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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2011:

10/06—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—*Oktoberfest!*
 10/11—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Crow Canyon—Covering 2nd Degree, Retiring the Flag, Election of Officers — 6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.
 10/13—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice—1st Degree
 10/20—Thursday—7:00 PM—1st Degree—Mr. Kem Apel—All Masons welcome
 10/27—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice—3rd Degree—Both Sections
 10/28-10/30—Friday-Sunday—Lodge Visitation to Carmel and 3rd Degree Exemplification upon Bro. David Allen (Details online at <http://tiny.cc/551news>)

November 2011:

11/03—Thursday—Stated Meeting - Election of Officers/ 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Turkey and all the fixings.*
 11/08—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Island City, 2312 Alameda Ave, Alameda. Installation, Presenting the Flag — 6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.
 11/10—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice or Degree
 11/17—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice or Degree
 11/24 —Thursday—7:00 PM—Dark—Happy Thanksgiving

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



The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge is over and the new Grand Master is in charge. Other changes are coming as a result of legislation passed. Details will be in the next Trestleboard.

Our Election of Officers will be on November 3rd (which is also our Treasurer's birthday). Please come out and show your support for our new line of officers.

Hiram Award Designee—Wor. Sidney Hecker Ceretes—The Hiram Award Committee (made up of all past Hiram Award recipients) met in September and nominated Wor. Ceretes to join their ranks. As Master, I whole-heartedly agree with their selection. Bro. Sid has been active in our lodge, has been a part of our Annual Installations for as long as anyone can remember, and has also been involved with the youth groups and the other concordant bodies. He demonstrates Masonry by the way he lives his life. Please join us on **November 10th at 6:00 PM** for a dinner in his honor and the presentation of this symbol of our affection. Call the Secretary for reservations.

Its Not Too Late! - You can join us in Carmel, even just for a day, during the last weekend in October. We will be raising Bro. David Allen to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The degree will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 29th at the Carmel Masonic Center (at Lincoln St. between 7th and 8th). Join our Officers and cast members for this historic event.



Bro. John Hansford was entered into rest on September 5, 2011. Bro. John served as my Chaplain at the end of my first term as Master, just after my first Chaplain, Bro. Audus Watson left this earth. I have fond memories of John and wish I would have stayed in better touch with him during his later years.

We have lost many other fine men this term. Their passing leaves a gap in our lives and in our hearts.

Brethren, reach out to your fellow Masonic brothers and share a word of kindness, while those words can still be heard and acknowledged.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Master this term. Thank you for your support, your dedication, and your hard work. It is truly a pleasure to serve at the helm of this wonderful, caring, and compassionate lodge.

In Brotherly Love Always,

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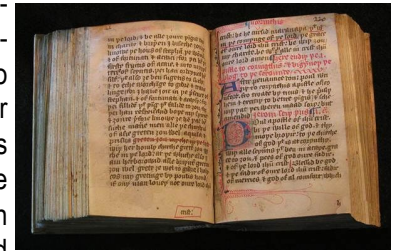
From the West



The incumbent of the Oriental Chair has powers peculiar to his station which are far greater than those of the president of a society or the chairman of a meeting of any kind. Presidents and chairmen are elected by the body over which they preside and may be removed by that body. A Master is elected by his lodge but can be removed only by the Grand Master (or his Deputy acting for him) or Grand Lodge. The presiding officer is bound by the rules of order adopted by the body and by its by-laws. A lodge cannot pass by-laws to alter, amend, or curtail the inherent powers of a Master.

Grand Lodges so differ in their interpretation of some of the "ancient usages and customs" of the Fraternity that what applies in one jurisdiction does not necessarily apply in another. But certain powers of a Master are so well recognized that they may be considered universal. Worshipful: greatly respected. The Wycliffe Bible (Matthew XIX, 19) reads: "*Worschip thi fadir and thi modir.*"

The Authorized Version translates "worschip" to "honor"—"honor thy father and thy mother." In parts of England today one hears the Mayor spoken of as Worshipful, the word used in its ancient sense, meaning one worthy, honorable, to be respected. "Worshipful" as applied to the Master of a lodge does not mean that we should bow down to him in adoration as when used in its ecclesiastical sense. We "worship" God, but not men. Our Masters in being called "Worshipful" are but paid a tribute of respect in the language of two or more centuries ago.



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In Memoriam

Clifford Henry Gossett 91 years, 6 months and 12 days
Entered into Rest July 27, 2011

Robert Martin Gabriel 83 years, 10 months and 4 days
Entered into Rest July 29, 2011

John William Hansford 94 years, 5 months and 5 days
Entered into Rest September 5, 2011

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

From the South

Charity! We as Masons use that word on many occasions. In our Fellowcraft degree we use that word as part of our ritual. We acknowledge, "even though I have all knowledge and have all faith so that I could remove mountains and have not charity, I am nothing". To paraphrase the Bible: Charity wants nothing, thinks no evil, rejoice not in inequity, but rejoice in the truth, Charity towards others we can understand, but charity towards oneself is sometimes harder. I am referring to that which is true and truth, that single core one has, that soul that stands naked before the Creator.—you and yourself. Charity toward yourself is just as important as an act of charity towards others if not more important. We all make mistakes, acts or events or interactions with other beings, humans or animals, that we realize upon reflections one could and should have handled differently. We, as humans, frequently either try to justify or begrudge ourselves. Charity requires you to forgive yourself. So practice true moral charity toward others and yourself.



