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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 02/05: February Stated Meeting, 5:30 Social / 6:15 pm Dinner / 7:30 pm Opening—\$13/person, widows & guests free.
- 02/10: SOI @ San Leandro, 116 W Joaquin Ave, 7 pm, First Degree—All officers required. Show up early for free dinner.
- 02/12: First Degree Practice, 7 pm
- 02/13: CV DeMolay Bingo Night—8 PM, \$2/bingo card or 12 cards for \$10
- 02/14: Crab Feed, 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner, \$35/person / \$14/person for pasta instead of crab. Tickets available from the Secretary.
- 02/19: First Degree Conferral, 7 pm
- 02/26: Second Degree Practice, 7 pm

March


- 03/05: March Stated Meeting, 5:30 Social / 6:15 pm Dinner / 7:30 pm Opening—\$13/person, widows & guests free.
- 03/10: SOI @ Crow Canyon, 7 pm, Second Degree—Show up early for free dinner.
- 03/12: Second Degree Conferral, 7 pm
- 03/14: Pizza Night @ Round Table on Redwood Road, 5:45 PM
- 03/16: Castro Valley DeMolay, Senior DeMolay Recognition Night, 6:00 PM
- 03/19: Short General Practice, 7 pm
- 03/26: Second Degree Practice, 7 pm
- 03/29: DeMolay Degrees Day in Honor of Wor. Bud Warder, 1 PM

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- 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*

Annual Crab Feed—Tickets Now Available

Don't miss out on our Annual Crab Feast, February 14, 2009 @ 6:30 pm!
 Call Wor. Henry Miller, P.M., H.A. or the Secretary at (510) 886-2023



	
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From the East

Here are my wishes for Lodge Meetings, Finances, Practices, and Proficiencies this year.

No one wants Stated Meetings to last a long time, we all want to do what's needed for our Lodge, but yet get home after a long day of work or play, at a reasonable hour. I want Stateds this year which accomplish what we need to get done, but don't take a long time, in prolonged discussions. To that end I want anyone with an issue to put forward at the next Stated, to talk with me and other affected brethren, at the Practice or Potlucks the week before the Stated, so we can resolve issues and present them quickly for approval of the brethren at the Stateds. Don't be surprised if non-critical issues, which aren't discussed ahead of time, get tabled for a month.



The national economy is in very bad shape. People are tightening their belts, and trying to save money to tide them over through this difficult period of likely many years. We need to be good stewards of our Lodge now, for the sake of our current and future well-being. To this end, I'm requesting that all brethren be frugal and be mindful of reducing lodge costs. Our expenditures were in excess of our income last year, but we will keep expenditures in line with our incomes this year. How can you help? 1. By doing without desired renovations or redecorating of our Lodge facilities, and making the best use of what we have in place, 2. By keeping the number of meals we contract for from our caterer more accurate, so we don't have wastage, 3. By considering, when buying something for the lodge, as to whether the purchase can be delayed or reduced, 4. By helping to keep down the costs of private contractors, 5. By volunteering to help out when asked.

In order to reduce confusion as to what week nights we will have for most Lodge Stated Meetings, Practices, Proficiencies, Potlucks; all these will take place on only Thursday nights. Count on Thursday nights for your Lodge. Events, however, may take place on other nights of the week, like Pizza Night, Strawberry Feed, etc.

All brethren with ritual parts in degrees know what roles they are responsible for. If you don't know, contact me and I'll give you a copy of the "Sign Ups for Ritual Parts in 2009 Degree Conferrals" sheets passed out earlier. If you find that you can't make a practice, in which you're needed, call me as soon as you know, so we can try to get a backup. We all know these roles well since we've performed them many times, so Practices will be used for brushing up. If we all know our roles and are comfortable that we can do them well, we may not have a Practice, which in fact we might not need.

Let's endeavor to get candidates through their degrees as rapidly as possible. They won't lose interest, and we can have a lot of fun putting on the degrees.

Let's have a good time with lots of fun this year. That's what it's all about, brotherly love.

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

From the West

My Brothers and Ladies,

How good it is to have brothers and friends; there are so many of us with such diverse backgrounds. How good it makes me feel inside when we all can sit together and enjoy fellowship.

This reminds me of the words I first heard many years ago, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." I see the brotherly love and feel wanted every time I am at lodge. Sometimes you just need to go out to someone you don't know and shake a hand or sit and talk awhile.

Relief needs to come soon or our lodge will not survive. We have the same problems that all other lodges are experiencing right now. No one to fill the line but Past Masters, and they have already done their duty, but are making time for us, again. What do you do with your time? Are you sure you can't make a little time for us? My dad use to tell me, "If you want something done, ask a busy man, he will always make the time for something important."

Now on to the "Truth". The truth is not always what we want to hear. Truth is like water, it will find its own level. We know our future and the truth is we need more good members to step forward to help fill the line next year . . . and the year after that . . . and the year after that . . . Are you ready to get the full value of your Masonic experience? Are you ready to get a crash course in leadership? If not you, who? If not now, when?

