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Calendar
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| Apr 06 | (Thursday) |
| 6:30 PM | Dinner |
| 7:30 PM | Stated Meeting |
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| Apr 10 | (Monday) |
| 6:30 PM | Hall Association Meeting |
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| Apr 13 | (Thursday) |
| 7:30 PM | Second Degree Practice |
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| Apr 20 | (Thursday) |
| 7:30 PM | Second Degree Practice |
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| Apr 24 | (Monday) |
| 6:30 PM | Hall Association Meeting |
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| Apr 25 | (Tuesday) |
| 6:30 PM | OAM Mountain View DeAnza |
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| Apr 27 | (Thursday) |
| 7:30 PM | Second Degree Conferral |



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Brent Bowers Third Degree

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From the East

Brethren, First, allow me to congratulate our newest Master Mason, Brent Bowers!

Our April Stated Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, April 6th, 2017 at the Los Gatos Masonic Center at 7:30 PM. Please plan to join us for our Stated Meeting dinner at 6:30 PM in the dining room. If you have not been able to make it to lodge for a while, this would be a great way to get re-acquainted with your fellow brothers and their families.

After dinner, and before the Stated Meeting starts, Sara Mulinawe, who is the Mother Advisor for the San Jose Assembly # 5 Rainbow For Girls, will be giving a brief talk in the lodge room about the Rainbow For Girls Masonic youth group. The Stated Meeting will then follow. During the Stated Meeting, we will be presenting a 25 year lodge pin to one of our fellow brothers.

On Thursday evening, April 13th, 2017 starting at 7:30 PM at the Los Gatos Masonic Center, we will have a second degree advanced stations practice.



On Thursday evening, April 20th, 2017 starting at 7:30 PM at the Los Gatos Masonic Center, we will have another second degree advanced stations practice.

The Officers Association Meeting (OAM) for April will be hosted by Mountain View De Anza Lodge #194 at the Mountain View De Anza Lodge on Tuesday, April 25th, 2017. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM in the dining room and the meeting starts at 7:30 PM in the lodge room. Instruction for the evening will be the Second Degree. Note that this OAM has been moved from the Palo Alto Lodge.

On Thursday evening, April 27th, 2017 starting at 7:30 PM at the Los Gatos Masonic Center, we will have another second degree advanced stations practice.

Don't forget to check the lodge online calendar for the schedule of other upcoming events.

Fraternally,

Al Diamond, Master

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April Birthdays

Andrew G. Lenz	4/29/
Arthur R. Turnier	4/13/
Ben G. Kuckens	4/4/
Craig A. Martinsen	4/10/
Dennis C. Parle	4/17/
Donald B. Fitzgerald	4/10/
Freeman E. Branch	4/24/
James D. Kohl	4/11/
Jeffrey L. Milde	4/24/
Lee W. Milde	4/22/
Linden W. Swanson	4/5/
Manuel S. Castillo	4/24/
Mark D. McEuen	4/2/
Matthew L. Milde	4/6/
Melvin G. Fletcher	4/5/
Michael V. Feuquay	4/9/
Paul J. Dorsa	4/7/
Ray L. Leisy	4/13/
Raymond E. Bareiss	4/9/
Richard A. Medefesser, Sr.	4/20/
Robert H. Pedersen	4/20/
Robert L. Steward	4/21/
Robert R. Serrato	4/30/
Stanley W. Mason	4/25/
Thomas P. McCollum	4/13/
Warren G. Jory	4/21/

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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.

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

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Elias Ashmole's initiation

Elias Ashmole was the first English speculative free mason initiated in July 1646. Could he have been initiated in an operative working Lodge? It is also known that he was an intellectual, a wealthy man of standing. Why did he become a Freemason? Furthermore when organized Freemasonry began in London in June 1717 it consisted entirely of 'gentlemen' intent on drinking and dining and having a good time in general. What happened in between times? How and why the change, between 1646 and 1717, from an apparently aristocratic institution emerging 70 years later as nothing more than a Gentlemen's Club at best? The first English Constitutions by James Anderson were published in April 1723, some 6 years after the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. Until then we appear to have been enjoying festive aspects of freemasonry quite happily without minutes, rules or regulations. Why was it found necessary to publish so many restrictive sets of laws for the comportment of freemasons? By their very nature, the answers to these questions remain theoretical only.

