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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 6th, Thursday** — Stated Meeting — 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting — **Celebration of Bro. Walter Beck's 100th Birthday**—Dinner now just \$13/person. Our Masonic Widows always eat free.
- 11th, Tuesday** — District Officer's School of Instruction @ Acacia Lodge — 7:00 PM (For all elected and appointed officers)
- 13th, Thursday** — Practice for 1st Degree — 7:00 PM
- 17th, Monday**—**Senior DeMolay Night**—Recognizing DeMolay Month—7:00 PM
- 20th, Thursday** — Practice for 1st Degree — 7:00 PM
- 27th, Thursday** — Practice / Proficiency of 1st Degree for Inspector — 7:00 PM
- 28th, Friday** — Castro Valley DeMolay Pasta Dinner—6:00 PM
- 30th, Sunday**—**DeMolay Degrees Day Honoring Wor. Fred Avery**—1 PM

April

- 3rd, 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 free.
- 4th-6th, Friday-Sunday** — Junior Warden's Retreat — San Ramon Marriott
- 8th, Tuesday** — District Officer's School of Instruction @ Acacia Lodge — 7:00 PM (For all elected and appointed officers)
- 10th, Thursday** — Practice for 1st Degree — 7:00 PM
- 17th, Thursday** — **Masonic Teacher's of the Year Program** — 5:30 Social / Dinner 6:30 PM / Concert & Awards 7:30 PM — Dinner is free, reservations required.
- 24th, Thursday** — Practice / Proficiency of 1st Degree for Inspector — 7:00 PM
- 25th, Friday**—Hayward Jobs Daughters Taco Dinner—6:30 PM @ Acacia Lodge

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

CELEBRATE
100 YEARS
Brother Walter Beck's B-Day
 March 6, 2008

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Brethren,

We passed a milestone! February was my first month as your WM, it slipped passed without much fanfare, and it is already the start of a second month. I am sure the coming months will blur by and with all of your help each month will be a milestone month. I also want to send a loud and hearty thank you to your officers who did a great job in their respective chairs for their first stated meeting for 2008. Thank you all, it was my pleasure to be with you. I also want to thank all of the sideliners who remained after dinner and were part of our fellowship in the lodge.



Ten of us from this lodge sojourned to Pleasanton 321 for a double first degree in January and all had a good time. The meal presented and inhaled was wonderful and the degrees given were an honor to the fraternity. We would like to do a visit a month to other lodges around the area and we will try to keep you all posted on these travel events. Maybe you have an idea as to which lodge we should visit. We have had Mosaic along with Island City. Where do you want to visit?

As this wonderful weather continues to get even better, we will have some barbeques to continue to cement our brotherly love and friendship. Speaking of which every Thursday this Masonic Year your officers will practice their degree work. We would enjoy the company of any of our brothers on these nights who just wish to come and watch. If you so desire you can even sit in as a candidate or just join our Thursday night fun by cheering us on. 1-10 more coaches never hurt. We look forward to seeing you at our practices and degrees.

I also want to thank "Uncle" **Roy Tamez** PM for cooking a rich and wonderful meal without any frozen vegetables. Absolutely wonderful! For those of you who were unable to attend we are truly sorry. If you need rides to come to Stated in March, let us know and we will assist you. We truly want you here with us each and every Stated. By the way, Stated Meetings are rich with information and very timely to completion. We will not keep you out late.

It was my pleasure to announce at the February Stated Meeting that **Robert Hansen**, PM has been selected as the Hiram Award recipient this year.

I look forward to 10 more months of more pleasurable nights, like our last Stated Meeting. For instance, we are planning to honor **Walter Beck**, PM and former inspector at our March Stated. In celebration of his 100th birthday, please join us for birthday cake and much hullabaloo surrounding his Masonic history. A well deserved honor for a Mason with a rich Masonic and life history.

Crow Canyon Lodge #551, your lodge, is looking for a good mason to step up and take over the duties of Senior Deacon and Jr. Steward for this Masonic year. I know there is an individual out there who wants to step into the line for each of these seats and facilitate an even richer Masonic life. You only get out what you put in! Have a great Month! We look forward to seeing you every Thursday night at your lodge.

Fraternally,

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From the West

Brethren,

Here are a few events that are being organized for this year, so please jot down the dates, if you are interested.

June 5 after Stated Meeting dinner, we will adjourn to the lodge room and hear the Wor. **John Cooper**, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge present to talk on the "Lost Word". Wor. John is very knowledgeable in Masonic history, and is a very good speaker. He discusses subjects in a straight-forward entertaining manner, which keeps your interest alive. Come and enjoy Wor. John's talk, and welcome him to Crow Canyon Lodge.

Sometime in June (exact date to come soon), we will be visiting Eli Baker Lodge #62, Prince Hall, in Oakland. They will be conferring a Third Degree, which is a truly entertaining experience. The Master, **Tony Evans**, is a friend of mine from Golden Gate Fields, and is a true Mason.

