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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

26th—1st Degree—Mr. Eric Unti - 7:00 PM
 28th—District-Wide Officer's School of Instruction—Acacia Lodge (Hayward) - 8:00 AM
 28th—Make-A-Difference Month "Senior Ball" at the Masonic Home—7-9PM

November

2nd—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7:30—Election of Officers
 11th—DeMolay Installation of Officers—7:30 PM (Officers in Tux)
 16th—Officer's Practice—1st Degree—7:30 PM
 18th—Eastern Star Installation of Officers
 24th—Northern California DeMolay Association Convention—Sacramento California—
 Masonic Family Recognition Night—Reservations Required—<http://www.norcaldemolay.com>
 30th—1st Degree—Mr. Pat Quinn (if elected at Stated) - 7:00 PM

December (preview)

2nd—Past Master's, Role Call and Stag Night—6 PM
 3rd—Hayward Jobs Daughters Holiday Breakfast and Boutique at Castro Valley Masonic Center—8:30 AM—12:30 PM—\$6/person
 7th—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 PM
 10th—Lodge Children's Xmas Party—12 AM / Food / Arts & Crafts / Clowns / Magician / St. Nick and presents. Call the Secretary to insure your special child is included.
 16th—Installation of Officers—2 PM / Dinner to follow
 29th - DeMolay Chevalier Investiture for Brian Katz / DeMolay Cross of Honor presentations to "Mom" Jennifer Katz and "Dad" Ron Katz @ 7:30 pm

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From the East



Brethren,

As this term begins to wind down, I am grateful for the opportunity that you have given me to serve on your behalf. We had our successes, and we had our shortfalls. But we worked together and tried to bring the words we began the term with to life: "Planting the Seeds of Success: Family, Community, Fraternity."



We have planted some seeds by reaching out to our Masonic Family. We made it easier for our youth groups to have an affordable place to meet. We provided opportunities for our Masonic Family to get together for fun and fellowship. We have initiated, passed, and raised new brothers and have adopted their families into ours. We have witnessed a DeMolay Master Councilor obligated by his Grandfather. We have witnessed a son, raised by his father, with his grandfather on the sidelines. We have honored the sweethearts of our dear departed brothers. We have traveled together, we have learned together, we have grown closer.

We have opened our doors to our neighbors and shared information about our Craft. We have reached out through the Child ID program and through our Public Schools Night. We cleaned up our home, our center building, with a coat of paint and the assistance of a professional janitor. We have provided a night of entertainment to families in the community, just because we could.

We have watched our officers grow in their ritual and their leadership. We have created events which brought long missing members back to our Lodge. We have teamed together to overcome hurdles which prevented us from exemplifying degrees at the beginning of the year. We have laughed together, cried together, mourned together, and worked together.

I once again, thank you for the chance to serve as your Master this year. It is a time in my life which I will cherish forever.

I look forward to Alvaro's term, and every term thereafter. May Crow Canyon Lodge thrive and grow more and more each year so that we can do more good things for the Family, the Community and the Fraternity.

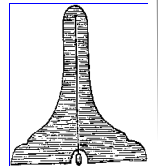
I'll be right in the front row, willing to do anything needed, to help make YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE.

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From the West



December 16, 2006 is around the corner, the most solemn and awesome day of the year, the day our next Installation of Offices is scheduled. On that day I will begin the process of creating new ways and hopes for the future. We had a good year, because we endeavored to carry out our duties with devotion and dedication. It has been our task and it will remain our task to keep the memory of the past year alive, but we must also think ahead to the successes of the coming year, creating more good memories.



I'm wondering whether we will be able to improve on the legacy of our past administrations. What kind of legacy will I be able to pass on for future administrations? Like any sport, a good score can only be possible when there's coordination and unanimous effort from the entire team. I have no doubt that we will have a good team. But as I look around I see a few key players are not suited up. I must plead one more time to every good hearted member to get out your cleats and your glove and help us in creating another winning Masonic season.



In conclusion, I would like to remind you that the players that I need to complete our team for my term are the Junior Deacon and the Senior Steward. I am waiting to hear the words, "Put me in Coach, I'm ready to play!"

