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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2009:

4/02, Thursday: Stated Meeting and Inspector Official Visit, 5:30 pm Social, 6:15 pm Passover-Style Dinner, 7:30 pm Opening. \$13/person, widows and guests are free.

4/09, Thursday: Teacher of the Year Night, 6:00 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Ceremony. Free dinner (call for reservations).

4/16, Thursday: First Degree proficiencies, Second Degree practice.

4/21, Tuesday: School of Instruction at Acacia Lodge in Hayward (1074 B Street), 7:00 pm. Third Degree, first section will be covered.

4/23, Thursday: Double Second Degree conferral, 7:00 pm.

4/30, Thursday: Potluck Dinner, 6:15 pm (A-L Dessert, M-Z Pasta or Vegetable dish)

May 2009:

5/03, Sunday: Sweetheart Brunch at Dino's, Castro Valley, 10:30 AM / Chanticleers Theater, "Legend", 1:30 PM—Call Bro. Phil Busch 925-292-8018 for reservations for brunch, theater or both.

5/07, Thursday: Stated Meeting and Masonic Homes Development Presentation, 5:30 pm Social, 6:15 pm Cinco de Mayo Dinner, 7:00 pm Presentation, 7:30 pm Opening. \$13/person, widows and guests are free. 5/12, Tuesday: School of Instruction at San Leandro Lodge (116 W Joaquin), 7:00 pm. Third Degree, second section will be covered.

5/14, Thursday: Second Degree conferral, 7:00 pm. 5/21, Thursday: First Degree practice, 7:00 pm. 5/28, Thursday: First Degree conferral, 7:00 pm.

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

We're having quite a year, thanks to you all. Our crack First Degree, Second Degree, and Third Degree teams are working hard to raise seven new Master Masons by the end of Summer. Besides spending hours and hours at practices and conferrals, we are having hours and hours of fun. We need to have double degree nights, which are exhausting but efficient. Our Head Candi-



date Coach Bro. Gary; and Coaches Bro. Gib, and Bro. Bob L., are keeping our candidates focused on their proficiencies. Our side-liners have been so supportive to our teams, filling in when team members get ill or are out of town. The setup crew: Bro. Jack, Bro Charlie., and Bro John., have gotten the lodge rooms ready. This is an enormous collective effort to achieve a common goal, that of providing good men the grand honor of becoming Master Masons.

We have embarked on a new road to financial strength as well; that of renting out our facilities. Thus far we have hired an Event Coordinator, Wynn Allen, who will oversee all rentals. We have fixed the lighting in the Banquet Room, Kitchen, entry hallways, and restrooms. We've cleaned the chandeliers. We're now working on painting the Men's Restroom, and fixing the partitions, and touching up spots on the entry hallway walls. We have a new website to publish our rental facilities, and you may want to check it out: http://cvec.kioskamerica.com. We're planning to make other improvements to the Banquet and Lodge Rooms. Thanks to those brothers who have helped.

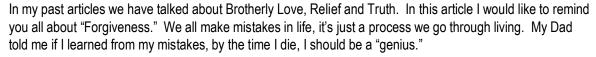
In short, this should be a year to remember.

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

From the West

Dear Brethren and Ladies,

What a good time we have been having this year. The events have been well planned and attended. Stated meetings are going smoothly and we all seem to be getting along well.





If you have ever had a problem with any member or our lodge, or any one else, try and take the time to forgive and forget. Life is much to short not to forgive. We can never bring back the past, so lets look to the future.

We have a bright future! Congratulations go out to brothers Prosser and Moore on receiving their Second degrees. In no time at all we will have new Master Masons. Who knows, maybe they will want to be officers. Speaking of the officers, I want to thank all the other officers for all their support in putting on the Second Degree. A special 'thanks' to our Coach, Sideliners, and Utility Infielder: Bro. Frisvold, who always helps. Good job! Well done, gentlemen!

As always, please feel free to call me if there is anything I can do to help. See you at the next meeting!

Fraternally, Roy Tamez, P.M.—(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

Hayward Job's Daughters

Easter Brunch

April 11th, 2009 8:00 AM—11:00 AM

\$8/person



Acacia Masonic Lodge, 1074 B Street, Hayward

From The South

I'm hungry, you're hungry, we're all hungry, so let's eat! Our Stated Meeting dinner for April will be a Passover-Style meal. Those familiar with the Biblical story of Moses and the Exodus may be familiar with the heritage of the Passover feast. Many may not know, that the Last Supper, may well have been a Passover meal. Like Freemasonry, the Passover meal is full of symbolism. Bitter herbs and salt water represent the oppression of the slaves and their tears. The egg, a rebirth of hope. The charoseth, (a mixture of apples, wine, and nuts) the mortar which held the pyramids together, much like the mortar we, as masons, spread of brotherly love. And the matzah or unleavened bread, a reminder of the haste with which the children of Israel left Egypt once released. The Passover is a celebration of freedom, and decry's freedom for all the peoples of the world.

