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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THESE DATES

September

1st—Saturday—Unity Rainbow Multicultural Dinner and Dessert Auction—6:00 PM—8:00 PM, \$8/adults \$6/children 6-12 / Children under 5 eat free.
6th—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner / 7:30 PM Meeting
8th-9th—Saturday-Sunday—Castro Valley Fall Festival—Child ID Booth—Volunteers Needed!
10th—Monday—Constitution Observance at Oakland Scottish Rite—6 PM—\$12/person for dinner and entertainment
 13th—Thursday—Officer's Practice—7:30 PM
 14th—Friday Night Disco Fever Dinner & Dance—6 PM—Dinner (\$6) /Dance (\$5)—at Crow Canyon Lodge- Sponsored by Hayward Bethel Jobs Daughters
 15th—Saturday—Officer's and potential officer's school of Instruction—8:00 AM—Noon—Acacia Lodge—Hayward—Free Breakfast served at 7:00 AM
15th—Saturday—Hiram Award Dinner and Presentation Honoring Bro. Roy M. Tamez, PM—5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner (complementary with reservations / \$10 at the door) / 7:30 Presentation
 17th—Monday—Castro Valley DeMolay—7:30 PM
 18th—Tuesday—Unity Rainbow—7:00 PM
 20th—Thursday—Officer's Practice—7:30 PM
 22nd—Saturday—Reception for Associate Grand Guardian of California Jobs Daughters—Bro. Raymond Essinger—Acacia Masonic Lodge—7:30 PM
 24th—Monday—Masonic Hall Associate—7:00 PM
 27th—Thursday—Officer's Practice—7:30 PM
28th—30th—Friday-Sunday—Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California—111 California Street, San Francisco. Starts Friday promptly at 1 PM

9/1—Unity Rainbow Multicultural Dinner and Dessert Auction.

9/15—Hiram Award—Bro. Roy Tamez—Finally!



October (preview)

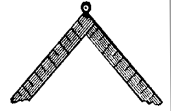
4th—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner / 7:30 PM Meeting
 11th—Thursday—3rd Degree—Bro. Unti—7:00 PM

Note on the Carson Trip: We, unfortunately did not get any response from the membership regarding this trip. Alternate plans are being considered.

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US Constitutional Observance - (from California Grand Lodge Website)



Why do California Masons observe the anniversary of the signing of our U.S. Constitution each September? We observe the anniversary because active support of the established civil authority is one of the oldest traditions of our Fraternity. The annual observation is to assist Masons, their family and their friends, to understand and appreciate the Constitution as more than a mere historic document, but rather a vital contract between each American Citizen and his government.

The Masons of Medieval Europe, from whom we trace our historical origins, were dedicated to the establishment and promotion of public order. They were the builders of all the major edifices erected in Europe in the Twelfth through the Seventeenth Centuries. Such construction only occurred in those places where established civil order guaranteed peace and harmonious cooperation among the local citizenry. Only then could time and wealth be devoted to the erection of the massive stone edifices built by our operative forbearers.

While Masonry teaches loyal and active support of the civil magistrate such loyalty should never be confused with blind obedience to an unjust ruler. Loyalty to the civil authority presupposes a civil authority loyal to its people, governing in response to the people's will and securing everyone's basic rights and liberties. Many leaders of the American Revolutionary War were Masons. They recognized that the inferior status of the Colonies was inconsistent with the natural order of democratic government for freedom-loving people. They temporarily set aside their regard for the established order, the British Colonial Government, to establish a new order to guarantee those inalienable rights: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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From the West

Dear Brethren and Ladies,

I was just wondering how many actually read the trestleboard. There is just so much you can say in a few lines. The thing that comes to mind right now is the word "thank you." So many times it has been in my articles. This one is so hard to say, "Thank you" doesn't seem to say enough. The joy I have received from this lodge by just being myself can not be said in just words alone. To be honored by my Brothers with the Hiram Award places me among men whom I have always looked up to. Now to be one of the few, I feel truly blessed. It will be hard for me to stay out of the kitchen on that night.

Since I am on the subject of being in the kitchen, I might as well tell what's for Stated Meeting dinner. The menu will be Chicken Cordon Blue or Chicken Kiev (for those who do not eat pork), mixed vegetables, potatoes, tossed green salad and ice cream for dessert. Please call the Junior Warden and make reservations as soon as you can.

In my last few articles I have asked for that one good man to come forward and share the good fortune I have found in serving the lodge. That "one good man" to help light the darkness. I will ask no more, it must come from the heart, not from a coach that has to ask. I have waited a time with patience for someone to give those three raps at opportunity's door.

On a more personal note, going back to school has earned me a promotion at work. Now I get to go back to school to keep the new position. No need to worry, I will not leave the lodge without an officer's coach. It seems I need as much work as our officers. It's a bit difficult to coach and sit a chair at the same time. This is one of the many reasons I will not be Master next year. Remember brothers, we best work when we agree.

