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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **April**

- 4/2—Wednesday—Visitation to Mosaic Lodge, Livermore  
4/3—Thursday — Stated Meeting — 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting — Passover-Style Meal — Matzo Ball Soup, Brisket, Vegetables, followed by *Hayward Jobs Daughters Dessert Auction* — Dinner now just \$13/person. Our Masonic Widows always eat for free.  
4/4-4/6—Friday-Sunday — Junior Warden's Retreat — San Ramon Marriott  
4/5—French 1st Degree @ Santa Rosa Scottish Rite Center—Reservations by 3/22 to 707-546-9908.  
4/8—Tuesday — District Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI) @ Acacia Lodge — 7:00 PM (For all elected and appointed officers)  
4/10—Thursday — Practice for 1st Degree — 7:00 PM  
4/11—Friday—Eastern Star Official Visit of WGM/WGP @ Acacia Lodge—7:30 PM  
4/17—Thursday — Masonic Teachers of the Year Program — 5:30 Social / Dinner 6:30 / Concert & Awards 7:30 — Dinner is free, reservations required. Please call the Secretary.  
4/19—Saturday—Crop for Life Scraping Session—10AM-10PM @CVMC. Benefits *Relay for Life*. Ask Bro. Paul Tamez for details.  
4/24—Thursday — 1st Degree for Mr. Rowell "Red" P. Prosser of Hayward—7:00 PM  
4/25—Friday—Hayward Jobs Daughters Taco Dinner—6:30 PM @ Acacia Lodge

### **May (preview)**

- 5/1—Thursday — Stated Meeting — 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting and Official Visit of District Inspector — Cinco-De-Mayo Style-Dinner— \$13/person. Our Masonic Widows always eat for free.  
5/4—Sunday—Sweethearts Event (details to the right)  
5/8—Thursday—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM  
5/13—Tuesday—DOSI @ Acacia Lodge (for all elected and appointed officers)—7:00 PM  
5/15—Thursday—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM  
5/22—Thursday—2nd Degree —7:00 PM  
5/29—Thursday—Lodge Potluck and gathering for our members—6:30 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*

### **FOR OUR SWEETHEARTS**

On Sunday, May 4th the Lodge is having a special day for all of you. You ladies have given so much time, love and support to help make Crow Canyon, what we believe to be, one of the best Masonic Lodges in California. Whether your husband was active in the Lodge years ago or yesterday, we wish to honor you and all that you have done for us. To this end, we invite you to be our guests at a brunch and at the musical play *Life with Father*.

For those who cannot be with us due to prior plans, distance or health, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and that you are not forgotten. We hope that you will be able to attend both the brunch and the play. Even if you are able to come to only one, you are most welcome. We get together at 11:00 A.M. and the brunch will start at 11:30 at Dino's Restaurant in Castro Valley. Later we will meet at the Chanticleers Theatre also in Castro Valley. The play starts at 2:00 P.M.

This day is for ALL the Sweethearts of Crow Canyon Lodge and for any Masonic Widow regardless of which Masonic lodge her husband was a member of, so if you know of someone who would like to join us, please invite her as our guest. This event is open to each brother and their ladies. *(continued page 3)*

Brethren,

We do seem to be enjoying ourselves. All of the officers are at practices and this last week we had several sideliners attending our practice, which was very cool. I believe a good time was had by all at last Stated as we introduced ourselves to each other. We had five (5) visiting brethren and one (1) candidate attend dinner and all of the visiting brethren stayed and attended lodge. Retained about twenty-five (25) or so brethren for Stated as well. What happened to the rest of you? During the meal and before Stated, I was introduced to a number of faces that I did not know, but will get to know better in the coming months. This all is way cool! Happy 100th birthday to Worshipful Beck! We were blessed by your attendance and the birthday song was sung with abandon by all. Who's birthdays do we celebrate at the April Stated? We need cakes with candles for all of you as well. There should be a birthday to celebrate at every Stated. We hope you are at dinner for us during your birthday month so we can sing happy birthday to you with the same abandon. There should be many things to celebrate at every Stated. I look forward to hearing from you to provide your celebration news.

Reminder: We are in need of someone (you?) to step up as Marshal or Junior Steward right away. And we still need a brother to help by replacing Worshipful Alvaro at Senior Deacon. If you step forward, you will have plenty of help from the current line and the Past Masters.

At the April Stated, to prepare him for the future, Junior Warden Paul Tamez will sit in the East and open the lodge. He is doing a great job as Junior Warden and is a source of pride to us all including his father and uncle. So I would ask that you all stay for April Stated and support this fine young Mason.

