

### DEMOLAY FOR BOYS

Hello from De Molay, We will be having a *Holiday Party* on December 19th, at 7:00pm at the Gilroy Masonic Temple. This is a great opportunity to bring interested young men to get to know each other, and to learn what Demolay is about. Please RSVP to Howard or Joyce Honerlah at: 408-683-2832; or email to: hojo183@yahoo.com. We will have good refreshments, fun and games. And..., maybe even some dancing!

Thank you,  
Advisory Councilors to De Molay



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### RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Seasons Greetings from Gilroy Rainbow!

It's that special time of year again – time for holiday parties and gatherings and responsibilities too like year-end reports and dues paying. Gilroy Rainbow is in a flurry of activity right now. First there was Magnolia Chapter's installation, where we all admired Mrs. Martin's "school days" theme and the giant blocks that spelled out "Magnolia," and then there was Keith Lodge's fancy installation, where Mr. Alexander even hired a DJ so we could dance the night away. The grown-ups have inspired the girls to make their installations more festive. A little music and some chocolate can sure liven things up.

The girls had a membership party on Saturday in December. I wasn't in attendance, but I understand we have now two new petitions for membership. Our little group is starting to grow a bit. The girls were also thrilled to have their teddy bear project featured on the front page of the Dispatch recently. If you missed the article, there is a link to the online version on our website, [www.gilroyrainbow.org](http://www.gilroyrainbow.org).

On the weekend of December 20-21, the girls will be gift wrapping in front of Walmart, raising money for the Grand Service project, which this year is an organization called Family Soup. At our meeting on the 23rd we'll be having a special parent night, and then after Christmas we'll be making our trek to see *Christmas in the Park*, and do some ice skating. As I said, we're busy!

One more thing: Please mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. We will be having our installation then and would love to see our friends from Morgan Hill and Hollister.

May this holiday bring blessings to you all.

Rainbow Love & Happy Holidays,  
Melissa Williams, Assistant MA,  
Gilroy Rainbow No. 125



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## MORGAN HILL MASONIC LODGE CALENDAR

Jan 08 6:30 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Stated Meeting

Jan 15 7:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner

### Brethren:

First, let me say thank you to everyone who helped to make our Annual Installation a wonderful event. I think everyone who made it out had a great time, and it was an honor to have our Deputy Grand Master install us. It was also a pleasure to see so many of our Eastern Star members come out to share the day with us. It was truly a day I will always remember.

We don't have any other events scheduled for the month of December so everyone can spend time with their families and enjoy the holiday season. Chris and I pray that you all have time to enjoy yourselves and to celebrate the season, be it Christmas, Hanukkah, or other celebration.

Coming up in January, we have our Stated Meeting on the 8th. This is the second Thursday of the month, due to the first being on New Years Day. On January 15th, we will have our annual January Pot Luck, please come out and enjoy the Fellowship, this event is open to all so please bring your families and friends, we would love to have a full house. Finally, we have the first OAM of the year at Liberty Lodge in Santa Clara, dinner will be served at 6:30 with the meeting at 7:30. Remember it is a requirement of the CMC that all officers attend the OAM's so if you can not make it, you must contact Hank directly.

For our work in Ritual, we will not have anything directly this month so I ask those officers that have not taken their proficiency in the 3rd degree to work on that. If you need assistance, please either speak to your mentor for the degrees, or talk to Steve or me and we would be most happy to help you out.

We have moved our library out of the back office to the storage room next to the lodge, we are going to work on making it even more accessible to all. I would also like to put a call out for any Masonic books that you might have laying around that you no longer use, to be donated to



**OUR HEARTS**  
Are ready to

**CELEBRATE**  
**RAY DAUBERG'S**  
**100TH BIRTHDAY**

**Morgan Hill Masonic Lodge #463**  
And  
**Manzanita Chapter #342**

**Invite you to join us for Ray's Birthday Party**  
**Sunday, February 1, 2009**

Morgan Hill Masonic Hall  
380 W. Dunne Avenue  
Morgan Hill, California

Social Gathering at 12:00 PM Noon  
Luncheon to Follow (no-cost)

RSVP:  
By January 18th, 2009, to Marilyn Blaustein, Ph: 408-779-4017

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**MANZANITA CHAPTER  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

**G**reetings Everyone !

Our first meeting of the year went VERY WELL. The officers exemplified their work beautifully; the Holiday decorations were festive, and we all enjoyed a DELICIOUS selection of cookies and peppermint ice cream afterwards. Everyone went home full, happy and with an assortment of cookies to enjoy later.

Our next meeting, on January 27th, will be Renewal of Obligation. Ladies may wear a formal of their choice and the gentlemen will wear their tuxes. We will have a small dinner of soup, salad, and french bread before the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

The Official Visit of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will be on Friday, February 27th, 8 PM, at the San Jose Masonic Center. It will be a social event with a speaker on childhood cancer and some entertainment provided by our OES member's children. Please plan to attend this event and bring a new or gently used book to be donated to a children's group.

