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– Grand Master William J. Bray



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Relay for Life

Jackie Bozeman 916-257-7020

El Dorado County’s Relay for Life is scheduled for September 9-10 at the fairgrounds. We have a team again this year and you need to be a part of it. If you are interested in becoming a team member, please let me know so I can give you the particulars. You can make a donation to the team, plan to walk during the 24 hours we are on the track (only one hour commitment), or BOTH. I also receive information from the American Cancer Society and this month they had a very interesting article. They have a program called Road to Recovery which helps patients get to and from their cancer treatments. This is especially helpful for those who live in rural areas or have no family members or friends who are readily available. That program is also looking for volunteers to help drive patients. If you would like to volunteer or need help getting to treatments, give them a call at 800-227-2345. This service is available nationwide-not just in our county.

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I trust by now everyone is preparing for summer, planning vacations, and putting those lumber yard and hardware store lists together for the usual landscaping and home improvement projects that always seem to crop up around this time of year. Those of us in the higher elevations are just now starting to till our gardens although from the looks of it this might not be an ideal growing year. Just the other day, despite the fact it is now mid-May, I was shoveling snow and rescuing an elderly gentleman who optimistically went out to run errands between storms...only to get stuck on the roadside.

The lingering winter and erratic weather, however, are far from being omens for Placerville 26 and it's shaping up to be another active and productive summer. With new applications coming in virtually every stated meeting and a lot of gentlemen going through their degrees, the lodge will probably not be going "dark" at all this summer or if we do it will only be for a very short period. By the time you read this we will have raised Brother Jeff Schideler to the sublime degree of Master Mason with the assistance of the Ben Ali Shrine Past Master's team and we will be gearing up for a total of four first degrees in June. On June 2nd we will be initiating Mr. Roy Marsh and Mr. Robert McCarthy and on June 14th Mr. Troy Myers and Mr. Ron Gutzman will join our ranks. It bodes well for Masonry in general and our lodge in particular that these are all younger family men who are exhibiting a great of interest in and enthusiasm for Masonry. Brian Creel will be officiating at the degrees on the 2nd and our Senior Deacon, Larry Lococo will be sitting in the east for the first time on the 14th. They're both going to be great nights so please put them on your calendars and welcome our new brothers in style.

Speaking of doing things with a little style, those of you who have gotten an early start on your summer activities sure missed a fun May meeting. The entertainment provided by Mariachi Mi Tierra was a real blast and everyone had a great time. We also had a very interesting lesson from the violinist on the history of Mariachi music that was a real eye-opener. I had no idea the roots of this distinctive style of music were French and the addition of the trumpet was a fairly recent innovation dating to the late 1940s. To top off the dinner Brother Jimmie Waldon gave away two rides on a WWII B-17 in honor of our old Tiler, the late Jack Farley who served with distinction on a B-17 in WWII. The tickets for this opportunity drawing were free and I thank Jimmie once again for his amazing generosity! The retail value of these rides is nearly \$1,000. The moral of the story is this...if you miss the monthly meeting, you are really missing out! During an open event in the lodge room, Brother Glen Roussell officially presented the lodge with a brand-new AED (Automated External Defibrillator). This extraordinary donation (it's a \$3,000 machine) provides us with the ability to possibly save someone's life in the event of a heart attack. You see these machines in prominent places in airports and many public

buildings and while they are exceedingly simple to use, Brother John Kunkle will be providing some instruction for folks at least once or twice over the coming year at our monthly meetings and dinners.

We will also be having a very special and interesting speaker at our June stated meeting dinner. Mr. Steven Almy, a recently retired CIA agent (yes, a real agent...not some Langley paper-pusher) will give us an insider's view of the "Silent Service" and regale us with some fascinating and at times funny stories about his exploits. He was one of the last CIA officers to get out of Saigon at the end of the Vietnam War and spent many years stationed in far-flung places keeping an eye on the Russians during the Cold War. What stories he can tell are fascinating and there will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Also, we'll be holding another opportunity drawing with lots of great items ranging from firearms safety and proficiency training with Brother Kunkle to another lot of rare Masonic history books. Again, it will be an evening you will definitely not want to miss!

