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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2012:

2nd—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.
 9th—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—Island City—Officers and Surveyors mandatory—Come between 6-6:30 for a complimentary dinner.
 16st—Thursday—7:00 PM—Degree or Practice
 23rd—Thursday—7:00 PM—3rd Degree—Bro. Roger Glancy
 30th—Thursday—6:00 PM—Family Potluck

September 2012:

6th—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.
 8th—9th—Saturday-Sunday-Castro Valley Fall Festival—Child ID Booth (volunteers needed)
 13th—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—Crow Canyon—Officers and Surveyors mandatory—Come between 6-6:30 for a complimentary dinner.
 14th—Reception for Wor. Al Weisser, Grand Marshal of Grand Lodge of California at Aahmes Shrine Center
 15th -16th—Saturday-Sunday—Visitation and Degree Conferral at Mariposa Lodge
 17th—Monday—Mason's Night at AT&T Park
 20th—Thursday—7:00 PM—Degree or Practice
 21st-23rd—Friday-Sunday—Grand Lodge Communication-1111 California Street, San Francisco
 27th—Thursday—7:00 PM—Degree or Practice

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

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From the East

Brethren,



I hope you spent some quality time with your family during July and are ready to get back to business. We have had a great year so far, here is what is coming up next.

Several of our Fellowcraft Masons have proven their proficiency and anxiously await being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Roger Glancy has been very patient with us and we will confer his degree on August 23rd at 7:00 PM.

On August 30th we have our 5th Thursday Potluck scheduled, but we might try to confer another 3rd degree on that night.



September is busy, busy, busy. Kids ID at the Castro Valley Fall Festival on the 8th and 9th. A reception for our own Al Wiesser, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of California at the Aahmes Shrine Center on the 14th. Our visitation to Mariposa Lodge on the 15th and 16th. Mason's Night at AT&T Park on the 17th. Grand Lodge on the 21st-23rd.

Brethren, would you be willing to confer 3rd degrees on the 20th and 27th as well?

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Annual Strawberry Feed at the Masonic Home. It was a great event, as always.

Thank you again for trusting me to oversee this great lodge. I take pleasure in serving each and every one of you.

Fraternally,

Robert Pinkerton, PM—Master

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Crow Canyon Visitation to Mariposa Lodge-Sept. 15 & 16

While we raise one of our own starting at 1 PM, our ladies will be delighted with the historical sites and shops of the town. After lodge we'll get together for the Master's cocktail party.



At 7 PM a Rib-Eye dinner feast prepared by the brethren of Mariposa Lodge. It is \$17 per person. Contact Lyman Penning for reservations at 650-967-0699

We'll stay at the Miner's Inn for \$85 per night. Please hurry with those reservations, it fills up very quickly. Be sure to say you are with Crow Canyon Masonic Lodge. Call 1-888-516-1372 for your reservations. (Friday night the 14th is optional. \$5 Tri-Tip sandwiches if you come to the pool area before 6:30 PM.)



From the West



Robert Louis Stevenson wrote "There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy. By being happy we sow anonymous benefits upon the world." But some will say, "I can not be happy all the time." That is true, but we affect



Robert Louis Stevenson

others and ourselves with our attitude. If we, when less than happy, put on a smile, that little twinkle of happiness telegraphs to others one of these anonymous benefits upon the world and the world is thus starting to smile back. It is a full circle within all of us. When Jesus said in Aramaic words to the effect when some were challenging him regarding the type of food they ate, stated:

"it is much more important to watch the words that comes out of your mouth then what goes into your

mouth" This is very profound. As Humans we affect everything that lives and grows on earth, but more importantly we affect each other even more. Life is clearly a journey from birth to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns. However, we affect ourselves and others collectively and that duty that Mr. Stevenson wrote about is paramount. We ourselves control our thoughts and actions within the situations that the school of life has cast upon us. True, there exist situations that are life and death struggles. However, when feasible, remember that duty stated above. We as Masons are blessed that we have an opportunity to explore many of the roads and writings of great persons that have gone before us, and these truths are safely lodged in the repository of the faithful breast.

Kjell Bomark-Noel—Senior Warden

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Inspiring Words

"One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"

In July (on July 4th) we celebrated the 236th birthday of this nation. An idea conceived by men (many of them Masons) who believed in, fought for, and died for the right to stand as men and women free – to worship as we please, and to live ones life in a nation "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

We pledge our allegiance to this idea many times - in our schools, in our lodges, at sporting events, at public gatherings, etc. We recite these words standing as free men and women with our hands over our hearts.

We speak the words, we hear them said, but unless we live them – believe in what they stand for – understand that it is not for us alone but all mankind – then they are just words.

