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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September 2012:**

9/6—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.  
 9/8—9/9—Saturday-Sunday—Castro Valley Fall Festival—Child ID Booth (volunteers needed)  
 9/13—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—Crow Canyon—Officers and Surveyors mandatory—Come between 6-6:30 for a complimentary dinner.  
 9/14—Reception for Wor. Al Weisser, Grand Marshal of Grand Lodge of California at Aahmes Shrine Center—6:30 PM Social / 7:30 PM Dinner and Program. \$15/person. Call Don Schauer for reservations.  
 9/15—9/16—Saturday-Sunday—Visitation and 3rd Degree Conferral at Mariposa Lodge—1:00 PM. Dinner at 7:00 PM. See enclosed for details.  
 9/17—Monday—Mason's Night at AT&T Park—6:00 PM  
 9/20—Thursday—DARK  
 9/21-9/23—Friday-Sunday—Grand Lodge Communication-1111 California Street, San Francisco  
 9/27—Thursday—7:00 PM—Degree or Practice

**October 2012**

10/4—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.  
 10/9—Tuesday Practice  
 10/11—School of Instruction—location to be determined after Grand Lodge  
 10/18—Degree or Practice  
 10/25—Degree or Practice

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*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) @ Hayward Masonic Center*  
*Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church*

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## From the East

Brethren,



August was a very busy month, as you may already know. As I write this, we have raised two more Brothers, and by the time you read this we will have raised two additional Brothers. Congratulations to Roger Glancy who received his degrees on Saturday morning, August 18th and Mike Ramos who received his degrees on that Saturday afternoon. Congratulations also for degrees held on August 25th go to Kem Apak and also Alex Von Stade II. This last month was a heavy schedule, and we could not have pulled it off without the help of all our brothers that attended. Some brothers turned down other commitments in order to hold these degrees, while others stepped up to the plate. Thank you, brothers, for your sacrifices. Please come to the stated meeting and greet our brothers as new Master Masons.

I had some nice comments from some of our newer members regarding how welcome they felt in the lodge, and how excited they are about Masonry. I want to thank everyone that goes out of their way to welcome a brother to the lodge and make them feel comfortable. Please keep up the good attitudes and good work. I believe that this lodge is overall the friendliest and most supportive lodge in the Bay Area.

I invite every member of the lodge who can make it to attend the annual visitation being held in Mariposa on September 15th, this year. We will be conferring the 3rd Degree on Brother Jerry Garcia on that date. Please see the flyer for the visitation and contact Lyman Penning at 650-967-0699 for reservations. (Mariposa Masonic Lodge, F& AM No. 24, 5154 Jones Street, Mariposa, CA 95338)

For those of you who know our lodge brother Worshipful Al Weisser, he is being honored as Grand Marshal at Aahmes Shrine on September 14th. Contact the Lodge Secretary Don Schauer for tickets and information.

September is also a month of change for all California lodges. Grand Lodge will be held on September 21st, 22nd and 23rd. All Master Masons are invited to attend, but the top three officers of the lodge are expected to attend and vote on the legislative proposals.

This year, the legislation is on the freemason.org website as a PDF form. The document is 56 pages long. There is obviously a lot to cover. If you get a chance, please look it over and send me your opinions on what legislative items are important to you.

Roy Tamez is taking the lead on the Kids ID Booth at the Castro Valley Fall Festival this year on Sept.8th and 9th. Please give him your support and help represent our Lodge in the community. We hope we will see you there.

May God Bless all of you and your families.

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## From the West

Brethren,



This morning finds me sitting here pondering a quote from the Indian Nurse, Social worker and Nobel Prize recipient: Mother Teresa: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless". This is to me a very profound statement. Little things we do or say, unselfishly or even selfishly, can have an impact that reverberates in other persons.



*Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

Think about it. Kind words do have a life of their own in the persons that receive them. It costs so little of our selves, but they seem bigger than life. I heard a story about a member of a lodge who came visiting after many years of being away. It was very different and he did not know hardly anyone. For some reason he did not feel welcome in his Lodge. I say his Lodge, because it is both his and your Lodge. We are a gathering of people and brothers and thus we sometimes forget that it may take a little more effort to sustain "this sacred band or society of friends and brothers among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree."