How many Thursdays are their in April? Five? Alright! Let's have another potluck. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring dessert, M-Z, please bring a vegetable or pasta side dish. The lodge will provide BBQ and soda, coffee, or tea. Bring the whole family!

Ron Katz, Junior Warden (510) 375-3137 rstephen94545@yahoo.com

DeMolay Month

Castro Valley DeMolay had a very successful DeMolay Month. We received a

Proclamation from the Mayor and City Council of Hayward, we picked up trash at Carlos Bee Park, we honored Senior De-Molays and Parents at a Recognition Night, we held a successful Pasta Dinner and PJ Dance, attended a Devotional Service and day of fun at Discovery King-



dom, and brought in new members in honor of Wor. Bud Warder. That's a pretty big month to celebrate 90 years of service to communities like ours. Hope you were able to join us for some of the festivities.

Thank you for all you do to support our chapter! - Dan Gelman, M.C.

JOB'SDAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL BETHEL #1, DUBLIN, CA.

> You are invited to our 'OPEN' BETHEL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2009—Time: 7:00 PM

Location: John Knox Church—7421 Amarillo Road, Dublin

Dress: Ladies – Dresses or Skirt. Please no pants, shorts, hats or gloves Gentlemen – Suit or sport jacket

Come learn about our organization For young women ages 9 through 20.

Meet new friends & join the FUN!

For additional information on this event or membership contact:

Miss Denise Jow, Bethel Guardian

510-352-4292 Jdidublin1@gmail.com www.iojd.org

From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper To Be Written



Public Schools Night will be April 9, 2009. The Canyon Middle School Jazz Choir will perform and we will be presenting "Masonic Teacher of the Year" awards to Kristen Scott of Marshall Elementary and Kirk Lawrence of Canyon Middle School. Both were selected by the Castro Valley Unified School District and we get the privilege to recognize their outstanding efforts in Public Education. Let's see if we can out

number the school teachers this year. Be sure to make your

reservations for the dinner by calling the dinner line at 510-886-

There are still 30 members who have not paid dues. 6 are about to be suspended. Sorry to have to be blunt, but dues are payable before January first of each year. I understand that the recent dues increases may be a burden for some of our Brothers, if it is please let the Master or me know and your dues may be remitted. However if we do not hear from you we have to follow the California Masonic Code and the process to suspension will start. More times than I wish to tell, a widow of one of our Brothers has applied for assistance from the Masonic Outreach program or wished to be admitted to the Homes and were denied because their husband had not kept their dues current and were suspended. I just want you to be aware of how important paying dues are, even if you don't attend lodge.

Fraternally,

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Bill Ferrell, PM—Secretary—(510) 886-2023 crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net

REMINDER

Dear Members of Crow Canyon Lodge

From February 20th through April 14th, Bethel No. 261 Hayward will be having a Pajama Program collection and Food Drive. The Pajama Program is a nationwide organization with a chapter here in the Bay Area. They collect PJ's for children in Foster Care, Orphanages, and Shelters. Some of the children who receive the PJ's have never worn PJ's before. They sleep in their clothes. While collecting the PJ's we will also be collecting food for the Alameda County Food Bank. Our Bethel Daughters will have sponsor sheets and will be collecting pledges for the number of boxes of food they can fill on April 14th at the Alameda County Food Bank. This pack-a-thon money that they collect will be split between four worthy entities:

- CA Job's Daughters Foundation for Scholarships
- CA Grand Guardian Council Scholarship Fund
- HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment)
- Pajama Program

If you would like to donate food or pajama's please leave them in the barrel that we will have in the lobby. Children served by the program are ages 0-18. Pajamas should be new. We will accept cash donations as well. At the completion of this project, in a 7 week period, we will have given aid to five worthy charities. Thank you for helping us make this community project a success.

Fraternally, Mrs. Jennifer Katz Bethel Guardian, No. 261 Hayward

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Armstrong, Herman Oren [PM] (50); Barry, John Arthur (45); Blomseth, Warren Jennings [PM] (57); Boggess, Christopher RAy (3); Brown, James Henry (33); Burt, Roy Donald [PM] (56); Cammerer, Charles Richard (33); Donley, Peter Paul (6); Douglas, Robert Thomas (33); Eddy, Roy Thomas (60); Elmore, Barney Montague Jr. (53); Garcia, Ronald John (43); Goodman, Donald (50); Hoffmann, Lawrence Conrad Jr. (60); Hughes, Gary Lee [PM] (20); Kenyon, Alan Gordon [PM] (27); Kralovansky, John (29); Marshall, Robert Albert (53); Nelson, Roy Fred (46); Olsen, John Alfred (34); Rees, Franklin Fay (26); Renner, Ira Vincent (62); Rix, Robert Grau [PM] (38); Rourk, Ronald James (28); Stuart, Ronald Wallace (46); Suer, Charles Richard (44); Sullivan, Richard John (58); Wicker, Richard L. (51); Woergoetter, Gerald Rainer [PM] (16)



Sunshine and Visiting

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

Gib Brownfield, Chairman — (510) 675-9970

Special Committees

Sunshine

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