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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2011:

5/5—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Cinco De Mayo / Inspector's Official Visit / Dedication Ceremonies*
 5/10—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Pleasanton Lodge — 6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.
 5/12—Thursday—Officer's Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
 5/13—5/15—Senior Warden's Retreat at San Ramon Marriott
 5/14—5/15—Rowell Ranch Rodeo—Child ID Booth—**Volunteers Needed**—Call Roy Tamez at 510-537-1077
 5/19—Thursday—Officer's Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
 5/26—Thursday—Officer's. Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
 5/29—Sunday—Castro Valley Lodge Sweetheart's Event—Brunch and Theatre. Contact Phillip Busch for details.

June 2011:

6/2—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*BBQ Chicken Dinner*
 6/7—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Castro Valley — 6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.
 6/9—Thursday—Officer's Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
 6/16—Thursday—Officer's Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
 6/23—Thursday—Feast of St. John—6:00 PM—Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Masons Only. Presale ticket required. Contact Charles Hintz at (510) 351-8709 or (510) 885-2788
 6/30—Thursday—Family Potluck—6:00 PM—(A-H bring dessert / I-N bring vegetable or casserole dish / O-Z bring salad dish) - Lodge will provide BBQ Chicken and Beverages.

Castro Valley DeMolay meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)
Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets 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



Can you believe we are already in May? This year has really been flying along very well and each and every one of you are the reason why it has been so successful so far.

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentice, Bro. Jarred Dorrance. I am very pleased with the performance of your officers during the degree. Bro. Hintz stepped up and served as Master, and Bro. Warzyniak took Charles' place as Senior Deacon. I was happy to give the lecture and proud to have Bro. Brian Katz give the charge. It was a great night, but we sure could have used some more sideliners.

The Teacher of the Year Night at the lodge was wonderful as always. Thanks to those who prepared the meal and thanks to Bro. Eric Unti and Wor. Bro. Bill Ferrell for making the arrangements. Well done brethren.

By the time you read this we have either just left on our Reno trip or have just returned. I hope those brothers and sisters who joined us on the trip had an entertaining and, perhaps, rewarding trip. Just being with you was a jackpot for me.

The Rowell Ranch Rodeo is coming up on May 14 and 15th and we will be running the Child ID booth again. Would you be able to spend a few hours with us on this valuable project? Thank you Bro. Roy Tamez (and your new knee) for getting this arranged. I love this month because we get to honor the wives of our dear departed Brothers. The Sweethearts of the Lodge hold a very special place in our hearts. Wor. Kurt Allen spearheaded the



Sweetheart's Brunch and Theatre event for many years. Last year he demonstrated that he found a worthy replacement in Bro. Phil Busch. Make sure to block out your calendar for May 29th and help us celebrate our Sweethearts with a Brunch at Dino's and a matinee of "Dixie Swim Club" at the Chanticleers Theatre. Contact Bro.

Busch for details and reservations.

Bro. Hintz is beginning plans for a small celebration Feast of Saint John the Baptist (a patriarch of Freemasonry) on Thursday, June 23rd (a day before the actual day but a fitting day non-the-less). Join us for a hearty meal and all of the traditional toasts, at a price which Bro. Hintz assures us, won't destroy our wallet. This event is open to all Freemasons (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Masons). Details to follow.

Brethren, thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Master. The Officers, Surveyors, Committeemen, Board Members and Trustees make a very difficult job, almost effortless. Thanks again to each and every volunteer.

Fraternally,

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From the West



Brethren,

I look forward to working with Bro. Roy Tamez, PM as we cook our annual Cinco de Mayo dinner. I hope you can all attend.

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Masonic Homes of California

The Masons of this state founded the Masonic Homes of California over 100 years ago to provide organized relief to those in need. Today, in residential and community-based programs, the Masonic Homes cares for hundreds of Master Masons, their wives, widows, and children.

The Masonic Homes maintains two campuses, one in Union City and one in Covina, that provide three levels of care including independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing care. The Union City campus also includes care for those with Alzheimer's and dementia.

The Masonic Homes provides assistance to those who wish to remain in their own home or in another care facility through the Masonic Outreach Services program.

For more information regarding admissions to the Masonic Homes, visit www.masonichome.org, call toll free 888/466-3642, or email intake@mhcuc.org.

Masonic Outreach Services

The Masonic Homes of California provides the Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) program for fraternal family members who prefer to age in their own homes or home communities yet need help coping with the challenges associated with aging.

