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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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5/30—Unity Rainbow Assembly Installation of Officers—7:00 PM
 5/31—DeMolay and Job's Daughters e-Waste event—9:00 AM-4:00 PM @ CVMC—Drop off your electronic waste—TV's, computers, monitors, VCR's, DVD's etc.

June

6/1—Hayward Job's Carwash @ CVMC — 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
 6/5 — Thursday — Stated Meeting — 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Lodge — **Guest Speaker: John L. Cooper, Former Grand Secretary will deliver a presentation "The Lost Word"**
 6/10—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Hosted by Academia Lodge @ CVMC—7:00 PM—Free dinner preceding
 6/12—Thursday—Officer's Practice—7:00 PM
 6/13—Friday—Hayward Job's Installation of Officers @ Acacia Lodge—7:30 PM
 6/19—Thursday—Officer's Practice—7:00 PM
 6/26—Thursday—Officer's Practice—7:00 PM
 6/29 — Sunday — Annual Strawberry Feed at the Masonic Home — 10:00 AM Set Up / 1:00 PM Serving begins.

July

7/3—Thursday—Stated Meeting — 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner / 7:30 PM Lodge — **Guest Speaker: Robert Logan, P.M., H.A. will deliver a presentation "Fraud Protection"**
 7/12—Lodge Management Certification Program—Beverly Heritage Hotel—Milpitas
 7/19-7/20 — Saturday-Sunday — Castro Valley Relay For Life—Canyon Middle School

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Castro Valley DeMolay meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
Unity Rainbow meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)
Eastern Star meets 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM)
Jobs Daughters Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Acacia Lodge
Jobs Daughters Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church

From the East



Several of your brothers accompanied me to a visitation at California #1 in San Francisco in May. I have to say that they treated us like royalty. Lucky for me, Wor. Bob Hansen was with us and he had more friends there than he has, perhaps, in his own lodge. Everyone there was really excited to see him. Dinner was great, fellowship was great, and they promised to reciprocate with a visit to our Stated. I look forward to seeing them here. How about we set up a visit to Alameda Lodge soon?

I came home the other night about 7:00 p.m. No one was there and water was pouring out on the floor from the dishwasher. This got my dragging behind moving pretty fast. Needless to say, I now have a new Bosche dishwasher. Cold meal, no one to admire my quick work, soaked to the skin with water. How's that for another fun night at home.

Have any of you been riding on mass transit lately? Mass means masses of bodies with sardine can conditions. Which segues me into the notion regarding being at lodge functions and being fully involved in your lodge. With gas so costly, you must be around more. Why not join us for a good meal and good fellowship? Now is a great time to become strongly involved in your lodge. You are missing out on a heck of a lot of fun. So my question is . . . where are you?

On a more immediate note, if there is a brother, Past Master or newly raised Master Mason, who would like to sit in the Junior Steward's chair for the rest of the term, we would welcome you with open arms. No long term commitment, just fill the chair until the next installation and show up for weekly practices and monthly Officer's schools of instruction. Can you commit to that?

I look forward to seeing you at lodge.

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Editor's Note: If you were born between 1950 and 1987, live between Fremont and Oakland, Walnut Creek and Dublin, this next message is for you. The lodge is actively seeking members, like you, to begin training for leadership in the lodge. The future of your lodge depends upon it. We are not asking you to be Master tomorrow. Just to begin to get more involved with your lodge and take on some responsibility for its future success. Over the next several years, we can teach you what you need to know to be a successful leader in your lodge. You will be hearing from us, please be receptive.

From the West

Peggy and I just returned from the Senior Warden Retreat at the San Ramon Marriott, and I wanted to comment on what we thought was a very informative and entertaining weekend. If you have an opportunity to attend, GO. You will likely find that it is intense yet light hearted, thought provoking and self examining. It is a crash course in leadership, not just from an idealistic viewpoint, but rather from a practical viewpoint gained by much experience. One learns how to create a new Vision, how to make it into real actions, how to enlist help to make it happen, and how to overcome objection.