When you next stand to pledge your allegiance to this idea born two hundred and thirty two years ago, stand with pride – recite the words not only with your voice, but with all your heart. Most of all believe and understand what is behind those words.

For unless we (all of us) keep that pledge to our god, our flag, and each other – yes, even to ourselves – "This nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" could become once again just a dream.

Irwin Fershleiser, P.M., H.A.—Chaplain (510) 476-6371 imfersh@gmail.com



From the South

Brethren,

Wasn't it nice to have a little time off over the summer? I certainly enjoyed the little break.

Of course, some of the lodge members were still doing good things while most of us relaxed.

Bro. Bush, along with many members of the Castro Valley Masonic Family spent the weekend of July 21st insuring that the Castro Valley Relay For Life, an annual fundraiser for Cancer Research, was a huge success. It takes really special people to insure the event can run for 24 straight hours. The Bush family made sure that nobody went hungry. Not much time for sleeping, right Brother Bush? The 2012 Castro Valley Relay raised over \$86,000 to fight cancer.



Speaking of giving, time is running out to make a difference with the Grand Master's project. The Raising A Reader (<http://tiny.cc/raiseareader>) program can make a profound difference in California Schools. Why not go to "<http://www.freemason.org>, click on "Donate" and select "Grand Master's Project" right now?

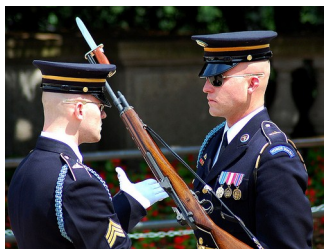


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Changing of the Guard

Many of you already know that I decided to step down as Lodge Secretary. This occurred July 5th at our Stated Meeting. I am officially now the Assistant Secretary of Crow Canyon 551. Brother Donald Schauer, Sr. is now the Secretary. He may be sending out lodge messages from time to time. His e-mail address is DonRL7@pacbell.net. So watch for important updates.



If you wish to communicate with me directly please send messages to my personal e-mail kb6xa@att.net. The KB6XA is my international radio (Ham) call. I still spell the word "no" as "know", "yes I know how to do that". I am still active with Job's Daughters Bethel No. 1 Dublin and I have been asked to be a part of a Grand Lodge program promoting Public Education. So, when one door closes, I am still grabbing the door knob of the next door. Keep the faith! And see you in lodge.

Fraternally

Bill Ferrell, Assistant Secretary (510) 520-7242 kb6xa@att.net



Batters Up!



The Junior Giants is a great program developing character in more than 20,000 at-risk youth, 45% of whom have never owned a baseball mitt! \$20 buys a mitt for a child – Give one today. Let's make this year another strong victory for the kids!

Make a donation to your team online at www.Masons4Mitts.org

Join us in celebrating the 2012 campaign on Masons Night, September 17th, 5:30pm, at AT&T Park! Talk to your lodge officers about tickets!

Let's show 'em what Masons can do!

From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper to be Written



As your new Secretary I am the guy that is going to bug you for your dues. Along with the other administrative duty of the lodge secretary this is the one part of the job that I do not like. Everyone knows that organizations survive on the money that they take in. Unlike our Grand Lodge, who just raise their per-capita tax each year to continue their operation, we can not do that. It takes a by-law change and a vote of the members. We must depend on our members to pay their dues in a timely manner. Crow Canyon Lodge offers a variety of activities for its members and their families. I realize that there are a lot of our members who do not live in the area or are unable to attend for one reason or another. Never the less, the activities are available. Your officers really try hard to make every event enjoyable to the members and when allowed their friends and families. There is far more to Crow Canyon Lodge than just coming to the de-grees.

Our dues are \$95.00 of which \$36.00 per capita tax is paid to the Grand Lodge. You may ask, what do I get for my \$0.26 per day? Maintain the lodge building, pay some of the lodge officers salaries, dinners, parties for our members and



families such as our Christmas parties, Hiram award dinners, public schools and all its activities throughout the year. When you maintain your dues in good standing you are eligible for the Masonic Outreach program, admission into the Masonic Home when the time comes. Your wife is also eligible for these benefits at any time during her life after you have passed away. What better insurance plan could you possibly have that is worth so much. Then there is the part

about you not being able to afford that \$0.26 per day, the lodge can remit your dues. All you have to do is notify the Master or the Secretary of the lodge of your situation. See you in lodge.