Lastly, I would like to get out an advance notice that Brother Jimmy Waldon will be receiving his Hiram Award at a very special stated meeting on July 14th. Dinner will be a traditional summer BBQ (chicken, probably tri-tip or ribs, and all the fixins') prepared by Placerville Police Officer's Association members Ben Scholtz, Brody Jordan and Brother John Kunkle. They are grill masters extraordinaire and all profits from the event will be donated to the Association. Seating will be limited so be sure to put in your reservations with Junior Warden Brian Creel as soon as possible.

I hope to see everyone at the June meeting and don't forget to come out to the degrees and support your brethren!

Worshipful Master, Brian Ludwig

Placerville Masonic Center

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Stated Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Fellowship is at 6:00 p.m. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Stated Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

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**PLACERVILLE 26
HIRAM AWARD PRESENTATION
& CHARITY BBQ**

Please join the brethren and families
of Placerville 26 for the presentation of the

HIRAM AWARD TO BROTHER JIMMY WALDON

BBQ dinner provided by the Placerville Police Officer's Association
All proceeds go to benefit the Association

DATE - JULY 14TH

PLACE - PLACERVILLE LODGE 26

5:30 SOCIAL HOUR, 6:30 DINNER, 7:30 PRESENTATION

Price: \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 kids

SEATING IS LIMITED SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS SOON!

Contact Brother Brian Creel at 530-626-4412 or Wor. Brian Ludwig at 530-647-0872

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Brethren,

It's June! Can you believe the year is half over? It's all downhill from here as they say.

This looks to be a busy month for the lodge. We have stated on June 3. Wor. Nick Battaini is cooking for us preparing barbequed tri-tip and sides. My wife will be baking a pineapple upside-down cake for dessert. Our Job's Daughters bethel will be assisting with the service this month and the proceeds from dinner will go to them. Please call Wor. Nick with your reservations and help support these wonderful girls.

On June 8 we will be having a third degree for William Bradley. On June 15 we will be having a second degree for David Wright and we tentatively have a third degree for Cameron Aston scheduled for June 29. What away to start the summer! (And did you know that Bro. Steve Anderly, our resident chef, whips up our refreshments for after the third degrees? You really should attend either as a sidliner or participant just for that!)

June is also typically when our lodge and Placerville lodge co-sponsor a free children's I.D. booth at the El Dorado County Fair. Unfortunately, this year arrangements were not made in order for us to have a booth. However, there is a youth appreciation expo that will be coming to the fairgrounds in August and arrangements are being made to have a presence then. Once information is available we will be seeking your assistance to staff that booth and make a Masonic presence in our community. By being active in the community and being out where men can see us doing our good work and answering their questions, we will gain the new members vital to our continued growth.

July is not far off either and we will be again participating jointly with Placerville lodge for a Fourth of July picnic. Actually, it will be on the preceding Sunday, July 3. Time and location will be announced, as well as menu and prices, by next Gold Country Mason. Bro. Brian Creel at Placerville lodge and Bro. Joseph Carlson at our lodge will be your contact points for reservations for food. As steak is a special order available at this picnic, you will have to place an order in advance (deadline will be announced next

month) in order to allow for the pre-order necessary to get a good deal. Think about attending and mark your calendar.

And, plans are set for our Hiram award winner Bro. John Zachary to receive his award at the picnic in July. Be sure you attend and see this most worthy brother during his moment in the spotlight.

As the year is now closer to ending than not, the officers are working in their advanced stations for next year to prepare to lead the lodge in 2012. Plans are being made as we speak for next year, so if you have any ideas you want to share, criticisms to make, suggestions to offer or programs you want to see started or revived, now is the time to speak up! You can call any of the officers with your comments, write to the lodge, send an email or just stop by any Wednesday for practice. We are blessed with a good number of new masons in our officer line for this and next year. But that does mean that their understanding of our lodge and its traditions only