The best part is that your wife is included. Peggy had a very stimulating time in the wives' sessions, and was an active participant. She has been "on the fence" regarding Freemasonry all these years, because I did such a lousy job explaining to her the good that Freemasonry does. Now she knows, and my life has just gotten much better. The wives had their own perspective on the same issues the men examined. Peggy made a presentation to their session regarding wives' needs and widows' needs, that was warmly received. Now she wants to bring that to Crow Canyon Lodge! So get excited!



We are both really stoked, and I'll be asking for your help on reaching consensus on not all, but some, really good ideas on how we can get out of our doldrums. Working together, you'll hopefully be pleased with the results.

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From the South



I would like to thank the brothers that help with our wonderful Annual "Cinco De Mayo" dinner. It was excellent! I'd like to thank Wor. Bishop and his crew for setting up the dining room for us. Congratulations to Wor. Hanson for receiving the Hiram Award, not too many brothers are deserving of such a title.

June stated meeting dinner menu will be: house green salad, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit cocktail, with garlic bread and ice cream for dessert. Served by Castro Valley DeMolay. We always see the boys serve. But how many of you attend their meetings?

July stated meeting dinner will be cooked by Wor. Avery. He will be BBQing something special for us. Unity Rainbow will be serving. What about the girls? What members attend their meetings?

Did you know that as a Master Mason, you have the right to attend any Masonic youth group meeting. Why not see what our leaders of tomorrow are learning? We, as their sponsoring body, should be more involved with them! When was the last time you entered a Chapter, Assembly, or Bethel room? Remember that you are Master Masons and the youth look to us for guidance and support. Shouldn't we invest our time and make leaders for tomorrow?

I have been concerned about a few things that have been going on in this lodge. My biggest concern is that we need members to step forward and see what being an Officer is all about. Perhaps you could help perform the 3rd degree? I would love to hear from you! Would you believe that the work of the lodge is current done by only 2% of the members? TWO PERCENT! That is a really small number! Why are we having a problem filling the line? I just don't get it.



How can we, as a lodge, afford to keep going when only 2% of the membership ever comes to a meeting? What can we do for you? Did you know that there are plenty of opportunities to serve your lodge. Have any of you heard of these programs? *M.S.A.P., Pass It On, On the Level, Masonic Outreach Services*. What does it take for these programs to be successful? Involvement! How can you get involved? Where can you find more information? All these things can be found at your Lodge! I know that I can't run all these programs by myself, I need you! You don't need to be a Master Mason to learn what you can do. Call or ask a brother to find out how to get involved today.

This year's Grand Symposium is all about "Women & Freemasonry." The Order of Eastern Star, White Shrine, Daughters of the Nile and Co-masonry. Why not plan to attend the Symposium and find out more about the role women have played as part of our ancient fraternity.

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From the Secretary's Desk



I would like to let you know about membership applications and the process that is involved in getting it read in lodge and so forth. I have plenty of applications here in the lodge office and you might want to have one on hand if you are trying to encourage that "good" man to become a Mason. CMC 26020 states that an applicant for the degrees of Masonry must be: A. A man who has attained the age of 18 years; B. A believer in a Supreme Being and a future existence; C. Of good moral conduct; and D. Without physical or mental impairment that would prevent him from learning and practicing the principles of Masonry or which would create a burden on the Lodge. The cost to become a Mason in our lodge is \$244.00 and the breakdown goes like this; for the three degrees of Masonry the cost is \$175.00. \$30.00 application fee, which goes to the Grand Lodge, \$25.00 goes to the Masonic Homes, \$9.00 to the California Masonic Memorial Temple and \$5.00 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Building. An important point; the first and second line signers **MUST** be members in good standing of our lodge. The two "refers to" can be anybody.