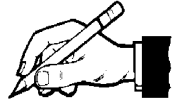
On a lighter note I urge all Masons to come even to practice events or degree nights and I will attempt to feed you Lasagna. I am hoping for a head count but if too many show up we can always recover with PIZZA. So please show up to your lodge on Thursdays (even on practice nights). 6 PM would be nice, but if you come later, that is better than not coming at all. The costs and economy of this program we can discuss later. It may require a token small fee.

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From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper to be Written



You will be receiving your annual dues bill shortly. As I mentioned in last month's message the dues for 2011 will be probably \$95.00. This increase is due to the Grand lodge per capita tax proposal of \$35.00. Some have not paid your 2010 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 been 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. Now, Grand Lodge has developed a member retention program that might allow you to retain your membership. We do not want to suspend you. If paying dues is a financial hardship. PLEASE, let me know.



At present our Lodge has a population of 384 Master Masons. Our youngest member is 23.87 years old and the oldest has accomplished 97.86 years. The average age of our membership is 72.28 years old.

Membership Stats

Age Group	Number of Members	% of Total Membership
20's	3	0.78%
30's	10	2.60%
40's	14	3.65%
50's	43	11.20%
60's	81	21.09%
70's	105	27.34%
80's	94	24.48%
90's	34	8.85%

These statistics may be fun to look at but it shows that if the fraternity is to survive we need participation from all age groups to insure our survival.

There are many Brothers who are apprehensive about attending lodge because they may have forgotten some of the protocol in attending a meeting. If you are one of those Brothers, contact me and I will verify your good standing and do a "run through" of the proper Lodge etiquette. Please try to make a degree or stated meeting.

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

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Masonic Family Corner

Unity Assembly No. 65, International Order of Rainbow—Please join us for our Installation of Officers on Saturday, October 1, 4:00 PM at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. Melanie Kern, PWA, Worth Advisor-Elect. Kelsey Paiz, PWA, Retiring Worthy Advisor. We will also be having an E-Waste Fund Raiser on Saturday, October 29, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM outside of the Castro Valley Masonic Center. Bring your broken electronic devices and help us out.

Castro Valley DeMolay—We hope you can come to our Installation of Officers on November 5th at 7:30 PM. Sal Bruno, Master Councilor-Elect.

Hayward Bethel No. 261, International Order of Jobs Daughters — Do you like pasta? Do you like Halloween? Then please plan to attend our Annual Spook-e-tti Dinner, October 30th from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM at the Hayward Masonic Center. \$8/person. Purchase presale tickets at your Stated Meeting.

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Bain, William (54) ; Baratto, Dave (16) ; Bishop, Charles [PM] (57) ; Bookman, Barry (22) ; Brooke, Harold [PM] (48) ; Brunckhorst, Brian (11) ; Brunckhorst, David (11) ; Busch, Phillip (4) ; Cuthbert, Talbot (23) ; Haines, Carson [PM] (39) ; Hansen, Robert [PM] (31) ; Hardesty, John (36) ; Hicks Sr., Charles [PM] (27) ; Hintz, Charles (12) ; Hintz, Warren (47) ; Huckins, Melvin (51) ; Jensen, David (13) ; Johnson, Charles (41) ; Kavert, David (41) ; Keihner, Richard (33) ; Kolsch, Gordon (42) ; Kraft, Delbert (36) ; Kresge, John [PM] (51) ; Lane, Glen (42) ; Langton, Royle (57) ; Leiber Jr., Paul (57) ; Lobree, Bruce (29) ; Mc Evers, Donald (55) ; Meier, Paul [PM] (50) ; Miller Sr., Henry [PM] (41) ; Mutnick, Bertram (61) ; Nilson Jr., Martin (45) ; Penning, Lyman [PM] (36) ; Pinkerton, Robert [PM] (13) ; Porter, Russell (46) ; Price, Walter (22) ; Proffitt, Edward [PM] (56) ; Prosser, Rowell (2) ; Rafalski, Ned (29) ; Reynolds, Dale (28) ; Roberts, Donald (50) ; Romero, Ronald (23) ; Rowe, Thomas (49) ; Saks, Robert (58) ; Schulz, Raymond (24) ; Seutter, Elmer (42) ; Sonnichsen, David (65) ; Stephenson, William (44) ; Stevenson, David (44) ; Strain, William (56) ; Suokko, Leonard (52) ; Tague Jr., Gene (23) ; Thomas, Richard (32) ; Unti, Eric (4) ; Wagner, Robert (32) ; Weinstein, Arnold (5) ; West, Alan [PM] (24) ; York, Jack (64)

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Lodge Appointments

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- **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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- **Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

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Sunshine and Visiting



Our thought and prayers go out to: Bro. Bill Blissard, Bro. Lyman Penning, Bro. Charles Hintz and the families of our recently lost brethren.

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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