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CALENDAR OF EVENTS


October 2009:

10/01: Thursday, October Stated Meeting, 5:30 pm Social, 6:15 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Opening. \$13/person, widows and guests are free. **Oktoberfest!!!!**
 10/02-04: Annual Communication at Grand Lodge; Friday: 11:30 am Lunch in San Francisco, 1:00 pm Opening of Communication.
 10/08: Thursday, Third Degree Conferral, 7:00 pm.
 10/13: Tuesday, School of Instruction at San Leandro Lodge at 7:00 pm. Second Degree and Middle Chamber Lecture.
 10/15: Thursday, Ritual Practice as needed, 7:00 pm.
 10/22: Thursday, Ritual Practice as needed, 7:00 pm.
 10/29: Thursday, Potluck Dinner, 6:15 pm (A-L Dessert, M-Z Pasta or Veggies), Main dish provided by Lodge.

November 2009:

11/05: Thursday, November Stated Meeting, 5:30 pm Social, 6:15 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Opening. \$13/person, widows and guests are free.
 11/10: Tuesday, School of Instruction at Crow Canyon Lodge at 7:00 pm. Installation Ritual.
 11/12: Thursday, Ritual Practice as needed, 7:00 pm.
 11/14: Saturday, Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields, 12:00 pm Turf Club Seating and Full Buffet Dining. 25 tickets are available.
 11/19: Thursday, Ritual Practice as needed, 7:00 pm.
 11/26: Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, No Ritual Practice.

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

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Brethren,

The hectic pace of September included the excellent Fred LaCosse presentation of "Your American Freedoms: Protect Them or Lose Them", the Child ID Project at the Castro Valley Fall Festival, the Third Degree conferral on Brother Mark Worzyniak, and the Joint Visitation to Eureka Lodge in Auburn. Fred LaCosse and I are working on making his presentation into a series of You Tube videos on the Internet, and I'll give you links when our work is complete.



The annual Communication will be held between Friday October 2 and Sunday October 4 at the Grand Lodge in San Francisco. Your three elected line Officers will be attending the meetings, representing you, and many of us will meet at a Fisherman's Wharf restaurant at 11:30 am that Friday to kick-off the weekend's events. You may want to attend the closing ceremonies on Sunday morning, when the Grand Lodge officers are installed in their respective stations, as it is quite ceremonial and interesting.

We are scheduled to confer the third degree on Brother Red Prosser on Thursday October 8 at 7:00 pm. And we have planned a Lodge Pot Luck on Thursday October 29. Come and join in the fun.

We are looking forward to November's Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday November 14. Hopefully we won't get the rain downpour we got last year. This day is the season closer for Golden Gate Fields, and besides a full race card that day, they have planned for wiener dog (dachshund) races and free give-aways, like sweat shirts and other items.

Gordon "Bud" Warder—Master - (925) 998-6603 bud@kioskamerica.com

From the West

Brethren and Ladies,

When I think of all the wonderful brothers and ladies I have had the pleasure to meet in Masonry, I am always amazed by the diversity of people with one common cause. "Friendship." or Brotherly love and Relief. They are values that money can't buy. It is a life worth living. It makes me want to work all the harder for it.

I was moved when I heard Fred LaCosse talk about our American freedoms. Seeing so many young people listening to him I felt that there may be a bright and better future for all of us to share. It was like that candle in the darkness, that one still light, that we should all gather around.

I now say to you, "Will you join me in the light, or curse the darkness?" You have been shown the way. Who will follow me down the path? If one man can make a change in the hearts of another, who am I to stand alone in the dark. We can and we will change for the better.

A wise man once told me, "If you don't learn from your mistakes you are bound to repeat them." Soon I will be Master of the lodge again. Don't think for one minute I have not made mistakes in the past. If I can learn, anyone can.

What greater gift can we give than the gift of oneself. Time is not much to pay. A kind word costs nothing and can mean so much. Call and talk to a brother you have not spoken to in awhile. Brighten his day and make yourself feel better as a byproduct. Ask any of our ladies if there is something you can do for them, and never forget our youth groups.