Ashmole was born in May 1617 in Staffordshire, England. A talented and ambitious man, he was able to fulfil many of his dreams after his second marriage to the wealthy Lady Mainwaring, 20 years his senior. He retired at the age of 25 and pursued personal interests thereafter. During 1645 and 1646, crucial years in the English Civil War, Ashmole's political and military careers developed on parallel lines. In March 1646 he was made a Captain in the King's Army and he witnessed the defeat of King Charles by Cromwell three months later. He returned to Smallwood and on 16 October 1646 Elias Ashmole was made a freemason in Warrington. This is the evidence of the first initiation of an English speculative mason. That is, notwithstanding the fact that those present and listed would have certainly been initiated at an earlier date. It took place at 4.30 in the afternoon. The precise time can be given because he kept a daily diary now housed in the Bodeleian Library in Oxford. But many questions arise regarding his initiation. What was the exact nature of the Lodge in which Ashmole was initiated? In the whole of his extensive manuscript annotations there are only two references to his Masonic activities, dated 1646 and 1682. The names of those present in 1646 as listed by Ashmole in his diary are uncontested. None of those present belonged to the stonemasons' trade. The Lodge, however, will have consisted of several additional members not present at the initiation and who may well have been working operative stonemasons. Ashmole was an extraordinarily accomplished man. By 1648 he had extended his studies in Astrology and Anatomy to Botany and Alchemy

<http://internet.lodge.org.uk/research/93-library/research/193-beresiner>



Masonic You...nified Egg...stravaganza (more puns below)

With Easter around the corner, there is a fun, free event arranged for children of all ages. Any contributions will be given to the Masonic Youth Groups. A similar event started in Saratoga with 70 participants in the first year, and rising to more than 700 participants in later years. All lodges have been invited to participate. Details as follows:

Date: Saturday, April 8th 2017
 Place: San Jose Masonic Center, 2500 Masonic Drive, San Jose, CA 95125
 Program:
 9:00am to 10:30am Entry and Decorating Time
 10:30am to 11am Egg Judging
 11am to Winner Egg Tapping Contest (Max 120)
 11am to 12:00noon Egg Dish Contest (Max 15)
 12 noon Dish Judging – Deviled Egg; Egg Salad; salad with Egg.
 12noon to 2pm Feasting and Outdoor fun

Now for the Puns: Egg...citing; Egg...hilarating; Egg...cellent; Egg...static; Egg...xuberant; ... J

This event has been spearheaded by Bro. Danny Honniball & brethren from San Jose #10, with active participation requested from all lodges in the District. Come enjoy the fellowship of your fellow brethren in your District.

From the Secretary's Table

Brethren, Those that did not attend our March stated meeting, missed a wonderful presentation about the Order of the Eastern star organization from Diane Diamond. Remember March is Youth Orders Month, so see what you can do for our organizations around Los Gatos and San Jose. The "redo" of the building is coming to a close. We have received all money due from the insurance coverage, and have paid all the bills. And for those that missed the ladies lodge brunch, it was a great meal in a great place. Besides all the player pianos already there, another smaller one arrived as we were eating.

And a happy birthday to three Masonic Home residents in March, Gus Anastole, Alex Adorador, and Tom Caldwell. Worshipful Ketan and Damir Herman are providing quite a nice dinner before our stated meetings. You should not miss trying their meals!

April Meeting

It has been quite some time since our lodge has been able to catch up and present 25 pins to our members who have been a Mason for at least 25 years. But we are planning on correcting that at our April stated meeting, on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

May Meeting

We will be presenting a 50 year award at our stated meeting on May 4th. Congratulations to Worshipful Mervin Yue.

Fraternally,

Wayne Heimsoth

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From the West

Brethren, April is Public Schools Month. In 1920, as California's public schools struggled to survive teacher shortages, California Masons led a community response: The fraternity proclaimed Public Schools Week, rallying communities in support of schools and raising needed funds to improve the system. Today, we continue that tradition with Public Schools Month. During the month of April, lodges throughout California conduct special recognitions in support of public schools. Thousands of children throughout California do not have the resources necessary to build a strong educational foundation, and gain critical skills needed for a happy and productive life. To address the need for family support, the California Masonic Foundation has partnered with one of the nation's largest and most successful literacy organizations, Raising A Reader, to bring its award-winning literacy program to public schools for the first time in the U.S. By providing California families with the tools they need, the Masons of California and Raising A Reader are strengthening families and inspiring a new generation of children to read, learn, and succeed - one book at a time.

Fraternally,

Jeff Powell

Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren, You are requested to attend a meeting of your lodge to be held at 131 E. Main Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030, on Thursday, April 6th 2017, 6:30pm.

Agenda

6:30pm to 7:30pm: Lodge Dinner – Open to all members, their friends and families.

7:30pm: Talk on Rainbow for Girls by Sara Mulinyawe, Mother Advisor at San Jose Assembly #5. – Open to all members, their friends and families.

7:45pm Lodge Stated Meeting – Open to all masons.

Dinner menu

Applewood Smoked Ham with Pineapple; Pork chops; Boiled Eggs; Selection of Vegetables; Salad; Bread Rolls; Cheesecake; Apple Strudel [Vegetarian option available upon request].

Cost: \$10.00 per person [Free for members' children under 16yrs]

Mark the date in your diaries, and RSVP as soon as possible (no later than Tuesday, April 4th 2017).

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

We had a lively, fun and enjoyable lodge dinner at our March meeting. Come enjoy the fellowship and be part of the fun!

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