Alvaro Reynoso—Senior Warden (510) 490-2192 / 510-364-7073 cell



From the South

THE BEST LAID PLANS OF
MICE AND MEN...



You do not want to miss our November Stated Dinner. The menu is, stuffed chicken roulades with asiago cheese over a bed of rice pilaf plus the usual mix of bread, veggies and dessert.

Approximately two years ago, Mickey Benko asked me if I would be willing to be installed as Senior Deacon in Crow Canyon Lodge, holding that line position through the Master's chair. Well, you know my answer to that and for the following year or so all was wonderful. I quickly found that this was much more enjoyable than the first time I went through a line. This time I didn't need to spend all my spare time learning the officer's work. Additionally, you brothers and ladies of Crow Canyon Lodge are awesome and I have fallen in love with the whole lot of you.

All that being said, my health has changed and I find it necessary to drop out of the line at the end of this Masonic year. I feel terrible to have to do this as I know how painful it is for a lodge to have to fill a hole at the upper end of the line. I do plan on being around and will help as I can when asked.

Now, onto a more constructive and positive topic – acquiring new members. The first of the year I started a series of articles which would have ended up in suggesting that we form a “club” of all the local lodges and use contributed resources from the various lodges to finance a Masonic advertising program.

I still think that is a reasonable program to implement, and there is something we can do NOW which costs nothing.

Brothers AND ladies – each of you know someone who is not a Mason and whom you believe would make a good Mason and, at the same time, would enjoy the fruits of being a Freemason. What I want each of you (yes, ladies also) to do is to go to at least one male friend and invite him to join Crow Canyon Lodge. Yes, that is allowed under the rules and regulations of the California Masonic Code. I really believe that you will have some amazing results if you follow through with this. PLEASE try it – it's free and it works. If they are a maybe, invite them to come to a Stated Meeting Dinner. Once they see all the loving fellowship in our dining hall, you will have them hooked.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you AND your candidate at our next Stated Dinner.

With Fraternal Love, Bob Werner, PM, HA

**For dinner reservations please call
(925) 462-0366**

From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren. This year, as many, has passed quickly. Your Lodge is alive and well! What would make this Lodge stronger is for you to attend one or two meetings a year. We do have degrees scheduled and having you, as a sideline would make all the difference in the world. It is dues time. Look for the notice in the mail. If you don't get a dues bill by December 1, 2006, call or write or E-mail me at crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net. Dues are required to be paid by December 31, 2006 or you will be considered delinquent for 2007. DUES are \$69.00.

The position of assistant secretary is open. If you are interested in learning lodge administration, please feel free to contact me by e-mail. The important point here is that one must be skilled with a personal “home” computer. I am not planning to resign this position. It really requires a few years to feel comfortable in handling the various issues that come before the secretary's desk. The challenge is a rewarding one as well as being a paid position.

Fraternally, Bill Ferrell

Grand Lodge of California Strategic Plan (excerpt from Grand Lodge Website)

Freemasonry

Freemasonry is the world's first and largest fraternal organization. It is a body of knowledge and a system of ethics based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to improve himself while being devoted to his family, faith, country, and fraternity.

Our Mission

The mission of the Grand Lodge of California is to understand and convey the wisdom of Masonic teachings to its constituent lodges in a way that engages and inspires members to conduct their lives according to Masonic tenets and values. The Grand Lodge charters and guides Masonic lodges within California and provides important resources and unity to lodges and members.

Our Values

Our Mission is guided by the enduring and relevant tenets of our fraternity—**Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth** - and our core values, which include:

- **Tolerance**—The fraternity values religious, ethnic, cultural, social, and educational differences. We respect the opinions of others and strive to improve and develop as human beings.
- **Freedom**—Masons value the liberties outlined in the U.S. Constitution and continually promote freedom of speech and expression, freedom to worship a Supreme Being in an individual way, and other important liberties. We believe it is our duty to vote in public elections and to exercise all of our liberties within due and proper bounds.
- **Philanthropy**—We make a difference in our communities through charitable giving, community service, and volunteerism.
- **Family**—We strive to be better spouses, parents, and family members and are committed to protecting the well being of members and their families, especially when they are in need.
- **Personal growth**—Our continuous pursuit of knowledge, ethics, spirituality, and leadership brings more meaning to our lives.
- **Ethics**—Our lives are based on honor and integrity, and we believe that honesty, compassion, trust, and knowledge are important.

