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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2010:

10/28—Thursday—First Degree—7:00 PM—Mr. Eric Hoffman

November 2010:

11/04—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Election of Officers bring your dues card!*

11/09—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Pleasanton Lodge—3370 Hopyard Road—6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.

11/10—Wednesday—2011 Officers Proficiency with District Inspector—CVMC—7:00 PM

11/11—Thursday—*Veteran's Day*—Officer's practice—7:00 PM—Acacia Team

11/18—Thursday—Third Degree—7:00 PM—Bro. Mark Casperson

11/25—Thursday—DARK—Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2010:

12/02—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge.

12/04—Saturday—Installation of Officers / 2:00 PM Installation followed by Dinner. Please contact the Secretary for dinner reservations.

12/09—Thursday—6:00 PM—Officers and Surveyors BBQ and Planning Meeting.

12/12—Sunday—1:00 PM—Children's Holiday Party—Arts and Crafts / Magic Show / Santa / Refreshments.

12/16—Thursday—Officer's practice—7:00 PM—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.

12/23—Thursday—DARK

12/30—Thursday—DARK

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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From the East



Dear Brethren and Ladies,

We have been through so much this year and we all have so much to be thankful for. My year is about to end and we always have opportunities for interested brethren to work on behalf of the lodge. So, when our new Master calls you requesting assistance, remember the vow you took at the altar. It only takes one man to make a difference. Change is good for the lodge and it can only make us stronger.

I would like to, once again, congratulate Bro. Ernie Nidick on receiving his Golden Veteran's Award and Bro. John Smith on receiving his Hiram Award. You both made me so proud with the humility and grace which you accepted your honors.

We will have two more degrees before the end of 2010. Please join us on October 28 at 7:00 PM as we welcome Mr. Eric Hoffman into our Fraternity. Then join us again on November 18th at 7:00 PM as we raise Bro. Mark Casperson to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Please try to attend. I know how much it means to the candidates and also to your officers.

Our Lodge is more than just numbers. It is a vibrant and growing society which continues to prosper through the active participation of its members. It is the contributions of each and every member, no matter how small, that make our lodge continue to grow stronger year after year. We welcome our newest members to actively engage in the motion and emotion of Freemasonry. Come forward and ask the Master or any of the officers, "What can I do to help?"

I firmly believe that membership in our lodge has made me a better man, a more grateful servant, and a more humble soul. My Masonic memories bring me joy and happiness continually. They were instrumental in my recent "miraculous" recovery.

In closing, "Thank You" to all that have stepped forward to help make this year the success it was. I look forward to making many more memories with each of you in the future. As always, if there is anything I can do for you, please give me a call.

Fraternally,

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From the West



Brethren,

As I think about our Lodge and the next few years, I thought it might be appropriate to share my vision and mission for our future:

Vision Statement—*Through our acts of service, our dedication to high principles, and our quest for light, we are a vibrant, growing community, attracting men who want the best for their families, their communities, and themselves.*

Mission Statement

Crow Canyon Lodge, #551, F&AM is a brotherhood of committed and dedicated men who believe in a better world through action, working shoulder to shoulder to improve our communities:

With a strong faith in the Supreme Being; **With a deep love** for our Country; **With a high respect** for women and family; **With an unquenchable thirst** for knowledge and Light; **With an unwavering hope** for our youth and our future through free Public Education; **Who pour out blessings** to the widowed, orphaned and aged among us;

Together, one body, diverse in our nature, yet united in spirit, we are changing the world: one man, one family, at a time.

Let me know if this vision and mission ring true for you.

As a reminder, you are all invited to join me on **November 14th** at 2 PM, at the Springbrook Masonic Center, 101 Temple Way in Vallejo where I will be one of a small group of men receiving the DeMolay Legion of Honor—the highest recognition conferred by DeMolay International for outstanding leadership in some field of endeavor or for success in fraternal life, including adult service to DeMolay.