Please check your Trestleboard calendar and support your lodge. Show up. Participate. Prepare to lead. If I can, you can. Experience the joy and feeling of true satisfaction from having made a difference. If I can ever do anything for you, please call.

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



From the South

“to observe the time to call the lodge from labor to refreshment”

Anybody Hungry? Decisions, Decisions. Shall it be an Italian meal or Succulent Crab? Why not both?

Our February Stated meeting dinner will feature Fettuccini Alfredo and Chicken Parmesan. PBS Catering has more surprises for us that night also.



Bring your Valentine to lodge for a Crab Feast on February 14th. Just \$35/person for a huge salad, french bread, beverage, dessert and all-you-can-eat-crab. Prefer to go crustacean free? We have an all-you-can-eat-pasta option for just \$14/person. Dinner begins at 6:30 but come early, say 5:30, for some great social time.

“and from refreshment to labor again”

Are you a Senior DeMolay, or do you know a Senior DeMolay who joined 25, 40, 50 or more years ago? Come to or invite them to a recognition night with Castro Valley DeMolay, 7 pm on March 16.

Remember to mark your calendar for the afternoon of March 29th. The DeMolay will be honoring Wor. Warder. Any Master Mason, or his wife, can join us for the portrayal of both degrees of DeMolay and a class of new members. Should be a great day.

Lets build it together in brotherhood,

Ron Katz, P.M.—Junior Warden—(510) 375-3137

Did You Know?

- The California Masonic Foundation is a charitable trust whose mission is to help further the education of young people, from kindergarten through college. The Foundation supports two important programs – a college scholarship program and the Masonic Student Assistance Program (MSAP). Each year, the Foundation awards scholarships to high school students planning to pursue a college education. Awards range from \$4,000 to \$50,000 over a four-year period. In addition, the Foundation funds the highly acclaimed MSAP program, which trains teachers and other school personnel to identify at-risk students and help them stay in school.
- Over a century ago, the spirit of Masonic charity and the need to assist brethren and their families led to the creation of the Masonic Homes of California. Today, the Masonic Homes provide a program of quality living, premier health care, and progressive services for Masons and their wives or widows at two continuous-care retirement communities. Both the Masonic Home at Union City and the Masonic Home at Covina offer independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing care, along with a variety of activities and services designed to help residents enjoy the best possible quality of life.
- The Masonic Home at Covina also operates one of the finest residential childcare programs of its kind in the United States, caring for children who have been abandoned, abused, or neglected. More than 1,800 children have thrived in this caring environment, which is open to all deserving children.

From the Secretary’s Desk

All Things Proper To Be Written



Dues, dues, dues. OK that's out of my system. Our youth groups are our most valuable asset. DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and our Jobs Daughters are organizations that build character, teach leadership skills, and the value of community and commerce. If you have a Son/ Grandson, Daughter/Grand Daughter that you feel would benefit from this type of training, contact me. Also listed in the Trestleboard are the names and numbers of our Adult Youth Group Leaders.

All of us know of the Masonic Home and many of you have donated to the endowment fund for many years. You may not be aware of the Masonic Outreach Services that is offered to our Brothers and their wives, as well to our Masonic sweethearts (widows). If you know of anyone who is a member or wife of a member of The California Grand Lodge jurisdiction and needs help, contact the Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) at 1-888-466-3642. There is no reason our older members need to go hungry because of the cost of medications. To be eligible for financial and care assistance, applicants must be 60 years or older and: be a California Master Mason in good standing for a minimum of five years, or the wife or widow of such a Mason; be the mother of such a Master Mason, in certain extraordinary circumstances.

For those of you who have an e-mail address and would like to get information about Lodge events and urgent changes you may e-mail me crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net this is not a bulletin board, just and e-mail address that I use for Lodge business.

Fraternally,

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

In Memoriam

Joseph Amato 88 years, 4 months and 17 days
Entered into Rest April 4, 2008

Robert Preston Swayne 88 years, 0 months and 29 days
Entered into Rest June 24, 2008



*Almighty Father,
Great Architect
of the Universe,
Into they hands
we commend the souls
of our dear
departed brethren*

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Amato, Paul (51) ; Anderson, Emory Victor Jr. (54) ; Bessette, Ronald Walter (17) ; Bode, David Paul (24) ; Brennan, William Arthur [PM] (52) ; Burk, Harold Shirley Jr. (17) ; Castia, Ronnie Joe (18) ; Gidvani, Kishore Hassomal (10) ; Goodwin, Charles Henry (51) ; Gossett, Clifford Henry (54) ; Graham, Russell Stewart (4) ; Hansen, Jeffrey Allen (12) ; Howe, Douglas Charles (4) ; Leon, William Eugene (30) ; Lloyd, Anthony Duane (41) ; Mac Donald, John Simon (37) ; Makela, Paul Jacob (35) ; Marmor, Howard Richard (2) ; May, Norvalle Dale (44) ; Nobriga, Ronald Edward (12) ; Pearce, Burton Allen (53) ; Sotelo, Prudencio (29) ; Stegall, Roy Dewayne (40) ; Stewart, Daniel Lynn (10)

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