We also want you to be aware that there will be an Impact Session, on February 28th from 9 AM to 3:30 PM at the Masonic Home in Union City. There is a \$10 cost to attend which will cover lunch. The theme of this year's session is "Conflict Resolution." If it is anything like our previous Impact Sessions it will be a very interesting and worthwhile event. Finally, our Golden Chain has been broken with the passing of Sister Jennie Costa on December 8, 2008. Sister Jennie was a 50+ year member of our Order and our sympathies go out to her family and friends. Life is a school and we are all here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away. But the lessons you learn are with you forever. . .

Fraternally,



Margaret Wolford, Worthy Matron  
Fred Schulenburg, Worthy Patron



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the lodge library to help extend the selection we can offer to our brothers. Part of each of our Masonic experiences should be education. What better way to educate ourselves than through a great lodge library.

I have 2 changes to the calendar that was mailed out to everyone last month. The first is Sharon Acevedo's reception has been moved to Friday, May 15th, at 7pm. Our Annual Installation in December has been moved from December 6 to December 20. The reason for the move of next years installation is to accommodate the schedule if the incoming Grand Master, Most Worshipful, Kenneth G. Nagel, who has consented to install our officers. I do not believe that in the 94 times that officers have been installed in Morgan Hill, that the Grand Master has ever performed the installation, so as you can see, this is truly an honor for our Lodge.

Finally please keep a sharp watch in your mail, you will soon be receiving a questionnaire from the lodge looking for your input on what we can do to make your lodge a better place, and what we can do to help you enjoy the brotherhood. Please fill the questionnaire out and send it back so we can work on creating the lodge you desire.

May the Blessings of Heaven Rest upon all of you,



Gregg Hall, Master - Morgan Hill Lodge #463

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**FROM THE WEST**

**Why We Go To Lodge.**

Why do we go to Lodge? An often asked question, with often few answers. You have to answer the question for yourself; however, here are some thoughts. Masonry and the Lodge we go to offers many benefits, but it is the truly noble that see it for all that it can offer. Early in my career I noticed that the leading men in my industry all had something in common, a belief in God. With more research I found that many of the world's greatest leaders have a belief in God. I was later astounded to find that many of the world's greatest leaders were also Masons. I think about our founding fathers, many of our nation's presidents, military leaders, writers, scientists, entertainers, engineers, and so forth. Masonry is a forum where we, men with a belief in God, can assemble to practice at becoming great leaders and better men, like those who have gone before us.

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Craig Elrod, Junior Warden

**FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY**

**Happy Birthday to these Brethren Born In**

**January**

Robert L. Maiwald	January 08	Warren R. Blakley	January 13
Richard C. Hogue	January 09	Thomas G. Saul	January 16
Billy R. Forester	January 10	Stanley E. Stockam	January 18
James N. Hoover	January 27		

**The Following Brethren Were Raised To The Sublime Degree Of Master Mason In**

**January**

James N. Hoover	January 07	Geno H. Acevedo	January 24
Theodore O. Schaal	January 16	Raymond E. Shreck	January 25
Douglas B. Allen	January 21	Steven C. Chase	January 31

**B**rethren,

I hope that you all have marked your calendars for Brother Ray Dauberg's 100th Birthday Celebration to take place, Sunday afternoon February 1, 2009. It promises to be a great event.

**DUES**

To those of you who have not yet paid your dues for 2009, let me remind you that the CMC specifically states that dues are due and payable on or before January 1st of the year for which the dues are paid. To those Brothers who have paid before the due date, you have my personal thanks.

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**SAN BENITO SHRINE CLUB**

**SHRINE CLUB CALENDAR**

**San Benito Shrine Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday, at 6:00 pm**  
**Monterey Shrine Club meets on the 1st Wednesday, at 6:30 pm at Anthony's**  
**Salinas Valley Shrine Club meets on the 2nd Monday, at 5:30 pm at**  
**The Landing Zone Restaurant, Salinas Airport**

**Contacts for all San Benito Shrine Club dinners are:**

**Gilroy: George Goris 408-842-4444**  
**Hollister: Gene Bishop 831-637-4454**  
**Morgan Hill: Warren Blakley, 408-779-2471**  
**San Juan: Harry Albert 831-623-2495**

**Contacts for other Shrine Clubs:**

**Monterey: Leonard "Label" Green, 831-373-5320**  
**Salinas Valley Shrine Club: Bob Bramman 831-443-0161**

**CLUB MEETING: January 20th – Sunrise Restaurant**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**D**ear Nobles and Ladies:

Whenever you buy anything for a song, watch out for the accompaniment.

Swallowing any words is a lot easier than having to eat them.

Experts say the three hardest words to pronounce are "I was mistaken."

Elite seafood connoisseurs eat only fish that come from the best schools.

**A thought to remember:** Don't let your welcome mat lie.

The best gift we can bestow upon others is, a good example.

Memory is the mother of all wisdom.

See you at SUNRISE CAFÉ, GILROY,

Harry Albert,  
President

George Goris,  
Secretary/Treasurer



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