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2011 Calendar Preview

Dates are tentative

- 01/22/11—Saturday—Lodge Pizza Night
- 02/03/11—Thursday—Stated Meeting *Coming Home* Event
- 02/06/11—Sunday—Super Bowl Party at OSR
- 02/19/11—Saturday—Crab Feed
- 03/06/11—Sunday—Masonic Family Karaoke/Bingo Night
- 04/14/11 or 4/21/11—Thursday—Public Schools Night
- 04/23/11-04/24/11—Saturday/Sunday—Reno Trip
- 05/14/11-05/15/11—Saturday/Sunday—Child ID at Rowell Ranch Rodeo
- 05/22/11—Sunday—Sweethearts' Brunch and Theater Event
- 06/23/11—Thursday—Feast of St. John
- 08/13/11-08/14/11—Saturday/Sunday—Visitation Degree
- 09/10/11-09/11/11—Saturday/Sunday—Child ID at Castro Valley Fall Festival
- 09/23/11-09/25/11—Friday-Sunday—Grand Lodge Communication
- 10/15/11—Saturday—88th Anniversary Dinner-Dance



Masonic Family Corner

Castro Valley DeMolay—**October 29-30**—We will be holding a 12 hour dance-a-thon from 7PM on the 29th until 7AM on the 30th. We would love it if you could sponsor one of our dancers. **November 6**—Our Installation of Officers will be at 7:30 PM. We hope you can attend.

Hayward Jobs Daughters—Please join us on **December 12**, just before your Kids Holiday Party, for a Pancake Breakfast at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. We start serving at 9:00 AM, and will finish around noon. Just \$8/person.

Lake Chabot Chapter OES—On Friday, **November 19 at 8PM**, Sarah Busch and Bro. Phillip Busch will be installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.



From the South

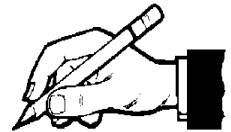
Thoughtlessness

The most noble tool of the Mason is his mind, but its value is measured by the use made of it. Thoughtful in all things, the aspiring candidate to divine wisdom attains reality in sincere desire, in meditation, and in silence. Let the keynote of the Craft, and of the Ritual, be written in blazing letters: *Think on me*. What is the meaning of this mystic maze of symbols, rites and rituals? *Think!* What does life mean with the criss-crossing of human relationship, the endless pageantry of qualities masquerading in a carnival of fools? *Think!* What is the plan behind it all, and who is the Planner? Where dwells the Great Architect, and what is the tracing board upon which he designs? *Think!* What is the human soul, and why the endless yearning to ends unknown, along pathways where each must wander unaccompanied? Why mind, why soul, why spirit, and in truth, why anything? *Think!* Think, brothers of the Craft, think deeply, for if truth exists, you have it, and if truth be within the reach of living creatures, what other goal is worth the struggle? Victor Hugo wrote: "The thirst for the infinite proves infinity" - From *The Lost Keys of Masonry* by Manly Hall

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From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper to be Written



Brethren. This year, as many, has passed quickly. Your Lodge is alive and well! What would make this Lodge stronger is for you to attend at least one or two meetings a year. We do have degrees scheduled and having you as a sideliners would make all the difference in the world. That includes you first and second degree Masons as well. Please remember to re-member. Look for the notice in the mail. If you don't get a dues bill by December 1, 2010, call, write or E-mail me at crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net. Dues are required to be paid by December 31, 2010 or you will be considered delinquent on January 1, 2011. DUES are \$94.00. The break down is that \$60.00 goes to the lodge and \$34.00 goes directly to Grand Lodge. The increase was required to keep up with inflation. Your core of officers are working hard to control spending. If you do not keep your dues current you may be in jeopardy of being suspended. Now this is difficult for me to write. Some members decide that if they don't pay dues the lodge will just drop them. This is not the case in the Masonic Fraternity. The first year a member's per capita tax is paid by the lodge to Grand Lodge, this year it is \$34.00. My Brother if you do not want to keep your membership, and are not concerned about the benefits that the fraternity offers, PLEASE let me know. If you just decide to not tell anyone and just let your membership "drop", the process of suspending you cost the lodge nearly \$50.00 in expenses. We do not want to lose you by any means, but I will issue you a demit if you want to resign. Again, if you can not afford the dues, you may have your dues remitted and no one will know but you, the lodge Master and this secretary. If you are suspended, your name is read in open lodge, because it is required for me to do that and all in attendance will know who didn't pay their dues. During this holiday season, look up an old friend, call or visit. Sometimes just hearing a voice and reflecting on a friendship might make a difference to you both. Attending lodge will help your officers feel that we are accomplishing more than just keeping the doors of the lodge open. Make a New Year's resolution to attend at least one meeting or degree. I wish you and your family the best for the holiday season and hope you and yours have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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Legislation Passed at 2010 Annual Grand Lodge Communication