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Hiram Building
6201 Main St. El Dorado, CA
Stated Meetings are the 1st Friday of the month.
Fellowship is at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.
Stated Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.
It is recommended that you call for Reservations
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Calendar of events: JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
W.W. MOVED TO 2nd MONDAY!	<p>Widdle Weels Meeting at Veteran's hall 7:00 pm</p>		1 B Hiram Lodge Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	2 A Placerville #26 Double First Degree Mr. Roy Marsh Mr. Robert McCarthy	3 B Hiram #25 Stated Meeting Fellowship 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30 W.M. Nick Battaini - Chef	4 Stated Meeting 10:00 am Drytown Lodge in Plymouth B Hiram Lodge Bethel 74, Job's Daughters 10:00 am
5 Service for Laura Cheezum Elks Lodge off off Durock 11:00am ITALIAN DAYS PARADE in Sutter Creek	6	7 A Placerville Masonic Ctr. Placerville #26 Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	8 B Hiram Lodge 3rd Degree for William "SAM" Bradley 7:00 pm	9 A Placerville #26 Stated Meeting Fellowship 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	10 B Past Matron & Past Patron - Pot Luck Chairman - Jean Castberg Eastern Star Meeting 7:30	11
12	13 A Placerville Masonic Ctr. Rainbow Girls 7:00 pm	14 A Placerville #26 Officer's Practice 7:00 pm Flag Day	15 B Hiram Lodge 2nd Degree Mr. David Wright 7:00 pm	16 A Placerville #26 Double First Degree Mr. Troy Myers Mr. Ron Gutzman	17 Orphan to Queen, the story of ESTHER at 3 stages in Folsom Call Jackie Bozeman at 530-333-4732	18 A Placerville Masonic Ctr. Bethel 74, Job's Daughters 2:00 Installation
19 Gold Country Mason Deadline for June Issue Father's Day	20 A Placerville Masonic Ctr. Rainbow Girls 7:00 pm	21 A Placerville #26 Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	22 B Hiram Lodge Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	23	24	25
26	27 A Placerville Masonic Ctr. Father's Day Ceremony Rainbow Girls 7:00 pm all Masons Invited	28 District School of Instruction 7:00 pm A Placerville #26	29 B Hiram Lodge 3rd Degree for Brother Aston 7:00 pm	30	<p>PLAN NOW FOR THE JULY 4th PICNIC HIGH HILL RANCH 11am-3pm on MONDAY, JULY 4, 2011</p>	

Locations:

Hiram 25 Website: <http://www.eldoradomasons.org/>
Placerville 26 Website: <http://www.calodges.org/no26/>
Grand Lodge: <http://www.freemason.org/>

A=Placerville Lodge • Est. May 6, 1853
 Placerville Masonic Center
 2820 Cold Springs Rd., Placerville

B=Hiram Lodge • Est. May 3, 1853
 601 Main St., El Dorado
 All other locations are indicated

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and let these men know. If you always wished things could be done different, now's your chance to see it happen by talking to these new officers. This is your lodge and these volunteering men are here for you, not themselves. Let them know what you want to see your lodge become. Otherwise (as my wife tells the kids) "You get what you get, and you don't throw a fit."

And lastly, Happy Father's Day to all those dads out there! Take what you learn from lodge and pass it on. Your kids don't have to join a lodge or the Star or any other group to become better people, they just need to see you living the tenets of our institution. So enjoy your day and keep inspiring those around you.

Fraternally,

Jason W. Burgess, PM • Master, Hiram #25

FATHER'S DAY

What do you say
to someone
who has been one of
the most essential
parts of your world;
someone who took you by the hand
when you were little
and helped to show the way?
What do you say to someone
who stood by to help you grow,
providing love, strength, and support
so you could become the person
you are today?
What can you say to let him know
the he's the best there is,
and that you hope you've inherited
some of his wisdom
and his strength?
What words would you say
if you ever got the chance?
Maybe you just say
"I love you Dad..."
And hope he understands.

Author: Carey Martin



<http://www.masons4mitts.org/>

The Masons of California are teaming up with the Junior Giants to bring the fun of baseball to more kids. The Bay Area has been divided into six regions - East Bay, South Bay, North Bay, the city of San Francisco, Sacramento and the Delta area - which are facing off in friendly competition. The team that funds the greatest number of baseball mitts for the Junior Giants will publicly present their check, along with the Grand Master, on Masons Night at AT&T Park on September 12th. Junior Giants, the flagship program of the Giants Community Fund, is a free, non-competitive and innovative baseball program for boys and girls ages 5 to 18. More than 13,000 youths participate in the Junior Giants program each year in more than 70 leagues, serving more than 150 cities. The Giants Community Fund provides the jerseys, hats, and baseball equipment necessary to run each league. The Fund also provides tickets for youths to attend select Giants games.

Celebrate the 2011 Masons4Mitts finale! After 90 days of intense competition to raise funds for baseball mitts for the Junior Giants, the six Masons4Mitts teams will unite to show our communities and baseball fans everywhere that Masons care about kids. Take your family and friends out to the ball game to help celebrate. The party behind the scoreboard will start at 5:30 p.m. Game time is 7:15 p.m. and there will be a Home Plate check presentation prior to the first pitch.

