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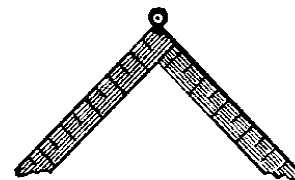
January

- 5th**, Thursday, Stated Meeting and Dinner
Social 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Meeting 7:30
- 12th**, Thursday, Third Degree Practice 7:00 PM
- 13th**, All Lodge Bowling night at the Castro Valley
Lanes 7:00 PM
- 19th**, Thursday, Third Degree Practice 7:00 PM
- 26th**, Thursday, Third Degree 7:00 PM
Chris Boggess's Third Degree

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From the East— Ronald S. Katz

Planting the Seeds of Success



Brethren,

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Installation of Officers. Your attendance was a strong indication of your love for the Order and for our Lodge. Thank you.

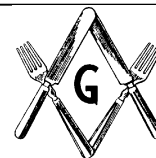
The theme for this year is “Planting the Seeds of Success – Family, Community, Fraternity” I feel that these three are critical for the long term success of Masonry, in general, and our lodge in particular. Think about the word “family” and what it means to you. Think about the people most important to you in your life. This is your family. The purpose of Masonry, so often stated, is to make good men better. If there is a brother among us who truly believes he is a better man, husband, or father, by spending all of his time engaged in “Masonic activity” and ignoring his family, then I ask you to seriously question your motives.

Masonry and its concordant bodies are good works, a valuable use of time, a worthy purpose . . . however a man who is not properly seeing to the needs of those closest to him is not acting in a truly “Masonic” fashion. If I’m talking to you, fix it. How? Create just a little more balance in your life by easing up on a few of your “obligations” so that you can bless your family with your presence from time to time. Invite your family to be involved in some of the things you are doing. Check our calendar at <http://www.calodges.org/no551> for events that would be appropriate and enjoyable for them and bring them along. If there is anything I can help you with, please let me know by calling me at 510-431-1211 or 510-375-3137.

Fraternally,

Ron Katz

From the South Jr. Warden— Robert Werner, P.M., H.A.



When joining Crow Canyon Lodge and installed as Senior Deacon last December, I was concerned that I would be viewed as the over zealous outsider. Well, such was not so and I wish to thank each one of you for the warm welcome you gave me. The simple fact is that Worshipful Mickey has been a true friend and Brother since he raised me in 1993. When he asked for help at Lodge 551, there was no way that I could say no. Since last December you have accepted me simply as another Mason who is trying to help his lodge – thank you!

Now, as Junior Warden, I have duties which affect each of you. Yes, I will be deciding what you get to eat. To make this work for all of us, I need your input. Please let me know what you liked about a dinner. More importantly, I also need to know what you didn’t like. One of my biggest challenges is to provide dinners which you enjoy while, at the same time, keeping costs at an absolute minimum. For the past year you have been paying \$10 a meal and I doubt that it will change. I have negotiated a price per plate with Entrée By The Bay, the Oakland Scottish Rite Caterer, which should minimize or eliminate the Lodge’s out of pocket expenses for a dinner while maintain a reasonable level of quantity

Fraternally, Bob Werner

For dinner reservations please call (925) 462-0366



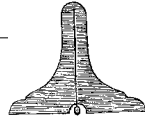
Sunshine and Visiting

Howard Vogt is in coma in the hospital for the last 5 weeks.

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

Andy Gravier, PM– Phone: (510) 638-6641

From the West



Alvaro R. Reynoso Senior Warden -

Moving From the South to the West

I would like to start by thanking all the brothers, their ladies and especially our Past Master Mickey for his tireless efforts and friendship that gave the guidance for us this year.

When I came to the officer's line three years ago I didn't know anything about what I was getting into. Thanks to the brothers like Mike Verro, Roy Tamez, Charlie Bishop and the officers of the Lodge, who with their tireless efforts, expert guidance and sincere enthusiasm made my job much easier.

I want also to thank Charlie Bishop and his crew for all their work behind the scenes. I would never have fulfilled my duties as Junior Warden without their help. Charlie and his crew are the people who make each stated meeting dinner such a success.

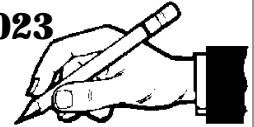
In conclusion I would like to say that our Past Master for 2005, Mickey, is extremely good at promoting efficiency in our work. He has left behind a exemplary legacy which I consider very hard to surpass. With the help of the brethren working together, we will continue the journey toward a better future for our Order.

I am deeply grateful to all the Brethren and their Ladies for all the support this year.

Fraternally,

Alvaro Reynoso, Senior Warden

From the Secretary's Desk Bill Ferrell - (510) 886-2023



From the Secretary's Desk

As of the printing of this article some of you who have not paid the annual dues of \$67.50, and 24 have not paid for two years. After January 1st you are considered delinquent. Second notices will be sent after that date and, if not paid by June stated meeting, you might be suspended. Please let the Master or me know if you are not able to pay. There are provisions in the CMC that may apply to your situation. Requests are kept in the strictest of confidence. The average age of our lodge is 72.8 years. We are all proud to be members of this lodge, where many fine friendships have been formed. If you haven't attended Lodge for a while please make a "New Year's resolution" to attend at least one stated meeting or, better yet, one of the degrees.

Worshipful Ron Katz has planned a very full year. Just take a look at the calendar of events listed on the lodge web page located at <http://www.calodges.org/no551>. We had a lot of fun last year and are looking forward to a great time and good fellowship in 2006. Remember our stated meeting dinners and, as always, widows eat free.

If you are not receiving e-mail notices from CrowCanyon551@sbcglobal.net and would like to please e-mail me at that address and I will add you to the list.

Fraternally,

Bill Ferrell, Secretary



January 2006

IN MEMORIAM

ENTERED INTO REST

Donald LaRue Stroup	80 years, 6 months and 23 days	May 14, 2005
Robert Keith Keller	85 years, 2 months and 17 days	November 1, 2005
Ruben Hector Hernandez	84 years, 7 months and 18 days	November 19, 2005
Douglas Ulysses Stark	92 years, 4 months and 14 days	December 11, 2005

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