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# Gold Country MASON

## RELAY FOR LIFE IS SEPTEMBER 10 - 11

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length.

Relay began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 20 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. Thanks to Relay participants, the American Cancer Society continues to save lives.

### What Happens at Relay For Life events?

Although every Relay For Life is different, there are certain traditions at all Relays, no matter where they are held. These traditions help participants celebrate, remember, and fight back.

### Celebrate – The Survivors Lap

Relay starts with a Survivors Lap – a inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories we've achieved over cancer. The Survivors Lap is an emotional example of how Relay participants are ensuring that more lives are saved each year – like those of each individual on the track. We also recognize and celebrate caregivers at Relay For Life. These individuals give their time, love, and support to friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers who face cancer. At Relay, people understand the frustrations and joys of being a caregiver, since the effects of cancer reach far beyond just the person diagnosed.

### Remember – The Luminaria Ceremony

After dark, we honor people who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease during the Luminaria Ceremony. Candles are

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## RELAY FOR LIFE EL DORADO COUNTY

September 10-11, 2011 • 10 am to 10 am

Website: [www.relayforlife.org/eldoradocountyca](http://www.relayforlife.org/eldoradocountyca)

*Access the website to join the team or donate.*

Find the Top Teams on right side of page.

CLICK ON View Teams

CLICK ON **Gold Rush Masonic Family**

CLICK ON Join Team and follow directions

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## - Trestleboard -

**Worshipful Master - Jason Burgess • (916) 501-3812**

Brethren,

September is here and Fall soon starts. Our outdoorsmen brothers will be taking to the woods and our sports fanatic brothers will be taking to their couches. Children are off to school again and we all are preparing for the coming holidays which start next month!

We have added another master mason to our ranks with the raising of Bro. David Wright on August 24, 2011. We had quite a full house with the degree team and visiting sideliners. Thirty-eight distinguished masons in all! We had to bring in chairs to be sure everyone got a seat. I tell you, that is a great sight to behold. Nothing is as wonderful as a full Lodge. I wish I saw that every meeting. Perhaps I soon shall.

We have a possible dual first degree set for September 7, 2011. Come assist us in making a very special first night in Masonry for those two gentlemen. Remember, it's our enthusiasm which they see at the degrees that keeps those new masons coming back after they are raised. Let's energize these two new men to become active in our Lodge. That is how we survive and thrive.

Please be sure to review the messages from our committee-persons regarding the Masonic Family Relay For Life team. They need your participation and your support for this worthy cause. Give them an hour of your time or a dollar

of your money (or more!) and let's make a Masonic presence felt in our community.

Improvements continue to be made to the lodge building for your benefit. Come by and take a look when you have a chance. New lighting, better window shading to reduce heat and, thus, a cooling bill, and many more things have or are happening. Let the officers know what you think.

This month is the 165th Annual Communication at Grand Lodge in San Francisco. All Master masons may attend and see what is going on. If you can make it, there are activities and fraternal opportunities abounding.

If you are interested in the legislation that is proposed upon which your officers will be voting, it is all available online only this year. You can find it at [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org), Grand Lodge's website. Remember, you can stop into Lodge and use the computer and internet connection there if you don't have one at home. Review that legislation and let your officers know how you think they should vote for your lodge. Participate and exercise your privileges of being a Mason.

Fraternally,

Jason W. Burgess, P.M.  
Master, Hiram #25

### From the Senior Deacon, Hiram 25

**You will not want to miss the stated meeting in September, September 2nd. September is US Constitution month. The Master has asked me to prepare a short presentation, and I have done so.**

**I think you will want to be present to see it. It has not been decided whether to do the presentation in the dining room or the lodge room, yet.**

