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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2012:

2nd—Thursday—Stated Meeting - 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—Roast Pork with Gravy, Rosemary Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables in Season. Roast chicken available with advanced request.
 5th—Sunday—Super Bowl Party at Oakland Scottish Rite—1:30 PM—Meet at CVMC at 12:45 to car pool.
 9th—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—Crow Canyon Lodge—Officers and Surveyors mandatory—Covering 1st Degree and Reception of Inspector. Come between 6-6:30 for a complementary dinner.
 14th—Tuesday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice—1st Degree
 16th—Thursday—6:30 PM—Double First Degree—Mr. Scott West / Mr. Alex Von Stade
 18th—Saturday—Crab Feed—Presale tickets available from the Secretary.
 23rd—Thursday—6:30 PM—Double First Degree—Mr. Stoney Glover / Mr. Michael Ramos

March 2012:

1st—Thursday—Stated Meeting - 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—Corn Beef and Cabbage
 8th—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—San Leandro Lodge, 116 W. Joaquin Avenue—Officers and Surveyors mandatory—Covering 3rd Degree (2nd Section). Come between 6-6:30 for a complementary dinner.
 9th-11th—Friday-Sunday—Masters & Wardens Retreat
 15th—Thursday—6:00 PM—Officers/Surveyors—Practice or Degree
 22nd—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officers/Surveyors—Practice or Degree
 24th—Saturday—6:00 PM—Hiram Award Presentation and Dinner (tentative)
 29th—Thursday—6:00 PM—Family Potluck (A-H bring salad / I-M bring pasta casserole / N-Z bring dessert). Lodge will provide drinks and BBQ Chicken.

Castro Valley DeMolay meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)
Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM)
Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261, Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Acacia Lodge
Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church

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From the East

Brethren,

Now that I have been officially installed as Master of the Lodge, I want to say thank you for the honor and privilege to be able serve the lodge, and I will try to the best of my abilities to fulfill the trust you have placed in me. Bless you all.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (King James ver. Psalm 133).

I was thinking about the Lodge the other day while driving on the freeway when the above quote popped into my head out of nowhere, and I realized how lucky I am to be part of this lodge. I noticed in lodge, that many of the members are of an accord about the lodge activities, but when there is a difference of opinion, we do not get personal, but handle the differences as lodge business, without rancor, and in the attitude of what is best for the lodge. For this, I am truly grateful. This was not necessarily true of the other lodges I have attended in the past. This Lodge exemplifies the true meaning of brotherhood.

Just as I feel that I am fortunate to be a member of this lodge, so should all members of this lodge feel the same. Give yourselves a pat on the back, because, you are the lodge. I encourage all members to come to the dinners and the lodge meetings to meet old friends, make new friendships with our new brothers, and even take part in our lodge activities. I hope to meet many of you during the ensuing year and the many years following.

By the time you read this, Bro. Geoff Linder will have received his 3rd Degree on Jan 26th. Congratulations to you Brother Linder. Congratulations also to Mr.'s Scott West, Alex Von Stade, Stoney Glover, and Michael Ramos for being elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry. Please, if you can, come to the double first degrees that we will be having for them. Dates and times are shown in the calendar of events.

February is a busy stated meeting. This is when Lodge, finance committee and the Masonic Hall Association are required to present their reports. This is lodge business that you are all entitled to attend, but as

you know, will not be published in the Trestleboard (Like Las Vegas, what happens in lodge, stays in lodge). I urge you to come to this important meeting so that you know what is occurring in the lodge firsthand.

This is the month our annual crab feed which will be on February 18th. I hope to

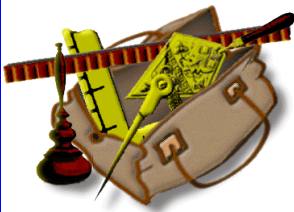
see many of you there. Wor. Henry Miller and family do a lot of hard work and a fine job at this, and I am sure that a good time will be had by all. Even though the price of crab has gone up, we are keeping the price of the tickets low and a bargain compared to many of the Crab Feeds I have investigated elsewhere. Please contact our Secretary Wor. Bro. Bill Ferrell for tickets.

For the fun of it: Super Bowl Sunday is on February 5th. Some of us are planning on meeting at the Lodge and carpooling to the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple to watch the Super Bowl there. I hope you can join us.

