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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2011:

08/04—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Cuisine of China*
 08/09—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Island City, 2312 Alameda Ave, Alameda - 3rd Degree 1st Section — 6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.
 08/11—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice—2nd Degree. Fellowcraft and Master Masons welcome.
 08/18—Thursday—7:00 PM—**2nd Degree—Bros. Gordon and Linder.** Fellowcraft and Master Masons welcome.
 08/25—Thursday—7:00 PM—**1st Degree—Mr. Gerald Garcia.** Entered Apprentices, Fellowcraft and Master Masons welcome.

September 2011:

09/01—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Chicken Cordon Bleu or Chicken Kiev*
 09/08—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice or Degree TBA
 09/10—09/11—**Kid's ID at Castro Valley Fall Festival**—Volunteers needed—Contact Wor. Roy Tamez at 510-684-3047
 09/13—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Pleasanton, 3370 Hopyard Rd - 3rd Degree Second Section — 6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.
 09/15—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice or Degree TBA
 09/22—Thursday—DARK
 09/23—Friday—**Opening 163rd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge** (See Secretary's article inside this issue)
 09/24—Saturday—Business Session Grand Lodge
 09/25—Sunday—Public Session of Grand Lodge
 09/30—Thursday—Family Potluck and Past Master's Roll Call—6:15 PM (A-H bring vegetable or casserole dish / I-N bring salad / O-Z bring dessert) - Lodge will provide BBQ Tri-tip and Beverages. *Past Master's Roll Call is an event open to all members and guests. The Secretary will read the names of the living Past Masters as well as the names of those that were raised during their year.*

Castro Valley DeMolay meets at 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)
Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261, Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Acacia Lodge
Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church



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From the East



Life is about change. You never know what to expect. But change is . . . Inevitable. After 5 years with a firm, I received the “pink slip” with half of my department. So, my life change is about finding out what’s next. Masonry helps me maintain my positive attitude through the process.

I am so excited to see the growth and influx of membership into our lodge. This is a reflection on the character of the lodge, we attract what we project. Thank you.

This month we go “back to work” with schools of instruction for our Officers and Surveyors, and advancement and welcome to our Entered Apprentices and newly elected. We hope you can join us as Bros. John Gordon and Geoffrey Linder advance to Fellowcraft on August 18th at 7 p.m. We welcome our newest member, Mr. Gerald Garcia on August 25th at 7 p.m.

Did you go to Relay for Life in July? Did you know the Castro Valley Relay raised \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society. Eastern Star was highly involved in making that happen. Also present at Relay were Unity Rainbow and Castro Valley DeMolay. Amazing work!

We did it again for the Residents of the Masonic Home, didn't we? Our Strawberry Feed was a hit. Thank you to each and every member, wife, and family member who assisted in preparing and serving the delicious shortcakes. Thank you Gerald for coordinating the crew.

Next month is the Castro Valley Fall Festival, and we need volunteers to work our Kids ID Booth. It is fun and easy and provides a great service to the community. Master Masons, Fellowcraft, Entered Apprentices, Family Members and Masonic Youth can all play a part in this process. Won't you join us on September 10th and 11th?

Have you made your reservations for our Visitation Degree to Carmel yet? Wor. Lyman and Kurt and Wynn Allen negotiated a great rate at the Carmel Bay View Inn (www.carmelbayviewinn.com). Call today for Reservations: 831-624-1831 ask for Joanna or Mike. Rooms are \$196.80, double occupancy for 2 nights or \$148.01, double occupancy for a single night. Mention group block 551. Even Entered Apprentices or Fellowcraft who cannot attend our degree, can have a great getaway weekend at a fantastic price. Dinner will be at 7 PM at the Forge in the Forest Restaurant

(<http://www.forgeintheforest.com>). This should be a crowning event for an already spectacular year.

Again, change is what happens when you are making other plans. Lets keep all of our changes positive and uplifting.

Fraternally,

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From the West



In the month of June Crow Canyon Lodge started a new event, the Feast of Saint John. Brother Charles Hintz had the assignment to prepare the feast which took place at the Crow Canyon Lodge on June 23, 2011. I had the opportunity to participate in one of the seven toasts. When I heard the loud laughter, the expressions of happiness and fellowship, I learned that this feast that came to Crow Canyon Lodge was here to stay forever. Congratulations to Brother Hintz for hav-



ing the wisdom to put this event together in such a way that made it different from any other feast. I look forward to next year and I am sure it will be even better.