Don Schauer, Secretary

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In Memoriam

William Arthur Brennan 85 years, 8 months and 9 days
Entered Into Rest March 27, 2012

Edward Louis Land, PM 96years, 10 months and 3 days
Entered Into Rest May 18, 2012

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

Masonic Family Corner

Congratulations to Miss Jessica Anthony, the 2012-2013 Miss California Job's Daughter (and granddaughter of our Assistant Secretary Wor. Bill Ferrell.) She will be heading across country later this year to compete for the Miss Jobs Daughter International contest later this year and you know her proud parents and grandparents will be by her side. You can watch a video clip from the recent Grand Bethel here: <http://tiny.cc/misscajd>

Bright Side of Youth Talent Show is scheduled for September 8th at 7:00 PM. Oakland Scottish Rite Center. FREE!

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Andreotti, Henry (22); Baker, Ronald (43); Barnhart, Michael (10); Benko, Mickey [PM] (23); Biddell, William (49); Bockius, Richard (59); Bolli, Albert (54); Boysen, John (31); Bridge, Lester (51); Brooks, Donald (56); Charles, William (37); Daniels, Charles (31); Ferreira, Douglas (29); Fischer, John (8); Flatt, James (32); George, George (50); Gilbert, Ace (35); Gravier, Andre [PM] (32); Gresick Jr., Stanley (60); Groff, John [PM] (39); Harrington, Lester (30); Hinkley, John (45); Kass, Harvey (38); Katz, Brian (6); Keller, Robert (50); Mac Donald, Gordon (6); Moehnke, Theodore (49); Moring, Donald [PM] (27); Newmarker, Benjamin (47); Patel, Kanti (27); Plummer, Jack (70); Quinn, Patrick (2); Quintel, William (33); Ray, Corbit (23); Reed, Lynn (34); Rodriguez, Ruben (17); Schaffer, Frederick (60); Smith, Roderick (48); Stark, Steven (31); Vossekui, Ruben (32); Warnecke, William (35); Watson Jr., James (47); White, Vinson (53); Woodson, Earl (16); Yeoman, Bill (32);

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Sr. Steward—Surveyors

Jr. Steward—Surveyors

Surveyors

The Surveyors are "Officers-in-Training" who commit to attend as many meetings, practices and schools of instruction as they can during their year of office. They learn the work and fill the stations of the Junior Deacon & the Stewards.

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2012 Committees

Appointments

Audit – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein

Funeral – Kurt Allen, Kjell Bomark-Noel, Kay Dunn, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez

Hiram Award Selection – Sid Cerates, John Smith, Roy Tamez

Masonic Charity - The Master and the Wardens

Masonic Hall Association—John Smith

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Membership Retention – Don Schauer, Sr.

Sunshine—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

Lodge Events

Kid's ID—Roy Nelson, Roy Tamez, Sammy Tamez

Strawberry Feed—Ron Katz, Ernie Nidick, Gerald Woergoetter

Visitation—Kurt Allen (and Wynn), Lyman Penning

Masonic Family

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Sunshine and Visiting

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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Read the Trestleboard online first at <http://tiny.cc/551news>

Please Join Us for a Reception Honoring

Al Weisser - Grand Marshal

Friday, September 14, 2012 – 6:30 PM

*Aahmes Shrine Event Center
170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore CA 94551*

Social Hour - 6:30 p.m. - Dinner and Program - 7:30 p.m.

*Open to all Masons (Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Master Masons), their ladies, families and friends
Cost: \$15/person Dress Code: Business Casual*

Please Make Reservations by September 7th - (510) 276-1762 – Don Schauer, Sr. - Secretary

163rd Annual Communication

September 21-23, 2012
San Francisco

The Grand Lodge of California will hold its 163rd Annual Communication this year. Please join us for this special celebration at the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco.

Online Registration: <http://www.cvent.com/d/0cqp19>

Special Events

This year's festivities will feature a number of special events, including:

- Friday historical presentation: Following Friday's legislative session, members will view a unique video presentation on the history of Masonic aprons, sponsored by the Henry W. Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry.
- New ladies' activity: On Saturday afternoon, Jeanie Loui invites ladies and their guests to attend a private performance of San Francisco's hilarious theatrical tradition: Beach Blanket Babylon.
- Grand Master's Banquet: Grand Master Frank Loui invites members, ladies, and friends of the fraternity to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year during a formal Saturday evening banquet.

Please note that limited seating is available for special events; early registration is recommended.

Accommodations

- A limited number of hotel and banquet packages are available at the Fairmont Hotel (one block from CMMT); the Mark Hopkins Hotel (one block from CMMT); the Hilton San Francisco Union Square; the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway Hotel (five blocks away on Van Ness Ave); and the Suites at Fisherman's Wharf. For more information, review the 'Hotel and Banquet Package Information' tab in the online invitation.

Questions

- Please review the FAQs page of the online registration form for answers to many common questions. You may also contact [Kim Hegg](#), program services manager, at 415/292-9111 for assistance.