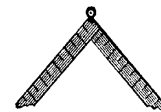
May Stated is the official visit by our Inspector, Worshipful David J. Thorne. We will welcome him in a manner befitting his office and look forward to seeing him. This is Mexican dinner night and as such he has given us the dispensation to wear business suits and not tuxes. We don't want Salsa on our tuxes. For our May Stated expect Senior Warden Gordon "Bud" Warder to open the lodge from the Master's chair. I will return to the helm for the introduction of Worshipful Dave. Please, I would ask you all to stay for lodge and support this fine Mason.

As a reminder, no business can be brought before the lodge unless it has been put on the Stated agenda prior to the meeting. You can come to practice the last Thursday of the month before the Stated and share a little Masonic camaraderie and tell us of your matter to bring before the lodge or you can call me the week before. Once the agenda is set, it is set. Period.

I look forward to being with you in the coming months and hope that you will join your officers for all of the coming events and visitations to other lodges each and every month. See you at Thursday Stated and every Thursday during the coming Masonic year!

With my deepest regards,

**Fred L. Avery P.M., Worshipful Master (510) 733-6001 C: (415) 517-7048 / FAvery@bcciconst.com**



## From the West

Inside the brain of your Senior Warden during Opening of a Monthly Stated Meeting.

*The meal was OK, didn't like the desert, too dry. Wonder how the breeding went with our broodmare Ellie? What about the Enterprise Server at SRPC? What's Peggy doing now? "Dancing with the Stars" starts in a few weeks. **Brother Jr Deacon, invite the brethren in...** I wonder how many have shown up just for the meal? Just who is here and who isn't? How will the ritual be tonight? **The officers will approach the east and receive their jewels.** OK, no dash to the floor, remember slow and deliberate with Masonic dignity. Ha, caused the Junior Warden to slow down to take his rightful place in line behind me, eat my dust, Paul. Pick up the jewel. Ha, lucky me, I got the SW jewel. We're now all seated with our jewels on, looking good so far. I'm feeling ritual lucky tonight. **Brother SW. . . Showtime!** Those bright ceiling lights will be the death of me yet. **Satisfy yourself that all present are Master Masons.** Well has there ever been a Stated Meeting where a spy from the Elks was actually present to collect our secrets? Duh, likely no, but let's go with the flow. **WM, all present are Master Masons.** I'm day dreaming until it's my time again, keeping an ear out for the next queue from the WM. The Junior Deacon is all polished up tonight, and ready to spill out his best Masonic ritual. He's fun, and now he's done, with great relief. **How many compose a lodge of MM?** OK, get the order right, it's the WM, the SW and the JW. What could go wrong? **Of the WM, SW and JW.** Oops, left out the "the's" again. I'm not going to mess up ever again.*

So, as you can see, my brain is running 300 miles a minute in that Western Chair, trying hard not to do my York Rite ritual. Please be kind, I'm doing the best I can. Looking forward to a great year and a great future for our lodge.

**Bud Warder, Senior Warden 925-998-6603 / bud@kioskamerica.com**

## From the South



Dear Brothers and Ladies,  
I hope everyone enjoyed Wor. Henry Miller's cooking, both the Crab Feed and the Corned Beef dinner. The Miller's and my family have known each other even before my father, Wor. Sammy Tamez, joined Fremont Lodge (now known as Crow Canyon.) I am sure glad that we have all been working with Wor. David Thorne, Inspector of the 156th Masonic District to qualify for doing degrees this year.

For the first time, our April Stated Meeting Dinner will be a Passover-Style meal presented by Bro. Weinstein and his crew. Enjoy salad, matzo ball soup, brisket, vegetables and dessert served by Castro Valley DeMolay. Following the dinner will be a Dessert Auction benefiting the Hayward Jobs Daughters.

Sincerely,

**Paul Tamez, Junior Warden - (510) 276-6015**  
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## For Our Sweethearts *(continued from page 1)*

Of course we need to know as soon as possible how many ladies, brothers and friends will be joining us. Please let us know if you are coming to the brunch and/or to the play. If we are given enough time, it is possible to arrange transportation for you. Please call or write to us at:

Kurt Allen (925) 735-1233  
79 Molokai Ct. San Ramon 94582-1418

The selections for brunch are roast beef, broiled chicken or shrimp Louie. The cost for those brethren and their ladies who will be going to the brunch and play will be \$33.00 each: \$20 for the brunch and \$13 for the play. We all hope to see you there and hear the stories that only the Sweethearts can tell about the "old" and maybe the not-so-old days. Sincerely and fraternally, Kurt Allen, P.M. H.A.

