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Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

1st- Monday, DeMolay- 7:30 PM 2nd- Tuesday, Rainbow- 7:00 PM

4th-Thursday, Stated Meeting, 5:30-Social, 6:15-Dinner, 7:30 Meeting

5th- Friday, Eastern Star- 8 PM

6th-Saturday, Memorial Service-Bro. Emery Mumford-2 PM

11th-Thursday, 3rd Degree-7:00 PM-Bro. Eric Unti

14th- Sunday, 2nd Annual Senior Ball at the Union City Masonic Home- 6:00 PM

15th- Monday, DeMolay- 7:30 PM

16th- Tuesday, Rainbow- 7:00 PM

19th- Friday, Eastern Star- 8 PM

23rd-28th- Grand Chapter Eastern Star- Bakersfield

26th- Friday- Hayward Bethel No. 261 Spooketti Dinner / Silent Auction at the

Acacia Lodge in Hayward. Dinner 6PM - \$6 & Games and Movie Night 7:30PM -

11:30PM \$4 per person or free with paid admission to dinner.

25th- Thursday, 1st Degree- 7:00 PM- if elected at Stated Meeting

27th- Saturday- Officer's School of Instruction

27th- Saturday- Visitation to Sutter Creek- Possible 3rd Degree

28th- Sunday- Visitation to Sutter Creek

November

1st-Thursday, Stated Meeting, 5:30-Social, 6:15-Dinner, 7:30 Meeting

2nd- Friday, Eastern Star- 8 PM

3rd-Saturday, Castro Valley DeMolay Installation of Officers-7:30 PM

5th- Monday, DeMolay- 7:30 PM

6th- Tuesday, Rainbow- 7:00 PM

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From the East

It has been a tradition of Crow Canyon Lodge, that each year we honor one of our members with the Hiram Award. Crow Canyon Lodge this year honored Roy M Tamez. Roy is a man who always stands for commitment and and uning values. Circumstances may shange but good we



mitment and enduring values. Circumstances may change, but good work and compassion are qualities that our Brother Roy has radiated for years.

A big thanks to all that helped with the Hiram Award dinner especially Kurt Allen, Sammy Tamez, Paul Tamez, Garry Frisvold, Bud Warder, Ron Katz, and Charlie Bishop and his crew. It is nice to know there a men in this lodge who are always willing to get off their chairs and serve.

This is as it should be. Within our system, every mason has a right and duty to help shape the future course of our lodge. At this time I am very happy to announce a man has stepped forward to serve as Master for the ensuing year. Once again it has been proven that Masonry has the capacity now, as we have had in the past, to do whatever needs to be done to preserve this great brotherhood.

In conclusion, I will quote the Scottish Rite Creed: "The cause of human progress is our cause; the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, the freedom of human conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere, the end of our contention."

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From the West

Dear Brethren and Ladies,

How good it is to see Brothers working together for the same cause. It makes me feel good inside to have so many in attendance at my Hiram Award dinner. When I was outside, waiting to be escorted to the East, listening to all the nice things Worshipful

Alvaro Reynoso was saying about me, I thought he was talking about someone else. "That can't be me, I don't remember doing all those things." This Lodge has been very good to me and I hope that I can continue to return the favor. Thank you all again.

The year is about to come to a close and the few officers are about to move forward. The last few degrees have made me proud to be an officer's coach. The Past Masters have come forward to fill the vacancies and their work has been wonderful.

This lets me think that the Lodge will go on and the "light" will never go out. Be an example in your every day life and you will show the world that by becoming a Mason you have become a better man.

There is always time to give a little of yourself. There must be. There are so many of the Brothers who make the time. That is what makes the difference. Remember one man can really make a difference. Make a difference; be that man. You will never know how good it makes you feel until you give it a try.

As always, feel free to call me anytime you want.

Fraternally,



From the South

I started discussing the Regius Poem this Summer, and this is a continuation. The Regius dates from 1390 AD, and is Freemasonry's

oldest document.

The writer of some original manuscript, of which the Regius is a copy, was thoroughly familiar with the craft of Masonry. Much of the poem is devoted to setting forth "fifteen articles" and "fifteen points", which the manuscript states were the result of a great assembly called by King Athelstane, attended by "divers lords", and "dukes, earls and barons also knights, squires, and many more...". According to the poem: "Fifteen articles there they sought, and fifteen points there they wrought."

Practically all of the old Constitutions make much of the seven liberal arts and sciences; in the Regius poem they are set forth quaintly: "Grammer forsooth is the root, whoever will learn on the book; But art passeth in his degree, as fruit doth the root of the tree. Rhetoric measureth with ornate speech among, and music it is a sweet song. Astronomy numbereth, my dear brother, Arithmetic sheweth one thing that is another. Geometry the seventh science it is, that can separate falsehood from truth, I know. These be the sciences seven, who useth them well he may have heaven." Amen. So Mode it Be!