Fraternally,

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From the South

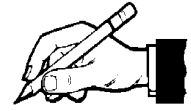


I started discussing the Regius Poem this Summer, and this is a continuation. The Regius dates from 1390 AD, and is Freemasonry's oldest document. The

writer of some original manuscript, of which the Regius is a copy, was thoroughly familiar with the craft of Masonry. Much of the poem is devoted to setting forth "fifteen articles" and "fifteen points", which the manuscript states were the result of a great assembly called by King Athelstane, attended by "divers lords", and "dukes, earls and barons also knights, squires, and many more...". According to the poem: "Fifteen articles there they sought, and fifteen points there they wrought." The fifteen points set forth that the fellow must work truly and well and earn his hire; he must love God and holy church and his fellow workmen. He must keep his master's council and his fellow's also. He is to keep the secrets of both lodge and chamber: "Whatsoever thou hearest or seest them do, Tell it to no man wheresoever you go; The counsel of hall and even of bower," The fellow must not be false to his craft, nor have prejudice against master or fellow and this must apply also to the 'prentice. He must take his pay "full meekly" but the Master must not fail to warn him before noon if he have no further need for his services. He must not enter into argument through envy or hate, or make holiday until the work day is done; on a holy day he must take leisure. The Mason is not to make love to his Master's wife, nor his fellow's concubine; "no more thou wouldst he didst by thine." All are to be stewards in turn and serve, also share in the cost and all must honestly pay each his part. Masons must live amiably together, give each other no false excuses, slander no man. If someone lives a wicked life he is to be constrained and taken before the next assembly - if he refuses, he must forswear the craft and be punished "after the law." If a workman find another about to ruin a stone by incorrect work he is to show him how, in the most friendly manner. The assembly shall decide upon the necessary ordinances and no one shall be thief nor "succor another in his false craft." He is to swear loyalty and fealty to his fellows and to his lord and to the king, to be true to him and to all the points of the Craft, under penalty that the sheriff shall "put their bodies in deep prison" and take his goods and cattle for the king for as long as the king shall decide. It is easy to see how many of the teachings of our ritual may have had their beginnings in such instructions. More Regius next month. Fraternally,

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From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren the 158th Annual Communication will be September 28-30, 2007. Business will begin on September 28th promptly at 1:00 o'clock PM. The theme this year is; "Family * Flag * Fraternity" There are important matters before the Annual Communication this year. Any Master Mason who holds a current (2007) 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. I understand that if you are attending Grand Lodge that there will be a group of us who will have lunch at Scoma's at Fisherman's Warf that will meet at 11:00 am.

Well, it has been 10 years since the merger of Tri-Square #551 and Crow Canyon #569. When we merged the two very productive Lodges we had a membership of 726 Master Masons. The average age was around 71 years old. We have Raised 30 men to the third degree and have given 56 first Degree's. Now the sad element; there are now 442 Master Masons. Yes we have lost 56% of our membership either by suspension or death, but have had 33 Brothers affiliate with us. And our average age is still 71 years.

So where do we go from here? It's your Lodge too. Possibly the most difficult thing in life is to persuade someone to live up to an obligation. It seems to me that it is more convenient to rationalize until the commitment disappears. So what am I attempting to communicate here? Possibility I am just pointing out human nature or the likelihood of lack of concern. Either way your lodge needs members to participate, if nothing more than being a sideliner. If our membership attends meetings and does nothing more than just sit there, I am sure that a Brother would be more willing to participate as a line officer. No one, even your humble secretary, wants to be in a nearly empty lodge room. See you soon.

By the way our California Masonic Code (804.855) States: "It is the duty of every member to attend the funeral of a deceased member of his lodge or any other Master Mason residing within the vicinity of his Lodge at the time of death, if he can do so without great inconvenience."

Fraternally,
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Congratulations to 2007's New and Advancing Members

First Degrees

Boyer, Michael Edward; Busch, Phillip Martin; Parinas, Mark Recio; Quinn, Patrick Daniel

Second Degrees

Busch, Phillip Martin; Lee, Robert Ellsworth; Unti, Eric James;

Third Degrees

Marmor, Howard Richard; Morrison, Brandon Michael;

Akre, Ronald Alvin (28); **Allen**, Kurt Randolph [PM] (31); **Beaman**, Denis Harvey (27); **Bryant**, Billy Fred [PM] (48); **Castile**, Mark Leslie (20); **Cerates**, Sidney Hecker [PM] (24); **Christensen**, Gary Earl (24); **Dias**, Harold John (45); **Freestone**, John Eric George (37); **Gooch**, Donald Ray (46); **Jensen**, Donald Raymond (24); **Kemp**, Murle Doyal (46); **Kenyon**, Edwin Gordon (26); **Kinicki**, Andrew (48); **Laney**, Johnnie Eugene (36); **Larsen**, Ralph Donald (43); **Leite**, Mark James (20); **Luque**, James Manuel (35); **Mac Laughlin**, Kenneth Herbert (10); **Mc Cord**, Patrick Michael (28); **Middleton**, David Alan (12); **Rhine**, Harry Jr. (53); **Rothlisberger**, Verl K. [PM] (21); **Russell**, Larry Gene (42); **Schulack**, Herman Israel (56); **Skewis**, Richard Clark (48); **Spence**, Henry Lewis (41); **Stevens**, Charles Dwayne (41); **Sullivan**, John Lawrence (12); **Sullivan**, Vernon Hastings (49); **Sutter**, Robert Frederick (48); **Tervay**, William Hartman (40); **Toy**, Russell Andrew (11); **Vaughan**, George William (61); **Vorpahl**, Douglas Walter (44); **Walter**, Jerry Beaman (37); **Wilson**, Freddie Monroe [PM] (34); **Worley**, Carl Eugene (7); **Wright**, James Howard Jr. (5)

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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 Phone: (510) 638-6641

In Memoriam

Edward Charles Ruth, PM

87 years, 4 months and 6 days

Entered into Rest July 22, 2007

Lloyd Melvin Cowan, Jr., PM

80 years, 0 months and 21 days

Entered into Rest August 6, 2007



*Almighty Father, into thy hands we
commend the souls of our dear departed Brothers*

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