamphlets, and endeavored to found a National Labor Party. These labor parties, founded whenever a few disgruntled workmen chanced to become associated, were abortive attempts to establish firm class lines within the American economy. Fortunately, not only for our organized labor, but also for our American form of government, these labor parties were not successful. The ritualistic, fraternal type of labor organization with which we are now concerned did not come into existence until 1869. In that year a small, disgruntled group of members from the Garment Cutters organization founded a fraternal society under the grandiloquent title of the "Noble and Holy Order of the Knights of Labor." One of the founders of the society, Uriah Stevens, was firmly convinced that the failure of unions to make a last-

ing contribution to society, etc. was due merely to a lack of secrecy and of ritual. Consequently, the Knights of Labor adopted various modes of secrecy, formulated a ritual and gave their officers such titles as Grand Master Workman, Venerable Sage, Worthy Foreman, Unknown Knight, and other strange and wondrous appellations.

Beginning at top left and reading across: AFL-CIO Union Label: Pulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill Workers; Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons; Stage Employees and Motion Pictures Operators; Machinists and Aerospace Workers; Tool and Die Makers Union Shop Label; Carpenters Union; Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union; Bill Posters, Billers and Distributors Union; Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workers; Fling Glass Workers Union Label and Machinists Union Label.

Symbolism and language are not all that the unions have borrowed from Masonry. The men such as John L. Lewis, Uriah Stevens, Terence Powderly, William L. Hutcheson, Bob Coultts, Art Covington, and many other leaders in the field of organized labor, who are also members of the Masonic brotherhood, have brought their Masonic principles into the labor movement. This is only one of the many reasons why in this country there is not the distrust and antagonism between labor and capital that is found in many other countries, and also one reason why most of the great trade federations subscribe to our Masonic principles of fraternal love and mutual assistance.

<http://www.yorkrite.com/ia/lodge2/06.html>



Threads of Brotherhood: Masonic Quilts and Textiles

"Threads of Brotherhood: Masonic Quilts and Textiles," is a new exhibition of more than 25 quilts, coverlets, needlework pictures, and hooked rugs opening at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library on June 16, 2012. Drawn from the Museum's collection, the exhibition tells a compelling story of connected lives and shared values.

In 1900, there were almost one million Freemasons in the United States. Though often viewed as a secret, closed society, Freemasonry was actually visible in almost every American community during the 1800s and 1900s. And, while only men could be members of mainstream lodges, their wives and daughters were not completely excluded. They could join Masonic female auxiliaries, recognize Masonic symbols, and demonstrate this knowledge with their needles.

Textiles incorporating Masonic symbols, both home made and commercially manufactured, have served many functions since the 1700s, such as transmitting family memories and history as they became heirlooms passed down through generations, signifying family identification with Freemasonry, and offering their makers a voice to demonstrate knowledge of the fraternity. A redwork quilt designed by Freemason Freeland R. Bunker (1845-1909) and sewn by seamstress Celestia Milliken (b. ca. 1853), both of Winter Harbor, Maine, in 1908, shows 72 different Masonic symbols. The quilt was originally presented to Hilliard Smallridge (1867-1926) around the time he was elected Senior Steward of his lodge.



Quilts also function as educational tools – teaching other family members about Masonic symbols and reminding the Mason of the lessons he learned in the lodge. And, like the quilts used to fundraise for political causes, Masonic quilts and textiles were – and still are – sometimes used to raise money for Masonic projects and charities. The ladies of Malta Commandery No. 21 made one of the newer quilts in the exhibition to raise funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The quilt, incorporating the emblems of many Masonic groups, was completed in November 1977 and showed at several events in 1978 before being presented to the Museum in 1979.

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that teaches a system of ethics through the use of rituals and symbols. The fraternity endeavors to enhance and strengthen the character of individual members by providing opportunities for fellowship, charity, education and leadership. The exact origins of Freemasonry remain unknown. At some point during the 1500s or 1600s in England and Scotland, groups of working, or operative, stonemasons created lodges into which they initiated members from both within and outside the trade. While older guilds of stonemasons focused primarily on regulating the trade and protecting its secrets, these newer groups pursued social and charitable activities. The lodges developed what became known as speculative Freemasonry, which uses metaphors based on the traditions and tools of operative masonry to convey a system of ideas and ethics unconnected to actual building practices.

Freemasonry, although perhaps best known for its perceived secrecy and its men-only membership, in reality has few true secrets. Masons have relied on auxiliary groups of women for centuries to help them fundraise, to provide refreshments and decoration in the lodge, to sew their regalia, and even to assist them with learning their rituals at home. By stitching a quilt or hooking a rug, a woman could support her husband's Masonic activities, while also learning about it from him and feeling connected not only to her husband, but also to her larger community. Creating these objects may also have offered an opportunity to display her skill to a larger community.

<http://www.nationalheritagemuseum.org/Exhibitions/CurrentExhibitions/ThreadsOfBrotherhood.aspx>



From the Secretary's Table Brethren, the 2013 Lodge Management Certification Program 2013 Lodge Management Certification Program (LMCP) courses are once again available in webinar format – making them accessible to members anywhere in California from the comfort and convenience of their own homes. The unique format of the redesigned LMCP courses will offer two 90-minute sessions, allowing participants to access the resources they need, share information, and ask questions. <http://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/article.htm?id=10567>

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From the West Brethren, The Henry Wilson Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry announces its newest acquisition: A black lacquered Masonic keepsake box, made in Japan in the mid-19th century. Visit [masonicheritage.org](http://www.masonicheritage.org) to view more artifacts and photos from the Henry Wilson Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry. <http://www.freemason.org/newsEvents/article.htm?id=10576>



Masonic Get Together and Education

Join us for education on Masonic History and esoteric discussions related to the craft. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM for about an hour. Meetings are held in the Los Gatos Masonic Hall. Open to all degrees. We begin with a presentation on a pre-determined topic, followed by questions and discussion. Topics range from Masonic history both speculative and operative, to discussions on the seven arts and sciences. Topics on alchemy, Hermeticism, Rosicrucianism, mystery schools, and esoteric meanings have also been popular. Suggestions are welcome.

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From the South Brethren, Fresh steelhead with salad & spring vegetables, fresh blackberries, raspberries, and grapes with whipped cream for dessert \$10. Please RSVP to Jeff Powell at (408) 476-8476 or jeff@jeffpowell.com.

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The [13th Annual California Masonic Symposium](#) will present a detailed view into one of the fraternity's earliest defining moments: the rise and fall of the Antients and Moderns, rival grand lodges in eighteenth century England.

The Symposium will be held in two locations:

- June 22, 2013 – Pasadena Scottish Rite Cathedral
- June 23, 2013 – San Francisco Scottish Rite Masonic Center

[Register today at \[freemason.org\]\(http://freemason.org\).](#)