## In Memoriam

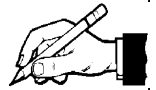
Wilber Joe Briggs	86 years, 5 months and 23 days
Entered into Rest	February 16, 2008
Carl Joe Griggs	77 years, 0 months and 18 days
Entered into Rest	March 19, 2007
Dwight Minnich	69 years, 5 months and 0 days
Entered into Rest	March 6, 2008
Ralph Anthony Williams	90 years, 11 months and 8 days
Entered into Rest	March 1, 2008

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



## From the Secretary's Desk

### *All Things Proper to Be Written*



We have all heard the ancient Chinese proverb, "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" and as Masons we may remember that single step where our Masonic journey began. I understand that each of us travel in different directions, and yet we are hoping to accomplish the same results. So far my journey is that of a lodge secretary. For me personally it is most rewarding in that I have the opportunity to interact with so many of you. Sometimes my messages may seem a little harsh in that our attendance at lodge meetings is dwindling at times and it is difficult to convince the remaining Brethren to encourage greater participation by inviting our Masonic Brothers to join in the camaraderie.

Crow Canyon Lodge, for the past 23 years, has honored teachers with a "Masonic Teacher of the Year" program here in Castro Valley. This event is for you the member, your lady and our public school educators. The evening begins with a dinner followed by live entertainment and the presentations to our honored guests. We have had as many as 60 teachers; School Board members and students attend this event. I now ask, PLEASE help the lodge by attending, (it's a FREE dinner) and we can show the Unified School District that we really care. The Canyon Middle School Jazz choir will again entertain us at the beginning of the program, and then Virginia Winblad of Independent Elementary and Blaine Torpey of Redwood High will be honored. Hope to see you April 17, 2008.

**A life membership might be the best gift you could possibly buy your wife.** Too often I have had to tell the wife of a deceased Mason that her husband let his membership lapse and was he was suspended for non-payment. Now she is not entitled to receive any assistance from the Masonic Outreach Program or entrance to the Masonic homes. What a tragedy. If you are interested in purchasing a life membership please contact me for the details. The usual cost is 21 times the annual dues and the cost of dues continues to rise along with the per capita tax from Grand Lodge. It's never going to be less expensive.

We have good and dedicated men serving our Lodge. Hope to see you in Lodge, at least once a year.

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

## Castro Valley Eastern Star #294

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Our Eastern Star Chapter is having fun and we want you in on it! One of the major activities we have coming up is **Relay for Life!** The event will be held at Canyon Middle School on July 19-20. **Help us end cancer!** Our own sister, Linda Croll is co-chairing the event. Many of our own members are helping to get everything set up. This will be Castro Valley's third year to host the event. Not only will we need volunteers but we are seeking sponsors and donations. So please, sisters, brothers, family and friends, join us in our efforts and make this event a success.

**Beverly Gale, WM**

**Paul Tamez, WP**



# 3rd Degree Anniversaries

**Armstrong**, Herman Oren [PM] (49); **Barry**, John Arthur (44); **Blomseth**, Warren Jennings [PM] (56); **Boggess**, Christopher Ray (2); **Brown**, James Henry (32); **Burt**, Roy Donald [PM] (55); **Cammerer**, Charles Richard (32); **Donley**, Peter Paul (5); **Douglas**, Robert Thomas (32); **Eddy**, Roy Thomas (59); **Elmore**, Barney Montague Jr. (52); **Garcia**, Ronald John (42); **Goodman**, Donald (49); **Hoffmann**, Lawrence Conrad Jr. (59); **Hughes**, Gary Lee [PM] (19); **Kenyon**, Alan Gordon [PM] (26); **Kralovansky**, John (28); **Marshall**, Robert Albert (52); **Nelson**, Roy Fred (45); **Olsen**, John Alfred (33); **Rees**, Franklin Fay (25); **Renner**, Ira Vincent (61); **Rix**, Robert Grau [PM] (37); **Rourk**, Ronald James (27); **Stuart**, Ronald Wallace (45); **Suer**, Charles Richard (43); **Sullivan**, Richard John (57); **Wicker**, Richard L. (50); **Williams**, Ralph Anthony [PM] (67); **Woergoetter**, Gerald Rainer [PM] (15)

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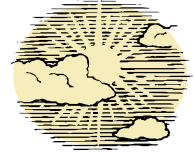
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## Sunshine and Visiting

Please call, visit or pray for the following brothers: Frank Ciurana, Ron Rourk, Greg Jaster, Ken Mac Laughlin, Jr.



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

**Phillip Bush, Committee Chairman—(510) 733-5840**

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