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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

30th—Crow Canyon Lodge, Day at the Races!

October

- 5th—Stated Meeting—5:45 Social / 6:15 PM Meal / 7:30 PM Lodge Opens—Hiram Award—Bro. Robert Logan, PM
- 7th—“Bright Side of Youth” - Free Masonic Youth Variety Show at Oakland Scottish Rite—7:00 PM
- 8th—Public Opening of **Grand Lodge** of California—1 PM / All Member Banquet and performance by Oklahoma Indian Dance team. \$40/person.
- 9th—**Grand Lodge** Opening Session—9:00AM / Oklahoma Indian Third Degree—7:30 PM (Master Masons Only)
- 10th—**Grand Lodge**—9AM—Business
- 11th—**Grand Lodge**—11 AM—Installation of Grand Officers
- 11th—Acacia Team Practice—3rd Degree—7:30 PM
- 12th—**3rd Degree**—**Bro. Arnold Weinstein**—7:00 PM
- 14th—DeMolay Grand Master’s Class at Oakland Scottish Rite—9:30 AM
- 18th—2nd Degree Practice—7:30 PM
- 19th—**2nd Degree**—**Bro. Howard Marmor**—7:00 PM
- 25th—1st Degree Practice—7:30 PM
- 26th—**1st Degree**—**Mr. Eric Unti** (if elected at Stated) - 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 (preview)

11th—DeMolay Installation of Officers—7:30 PM (Officers in Tux)

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551 In Action

(Degrees this Year . . . so far)

Name	Degrees	Date of Last Degree
Aracne, Steven	MM	5/11/2006
Boguess, Christopher	MM	4/13/2006
Estrada, Cayetano	EA	4/27/2006
Katz, Brian	EA, FC, MM	8/24/2006
Ketner, James	EA	4/27/2006
Mac Donald, Gordon	MM	8/21/2006
Marmor, Howard	EA	8/17/2006
Morrison, Brandon	EA	9/13/2006
Seddon, Rodney	MM	6/8/2006
Weinstein, Arnold	FC	5/18/2006

From the East



Brethren,

The second weekend in September was a proud weekend for Freemasonry and for Crow Canyon Lodge. We truly served the community.



Of course you know that on Saturday the 9th and Sunday the 10th we worked the Child ID station at the Castro Valley Fall Festival. The families of over 300 children can sleep a little better knowing that if it appears their child has gone missing, they have the information the authorities need to find them faster. One lucky family, randomly selected, won a set of four tickets to "Beauty and the Beast" at Woodminster Amphitheatre compliments of Crow Canyon Lodge.

That was only the beginning. Through your generosity, and conflicts in your own calendar, you provided seven members of Jobs Daughters, two Masons, and six other families, randomly selected at the theatre with a spectacular night of entertainment at "Beauty" also. These families include a man and his wife, with their three children under 7, who were taking them for their very first theater experience. I let them know who their benefactor was and they were positively beaming through the entire show and couldn't thank you enough afterwards. The buzz from the others who we gifted was equally enthusiastic. It turns out the mother of one family, who sat right next to the Master and his wife, was a majority member of Rainbow. Small world.

Brethren, this is what, in my opinion, Masonry is all about. Using our tools to improve ourselves and help make the world around us a better place.

Welcome to our newest Entered Apprentice, Brandon Morrison. Brandon is a student at the University of Chicago studying Nuclear Physics. He was elected at the September stated meeting, and since he was returning to school the following Thursday, we initiated him into our Fraternity the Wednesday before he went.

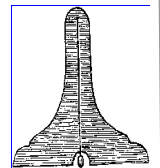
This month we recognize one of our long standing, hard working members. He was instrumental in establishing Child ID at our lodge, was one of the key members involved with the Christmas in April project, and helped in various other construction projects to maintain and improve our lodge building. Congratulations, Bro. Robert Logan, PM our newest Hiram Award designate.

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From the West



The glory of Masonry has been its capacity for transcending the past. I have heard some members speak about how in the past we had members waiting in the line for ten years to reach the East chair (Which I believe is the last step of the ladder which leads every Mason to the fulfillment of his Masonic glorification).



Some members say our future is looking impossible, filled with uncertainty and scarcity. Well the future will always look bleak until members with faith and courage make it better. If we are willing to take the first step (and I believe that there are some members willing to take that step) then, and only then, will we be capable of shaping the future. We have within our grasp all that we want that future to be.

As I read some of my past articles I notice that I have not delivered anything in a positive matter, and it is not my nature. So for this I am sorry. It is not like me to be negative. When I look at the future and find myself in a position in which I will be installed as a Master with three empty chairs, I am distressed. I do not want to be known as the last Master of Crow Canyon Lodge. Our Senior Warden chair looks like it will be empty next year. We need a Past Master or someone to step forward NOW! I again urge our brethren who have not been officers in the past to step forward. Take the challenge, and grow with me in the fulfillment of our Masonic glorification.

