

From the East

This April finds me sitting here at my computer, the day after the Boston Marathon and the tragic bombing. Political persuasions via bombs. An attempt to forced their vision of reality on others through violent measures. Did you know that more than five million hunting permits are issued each year? Did you know that most people over age 55 in the United States have some sort of military background? I do not fear that any dictatorship will ever be forced upon this great country of ours.

I remember reading a quote attributed to Eleanor Roosevelt: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Another person added "and those who act upon them!" And when we offer up our devotions and prayers and wishes to the Great Architect of the Universe prior to entering upon any great or important undertaking; those prayers "enhance" or "bless" the action or act which follows. Thus, you are programming your brain for success and with Devine intervention you can not lose. Recall the adage "The Lord helps those who help themselves." I believe this can be true, with prayer followed by action. True, one can pray for riches and not do anything. Perhaps a meteor may hit the ground next to you. You sell the meteor and become wealthy. It could happen, but is that what you would really pray for.



I maintain we as Masons can act upright in our several stations before God and man, convince those around us that by being a Mason we have become better men and as such show those that are dissatisfied with themselves and others to follow their inner spiritual guides and look critically at those self-appointed external spiritual guides. We as Masons can influence others to such an extent that a kernel of truth is seen. With prayer and action, they may come to realize the error of their ways. The American Revolution was born in Masonry. The perpetrators of the tragedies in Boston are outside of the truth. We as Masons have always been defenders of truth.

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We ♥ Our Sweethearts

The widows of our lodge brothers have a very special place in our heart, and each year we try to do something extra special for them.

Join us on Sunday, May 26th, with these special ladies, as we enjoy a sumptuous buffet lunch at Dino's on Castro Valley Boulevard,

At 2PM we join the Chanticleers for Agatha Christie's "Uninvited Guest". The address is 3683 Quail Avenue in Castro Valley. Please contact Bro. Phil Busch for information about buffet and theater ticket prices at (925) 292-8018 (Home).

Brethren, lets show these special women how very valuable they are to us.



From the West

As I entered the grocery store the other day, a young man, dressed all in white, seated next to a donation box asked me if I had any change.

I ignored him and went into the store.

As I wandered through the aisle picking up essentials for my family, I thought about "change".

My boss at work recently announced she was retiring. This morning, I did a new hire orientation for her successor. "Change."

My daughter is making plans to move out and attend college away from home, after a long hard trek pushing just to get her Associates. She is determined to reach her goal, no matter how long it takes. Did she learn that in the Masonic Youth Orders? Of course she did. "Change." The Master called me the other day and said it was time for someone else to take on the responsibilities of the



Trestleboard. I can't say I was initially happy about the idea but, we do have to make way for the future of the fraternity. "Change." As I left the store, I put a \$20 in his box. A little change can make a big difference.

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Inspiring Words

How often have you said, "I wish it were next week so my vacation would start" or heard your child say "I wish I were older because. . ." My grandson said that to me just last week. I said to him, "Don't wish your life away." "What do you mean, Grandpa?", he asked. I hope these words will be an answer for him and all of you.

Every Moment Is Precious

- To realize the value of one year . . . ask a student who has failed his exam.
- To realize the value of one month . . . ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.
- To realize the value of one week . . . ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.
- To realize the value of one day . . . ask a daily wage laborer who has ten kids to feed.
- To realize the value of one hour . . . ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
- To realize the value of one minute . . . ask the person who missed the plane
- To realize the value of one second . . . ask a person who has survived an accident
- To realize the value of one millisecond . . . ask the person who won a Silver Medal in the Olympics.

