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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2012

- 11/1—Thursday—Stated Meeting – Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend)— Turkey with all the trimmings—\$13.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.
- 11/8—Thursday—Practice or Degree (Note, If proficiency are ready- Then Degree)
- 11/13—Tuesday—School of Instruction—Mosaic Lodge (119 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore) Covering: Annual Installation of Officers. Note: the Installing Officer & Master of Ceremonies need to attend. All Masons are welcome to attend. Arrive around 6:00 PM for a complimentary dinner.
- 11/15—Thursday—7:00 PM—Practice for Installation
- 11/22—DARK—Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/29—Thursday—7:00 PM—Practice or Degree (No Family Potluck tonight)

December 2012:

- 12/6—Thursday—Stated Meeting – Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend)— Holiday Ham (or Chicken upon request) with all the trimmings.— \$13.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.
- 12/8—Saturday—Installation of Officers—5:30 PM at Castro Valley Masonic Center. Officers in Tuxedo.
- 12/13 —Degree or Practice- (To be determined by New Master)
- 12/16—Sunday—2:00 PM—Children’s Xmas Party—Bring your kids, grandkids, great grandkids, neighbor’s kids for a celebration including sweets, art, magic and a visitor from the North Pole! No cost. All children will receive a gift.
- 12/20—Thursday— Degree or Practice- (To be determined by New Master)
- 12/27—Thursday— Degree or Practice- (To be determined by New Master)

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) @ Hayward Masonic Center
Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church

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From the East



At the Stated Meeting dinner for November, we will be presenting Bro. Robert Keller with his Golden Veteran's award. Robert has been a Mason in good standing for 50 years this year. I invite anyone who knows Bro. Keller to attend the presentation and to offer congratulations. It is truly by the grace of God, and his love of Masonry that we are enabled to have this wonderful opportunity to acknowledge him. I hope to see you there. I hope to see other Golden Veteran members there as well to welcome him to your ranks.

We initiated two new brothers into Masonry last month and congratulations are due to Bro. Louis Garcia and Bro. Daniel Lee. I hope that they will enjoy their journey in Masonry as much as I have. It turns out that both work in public transportation in maintenance. Bro Garcia works for AC transit as a senior body mechanic and Bro. Lee works for SF Muni as an electronics maintenance technician. What a coincidence that they both became Entered Apprentices on the same night. Also, by the time you read this we will have passed Bro. Wilkinson to the degree of Fellowcraft. Please be sure to say hello to them if you see them.

November is the month for the annual elections of officers for the ensuing year. It is hard to believe that this year has passed so quickly, and that we will be having a new installation in just two months. Not only will we be balloting for the Elective Officers of the Lodge, but we will also be voting to fill vacancies and positions for the Board of Trustees and for the Masonic Hall Association. Please be sure to attend this meeting, so that you too will have a say in our lodges' future.

Also, I want to thank Bro. Kay Dunn for his article in the October Trestleboard. As a member he is not required to submit an article, unlike the Master and Wardens. I just want you all to know that articles for the Trestleboard are not restricted to the officers. If you have something to share with the lodge, please submit your articles to Wor. Ron Katz (the editor), or the Wor. Master for inclusion.

What is really nice about this year is that we have been lucky to have some very talented people join our lodge and they are interested in being active in the lodge. These brothers have moved very rapidly through their degrees, and have been very proactive in their lodge activities. It has been a real pleasure to work with these "young" Masons. Not only have they worked hard in progressing, but their coaches have been very busy with them as well and they deserve the lodge's thanks for the hard work that they have put in. It is not easy to be a coach, but when you see your candidates progressing and growing in Masonry it can be very rewarding. I thank you gentlemen. I feel very positive about the future of our lodge due to your efforts.

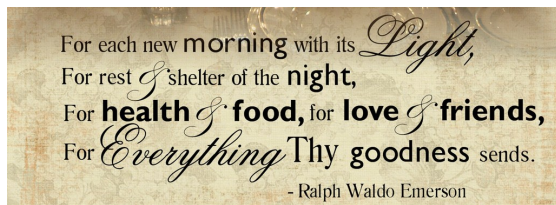
I wish everyone and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving. The pilgrims had a three day feast in 1621 in celebration of their good harvest. They celebrated this harvest with the local Indians as well, in the spirit of brotherhood and thanks for their good fortune, having suffered privation the previous year. At that time it was not a holiday. In 1863 President Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving an official holiday. I believe that the spirit of Thanksgiving is emblematic of the spirit of our brotherhood that we continually strive daily to ingrain into our lives.

Lastly, I want to say "thank you" to all the Past Masters, Officers, Surveyors, Committee members and volunteers who have made this year the success it has been. You carried on the tradition of excellence that our Lodge has established. There are too many to name individually, but you know who you are. If there is anything in the future that I can do to help, I will always be there for you, too.