Its great to be an American and have the freedom to give of yourself. May we all go away after reading this article feeling like doing something for someone else for no other reason than to feel better about ourselves.

As always, feel free to call if there is anything I can do for you.

Fraternally, Roy Tamez, P.M. H.A.—(510) 537-1077



Ladies and Friends

Play "White ELEPHANT" BINGO

First Thursday of EACH MONTH During STATED MEETING

No cost to enter, just bring a
white elephant gift worth \$10 or less

Call Sherry Hansen for details
(510) 537-0109

From The South

Stated meeting dinner will be a German-Style Oktoberfest. There will even be a taste of bier for those who wish it.

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Child-ID booth at the Fall Festival: Kurt Allen and his sons Leland and David, Phillip Busch, and Wor. Bud. We also received some much needed assistance from Hayward Jobs Daughters. Thank you all.

Did You Know — October is "Make a Difference Month" and what better way to make a difference than to join Northern California Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay at the Masonic Home on October 18th at 1PM for the 3rd Annual Senior Ball. This themed, mid-day dance party, is for the benefit of our friends at the home. Although this years theme is "Disco Fever", I wouldn't be surprised if most of the music comes from the Dorsey Brothers, Frank Sinatra, and Buddy Rich. Come support this great event. Did I mention it was free?

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The Obituary *Author Unknown*

A new Worshipful Master in a small town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first Lodge meeting. The following Thursday the Lodge was all but empty. Accordingly, the Worshipful Master placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the Lodge was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Masonic burial. The funeral would be held the following Monday afternoon, the notice said. Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the altar, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers. After the Chaplain delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his brethren to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead Lodge. Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead Lodge," all the brethren eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each 'mourner peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror! Remember the obligation we all took. Attend and support your Lodge.

Masonic Youth Corner

Unity Rainbow

- Installation of Officers - Saturday, October 3, 2:00 pm at Crow Canyon Masonic Center. Melanie Kern is going in as Worthy Advisor (again).
- E-Waste - Saturday, October 24, at the Crow Canyon Masonic Center. Please bring us your old computer equipment and electronics to be recycled. . . and support your Rainbow Girls.

Castro Valley DeMolay

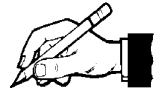
- On October 10, 9 AM — CVD will be participating in the annual "Grand Master's Class" at the Oakland Scottish Rite. Join the excitement as dozens of new DeMolay's are created in honor of our newest Grand Master
- Celebrate with CVD on October 24 at 7:30 PM as Shaun Reynolds is invested with the highest honor an active DeMolay can receive, the Degree of Chevalier. Refreshments follow.

Hayward Jobs Daughters

- Come to the Halloween-Themed, Spook-e-tti Dinner on at October 25 at 6 PM, \$6/person

From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper To Be Written



You will be receiving your annual dues bill shortly. The dues for 2010 will be \$73.00. This increase is due to the Grand Lodge per capita tax increase. Some have not paid last years dues. Brethren PLEASE remember that if you are not in good standing and are not current with your dues that benefits cease. I am sad to report that a widow was not able to be admitted to the Masonic Homes or have the opportunity to receive any assistance from the Masonic Outreach program because her husband was suspended for non-payment of the annual dues. The amount we pay for the annual dues is a lot less than paying for long term care insurance, and the benefits are much better. Life memberships are available in our lodge. Contact me for details if you are interested.

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 have any comments please feel free to contact me. The lodge telephone number is; 510-886-2023. The Lodge e-mail address is; crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net

See you in Lodge

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

Ralf Carlyle Carter
 Entered into Rest

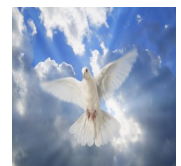
84 years, 5 months and 16 days
 August 22, 2009

Mark Allen Miller
 Entered into Rest

52 years, 4 months and 12 days
 September 9, 2009

*Almighty Father,
 Great Architect
 of the Universe,*

*Into they hands we commend
 the souls of our dear departed
 brethren*



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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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.

We need a brother to step forward to chair this committee. –Bill Ferrell (510)886-2023

Special Committees

Sunshine (temporary)

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Castro Valley DeMolay

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