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## DEMOLAY FOR BOYS

Hello from De Molay,

We are still building towards formation of an new De Molay Chapter in Gilroy. Please send all inquiries my way.

Thank you,

Howard Honerlah, De Molay Dad



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## RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Dear Friends,

Gilroy Assembly has had a busy month and is looking forward to a fun August. We would like to thank Morgan Hill Masonic Lodge for letting us borrow their parking lot during the 4th of July Parade. Not only did we make money, but we had premium seats for the parade.

We have a date scheduled for the Santa Clara Fair and a mystery trip?? planned during the month of August.

We will be planning decorations for our Official Visit on September 13th. Anyone have any good Greek ideas, let us know. Our theme is "Rainbow Goes Greek".

Got to run and work on my toga.

That is all the news from the small and mighty Gilroy Rainbow Assembly.

Thank you for all your support.

Rainbow Love,

Pat Gewin – Mother Advisor

Gilroy Rainbow Assembly No. 125



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# Morgan Hill Lodge-San Benito Shrine Club-Manzanita Chapter- Gilroy Rainbow & De Molay Monthly Publication

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## MORGAN HILL MASONIC LODGE CALENDAR

- Aug 6 6:30 pm FAMILY Dinner  
7:30 pm Stated Meeting
- Aug 13 7:00 pm Officer's Practice
- Aug 20 7:00 pm Practice
- Aug 27 7:00 pm OAM – Friendship Lodges

### Brethren:

We are now almost 2/3rds of the way through the year. It has been filled with some challenges as well as some opportunities. I have been very pleased with the attendance at the last 2 family dinners, and hope to continue to see more and more people coming out to them. Only by having an active lodge are we ever going to be able to attract new men to our fraternity. We are currently working on planning for a Masonic Information Night to be held in October. Please, when we hold this event, get your son's and grandson's to attend. Let me have a few minutes of their time, and I think we could get a few of them to think about petitioning for membership.

Thank you to Martin Helliwell for donating the meat we enjoyed at our BBQ in July. That was an outstanding gift to your lodge.

## RUDYARD KIPLING AND THE CRAFT

Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author, was born in India of English parents.

He was educated in England but returned to India in 1880. He was initiated in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, India in 1886.

A special dispensation was necessary as he was only twenty years and six months at the time.

When he took the degrees, there were four Holy Books upon the altar representing the dominant religions in the area.

Upon his rising he was immediately elected secretary; and he prepared the minutes of that meeting himself.

Many years later he wrote: "I was secretary for some years of Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, E. C., Lahore, which included Brethren of at least four creeds.

I was entered by a member of Brahmo Somaj, a Hindu; passed by a Mohammedan; and raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew.

We met, of course on the level, and the only difference anyone would notice was that at the banquets, some of the Brethren, who were debarred by caste from eating food not ceremonially prepared, sat over empty plates."

From the Web Site of:

Ohio Lodge #199, Bladensburg, Ohio

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## MANZANITA CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

**G**reetings from the East!

August is THE month for Grand Officer Receptions. Every weekend seems to be taken up with one special event after another. **Local events to be noted are:**

**FRIDAY, August 14th** - Reception for the Grand Organist, Margaret Wolford, San Jose Masonic Center, 7:30 pm. Casual summer attire. [**Editor's Note:** You'd better attend this one! If you know what's good for you!]

**SATURDAY, August 15th** - Reception for the Grand Warder, Sarahann Shapiro, Mt. View Masonic Center, 7:30 pm, "dressy" dress, (Arabian Nights theme).

**SUNDAY, August 30th** - Reception for Grand Ruth, Shirley Evans, Pleasanton Masonic Center, 1:00 pm, Hawaiian theme.

Other special events in August are the **Jam and Jelly Days** at the Masonic Home in Union City. Join us on August 15th at 10 am as we visit with our Masonic friends and have a delicious "picnic lunch." If you have never attended this event you are in for a real treat.

On **Sunday, August 16th**, Sister Dorothy LoSchiavo will be hosting the Barnum-Weisheimer Silver tea at her home on 1355 Lakeview Drive in Hillsborough. Stop by anytime between 2:00 pm, and 4:00 pm, visit with friends, taste some absolutely delectable desserts and leave a donation which will benefit the Eastern Star Patient Comfort Program - a win/win situation!