Third Degree Anniversaries for November

Allen, Steven Wayne (23 yrs.); Ashton, Bert Edward Cox (39 yrs.); Avery, Charles Edward (44 yrs.); Benatar, Gerald Joseph (42 yrs.); Blisard, William Stafford (46 yrs.); Burgard, Richard Anton (47 yrs.); Carrigan, Jack Benton (46 yrs.); Chambers, Claude Lester (45 yrs.); Clare, Joseph Marcus (47 yrs.); Clark, Douglas Walter Jr. (58 yrs.); Clendenen, Donald Jr. [PM] (14 yrs.); Conkel, Lloyd James (46 yrs.); Craven, Ronald (49 yrs.); Davis, Elwood Alton (37 yrs.); Dunn, Kay Cooper (3 yrs.); Dvorkin, Craig Stuart (20 yrs.); Eddy, Robert Eric Jr. (60 yrs.); Fawcett, Floyd Leon (17 yrs.); Garber, Stanley Denton (41 yrs.); Gettler, Marvin Don [PM] (38 yrs.); Gonzales, Charles Trujillo (27 yrs.); Goss, Walter Walker (49 yrs.); Griggs, Carl Joseph (27 yrs.); Haines, Carson Bunnell [PM] (35 yrs.); Harris, Travis P. [PM] (48 yrs.); Hess, George Albert (57 yrs.); Horwitz, Morris (61 yrs.); Hunnicutt, Frank Gann (61 yrs.); Jovanovich, Rudolph Michael [PM] (34 yrs.); Kolden, Steven (22 yrs.); Maxwell, Richard Dylan (23 yrs.); Mc Kay, Douglas Cyril (33 yrs.); Mickaels, John L. (57 yrs.); Mirko, Vincent Wessley (60 yrs.); Mitchell, Frank (30 yrs.); Moisio, Roy Martin (41 yrs.); Morey, Floyd (21 yrs.); Murray, Milton (49 yrs.); Newton, William Charles (48 yrs.); Nieman, Walter Henry Jr. (52 yrs.); Oliver, Earl Leslie (44 yrs.); Padilla, Jose Angel (52 yrs.); Peck, Leland Eldon (56 yrs.); Pedroni, Joseph Lewis Jr. (43 yrs.); Polse, Ronald Allen (49 yrs.); Reynoso, Alvaro Rodriguez (10 yrs.); Rubin, Harold Phillip (51 yrs.); Ruth, Edward Charles [PM] (65 yrs.); Scull, Kevin Matthew (12 yrs.); Simens, Mark Fredrick (22 yrs.); Smith, Samuel Willie Sr. [PM] (26 yrs.); Stevko, Martin Jr. (51 yrs.); Swayne, Robert Preston (60 yrs.); Tellardin, Bruce Wayne (25 yrs.); Thurman, Leroy Arthur (38 yrs.); Wagie, Robert Allan (31 yrs.); Werner, Robert G. [PM] (14 yrs.); Yeffa, Leslie Arnold (44 yrs.)

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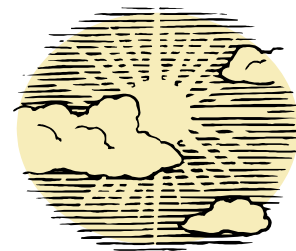
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Sunshine and Visiting

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

Andy Gravier, PM

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In Memoriam November 2006



Harold "Bud" Vincent Keller

73 years, 1 month and 9 days

Entered into rest September 26, 2006

Willard L. Thomas

86 years, 1 month and 27 days

Entered into rest April 24, 2006

*Almighty Father, into Thy hands we
commend the souls of our Beloved Brothers*

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