**But, either way, you should plan to attend. Wives, friends and children are all welcome.**

**Dusty**

### 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 to Jackie Bozeman at (530)333-4732**

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# S E P T E M B E R

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

 <b>SEPTEMBER 17 IS ONE BUSY DAY!</b> <b>Placerville AND Suisun / Fairfield</b> <b>SHRINE SCREENING CLINICS</b> <b>Tehama Shrine Golf Tournament</b>				1	Volcano Stated Meeting	2	<b>B</b> Hiram #25 Stated Meeting Fellowship 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	3	Drytown Lodge Stated Meeting 10:00 am Plymouth
4	5 Labor Day	6 <b>A</b> Placerville #26 Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	7 <b>B</b> Hiram Lodge Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	8 <b>A</b> P'ville #26 Stated Meeting Fellowship 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	9 <b>B</b> Eastern Star Meeting 7:30 pm	10	<b>RELAY FOR LIFE</b>		
11 <b>RELAY FOR LIFE</b> NEVADA CITY COMMAND PARADE	12 <b>WIDDLE WEELS</b> 7:00 VETS HALL	13 <b>A</b> Placerville #26 Officer's Practice 7:00 pm <b>SHRINE STATED</b>	14 <b>B</b> Hiram Lodge Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	15 <b>October G.C.M. Deadline</b>	16	17 <b>A</b> Placerville Masonic Ctr. Bethel 74, Job's Daughters			
18	19	20 <b>A</b> Placerville #26 Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	21 <b>B</b> Hiram Lodge Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	22	23 <b>GRAND LODGE SAN FRANCISCO</b>	24 <b>GRAND LODGE SAN FRANCISCO</b>			
25 <b>GRAND LODGE SAN FRANCISCO</b>	26 <b>A</b> Rainbow Girls 7:00 pm <b>York Rite</b> Commandry 7:30	27 <b>A</b> Placerville #26 Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	28 <b>B</b> Hiram Lodge Officer's Practice Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown	29 First Day of Rosh Hashanah	30				

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**B** = Hiram Lodge • Est. May 3, 1853

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30	31 Halloween					

## Trestleboard

Worshipful Master - Brian Ludwig • (530) 647-0872

Wow...if you missed last month's dinner you really missed one heck of an evening. Our speaker was one of the best I've ever run into and for most of her talk you could have heard a pin drop. Mrs. Renee Tully, a survivor of the Holocaust and specifically of the Auschwitz concentration camp told us all about her experiences in a way that only those folks from that "Greatest Generation" can. Despite her remarkable background and having survived the deaths of family members, loss of her home, beatings, starvation, constant fear, and personally being examined by the Angel of Death (Josef Mengele), she maintains a humble demeanor and an ability to see a touch of humor in even the most unimaginable of circumstances. It was an amazing talk and while I have tried my best to always provide our members with upbeat events, music, and speakers, I think this presentation was far more important since Mrs. Tully represents an increasingly scarce direct link to one of most significant times of the 20th century.

It's hard to believe but summer is just about gone and before much longer we'll be seeing those first hints of new snow in the mountains and the nights will take on that delightful chill so typical of fall. As you may have gathered by now, summer by no means meant a slow-down at your lodge. Most notably in August, we had a great showing yet again at the National Night Out and continued to keep Masonry in the local spotlight and serve the residents of our community. Dozens of parents were provided readily-accessible identification information for their kids and everyone had a great time. August also saw the continued and growing success of our inter-lodge senior support committee with several of our members and their widows taking advantage of your generosity.

The SHARE food drive box is full once again and we're all looking forward to another great month. Speaking of an active lodge, I'm pleased to inform everyone that just in the past couple of weeks alone I have spoken with five potential new members. Two of these contacts resulted from their initial contacts with the Grand Lodge and the other three come to us through word-of-mouth or stopping by at the lodge and taking down my phone number. Combined with our two most recent candidates who were voted on in the past month or two, and the additional 10 or so guys going through their degrees right now I'd be willing to bet our membership numbers have turned a corner. As we all know for many reasons, the number of Masons has been declining for decades. However, if Grand Lodge research holds

and trends continue, we're going to see a dramatic up-turn in membership in the coming years. So far, Placerville is ahead of the curve!

Anyhow, I hope everyone is planning on coming to the September meeting and dinner. It's going to be a classic with Jean Halderman whipping up what to me is a classic "Blue Plate Special" of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans with bacon and carrot cake. We'll also be having another of our ever-popular opportunity drawings which was delayed from last month. This will include items such as a great bath and spa package, fresh flowers, more baked goodies, and another lot of classic vintage Masonic books just to name a few of the great items available. See ya'll then! Oh, by the way, in October we'll be having a special musical guest...Singing for Supper will be entertaining us for the evening. Stay tuned for more on that!

- Brian Ludwig, W.M. Placerville #26

### Placerville Masonic Center

2820 Cold Springs Road • Placerville, CA 95667

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.

Website - <http://www.calodges.org/no26/>

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of being a caregiver, since the effects of cancer reach far beyond just the person diagnosed.