- 2010 Recommendation No. 2: Protects the Benefits of Membership for Senior Members
- 2010 Recommendation No. 3: Modifies Masonic Trial Procedures
- 2009 Recommendation No. 2: Personal Service of Grand Master's Edict
- 2009 Recommendation No. 6: Modification of Fund Raising Rules
- Resolution No. 09-05: Allows Return of Unused Dues Without Lodge
- Resolution No. 10-02: Establishes Effective Date for Lodge Dues Increases
- Resolution No. 10-03: Provides Procedure to Change Lodge Location in its Charter or Dispensation
- Resolution No. 10-06: Cleans Up and Clarifies Portions of the California Masonic Code
- Resolution No. 10-07: Sets Forth Prudent Investor Rule in the Code
- Resolution No. 10-08: Allows Early Presentation of the Diamond Jubilee Award
- Resolution No. 10-13: Shortens Residency Period for Veterans
- Resolution No. 10-16: Permits California Masons to be Regular Members of the Masonic Family Helping Veterans

Ladies and Friends

Play **WHITTE ELEPHANT** BINGO

First Thursday of EACH MONTH
During STATED MEETING



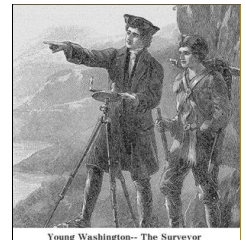
No cost to enter, just bring a
white elephant gift worth \$5 or less

Call Sherry Hansen for details (510) 537-0109

Surveyors Program

A Crow Canyon Lodge Exclusive

Today as in times of antiquity, it was the role of the surveyor to analyze the landscape and make proper measurements prior to the commencement of a building. At Crow Canyon Lodge, the Surveyors are a committed team of members who are analyzing the roles and responsibilities of the leadership of the lodge by attending as many meetings, practices, degrees, and schools of instruction as possible over the next twelve months, and taking an active role by learning and practicing the positions of Junior and Senior Steward, and Junior Deacon. The Surveyors work under the direction of the Senior Warden and the Officer's Coach. The program runs parallel to the line officer's program, beginning and ending with Installation of Officers.



Young Washington—The Surveyor

In Memoriam

Clarence O. Somers, Jr. 86 years, 4 months and 27 days
Entered into Rest September 22, 2010



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

3rd Degree Anniversaries

NOVEMBER—Allen, Stevean (27); Benatar, Gerald (46); Blisard, William (50); Burgard, Richard (51); Carrigan, Jack (50); Chambers, Claude (49); Clare, Joseph (51); Clark, Jr., Douglas (62); Clendenen, Jr., Donald [PM] (18); Craven, Ronald (53); Davis, Elwood (41); Dunn, Kay (7); Dvorkin, Craig (24); Fawcett, Floyd (21); Gonzales, Charles (31); Goss, Walter (53); Harris, Travis [PM] (52); Hess, George (61); Horwitz, Morris (65); Kolden, Steven (26); Maxwell, Richard (27); Mc Kay, Douglas (37); Mitchell, Frank (34); Morey, Floyd (25); Muir, James (47); Murray, Milton (53); Newton, William (52); Nieman, Jr., Walter (56); Oliver, Earl (48); Peck, Leland (60); Pedroni, Jr., Joseph (47); Polse, Ronald (53); Reynoso, Alvaro [PM] (14); Rubin, Harold (55); Simens, Mark (26); Stevko, Jr., Martin (55); Tellardin, Bruce (29); Wagle, Robert (35); Werner, Robert [PM] (18); Yeffa, Leslie (48)

DECEMBER—Avery, Fred L. [PM] (26); Dinos, Peter (40); Hooks, James A. (45)

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Sunshine and Visiting

Please keep the following brothers in your thoughts and prayers:



Mark Castile, Richard Skewis, Robert Gabriel, Lyman Penning.

If you know of an ailing brother who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret.

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