In conclusion I would like to quote to you the words of our past President Ronald Reagan: The future of our (lodge), "the directions that we go as people, whether we move ahead to meet the challenges of the future or slide back into the irresponsible policies of the past, will be determined by those who get involved."

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



From the South

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The menu for Stated Meeting will be Family-style pasta dinner with garlic bread; tossed green salad with vinaigrette dressing, and chef-surprise for dessert. Congratulations to Bro. Bob Logan for his years of service to our lodge, our new Hiram Award recipient. Help him celebrate at the Stated Meeting dinner.

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

Masonic Education Series

What Does Freemasonry Accomplish?

By Brother Luis J. Orozco, II,

When talking to non-Masons I am often asked, "What do Freemasons do?" Of course this is a legitimate question, but a more appropriate question could be, "What does Freemasonry accomplish?"

It occurred to me Freemasonry has accomplished the establishment of a basic foundation, upon which the Western World has built the edifice of civilized community.

This has become evident over many years and in many ways, but perhaps one of the more interesting examples, can be found in the numerous contributions by Freemasons to the establishment of our country as the worlds foremost example of desired civilization. No other country is so sought after by hopeful immigrants, as is our fair land. Ours, thanks to our forefathers is by comparison truly "...a land flowing with milk and honey."

One example of these Masonic contributions was celebrated during the grand event, which took place in Monterey California back in July of 1996. The event was a grand gathering of California Freemasons in celebration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the landing of the U.S. Navy under the command of Commodore John Sloat at Monterey in the year 1846.

That august gathering of California Freemasons under the leadership of Grand Master Charles Alexander was in recognition of the high Masonic principles exercised by Brother Sloat during his 1846 adventure.

I shall always be humbled by the memory of his genteel but firm actions during the accomplishment of his military duties of occupation. The 1846 event opened a new "West Coast Front" of the Mexican American War, which was then destined to continue to its official conclusion in 1848.

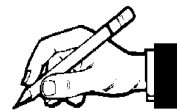
A Leisure Stroll Through A Sleepy Town

If we were returned in time to the California of 1846, we would find the tiny village of Monterey a sleepy coastal town, where the afternoon siesta was the accepted ritual of the social day. The dusty unpaved streets were no more than very few, and while this was the Mexican Capitol of Alta California, by today's standards the title village would be nothing less than an exaggeration.

A Time for Duty, Honor, Country

It was in 1823 that Congress adopted the famed "Monroe Doctrine" and thereby set the stage for the United States

From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren,
You will be receiving your annual dues bill shortly. As I mentioned in last months message the dues for 2007 will be probably \$69.00. This increase is due to the Grand lodge per capita tax proposal of \$29.00. Some have not paid this years dues. Brethren PLEASE remember that if you are not in good standing, or are not current with your dues that benefits may cease. I am sad to report that some widows have not able to be admitted to the Masonic Homes or have the opportunity to receive any assistance from the Masonic Outreach program because their husband was suspended for non-payment of the annual dues.

If you are interested in the legislation before Grand Lodge you may go to the official webs site of Grand Lodge. The files are available now at www.freemason.org. Go to Members Center/ Member Resources. You will find a list of items including 2006 Legislation.

If you plan to attend let me know so we can all sit together. And on the first day of Grand Lodge we have a tradition of going to lunch together. Monday night there will be an Oklahoma Indian Degree. If you haven't seen one you might like to see how they perform their ritual. Any Master Mason who holds a current (2006) dues receipt may attend any session of Grand Lodge. Just present your dues receipt at Grand Lodge registration desk and you will be issued credentials.

If you would like to be on the Lodge e-mail list to receive timely information, send me a note at crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net

Fraternally, Bill Ferrell

naval landing at Monterey on July 7, 1846. This document addressed the urgent problem of vast land acquisitions by the "European Powers" of the day. The situation was of such import, that in his inauguration speech of March 4, 1845, Brother, President James K. Polk staunchly proclaimed that it was his "...*duty to assert and maintain by all constitutional means the right of the United States to that portion of our territory which lies beyond the Rocky Mountains.*"

Then just nine months later the situation had advanced to a point of urgency causing President Polk in his famous address to Congress on December 2nd to eloquently express his interpretation of the 1823 Monroe Doctrine, when he gave birth to his now famous 1845 Manifest Destiny. Therein he declared, "...*no further European colony or dominion shall without our consent be planted or established on any part of the North American Continent.*" It was in fact his direct intent to target those Western Territories west of the Rocky Mountains. So it was established that this young nation put on notice all nations, but especially those European nations of threat.