MOS helps identify appropriate local service care providers, develops a comprehensive care plan, and provides financial assistance to those in need.

For more information on MOS, visit www.masonichome.org, call toll free 888/466-3642 or email intake@mhcuc.org.

Masonic Center for Youth and Families

The Masonic Center for Youth and Families (MCRYAF) serves youth age 4 to 17 struggling with learning, behavioral, and psychological problems. MCRYAF's team of leading experts provides comprehensive assessment and treatment services. This integrated, single-point-of-service approach is not available anywhere else in the country.

MCRYAF serves Masonic and non-Masonic families throughout the state. Masonic families are always granted priority.

For more information, visit mcyaf.org or call 877/488-6293.

Help Wanted

The Masonic Hall Association again finds themselves without a **Building Manager** and/or an **Events Coordinator**. If you would like to find out more about these openings, how they are compensated, and what is expected, please contact Bro. John Smith at (510) 886-0995 strtrder4@comcast.net.

From the South

In the beginning God created the heaven and Earth and God said "Let there be light" and there was light. Variations of this passage above are in many bibles and other holy books. Many religions based on the Christian faiths in the Western World use the King James version of the Bible. There are, however, many versions of the translated Bible text from Eremite, Greek and Latin. In fact the German version of the translated Bible is older than King James. All these Bibles and Holy Books have in common the power of the Supreme Being, God's words. Jesus said that it is more important to watch what comes out of your mouth than what goes in or what you eat. We should keep in mind that we are created in God's image. Words can praise, create and be of benefit to mankind as well as destroy and hurt both intentionally and unintentionally. So as Masons we should use this tool, with deference and respect knowing that words are and can be powerful. Remember Brethren: we should go out of our way to greet a fellow brother and others with kind words and encouragement. The old adage: "When people are least loveable they need love and kindness the most", still applies. We all should do our best to learn those people skills.



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Masons 4 Mitts

The Masons of California are teaming up with the Junior Giants to bring the fun of baseball to more kids. The Bay Area has been divided into six regions - East Bay, South Bay, North Bay, the city of San Francisco, Sacramento and the Delta area - which are facing off in friendly competition. The team that funds the greatest number of baseball mitts for the Junior Giants will publicly present their check, along with the Grand Master, on Masons Night at AT&T Park on September 12th.

Junior Giants, the flagship program of the Giants Community Fund, is a free, non-competitive and innovative baseball program for boys and girls ages 5 to 18. More than 13,000 youths participate in the Junior Giants program each year in more than 70 leagues, serving more than 150 cities. The Giants Community Fund provides the jerseys, hats, and baseball equipment necessary to run each league. The Fund also provides tickets for youths to attend select Giants games.

Support your team at <http://www.Masons4mitts.org>
 The donation for each mitt is just \$20.00.

If you prefer, mail your check payable to "Masons4Mitts" to:

Masons4Mitts, Attention: Joyce Hahn—California Masonic Foundation, 1111 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94108

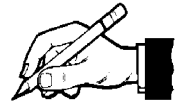
Celebrate the 2011 Masons4Mitts finale! After 90 days of intense competition to raise funds for baseball mitts for the Junior Giants, the six Masons4Mitts teams will unite to show our communities and baseball fans everywhere that Masons care about kids. Take your family and friends out to the ball game to help celebrate.

The party behind the scoreboard will start at 5:30 p.m. Game time is 7:15 p.m. and there will be a Home Plate check presentation prior to the first pitch. The campaign runs until September 12, when Masons and the community will celebrate the finale at Masons Night at AT&T Park.



From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper to be Written



I would like to welcome Brother Donald Schauer, Sr., HA who has been appointed the assistant secretary of our lodge. Brother Schauer brings a wealth of knowledge as a lodge secretary. With the new "on line" database at Grand Lodge and the use of computers we now have a streamlined method to work with our lodge records and financials; this includes our treasurer Brother Brian Katz. Goodbye to those old mail in forms!