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From the Secretary's Desk



Have you ever wondered what a lodge Secretary does between meetings? I really enjoy the challenges that this position brings and what I find most rewarding is assisting Brethren in various ways: some wish to be reinstated; dues cards seem to disappear; and there is the constant change of address; interacting with Grand Lodge; sending reports; dues time and locating members who seem to disappear from time to time; and then there are the reports of a Brother passing. Brethren, there are certain things in our ritual that are proprietary (secret), however please let your lady know about your rights and benefits, just in case they may find themselves without you. When a Brother graduates to the celestial Lodge I usually contact the next of kin to offer any assistance that we may furnish. Many times a widow has no idea of the services offered to them, such as the Masonic Outreach Program or the Masonic Homes. There are rules concerning these benefits. A Mason is required to pay dues. Some members tell me that they haven't attended lodge in years and want to be dropped so why pay dues? BRETHREN, I CAN'T EXPRESS THIS TOO STRONGLY. If a man withdraws or is suspend for non-payment, then there are NO benefits for their widow. If a widow re-marries, there may be NO benefits.

Speaking of dues, it is my understanding that our dues will remain at \$69.00 for 2008. Our dues structure is; Lodge (\$40.00) + per capita tax from Grand Lodge (\$29.00) = \$69.00. It appears that the dues for 2009 will be \$71.00 as Grand lodge is proposing a per capita of \$31.00.

As soon as Grand Lodge concludes and the per capita tax is official, I will send dues notices. Fraternally,

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"My Masonic Dues Card"

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper $2\% \times 3\%$ inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth; not a bond, not a check or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership in a Masonic lodge. It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry, and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind. It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends. It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great fraternity, who has sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect and defend theirs. It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities. And finally it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body friends and brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though they be but few, and will forget my faults, though they may be many. It tells me that and a great deal more, this little card, and makes me proud yet humble, that I can posses this passport into a society of friends and brothers that are numbered in the millions.

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Bain, William John (51); Baratto, Dave Louis (12); Bishop, Charles Wallace [PM] (54); Bookman, Barry Lewis (18); Brooke, Harold Robert [PM] (45); Brown, Roy Brice (68); Brunckhorst, Brian R. (8); Brunckhorst, David P. (8); Bullwinkel, Frederick Jr. (62); Cowan, Lloyd Melvin Jr. [PM] (49); Cuthbert, Talbot Scott (19); Egelston, Roderick Keith (29); Fiddes, Terry (56); Gabriel, Robert Martin (36); Hansen, Robert Carl [PM] (28); Hardesty, John Franklin (32); Hicks, Charles Franklin Sr. [PM] (23); Hintz, Charles Ray (8); Hintz, Warren Glenn (44); Huckins, Melvin Roy (48); Jensen, David Stanley (9); Johnson, Charles Aldon (38); Kavert, David Laroy (38); Keihner, Richard George (29); Kolsch, Gordon (39); Kresge, John Robert [PM] (47); Lane, Glen William (39); Langton, Royle Monroe (53); Leiber, Paul Henry Jr. (53); Lobree, Bruce Alan (25); Mc Evers, Donald Courtney (52); Meier, Paul Gerst [PM] (46); Miller, Henry Earl Sr. [PM] (38); Mullen, Charles Albert (38); Mutnick, Bertram Zachary (58); Nilson, Martin Norman Jr. (41); Penning, Lyman Chester [PM] (33); Porter, Russell Lee (43); Price, Walter Elwood (18); Proffitt, Edward Earl [PM] (53); Rafalski, Ned Edward (25); Reynolds, Dale Arnold (25); Roberts, Donald Russell (47); Romero, Ronald Henry (20); Rowe, Thomas Arthur (46); Saks, Robert Edwin (55); Schulz, Raymond Andrew (21); Seutter, Elmer Paul (39); Sonnichsen, David Eugene (62); Stephenson, William Thomas (41); Stevenson, David Allen (40); Strain, William Estell (52); Suokko, Leonard Walter (48); Tague, Gene De Martyn Jr. (20); Thomas, Richard Marshall (28); Wagner, Robert James (29); West, Alan Douglas [PM] (20); York, Jack Madison (61)

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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.

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In Memoriam

Charles Albert Mullen 85 years, 11 months and 20 days Entered into Rest– April 25, 2007

Emory Eugene Mumford 79 years, 8 months and 19 days Entered into Rest– September 11, 2007

Almighty Father, into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear departed Brothers

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