Since this is the last Trestleboard of the year, I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas (or whatever Seasonal Holiday holds significance for you) and a very Happy New Year!

Robert Pinkerton, PM—Master

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Musings from the West



Well the year went fast. Due to circumstances beyond my control I am not positive that I will qualify in time to be installed as Master for next year. We shall see. It is a matter of time. If I don't qualify this year then I will certainly qualify next year. I am close to qualifying. We do have a plan in place just in case.

So far this year I have mused on several topics. One of the important ones is from the third degree in where we talk about friendship and brotherly love; that cement that unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers." Remember: "A friend is someone who understands your past, believes in your future, and still accepts you just the way you are". (Author unknown to me). In order to achieve anything you must first be a dreamer, but you have to also wake up and take some action. Remember Michelangelo's statement (roughly translated): "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set it free". In order, (and I am not the best to speak about this because of an excessive short temper), to cultivate friends one needs to be friends with that person at the center of the circle as spoken about in the



Entered Apprentice Degree. "The point representing an individual brother, and the circle is the boundary line of his conduct. This conduct referred to includes both acts and thoughts. Thoughts are almost always the beginning of an act. The best acts and thoughts are born in a state of universal happiness. I have previously quoted Robert Louis Stevenson: "There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy. By being happy we sow anonymous benefits upon the world." The smile thus generated affects your self, your friends and strangers as well. Going into this Holiday Season (which can be very stressful) please stop and smile . . . and the world will be a better place.

Happy Holidays!

Kjell Bomark-Noel—Senior Warden

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Inspiring Words

In a few weeks, Thursday November 25th to be exact, we will again celebrate the day we set aside to give thanks - - namely Thanksgiving.

It is a day many spend and dine with family and friends. To some the day is eating and football, to some it is a day of remembering past Thanksgivings with loved ones no longer seated at their table.

Then there are those who say, "What have I to be thankful for?", or "My life is a mess. This year I have had so much tragedy."

To you with those thoughts of bitterness, feelings of sorrow and loss, and attitude of despair, I say why not look upon the day as a new start, take a deep breath, renew your faith in the "Supreme Being". You may not feel thankful but why not pray for the strength, the guidance, the wisdom, to carry on, so that next year it will be a day of Thanksgiving.

To all of you I ask that you take a moment of silent prayer before eating and pray for those in need, for those to be remembered, and a prayer of thankfulness that we may sit down with the freedom to pray and live with our own choices.

As for me, I give a heartfelt thank you for the guidance of my God, the joy of my family, and the cherished friendships I have gotten through this our fraternity.

Irwin Fershleiser, P.M., H.A.—Chaplain

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From the South

Maybe it is only me, but I am shocked by how fast this year has come and gone. Seems like we were just being installed and before you know it, it's time for Annual Elections again. My oh my where does the time fly?

Thinking back on those resolutions you made last New Years . . . I hope you made some progress towards those goals. I set a goal to be in better shape physically. I've lost a few pounds and had an excellent physical with my doctor. But I've still got more to do. Masonically, I hope to make an impact on the newest members of our lodge. Being a coach has allowed me to do that in a small way. I recommend acting as a coach to anyone who wants to learn more about masonry.

Space is short so I will end with a quote from Zig Ziglar, "you can have anything you want in life, if you will just help enough other people get what they want."

Ron Katz, PM—Junior Warden

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From the Secretary's Desk

Your dues for 2013 have been reduced by \$2.00. Please send your check for \$93.00 and I will send your dues receipt by return mail.

Looking out at our members in lodge from the Secretaries table, I see a sea of gray hair. It is a reminder that many of us are getting older.

Have you done your estate planning and made your will?

Over the years many members have left gifts to our lodge. Recently we received a sizeable gift from a brother who felt that the Masonic Lodge had enriched his life. That gift, along with others, went into the Thornburg Fund which helps offset the cost of many of our social events. As we sit and enjoy our special dinners with our brethren who are still here with us, think of those brothers who have gone on to that "undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns" and give thanks for their gifts.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Don Schauer, Secretary

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Join us for our Annual

Children's Holiday Party

December 16, 2012 at 2:00 PM
At the Castro Valley Masonic Center

Food, Crafts, Magician, and a Visit from
St. Nick.

All children will receive a gift.

Hiram Award Recipients

The **Hiram Award** is presented to active lodge members who have provided significant service to the Lodge. It is designed especially for members who are not Past Masters, however Past Masters may be awarded the honor. Only one Hiram Award can be given out each year in a lodge, although a lodge can chose not to award one at all. Below is a list of all Crow Canyon Hiram Award recipients along with the year the award was presented. You may notice more than one award presented in a particular year, this is because our lodge is made up of more than seven combined lodges and many Hiram recipients have also affiliated with our lodge over time. Entries with a * indicate brethren who are now members of the Celestial Lodge Above.