When submitting the application, this secretary would appreciate it if you could mail or deliver the application before the stated business meeting, so I can have all the necessary forms completed for the Master so he can assign investigators promptly after the application has been read. This will allow the chosen investigators ample time to contact the prospective member and set appointments for the interviews.

Sometimes a visitor who frequents our meetings may become interested in affiliating or transferring membership. CMC 26050 deals with the rules for affiliation. The applicant should request a certificate of standing from his Lodge and attach it to the application. If he is a member of this jurisdiction there is no cost to him. He must show a current dues card (a copy attached to the application is valid). If the applicant is a member of another jurisdiction our by-laws require a \$35.00 payment, \$30.00 application fee to Grand Lodge and \$25.00 contribution to the Masonic Homes of California for a total of \$90.00, along with a current dues card.

I may have left out some of the finer points, but basically this is what you should know when submitting an application. Have a great summer vacation, see you soon.

Bill Ferrell, PM—Secretary—(510) 886-2023

In Memoriam

Jerry Alvin Williams 86 years, 0 months and 13 days
 Entered Into Rest April 22, 2008

Frank Ciurana 85 years, 4 months and 16 days
 Entered Into Rest April 29, 2008



*Almighty Father,
 Great Architect
 of the Universe,
 Into they hands
 we commend the souls
 of our dear
 departed brethren.*

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Abbey, Fletcher Stuart (56); **Ambrose**, Leonard George [PM] (40); **Andreotti**, Jared Michael (7); **Beaman**, Roger Le Roy (59); **Bolesworth**, Harold William (62); **Brownfield**, Gilbert Allen (21); **Burns**, Jimmy Dee (26); **Burns**, Robert Calvin (24); **Carter**, Ralf Carlyle [PM] (41); **Cumins**, Vernon Edward (58); **Davenport**, John Wesley Jr. [PM] (49); **Egelston**, Gregory Keith (30); **Elleard**, Joseph Eugene [PM] (52); **Freeman**, Herbert Kenneth (35); **Holt**, Ronald David (16); **Hulme**, Kevin Ronald (9); **Jamison**, James Patrick (36); **Jones**, Milton Lee (22); **Kahn**, Mark (42); **Kao**, Frederick (26); **Keshishian**, Albert Ruben (54); **Kresge**, Earl Loring (29); **Land**, Edward Louis [PM] (59); **Lantz**, Jeffery Simpson (40); **Lemon**, Roger Irving (56); **Logan**, Robert Wendell [PM] (15); **Lyerla**, Clyde Merle (51); **Mahan**, Boyd Allen (32); **Martin**, Charles Robert (58); **Mc Carthy**, John Francis (39); **Michardi**, Raymond George (26); **Miller**, Henry Earl Jr. (35); **Nidick**, Ernest John Jr. (48); **O'Hara**, Edgar I. (21); **Palmeri**, John Jack [PM] (45); **Peters**, Robert D. [PM] (45); **Pruhl**, Douglas Stephen (44); **Richardson**, Larry Cobb [PM] (43); **Seaquist**, Burgis William (29); **Seddon**, Rodney Stuart (2); **Selvey**, Ronald Stephen (29); **Siegel**, Ronald Phillip (46); **Smith**, Dale Gene (29); **Smith**, Edgar George (28); **Smith**, Frederic English Jr. (57); **Stevens**, Anthony James Sr. (28); **Stewart**, Joseph George (14); **Stroup**, Scotty Larue (38); **Tague**, Gene De Martyn Sr. (22); **Tamez**, Roy Anthony [PM] (23); **Teeters**, Clarence (36); **Thrall**, Frank Joseph Jr. (11); **Tucker**, Gary Tyson (18); **Vandenberghe**, Ronald Gustave (44); **Von Brauch**, Kurt Jon (29); **Warder**, Gordon Gray (10); **Weatherton**, Charles Ernest (30); **Wiles**, Robert James (36); **Wipf**, David Edward (31)

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