Fraternally Yours;

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From the West

The view is different from the west. I recently had the privilege of being part of an Entered Apprentice Degree in where the Candidate was of Muslim faith, The Marshal who did the interrogation was a man of Mormon faith, the Senior Deacon a man of Buddhist faith, the Junior Warden a man of Lutheran Christian faith and the Senior Warden a man of Catholic Christian Faith, and the Worshipful Master, above all, a man of Jewish Faith. I mention this because we are reminded to walk upright before God and Man in dealing with life. It takes Courage to see the great Creator of the Universe as well as practice Compassion to oneself and others, and squaring our life and actions by the square of Virtue. This entered apprentice degree clearly brings home something in which implies that there exists a universal moral truth and that we are all traveling upon that level of time from whose borne no traveler returns as the physical man we all are. That there exists many roads to Rome in the ultimate search for the truth. We are all travelers in time through life from birth to death do us apart. Masonic truths let us ponder on these facts, but we are all viewing the reality through the bottom of the glass and thus have not the clear picture as to what these universal truths are. Therefore, all these faiths are truths under the Masonic Creator of the Universe. This Universe, which roll through the vast expanse and are all conducted by the same unerring law of nature makes us all as one. Remember brethren, Courage and Charity are seldom married, but we as Masons have an opportunity to practice both before God and Mankind. Have a happy and peaceful new year.

Kjell Bomark-Noel, Senior Warden

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Inspiring Words

February 14th, Valentines Day, is the day set aside to celebrate, honor, or remember love . . . or a loved one.

Is it not ironic that the symbol used to depict love is the heart? The heart is one of the most important organs in all living things. For when it stops working, life as we know it ends. How many times have we used or heard these words?

"I love you with all my heart."

"Take my heart . . . it is yours."

"I give my heart to you."

Are we then saying,

"I love you with all life," or

"I give my life to you?"

If the beating of our heart sustains life, maybe love in its many forms and ways is a strong helping hand. With this thought I implore you to --- Love one another with all your heart.

Think of each other, with the goodness of your brain.

And last but not least,

Have faith with all your being!

Fraternally,

Irwin Fershleiser, P. M., Chaplain

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In Memoriam

Robert James Wagner

66 years, 10 months and 28 days

Entered into Rest

January 6, 2012

Almighty Father, Great Architect of the Universe, into thy hands we commend the soul of our dear departed brother

From the South

It is a new year! Isn't it great to have renewal? Have you set goals or objectives for this year? Have you resolved to make changes in your life? Are you resolute in your desire to do what you have set your mind to? What is a New Year's Resolution? It is a goal or objective that you are determined to reach during a specific time period. It can be a relationship goal, a personal development goal, a career goal, a fitness goal or even a spiritual goal.

Use caution when setting goals that you don't create an unbalanced life by focusing too much attention on any one type of goal. "What good is it to win the world and lose your family?" Setting goals begins with determining where you are now, and what you want success to look like. If you don't know where you are starting from, how will you even know if you are making a change? If you don't know what success will look like (or feel like, or smell like, or taste like, or sound like) then how will you know when you have attained it? At work, they sometimes talk about having SMART goals. A SMART goal is one that is Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely. Some modern day goals gurus suggest that you instead set SMT goals. Specific, Measurable and Time-Based. They feel that Attainable and Realistic are too subjective, where as SMT goals are more objective. Specific—what do you want to achieve. Measurable—what scale will you use to determine success. Time-Based—how soon would you like to complete this goal.

My goal as Junior Warden this year is to see that our members always have the opportunity to refresh themselves when they come to lodge. We want to continue to provide a warm, positive environment where you can chat with friendly people, have a bite to eat, and an opportunity to learn and grow. Please let me know, each time you see me, if I am achieving my goal.

Happy New Year!

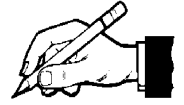
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From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper to be Written



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 Trestle Board are the names and numbers of our Adult Youth Group Leaders. If you are interested in being an adult advisor contact me. It is a very rewarding part of being a Mason.

At present our Lodge has a population of 376 Masons. Our youngest member is 22.30 years old and the oldest has accomplished 99.06 years. Our age groups by percentage are:

Age Group	Number of Members	Percent of Total
20's	4	1.06%
30's	8	2.13%
40's	16	4.26%
50's	41	10.90%
60's	74	19.68%
70's	103	27.39%
80's	94	25.00%
90's	36	9.57%

The average age of our membership is 72.50 years old. These statistics may be fun to look at but it shows that if the fraternity is to survive we need participation from all age groups to insure our survival.