November 1, Saturday, will be our "Day at the Races". It's again at the Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields, and the \$30/person charge includes parking, admission, good seating, full buffet lunch and desert, dedicated race, picture taking, and a full day of racing. Peggy and I will bring extra prizes as well. Our colt "Who's Your Papa" will be in training at Golden Gate then, and hopefully our trainer will have a horse or two in the races, so we can take small groups back lot, to let you see the facilities, and see the runners and meet our colt. I need to have a headcount and have tickets sold by October 1. It should be a good year. Enjoy!

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

From the South



Dear Brothers and Lady's

In March we has a special celebration, **Walter Beck**, PM (1953) will be joining us at our Stated Meeting, We will be celebrating his 100th Birthday. Bros. **Kurt Jaeckel** and **Vern Sullivan** will pick Walter up and bring him to lodge. I hope everyone will join us and make his birthday special.

With St. Patrick's Day in March, the dinner will be our traditional corn beef & cabbage prepared by **Henry Miller**, PM and his crew.

February has gone by fast, and the officers and I have been working on getting things set to start doing degrees. I hope to hear from you all, and see if there is anything special that you would like me to get. I have a few things planned out for future meals, but if you have an idea for an upcoming dinner, please stop by and I will be glad to see if I can arrange it.

Sincerely,
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Lodge Polo Shirts Now Available

Wor. Avery has arranged for us to have customized Crow Canyon Lodge #551 Polo Shirts. Available in White or Blue, each short-sleeve shirt is embroidered with the Masonic emblem, the name and number of our lodge and your name. At just \$25 each, you don't want to miss the opportunity to promote your lodge and to be recognized as a member. Call Wor. Avery to order yours today!



From the Secretary's Desk



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live to be 100 years old? Get a first hand account from our very own **Walter Wilber Beck**, P.M. 1953. Walter will be our honored guest at the Stated Meeting dinner on March 6, 2008. Worshipful Beck was a District Inspector from January 1, 1968 to June 14, 1978. Walter still to this day is a volunteer at Merritt Hospital in Oakland. Oh! Walter accomplishes 100 years on February 29, 2008. Or is he just 25 years old?

Keep informed visit our lodge website at; <http://www.calodges.org/no.551> and read the Trestle Board at: <http://www.calodges.org/no551/news.htm>. We are asking those of you who have internet capabilities and prefer to read our newsletter on line rather than having one bulk mailed, e-mail me at: crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net to be removed from the mail list. It's OK to have both, some of you have requested to be removed, and this will save the lodge about 46.8 cents a copy. At present we mail 756 copies each month.

We are looking for those of you who have completed 25 years in Masonry and haven't received a 25-year pin. If you are not sure if you qualify or you may have lost yours please let me know. A good way to get one fast is to see me at Lodge.

Lodge Badges are available, if you do not have one the first one is FREE. To order one call me, e-mail me or see me in Lodge.

One of the main projects of Masonry in California is to do something to encourage and benefit public education and to make the public aware of our commitment that was established back in 1921. 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, and afterward we retire to the lodge room for 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, heck it's a FREE dinner and we can show the Unified School District 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.

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

In Memoriam

James Edward Olson Entered into Rest:	75 years, 8 months and 8 days January 12, 2006
George William Vaughn Entered into Rest:	92 years, 4 months and 22 days November 16, 2007
Samuel Willie Smith, Sr. P.M. Entered into Rest:	78 years, 3 months and 17 days January 25, 2008

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

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Adams, George Walter Jr. [PM] (46); **Albritton**, Robert Alfred [PM] (31); **Allen**, Jack Vernon (19); **Alston**, Gilbert Lee (38); **Amaral**, Gabriel Avaral [PM] (21); **Christopher**, Robert Julius (54); **Fabel**, Robert Howard (25); **Forest**, Anthony Jay (50); **Frisvold**, Gary Robert (38); **Hallmeyer**, Wesley Victor (58); **Hempel**, Edmund Carl (49); **Hudson**, Robert Adrian [PM] (40); **Korr**, Irving (51); **La Lanne**, Jack (59); **Lassle**, Harold Elwyne (19); **Leaderich**, John Fitzgerald (51); **Leavitt**, Leonard Lewis (33); **Martens**, Billy Wayne [PM] (25); **Martin**, Tony (66); **Mason**, Jeffrey Bernard (23); **Matraia**, Edward Joseph Jr. [PM] (35); **Morrison**, Brandon Michael (1); **Murphy**, Chester Francis (34); **Olson**, James Edward (39); **Parry**, David Alan [PM] (47); **Reisfelt**, Leonard (60); **Robinson**, Thomas Ed (41); **Salmon**, Wilfred Glen Jr. (28); **Somers**, Clarence Orval Jr. [PM] (52); **Tangen**, Craig Edward (35); **Toltschin**, Rex Ernest Jr. (40); **Wharton**, Walter Roy (45); **Whitling**, David Ray (24); **Winkler**, Russel Walton (67)

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