Think about this next time you are standing in a lodge room or dining area near someone you don't recognize. Introduce yourself and share your brotherly love.

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## Inspiring Words

It is well known that Masons love to eat. If it's not a potluck, it may be a dinner or a breakfast for a fundraiser or a lodge dinner for a social night.

I came across this recipe that I hope will be served at all our functions, wherever or whenever we meet. It is as follows:

### Recipe for Life

Take two (2) heaping cups of Patience

One (1) heart-full of Love

Two (2) handfuls of Generosity

Dash of Laughter

One (1) headful of Understanding

Sprinkle generously with Kindness

Add plenty of Faith and mix well

Spread over a period of a lifetime and serve everybody you meet.

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## From the South

Brethren,

September is Uncle Roy's B-Day month so he will be making home-style Meatloaf for our Stated Meeting Dinner. Yum! August was incredible. Most amazing were our two weekends of Double Third Degrees. Awesome dedication and commitment my Brothers. Although we had to change the cast a bit for Bro. Ramos, and had to do a slight rewind due to Wor. Pinkerton taking a small trip, everything went well. Thankfully, Wor. Pinkerton is doing fine as well, though he is not the best one-handed typist in the world. That's ok, it is only a temporary situation.

I am so blessed to have the opportunity to work with such great officers, surveyors and lodge leadership. Thank you all.

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## Great Moments In Masonic History

*Masons On The Moon...Who Knew!*

Yes Brethren, the Moon saw another flag beyond our beautiful Stars and Stripes!



Fig. 5-16 - Aldrin with Luther A. Smith, the Sovereign Grand Commander, and the Masonic flag he took to the Moon (The New Age Magazine).

On July 20, 1969 the Apollo 11 team landed on the moon with regalia onboard.

Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr., 33, brought a small Masonic flag from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction aboard that glorious mission. He later presented the flag to the then Sovereign Grand Commander, Luther A. Smith, as a keepsake.

It goes to show a Mason is capable of great things!

## Crow Canyon Visitation to Mariposa Lodge-Sept. 15 & 16

While we raise one of our own starting at 1 PM, our ladies will be delighted with the historical sites and shops of the town. After lodge we'll get together for the Master's cocktail party.



At 7 PM a Rib-Eye dinner feast prepared by the brethren of Mariposa Lodge. It is \$17 per person. Contact Lyman Penning for reservations at 650-967-0699

We'll stay at the Miner's Inn for \$85 per night. Please hurry with those reservations, it fills up very quickly. Be sure to say you are with Crow Canyon Masonic Lodge. Call 1-888-516-1372 for your reservations. (Friday night the 14th is optional. \$5 Tri-Tip sandwiches if you come to the pool area before 6:30 PM.)



## From the Secretary's Desk

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER



The transition from Brother Ferrell to myself as lodge Secretary is now complete. The old lodge phone number and e-mail address are no longer valid. The new phone number for the Secretary's office is 510-258-0654. I have not changed my e-mail address and will use it for lodge business also. It is [DonRL7@pacbell.net](mailto:DonRL7@pacbell.net). I am in the process of fazing out the post office box as we now have mail delivery at the lodge. Please use the following address: 4521 Crow Canyon Rd Castro Valley, CA 94552-4803 or my home address at 19767 Royal Avenue Hayward, CA 94541-3651. By using my home address I will get your message much quicker than if you send it to the lodge. As the lodge Secretary, it is my goal to respond to the needs of our members in a timely manner.

We have had a few inquiries into the Masonic Outreach program. If you should by chance hear of any of our widows or members that are having a hard time making ends meet, let me know and I will refer them to the proper people in order to extend a Masonic helping hand.

The annual dues statements will be mailed out the first week in October and a return envelope will be enclosed with my home address imprinted on it. See you at Lodge!

**Don Schauer, Secretary**

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## Batters Up!



The Junior Giants is a great program developing character in more than 20,000 at-risk youth, 45% of whom have never owned a baseball mitt! \$20 buys a mitt for a child – Give one today. Let's make this year another strong victory for the kids!