John the Baptist is one of the Patron Saints of Freemasonry. His day is traditionally celebrated on June 24, 2011 which is the Summer Solstice.

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E-Fellowship

(from the Grand Lodge Website)

We use technology in almost every aspect of our lives - why not with our fraternity? To enhance your member experience, Grand Lodge offers the following digital resources.

Like us on Facebook—Join the 8,000-plus fans of the official Facebook page for the Masons of California. It's an ever-growing community where you can interact with Grand Lodge and hear the latest buzz about the fraternity.

Follow us on Twitter—The Masons of California Twitter feed debuted in April. Followers get instant updates from Grand Lodge in 140 characters or less.

Watch us on YouTube—The Masons of California YouTube channel is a fun, informal place for members and friends of the fraternity to share videos about Masonry. Current attractions? “Builders of Dreams,” a 10-minute movie exploring Masonry's influence in the Golden State.

In Memoriam

Richard Parker Pickering 83 years, 4 months and 23 days
 Entered into Rest January 6, 2011

Herbert Joseph Hallmeyer 88 years, 5 months and 22 days
 Entered into Rest July 6, 2011

*Almighty Father, Great Architect of the Universe,
 Into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear
 departed brothers*

From the South

Brethren,
 Welcome back to August. First, food for the body. Our August Stated Meeting dinner will feature the food of China. We clearly overestimated the number of people that would love a good 4th of July meal. I clearly thought more children and adults would appreciate a good 4th of July with five different barbequed sausages with everything else. We had too many leftovers. Anyhow, let us now talk about food for the spirit. All efforts and endeavors a person may achieve, starts in great part with the attitude that one has both toward oneself and others. Many top salesmen that under-



stand the value of success, understand that success in the world is mostly tied to how you are perceived by others. I will maintain that it is equally important how you are perceived by yourself. Science has shown that your right brain and your left brain do not always communicate with each other. In most people the



right side of the brain deals with feelings and creatively. The right side of the brain registers smiles and smiles triggers a positive feeling and attitude. Successful people often fool the brain by smiling to themselves in the mirror, thereby triggering a positive feeling about themselves. Sometimes it takes several repeated smiles in where you also put a smile in your eyes before you feel better. Once you have a smile on your face, other people and even some animals perceive you differently...and you personally feel better, life seem to go a little easier, even in adversity, Try it!

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Masons & Baseball: A Perfect Partnership

The challenge is back for another year!

Just \$20 buys a mitt for a deserving boy or girl in the Junior Giants program

Make your donation online at

<http://www.Masons4Mitts.org>

Campaign concludes Monday, September 12 at Masons Night at AT&T Park



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From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper to be Written



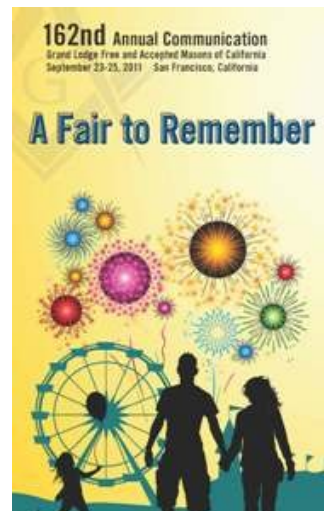
The time for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge is rapidly approaching. Please plan to join your Master, Wardens and Past Masters at these valuable and informative gatherings. Business suit is appropriate for all sessions.

Friday, September 23 will be the Grand Lodge Opening Session at the California Masonic Memorial Temple Auditorium from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. This historic session includes Board and Committee reports, Grand Master's message, and legislation. Masons who hold a 2011 dues receipt may attend any Grand Lodge session. If you have never attended this event, here is your chance to see your Grand Lodge in action.

On **Saturday, September 24**, from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (with a lunch break from 12 - 1), the tradition continues at today's sessions which include: Grand Oration, completion of legislation, election of Grand Lodge Officers, and approval of the Grand Lodge budget and per capita.