Treasure every moment you have, because you never know when time may run out – Think about it –

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From the South



Upon reviewing the March and April Trestle Boards, I noticed that we had neglected to welcome some of our newly initiated brothers. On March 9th, we had a double first degree at Siminoff Temple at the Masonic Home in Union City where we initiated Brother Richard Ramos and Brother Matthew Norcup and on March 21st we initiated Brother Stephen Kinsman. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome these brothers to Crow Canyon Lodge and wish them a fruitful and meaningful participation in Masonry. Additional congratulations to Brother Daniel Lee who was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, and to Mr. John Howard, who by the time you receive this Trestle Board, will have been initiated an Entered Apprentice in our Lodge. It appears that our Senior Warden will have his work cut out for him in the second half of this year, in so far as 2nd degrees are concerned. Congratulations also to Brother Tony Wilkinson on his 2nd degree proficiency. I again thank all those brothers who take time to attend and support the degrees for our brothers as well as the officers and the utility infielders that have made it possible to put on those degrees. If you have the opportunity to attend, I believe that we will be having a 2nd Degree for Brother Jared Dorrance on May 9th, and have tentatively scheduled a 1st degree on May 16th. I am so pleased that our lodge is still able to function as well as it has while our Lodge room is under restricted access due to the rain damage it encountered. Our Dining area has been our temporary makeshift lodge, and while it is very nice (thanks to the hard work of our temple board) I miss our Lodge Room. Brothers, it makes me proud that we all pull together to make our lodge a success and can take this situation in stride. It just goes to show, it is not where you have your lodge, but WHO makes up your lodge that is truly important. I know that progress is being made, but it is still a slow process. To find out what our situation is, please come to the stated meeting and get the straight skinny from our temple hall association members while they are there. There are five Thursdays in May, so on the last Thursday, May 30th, we will be having our Pot Luck Dinner. I hope to see you all there. Also, we will be having our Annual Masonic Sweetheart event (Brunch and Theatre) on May 26th. I am so looking forward to being part of that event. And not to be forgotten, our lodge will be participating in the Kids ID at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo on May 18th and 19th. If you are available to help out, please contact Sammy Tamez or Roy Tamez. This is a fun and a very worthwhile event. I hope to see you there.

Happy Mother's Day to all those wonderful women who have helped raise us, our children and our grandchildren. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your families.

Fraternally,

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A Quick Masonic History Lesson

The first detailed Masonic catechism to be found, in print, dates from 1696 AD, in Edinburgh, Scotland. It would have also been the first Masonic exposure if it landed in the wrong hands at the wrong time.

Bro. Charles T. McInnes discovered the "Edinburgh Register House manuscript" in 1930 in the Register House of Edinburgh amidst other various stonemasonry documents. It was titled "Some questions that Masons use to put those who have ye' Word before they will acknowledge them" and ended with "Some Questiones Anent the mason word 1696". Bros. Knoop and Hamer believe this was written as an aide to memory and was in no way meant as an exposure.

Allusion to the "Mason's Word" had been floating around Scotland and England from what factually appears to be the late 1300's, with the superstition and fear that those who obtained it were to have obtained second sight, the power of conjuring spirits or the ability to literally turn themselves invisible, among other ridiculous assumptions.

From the Secretary's Desk



ARE YOU A RUSTY TROWEL? You may have not attended lodge for awhile and have lost contact with the men that you were close to at one time. Remember that coach that pounded the proficiencies in your head? How it was fun to get together with a bunch of guys and sometimes act like kids? We enjoyed the camaraderie and look back and wonder where it went. It's still here, Brethren. Each time we meet we hear the words; "The Worshipful Master invites you to a seat in the Lodge room." That is where we can make a difference. The special thing about Freemasonry is that we are all friends and brothers. That's what makes Freemasonry different. See you soon.

KEEP INFORMED If you are not on the e-mail distribution list and want to get urgent notices such as funeral notices or date changes for degrees, send an e-mail to crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net

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Brethren, come take part!