### Remember – The Luminaria Ceremony

After dark, we honor people who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease during the Luminaria Ceremony. Candles are lit inside bags filled with sand, each one bearing the name of a person touched by cancer, and participants often walk a lap in silence. As people take time to remember, those who have walked alongside others battling cancer can grieve and find healing. This is a time that truly highlights the importance of defeating this disease.

### Fight Back – The Fight Back Ceremony

Last, there is a Fight Back Ceremony, where we make a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer. That personal commitment may be to do something as simple as getting a screening test, quitting smoking, or talking to elected officials about cancer. By taking action, people are personally taking steps to save lives and fight back against a disease that takes too much.

Celebrate, remember, and fight back are themes that link all Relays events together, but you can learn more about national event standards and recommendations and more about how to structure your Relay's planning committee using a suggested three-tier approach by connecting to the documents below.

### Philosophy – Why We Relay

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

### Why Relay?

Relay For Life is more than just a fundraiser. It's a life-changing experience. At Relay, every person in the community has a chance to celebrate, remember, and fight back. And every person who participates joins others around the globe as part of this worldwide movement to end cancer.

Everyone's reason to Relay is as unique as their own personal story. At Relay, you can find healing, comfort, and support from others who have faced cancer or who have lost a loved one to the disease. You have a chance to meet people in the the Placerville area who are equally as passionate about finding an end to cancer in our lifetime.

You can thank all the people who have done so much to support you through your personal cancer experience. And you can gather together with friends, family, and colleagues to laugh, cry, and create lasting memories.

No matter why you take part in Relay, however, one thing is clear: with every step you take, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives. With your help, we aren't just fighting one type of cancer – we're fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. Each person who shares the Relay experience can take pride in knowing that they are working to create a world where this disease will no longer threaten the lives of our loved ones or claim another year of anyone's life.

### History of Relay - Celebrating Hope

One person can make a difference. Nowhere is that more evident than with the story of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, which began in Tacoma, Washington. In the mid-1980s, Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tacoma colorectal surgeon, wanted to enhance the income of his local American Cancer Society office and to show support for all of his patients who had battled cancer. He decided to personally raise money for the fight by doing something he enjoyed – running marathons.

In May 1985, Dr. Klatt spent a grueling 24 hours circling the track at Baker Stadium at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. He ran for more than 83 miles. That first year, nearly 300 of Dr. Klatt's friends, family, and patients watched as he ran and walked the course. Throughout the night, friends donated \$25 to run or walk with Dr. Klatt for 30 minutes. His efforts raised \$27,000 to fight cancer.

While circling the track those 24 hours, Dr. Klatt thought about how others could take part in his mission to fight cancer. He envisioned a 24-hour team relay event that could raise more money to fight cancer. Over the next few months, he pulled together a small committee to plan the first team relay event, known as the City of Destiny Classic 24-Hour Run Against Cancer.

In 1986, with the help of Pat Flynn – now known as the "Mother of Relay" – 19 teams took part in the first team Relay event on the track at the historic Stadium Bowl and raised \$33,000. An indescribable spirit prevailed at the track and in the tents that dotted the infield.

# GOOD FELLOWSHIP

*By Wilbur D. Nesbit*

Ho, Brother, it's the handclasp  
and the good word and the smile  
That does the most and helps the most  
to make the world worth while!  
It's all of us together, or it's only you and I —  
A ringing song of friendship, and the heart beats high;  
A ringing song of friendship,  
and a word or two of cheer!  
Then all the world is gladder  
and the bending shy is clear!  
It's you and I together —  
and we're brothers one and all  
When even through good felowship  
we hear the subtle call,  
Whenever in the ruck of things  
we feel the helping hand  
or see the deeper glow  
that none but we may understand —  
Then all the world is good to us  
and all is worth the while;  
Ho, brother, it's the handclasp  
and the good word and the smile!

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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.*

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.*

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# Order of Eastern Star

– El Dorado Foothills

Calendar for 2011

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



**11am Sept. 17 2011**

**Power Balance Pavilion  
(formerly Arco Arena)**

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE  
at BEN ALI OFFICE!**



## RELAY FOR LIFE NEEDS TEAM MEMBERS

(We also need donations).

Please contact either Jackie Bozeman at 530-333-4732 or 916-200-8191 or Glen Lyons at 530-391-4261 to let us know if you will join our team and/or donate. We only need a commitment of 1 hour during those times noted above. That's all!!!!

If you join our team and raise \$100, you also get a free Relay for Life t-shirt.

We look forward to having a great team.

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