**Join us for Masons Night at AT&T Park on
Tuesday, September 12.**

Schedule of the upcoming
2011 YORK RITE MEETINGS
*We meet at the Sutter Creek Masonic Hall located
at 45 Main Street in Downtown Sutter Creek.*

June	27, 2011 - 7:30 pm	Commandery
July	25, 2011 - 7:30 pm	Council
August	22, 2011 - 7:30 pm	Chapter
September	26, 2011 - 7:30 pm	Commandery
October	24, 2011 - 7:30 pm	Council
November	14, 2011 - 7:30 pm	Chapter
Thanksgiving Schedule		
December	12, 2011 - 7:30 pm	Commandery
Christmas Schedule		

Many members usually meet before the meeting for dinner beforehand at 6 pm at a local Sutter Creek restaurant. The choice of restaurant is announced via email by the presiding officer for that meeting a few days before the meeting.

GOLD COUNTRY MASON

Order of Eastern Star

– El Dorado Foothills

Calendar for 2011

- June 10 – Past Matrons & Past Patrons
– Potluck Dinner
Chairman – Jean Castberg
- July 22 – River Cats baseball game.
See Jackie to order tickets.
- Sept 9 – Western Night,
Chairman-HeatherAnn Dawson
- Sept 10-11 – Relay for Life,
El Dorado County fairgrounds
- Oct 14 – Mascot night
(Dress as your favorite mascot!)
Chairman-Lisa Blum,
Mary Lou & Brian Johnson
- Nov 11 –Last Night, Veteran's Day –
Wear Red, White & Blue-- Potluck dinner
Chairman-Jackie Bozeman
- Nov 27 – Installation of 2012 officers
General Chairman-Cherri Whiteley
Placerville Lodge

Hello from Eastern Star,

We are getting ready for our summer vacation. One more meeting on June 10th then we'll be taking a break until September. We are trying to get some fun activities together for the summer, and all the Brothers and their families are welcome to attend.

June 17th—a theatre night at Three Stages to see From Orphan to Queen-the Story of Esther. Tickets cost \$14 (seniors \$10). Contact Jackie Bozeman at 530-333-4732 or 916-200-8191 or jebozeman04@yahoo.com by June 1st to reserve a ticket.

July 22nd—River Cats game, 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$17. \$1 hot dog and ice cream night. Contact Jackie to reserve your tickets. Come out and join other members and their families and friend at a great venue. Contact Jackie by July 1 to reserve a ticket.

July 28th-a theatre night at Three Stages to see Curtains, a musical mystery whodunit. Tickets cost \$14.50. Contact Jackie by July 1 to reserve a ticket.

We hope you will be able to join us for these fun activities.

Jackie Bozeman
Association Matron
El Dorado Foothills #62

HIRAM 25 HIRAM AWARD PRESENTATION AT THE COMBINED LODGES 4TH OF JULY PICNIC

The Annual Picnic includes FOOD • GAMES • FUN for the WHOLE FAMILY

DATE - MONDAY, JULY 4TH
PLACE - HIGH HILL RANCH in CAMINO
11:00 - 3:00 (ish)

at 2:00pm, Join Hiram 25 for the presentation of the

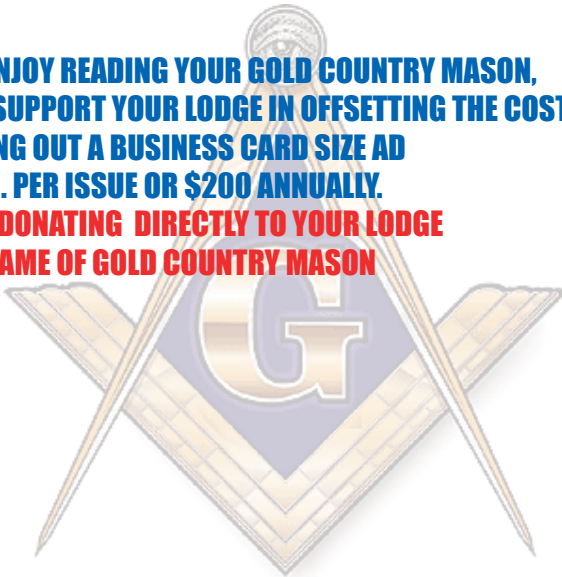
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