Public Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge will be held on **Sunday, September 25** beginning at 9:30 a.m. Members, families, youth orders, and friends of the fraternity gather to honor the past year's extraordinary accomplishments by California Masons and welcome the year ahead. The 163rd Installation of Grand Lodge Officers for 2011/2012 will be held at 11:00 a.m. and is open to all members, family, and friends. A final reception immediately follows in the Great Hall.

Donald M. Schauer—Assistant Secretary



Masonic Family Corner

Unity No. 65, International Order of Rainbow for Girls—We will be holding a car wash on August 20th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Castro Valley Masonic Center (4521 Crow Canyon Road). It will cost \$5 for any regular sized car and \$7 for over-size trucks, vans, and SUVs. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a non-profit organization dedicated to community service.

Hayward Bethel No. 261, International Order of Job's Daughters—Summer is a great time to have a clean car. Bring your dirty or dusty cars to our carwash on July 30th at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. We will be accepting your donations for the wash. The International Order of Job's Daughters is a non-profit leadership development organizations for young ladies between 10-20 with a Masonic relative.

Castro Valley DeMolay—We want to thank you for helping send four of our leaders to Leadership Conference during the first week of July. While there three of our members earned the "Lamp of Knowledge" (by successfully completing a 5-part test with over 200 questions) and two of them earned the "Representative DeMolay" certification (by completing a 32 page introspective survey including multiple essay questions). One of them served on the "Knight's" program (which was responsible in a large part for running the activities of the conference). Overall, these four members came back to the chapter with new knowledge, new ideas, and new enthusiasm for DeMolay. Thank you!!!

3rd Degree Anniversaries

**Andreotti, Henry (21) ; Baker, Ronald (41) ; Barnhart, Michael (8) ; Benko, Mickey [PM] (22) ; Bockius, Richard (57) ; Bolli, Albert (52) ; Boy-
sen, John (29) ; Bridge, Lester (49) ; Brooks, Donald (54) ; Charles, William (36) ; Daniels, Charles (29) ; Ferreira, Douglas (28) ; Fischer,
John (6) ; Flatt, James (30) ; George, George (48) ; Gilbert, Ace (33) ; Gravier, Andre [PM] (31) ; Gresick Jr., Stanley (58) ; Groff, John [PM]
(38) ; Harrington, Lester (29) ; Hinkley, John (44) ; Kass, Harvey (36) ; Katz, Brian (5) ; Keller, Robert (48) ; Mac Donald, Gordon (5) ;
Moehne, Theodore (47) ; Moring, Donald [PM] (26) ; Newmarker, Benjamin (46) ; Patel, Kanti (26) ; Plummer, Jack (68) ; Quinn, Patrick (1) ;
Quintel, William (32) ; Ray, Corbit (22) ; Reed, Lynn (33) ; Rodriguez, Ruben (16) ; Schaffer, Frederick (58) ; Smith, Roderick (47) ; Stark, Ste-
ven (30) ; Vossekui, Ruben (30) ; Warnecke, William (33) ; Watson Jr., James (45) ; White, Vinson (52) ; Woodson, Earl (15) ; Yeoman, Bill
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2011 Committees

Lodge Appointments

- **Audit** – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein
- **Funeral** – Kurt Allen, Kjell Bomark-Noel, Kay Dunn, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez
- **Hiram Award Selection** – John Smith, Roy Tamez, Robert Logan
- **Masonic Charity** - The Master and the Wardens
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- **Membership Retention** – Bill Ferrell
- **Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

Lodge Events

- **Kid's ID (9/10-11)**—Roy Nelson, Roy Tamez, Sammy Tamez
- **Constitutional Observance (9/15)**—Eugene Moore, Ernie Nidick
- **Anniversary Dinner/Dance (10/15)**—Kanti Patel, George Christensen, Howard Marmor
- **Visitation to Carmel (10/28-30)**—Kurt Allen, Lyman Penning (650) 967-0699 mrpenning@sbcglobal.net

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Sunshine and Visiting

Please keep the following brothers in your prayers:

Bill Ferrell, PM; Roy Tamez, PM, Roger Glancy, EA; - All recovering from knee surgery.

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

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