Are you a "Rusty Trowel?" If so, attending lodge will knock that rust off. Do not worry about the protocols in the tiled Lodge; we all need to work on that, what is important to us is YOU as a Brother Mason attending.

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 an e-mail address that I use for Lodge business.

Bill Ferrell, Secretary

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Meet the Masons

*East Bay Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons
Invite you to attend An Introductory Evening
of Dining, Toasts and Fellowship*

*Saturday Evening,
March 31
6 PM, Point Welcome
Room, Coast Guard
Island, Alameda*



*Program Includes
Buffet Dinner
Toasts, Introductory
Speakers
Tickets Available by
Mail Only*

Masons Dress Code: Black Tie or Dark Suit.

Masons Ticket Cost \$20

*Coast Guard Island regulations prohibit money collected on site.
Tickets and registration are only available from your Lodge, or by mail.*

*Additional regulations require all civilian attendees names to be registered
at the Front Gate, by March 21*

If paying by mail, please make check payable to "Island City Lodge No. 215"

Write your name as it appears on your driver license, and mail check to:
Island City Lodge
2312 Alameda Ave.
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Bethel 1 Dublin

Bethel No. 1, Dublin has been filled with fun. We had our 177th Installation of Bethel Officers and Bethel Choir on January 7th. It was a beautiful ceremony, Jessica Anthony did a truly beautiful job installing the new officers, and she's the best sister ever! We held a practice meeting on January 11th and we wore our pajamas, we gave an award to the girl who had the best pajamas, it was so much fun! On January 28th we went ice-skating at the Dublin ice rink, right after we went to a crab feed serving in Fremont. All this month we have been working on our receptions for our Grand Outer Guard, Mr. Bill Ferrell and Grand Bethel Outer Guard, Miss Kelly Fead. We are honored to have such wonderful people represent our Bethel. Upcoming in the next month we will have Bethel meetings on February 8th and the 22nd held at John Knox Presbyterian Church the meeting will start at 7pm if you are interested in joining us. We have more reception and scrapbook work parties coming up and we are so excited to get working! We have more fun activities coming up and Bethel No. 1, Dublin looks forward to seeing all of your smiling faces throughout our new term.

With Ladybug Hugs,
Nicole Anthony, Honored Queen

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Amato, Paul (54) ; Bessette, Ronald (20) ; Bode, David (27) ; Brennan, William [PM] (55) ; Burk Jr., Harold (20) ; Castia, Ronnie (21) ; Gidvani, Kishore (13) ; Goodwin, Charles (54) ; Graham, Russell (7) ; Hansen, Jeffrey (15) ; Howe, Douglas (7) ; Lloyd, Anthony (44) ; Makela, Paul (38) ; Marmor, Howard (5) ; May, Norvalle (47) ; Moore, Roger (32) ; Nobriga, Ronald (15) ; Pearce, Burton (56) ; Sotelo, Prudencio (32) ; Stegall, Roy (43) ; Stewart, Daniel (13) ; Weisser, Allen [PM] (48)

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Sr. Steward—Surveyors

Jr. Steward—Surveyors

Surveyors

The Surveyors are "Officers-in-Training" who commit to attend as many meetings, practices and schools of instruction as they can during their year of office. They learn the work and fill the stations of the Junior Deacon & the Stewards.

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2012 Committees

Appointments

Audit—Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein

Funeral—Kurt Allen, Kjell Bomark-Noel, Kay Dunn, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez

Hiram Award Selection—Sid Cerates, John Smith, Roy Tamez

Masonic Charity—The Master and the Wardens

Masonic Hall Association—John Smith

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Membership Retention—Bill Ferrell

Sunshine—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

Lodge Events

Crab Feed—Henry Miller, Dale Reynolds

Feast of Saints John—Ron Katz, Charles Hintz

Kid's ID—Roy Nelson, Roy Tamez, Sammy Tamez

Pizza Night—Ron Katz

Public Schools—Eric Unti—(510) 537-1530 / erunti@earthlink.net

Strawberry Feed—Ron Katz, Ernie Nidick, Gerald Woergoetter

Sweethearts Brunch/Theatre—Phillip Busch—(925) 292-8018 / teresa.busch@kp.org

Visitation—Kurt Allen (and Wynn), Lyman Penning

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Sunshine and Visiting

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

Ernie Nidick, Committee Chairman (925) 828-6993



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