Make a donation to your team online at [www.Masons4Mitts.org](http://www.Masons4Mitts.org)

Join us in celebrating the 2012 campaign on Masons Night, September 17th, 5:30pm, at AT&T Park! Talk to your lodge officers about tickets!

**Let's show 'em what Masons can do!**

## Masonic Family Corner

**Bright Side of Youth Talent Show** is scheduled for September 8th at 7:00 PM. Oakland Scottish Rite Center. This free event showcases talent of our Masonic Youth Groups.

**Grand Master's Membership Class**—Members of Northern California DeMolay will be initiating a group of young men into DeMolay from all over Northern California in honor of the new Grand Master of Masons. This event will be held at the Oakland Scottish Rite on September 29th and will begin at 10:00 AM. This annual event has a tradition of displaying some of the best degree work in all of DeMolay and is open to any Master Mason. Why not plan to join the Grand Master for this historic event.

**Area Grand Guardian Official Visit**—On September 11th at 7PM at the Hayward Masonic Center join Bethel 1—Dublin, Bethel 175—San Leandro, Bethel 247—Danville and Bethel 261—Hayward as they welcome the Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian.



**3rd Degree Anniversaries**

Allen, Kurt [PM] (36): Beaman, Denis (32): Bryant, Billy [PM] (53): Castile, Mark (25): Cerates, Sidney [PM] (29): Dias, Harold (50): Freestone, John (42): Gooch, Donald (51): Jensen, Donald (29): Kenyon, Edwin (31): Kinicki, Andrew (53): Laney, Johnnie (41): Larsen, Ralph (48): Lee, Robert (4): Leite, Mark (25): Lorenzini, Robert (9): Luque, James (40): Mac Laughlin, Kenneth (15): Mc Cord, Patrick (33): Middleton, David (17): Rothlisberger, Verl [PM] (26): Russell, Larry (47): Schulack, Herman (61): Skewis, Richard (53): Sullivan, John (17): Sullivan, Vernon (54): Thomas, Albert (33): Toy, Russell (16): Vorpahl, Douglas (49): Walter, Jerry (42): Warzyniak, Mark (3): Wilson, Freddie [PM] (39): Worley, Carl (12)

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*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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**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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**Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

**Lodge Events**

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

**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.*



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*Please Join Us for a Reception Honoring*

# *Al Weisser - Grand Marshal*

*Friday, September 14, 2012 – 6:30 PM*

*Aahmes Shrine Event Center  
170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore CA 94551*

*Social Hour - 6:30 p.m. - Dinner and Program - 7:30 p.m.*

*Open to all Masons (Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Master Masons), their ladies, families and friends  
Cost: \$15/person Dress Code: Business Casual*

*Please Make Reservations by September 7<sup>th</sup> - (510) 276-1762 – Don Schauer, Sr. - Secretary*

## **163rd Annual Communication**

September 21-23, 2012  
San Francisco

The Grand Lodge of California will hold its 163rd Annual Communication this year. Please join us for this special celebration at the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco.

Online Registration: <http://www.cvent.com/d/0cqp19>

### **Special Events**

This year's festivities will feature a number of special events, including:

- Friday historical presentation: Following Friday's legislative session, members will view a unique video presentation on the history of Masonic aprons, sponsored by the Henry W. Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry.
- New ladies' activity: On Saturday afternoon, Jeanie Loui invites ladies and their guests to attend a private performance of San Francisco's hilarious theatrical tradition: Beach Blanket Babylon.
- Grand Master's Banquet: Grand Master Frank Loui invites members, ladies, and friends of the fraternity to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year during a formal Saturday evening banquet.

Please note that limited seating is available for special events; early registration is recommended.

### **Accommodations**

- A limited number of hotel and banquet packages are available at the Fairmont Hotel (one block from CMMT); the Mark Hopkins Hotel (one block from CMMT); the Hilton San Francisco Union Square; the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway Hotel (five blocks away on Van Ness Ave); and the Suites at Fisherman's Wharf. For more information, review the 'Hotel and Banquet Package Information' tab in the online invitation.

### **Questions**

- Please review the FAQs page of the online registration form for answers to many common questions. You may also contact [Kim Hegg](#), program services manager, at 415/292-9111 for assistance.