Allen, Kurt (2005); **Amaral**, Gabriel (1996); **Barham**, Edward* (1994); **Basham**, James* (2001); **Beaman**, Roger*(1994); **Beeman**, Floyd* (1975); **Benko**, Mickey (2009); **Biddell**, William (2005); **Bishop**, Charles (2003); **Blisard**, William* (1991); **Castona**, Donald*(1990); **Cerates**, Sidney (2011); **Clough**, Eugene* (1992); **De Bruyn**, Gordon*(1988); **De Poe**, John* (1993); **Ferrell**, William (1999); **Fershleiser**, Irwin (1990); **Fisher**, Merle* (1994); **Folck**, Billy* (1980); **Frisvold**, Gary (1988); **Gill Jr.**, Robert* (1982); **Giovanelli**, Silvano* (1985); **Golden**, Daniel* (1995); **Gotelli**, Lawrence* (1996); **Gravier**, Andre (1991); **Haines**, Carson (1995); **Hanna**, Franklin* (2004); **Hansen**, Robert (2008); **Hansford**, John* (1990); **Harrell**, Wallace* (1988); **Hernandez**, Jose*(1997); **Jaeckel**, Kurt (1993); **Keller**, Harold* (1997); **Kenyon**, Edwin (1987); **Keshishian**, Albert (2007); **Ketels**, Irving* (1994); **Koontz**, Everett* (1981); **Krause**, Paul (1993); **Locklear**, Gordon* (1988); **Logan**, Robert (2006); **Manov**, Anthony* (1974); **Matraia Jr.**, Edward (1989); **Mc Guire**, Max* (1993); **Miller Sr.**, Henry (1992); **Morris**, Donald* (1990); **Mullins**, James* (1980); **Mumford**, Emory* (1988); **Nelson**, Roy (1990); **Palmeri**, John* (2000); **Patterson**, George* (1986); **Perryman**, Arthur* (1980); **Peters**, Robert (1997); **Petersen Sr.**, James* (2002); **Pinto**, Arthur* (1996); **Reynoso**, Alvaro (2012); **Rowe**, Thomas (2002); **Salomon**, Wayne* (1989); **Sanders**, Chester* (1979); **Schauer Sr.**, Donald (1990); **Smith**, John (2010); **Sneep**, Adrianus* (1987); **Sotelo**, Prudencio (1984); **Stedinger**, Russell* (1994); **Tamez**, Roy (2007); **Tamez**, Sammy (1999); **Tilden Jr.**, Charles* (1989); **Townsend**, Jack* (1989); **Tucker**, Charles* (1989); **Turpeinen**, Ray* (1990); **Watson**, Audus* (1998); **Weisser**, Allen (1983); **Werner**, Robert* (2001); **Worthing**, William (2000); **Yetter**, Harry* (1984)

We give thanks during this season of Thanksgiving for all of the energy these members expended on behalf of our Fraternity.

In Memoriam

Maurice Cook
Entered into Rest

73 years, 9 months
October 11, 2012

Charles Gonzales
Entered into Rest

85 years, 7 months, 19 days
October 8, 2012

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

Masonic Family Corner

Jobs Daughters, Bethel 261 Hayward—Please join us for a Bethel Meeting on November 3, 2012 at 1:30 PM at the Masonic Home,

Castro Valley DeMolay—Please join us for our Installation of Officers on November 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Castro Valley Masonic Center.



3rd Degree Anniversaries

NOVEMBER Allen, Stevean (29); Benatar, Gerald (48); Burgard, Richard (53); Carrigan, Jack (52); Casperson, Mark (2); Chambers, Claude (51); Clare, Joseph (53); Clark Jr., Douglas (64); Clendenen Jr., Donald [PM] (20); Davis, Elwood (43); Dunn, Kay (9); Dvorkin, Craig (26); Fawcett, Floyd (23); Goss, Walter (55); Harris, Travis [PM] (54); Hess, George (63); Kolden, Steven (28); Mc Kay, Douglas (39); Mitchell, Frank (36); Morey, Floyd (27); Murray, Milton (55); Nasri, Ahmad (4); Newton, William (54); Nieman Jr., Walter (58); Oliver, Earl (50); Peck, Leland (62); Pedroni Jr., Joseph (49); Polse, Ronald (55); Reynoso, Alvaro [PM] (16); Rhee, Augustine (3); Rubin, Harold (57); Simens, Mark (28); Tellardin, Bruce (31); Wagle, Robert (37); Yeffa, Leslie (50)
DECEMBER Avery, Fred [PM] (28); Dinos, Peter (42); Hooks, James (47)

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Jr. Steward—Surveyors

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Appointments

Audit – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein

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Sunshine and Visiting

Our thoughts go out to Bob Hansen who is recovering from a recent surgery.

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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