DMPS - Revisited

Share, learn and discuss:

- Masonic history & mysteries
- Our Craft's ever-evolving practices
- Our true operative roots
- Our positive effect on society; personally and otherwise



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Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 PM in the CVMC Dining Room

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In Memoriam

James A. Flatt 78 years, 9 months and 19 days
Entered into Rest February 5, 2013

Almighty Father, Great Architect of the Universe, into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear departed brother

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Aracne, Steven (7); Baca, Daniel (57); Bokamper, Chris (16); Bourke, Hedley (50); Christensen, George (40); Christensen, William (32); Clifton, Stanley [PM] (44); Davenport, Guy (53); Densmore, Frank (27); Holt, Jack (45); Johnson, Donald (48); Johnson, Frank (63); Katz, Ronald [PM] (29); Kimmich, Carl (58); Krause, Paul (51); Mc Hugh, William (66); Meissner, Ronald (48); Peebles, Albert (61); Rapp, Gregory [PM] (26); Roberts, Howard (43); Robertson, Thomas (66); Rodes, Alvin (47); Ross, Brian (2); Sharpe Jr., George (52); Shrader, Norman (48); Silverstein, Alfred (63); Steen, Robert [PM] (43); Stephenson, David (15); Swanson, Le Roy (47); Tornio, Jack (32); Valenzuela, Glenn (49); Waggle, John (60); White, Lee (50); Worthing, William (59); Wysock, David (12)

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Sunshine—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

Event Committees

Public Schools Night (4/18) - Eric Unti

Kids ID (5/18-5/19 Rodeo, 9/7-9/8 Festival) - Sammy Tamez / Roy Tamez

Sweetheart Event (5/26) - Phil Busch

Feast of St. John (6/22) - Charles Hintz

Strawberry Feed (7/21) - Frank Thrall, Jr. / Bob Pinkerton

Visitation to Fort Bragg—(8/30-9/1) - Lyman Penning

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Sunshine and Visiting

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the following brothers who are bedridden or homebound: Mark Caspersen, Mark Castile, Roy Nelson, Bob Hansen, Sidney Cerates.

Please contact me if you would like to call, visit or send a card to one of these brothers.



If you know of an ailing brother or Masonic widow who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret.

Ernie Nidick, Committee Chairman (925) 828-6993

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2013

5/2—Thursday—Stated Meeting – Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend) - Cinco De Mayo Dinner—\$10.00/person—Official Visit of District Inspector “Grandpa” Larry Becker. Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.

5/9—Thursday— Second Degree, Brother Jared Dorrance—7:00 PM

5/14—Tuesday—District School of Instruction—Mosaic Lodge (Livermore)—Covering 3rd Degree, 2nd Section—Officers attendance is Mandatory. Master Masons are welcome to attend. Come by 6:30 for a complimentary meal.

5/16—Thursday—First Degree, Mr. Major Sahota (if elected at Stated Meeting) - 7:00 PM

5/18—5/19—Saturday/Sunday—Rowell Ranch Rodeo—Kids ID Program

5/23—Thursday—Practice—Third Degree—2nd Section—6:30 PM

5/25—Saturday—2:00 PM—Third Degree for Bro. Tony Wilkerson

5/26—Sunday—Masonic Sweetheart Event—Brunch and A Play—Details Inside

5/30—Thursday—Family Potluck—Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM

June 2013

6/6—Thursday—Stated Meeting – Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend) - \$10.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.

6/11—Tuesday—Multi-District School of Instruction—Location to be Determined—Officers attendance is Mandatory. Master Masons are welcome to attend. Come by 6:30 for a complimentary meal.

6/13—Thursday— Practice or Degree—7:00 PM

6/15—Saturday—Hiram Award Presentation—Bro. Lyman Penning—6:00 PM—reservations call (510) 258-0654

6/20—Thursday—Practice or Degree—7:00 PM

6/22—Saturday—Feast of Saint John—6:30 PM

6/27—Thursday—Practice or Degree—7:00 PM

Castro Valley DeMolay meets at Castro Valley Masonic Center (CVMC) 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)

Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)

Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM) <http://lakechabot103oes.org/>

Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261, Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Hayward Masonic Center

Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church

Please join us for a . . .

**Hiram Award
Presentation honoring
Bro. Lyman
Penning, PM
Saturday, June 15, 2013**

5:00 PM Social
6:00 PM Turkey breast dinner
prepared by Roy Tamez

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