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Mark Your Calendars

Make-A-Difference Month Event at Masonic Home

Sponsored by Northern California DeMolay, California Jobs Daughters and California Rainbow for Girls

SENIOR BALL

A Dance for the Residents of the Masonic Home and Members of the Masonic Family



October 28th, 2006—7 PM—9 PM
Call Jennifer Katz—510-375-3137 for Details



Third Degree Anniversaries for October

Bain, William John (50 yrs.); **Baratto**, Dave Louis (11 yrs.); **Bishop**, Charles Wallace [PM] (53 yrs.); **Bookman**, Barry Lewis (17 yrs.); **Brooke**, Harold Robert [PM] (44 yrs.); **Brown**, Roy Brice (67 yrs.); **Brunckhorst**, Brian R. (7 yrs.); **Brunckhorst**, David P. (7 yrs.); **Bullwinkel**, Frederick Jr. (61 yrs.); **Cowan**, Lloyd Melvin Jr. [PM] (48 yrs.); **Cuthbert**, Talbot Scott (18 yrs.); **Egelston**, Roderick Keith (28 yrs.); **Fiddes**, Terry (55 yrs.); **Gabriel**, Robert Martin (35 yrs.); **Hansen**, Robert Carl [PM] (27 yrs.); **Hardesty**, John Franklin (31 yrs.); **Hicks**, Charles Franklin Sr. [PM] (22 yrs.); **Hintz**, Charles Ray (7 yrs.); **Hintz**, Warren Glenn (43 yrs.); **Hofmann**, Glenn Paul (47 yrs.); **Huckins**, Melvin Roy (47 yrs.); **Jensen**, David Stanley (8 yrs.); **Johnson**, Charles Aldon (37 yrs.); **Kavert**, David Laroy (37 yrs.); **Keihner**, Richard George (28 yrs.); **King**, Lowell Franklin (32 yrs.); **Kolsch**, Gordon (38 yrs.); **Kresge**, John Robert [PM] (46 yrs.); **Lane**, Glen William (38 yrs.); **Langton**, Royle Monroe (52 yrs.); **Leiber**, Paul Henry Jr. (52 yrs.); **Lobree**, Bruce Alan (24 yrs.); **Lockard**, Ralph Joseph (58 yrs.); **Locklear**, Gorden Franklin (43 yrs.); **Mc Evers**, Donald Courtney (51 yrs.); **Mc Mullen**, Willard Clay (51 yrs.); **Meier**, Paul Gerst [PM] (45 yrs.); **Meissner**, Richard Francis (51 yrs.); **Miller**, Henry Earl Sr. [PM] (37 yrs.); **Mullen**, Charles Albert (37 yrs.); **Mutnick**, Bertram Zachary (57 yrs.); **Nilson**, Martin Norman Jr. (40 yrs.); **Penning**, Lyman Chester [PM] (32 yrs.); **Porter**, Russell Lee (42 yrs.); **Price**, Walter Elwood (17 yrs.); **Proffitt**, Edward Earl [PM] (52 yrs.); **Rafalski**, Ned Edward (24 yrs.); **Reynolds**, Dale Arnold (24 yrs.); **Roberts**, Donald Russell (46 yrs.); **Romero**, Ronald Henry (19 yrs.); **Rowe**, Thomas Arthur (45 yrs.); **Saks**, Robert Edwin (54 yrs.); **Schulz**, Raymond Andrew (20 yrs.); **Seutter**, Elmer Paul (38 yrs.); **Sonnichsen**, David Eugene (61 yrs.); **Stephenson**, William Thomas (40 yrs.); **Stevenson**, David Allen (39 yrs.); **Strain**, William Estell (51 yrs.); **Suokko**, Leonard Walter (47 yrs.); **Tague**, Gene De Martyn Jr. (19 yrs.); **Thomas**, Richard Marshall (27 yrs.); **Wagner**, Robert James (28 yrs.); **West**, Alan Douglas [PM] (19 yrs.); **York**, Jack Madison (60 yrs.)

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

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I'd Rather Watch A Winner!

Written by Brother Edgar Guest

I'd rather watch a winner, than hear one any day,
I'd rather have him walk with me, than merely show the way.
The eye's a better pupil, more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing but example's always clear.
The best of all the coaches, are the ones who live their creeds,
For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn how to do it, if you show me how it's done,
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
The lectures you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you, and the high advice you give,
But there is no misunderstanding how you act and how you live,
Yes, I'd rather watch a winner, than hear one any day,
I'd rather watch a leader, modeling the way!

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