So how are we doing? Since July 1, 2010 we have Initiated 9 brothers, Passed 3 to Fellow Craft and Raised 2 to the third degree. Affiliations 15 and 3 restored to good standing for a total of 20 Master Masons. Now the loses: One withdrawal, one suspend NPD and 17 deaths for a total of 19. At the printing of this we are 392 strong and 16 still haven't paid their dues. If you can't afford the dues, PLEASE let us know. If you are reading this and are a care giver of one of our members, we want to know that, too. Please contact me at 510-886-2023

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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"The Old Masters Wages"

*I met a dear old man today, who wore a Masonic pin,
 It was old and faded like the man, It's edges were worn quite thin.
 I approached the park bench where he sat, to give the old brother his due,
 I said, "I see you've traveled east," He said, "I have, have you?"
 I said, "I have, and in my day before the all seeing sun,
 I played in the rubble, with J_la, J_lo and J_lum."
 He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son, it's good and sweet and true,
 And if you've traveled as you said, you should give these things their due."
 The word, the sign the token, the sweet Masonic prayer,
 The vow that all have taken, who've climbed the inner stair.
 The wages of a Mason, are never paid in gold,
 but the gain comes from contentment, when you're weak and growing old.
 You see, I've carried my obligations, for almost fifty years,
 It has helped me through the hardships and the failures full of tears.
 Now I'm losing my mind and body, death is near but I don't despair,
 I've lived my life upon the level, and I'm dying upon the square.
 Sometimes the greatest lessons are those that are learned anew,
 And the old man in the park today has changed my point of view.
 To all Masonic brothers, the only secret is to care,
 May you live your life upon the level, may you part upon the square.*

In Memoriam

Morris Horwitz	94 years, 5 months and 30 days
Entered in to Rest	January, 17, 2011
Roderick Keith Egelston	83 years, 3 months and 28 days
Entered into Rest	April 8, 2011

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

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Abe, Arno (40) ; Aracne, Steven (5) ; Baca, Daniel (55) ; Bokamper, Chris (14) ; Bourke, Hedley (48) ; Christensen, George (37) ; Christensen, William (29) ; Clifton, Stanley [PM] (43) ; Cook, Maurice (39) ; Davenport, Guy (51) ; Densmore, Frank (25) ; Hansford, John (59) ; Holt, Jack (43) ; Johnson, Donald (46) ; Johnson, Frank (61) ; Katz, Ronald [PM] (27) ; Kimmich, Carl (56) ; Krause, Paul (49) ; Mc Hugh, William (64) ; Meissner, Ronald (46) ; Peebles, Albert (59) ; Rapp, Gregory [PM] (24) ; Robertson, Thomas (64) ; Rhodes, Alvin (45) ; Schwarting, John (63) ; Sharpe, George (50) ; Shrader, Norman (46) ; Silverstein, Alfred (61) ; Steen, Robert [PM] (41) ; Stephenson, David (13) ; Tornio, Jack (30) ; Valenzuela, Glenn (47) ; Wagle, John (58) ; White, Lee (48) ; Wysock, David (10)

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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

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
- **Masonic Hall Association**—John Smith, President—(510) 853-5753 strtrder4@comcast.net
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- **Membership Retention** – Bill Ferrell
- **Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

Lodge Events

- **Feast of Saints John (6/23)** – Kjell Bomark-Noel, Charles Hintz
- **Strawberry Feed (7/24)**—Ernie Nidick, Mark Parinas, Gerald Woergoerter
- **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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- **Eastern Star, Lake Chabot Chapter**—Sarah Busch—(925)292-8018 teresa.busch@kp.org

Masonic Family Corner

Castro Valley DeMolay—Our *Installation of Officers* is on May 7th at 7:30 PM. We hope you can join us. Tim Mahany is our Master Councilor-Elect and Sal Bruno is our Senior Councilor-elect. Evie Merritt is our Sweetheart-Elect and Allison Wright is our Princess-Elect.

Lake Chabot Eastern Star—We hope you can join the fun on May 21st for our *Annual Fashion Show*. Presale tickets are available from any of our officers for just \$12. Admission includes a Salad Bar, door prizes, and much more.

Unity Assembly No. 65 Rainbow—Our *Installation of Officers* will be Saturday, June 4 at 7:00 PM. Please come out and support our girls.

Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1 of Dublin is holding their *16th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction* at the Livermore Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore, CA. Friday May 6, 2011. The Silent Auction begins at 6:30 PM and ends at 8:30 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets: \$10.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for children 10 and under. Contact; Denise Jow at 510-352-4292 or e-mail at; jdublin1@gmail.com or contact Bill Ferrell at 510-886-2288.

Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261 We start the month with a carwash at CVMC. Then we invite you to our *Taco Dinner* on May 15, 2011 from 6 pm-8 pm at Acacia Lodge. Cost is just \$8.00/ person. Also please mark your calendar for our next *Installation of Officers*, June 3, 2011 @ 7:30 PM.