Our **Stated Meeting of August 25th** is Men's Night and will have a Western Theme. Y'all come and see what our Sister Sharon Acevedo has planned. There will be a there will be a Western meal event at 6:30 pm. So bring yourself and your appetite and join us for a fun time.

Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,



Margaret Wolford, Worthy Matron  
Fred Schulenburg, Worthy Patron



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Unfortunately Eastern Star had to postpone Marilyn Blaustien's reception, please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Finally, Officers, we are now at crunch time on your proficiencies. Please get your work memorized so we can do what we need to for next year.

Thanks,

PS: Please RSVP for our dinners, I need to know, so I know how much to cook.

Warm Fraternal Regards,



Gregg Hall, Master - Morgan Hill Lodge #463

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## FROM THE SOUTH

### Modern Freemasonry will be the result of Change:

*Thoughts taken from a speech given by Sir Knight Thomas Jackson in Wash, D.C. on Feb 9, 2005.*

"The future of North American Freemasonry is seriously clouded, and even its survival must be brought into question. If we continue on the path we are following and fail to recognize a need to adapt to what society needs, we will probably not exist in North America in 25 years."

"We continue to lower requirements to become a member, requirements to remain a member, and almost any requirement to improve a member."

We know very well that the Lodge Membership at Morgan Hill is at a vulnerably low point. We are also at a point where we are being given the opportunity to participate in the reconstruction of the Craft and the restoration of its greatness. We can restore our influence to impact the ongoing evolution of civil society.

It requires change.

Sir Jackson suggests that creating new lodges is the fastest hope for survival. What can the Morgan Hill Masons be doing differently to ensure survival? Can we adapt and change?

From the South  
Sir Craig Thomas Ellrod  
Junior Warden, Morgan Hill Lodge #463

**FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY**

**Happy Birthday to these Brethren Born In**

**August**

<b>Craig T. Ellrod</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Warren G. Eustace, PM</b>	<b>14th</b>
<b>Andrew R. Elmore</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>William Y. Gil</b>	<b>18th</b>
<b>Robert E. Kyle</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>Louis L. Brown, III</b>	<b>26th</b>
<b>Sam A. Searcy</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>John B. Stoops, III</b>	<b>26th</b>
<b>Douglas B. Allen</b>	<b>28th</b>		

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

**August**

<b>John D. Jarboe</b> 18th (38 yrs.)	<b>Amir Safakish, PM</b>	<b>10th</b> (14 yrs.)
<b>James A. Jeisel</b> 20th (17 yrs.)	<b>Jarrold L. Porter</b>	<b>11th</b> (4 yrs.)
<b>Winfield E. Johnson</b> 14th (10 yrs.)		

**B**rethren,

This is addressed to the seven (7) Brothers who Have Not Paid their Dues for 2009 in spite of my monthly reminders: You are not in good standing, and therefore not entitled to Masonic Privileges! Please remit as soon as possible. If you find yourself in financial difficulties, contact the Worshipful Master and request relief.

Jim Hoover, Secretary, Morgan Hill Lodge #463  
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**SAN BENITO 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:**

**Hollister, San Juan Bautista and San Benito County: Gene Bishop,**  
**831-637-4454 erbishop@razzolink.com**  
**Morgan Hill San Martin and Gilroy: Warren Blakley,**  
**408-779-2471 wrb@garlic.com**

**CLUB PRESIDENT – Harry Albert, 831-623-2495, harry@harryalbert.com**

**CONTACTS – For other Shrine Clubs:**

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

**D**ear Nobles and Ladies:

The San Benito Shrine Club Serves San Benito County and Southern Santa Clara County. The Club meets at the Sunrise Café on the Third Tuesday of each month. All Shiners and Potential Shiners are cordially invited to attend.

**When:** Third Tuesday of the Month

**Where:** SUNRISE CAFÉ  
 6120 Monterey Street  
 Gilroy, CA 95020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, AND PLAN TO ATTEND

See you at the SUNRISE CAFÉ, GILROY,

Harry Albert, President



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