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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September**

- 9/4—Stated Meeting (5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Opening)
- 9/9—District Officers School of Instruction @ Acacia—7 PM. Dinner @ 6 PM. All lodge officers required to attend.
- 9/11—Officer's Practice, 7 PM
- 9/13—9/14—Castro Valley Fall Festival, Child ID Booth, Contact Sammy Tamez to volunteer
- 9/18—Officer's Practice, 7 PM
- 9/19—9/20—Visitation to Calaveras Lodge, 3rd Degree for Bro. Robert E. Lee (details inside)
- 9/20—Bright Side of Youth Talent Show @ Oakland Scottish Rite—7:00 PM—FREE
- 9/25—Officer's Practice, 7 PM
- 9/26—9/28—Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, San Francisco, CA

**October (preview)**

- 10/2—Stated Meeting (5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Opening)
- 10/4—DeMolay Membership Class Honoring New Grand Master of Masons in California, Oakland Scottish Rite—10 AM
- 10/9—Officer's Practice, 7 PM
- 10/14—District Officers School of Instruction @ San Leandro—7 PM. Dinner @ 6 PM. All lodge officers required to attend.
- 10/16—Officer's Practice 7 PM
- 10/19—Senior Ball—Free Dance @ Masonic Home

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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*
  - Jobs Daughters Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church*

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## From the East

I took a much needed vacation with a bunch of office mates (first real time off in 2 ½ years) and went fishing. I spent four (4) days at Sandpoint Idaho and visited my brother Jim and went lake fishing for Mackinaw Trout. Great fun and I caught a 7 ½ pounder and a 4 ½ pounder (ugly fish) but they were wonderful eating. I called on the Master of Sandpoint Lodge to impart our greetings. On Monday morning I drove from Sandpoint, Idaho to Butte, Montana (6 hours) and met my co-workers at the airport. We then drove to Melrose, Montana about a forty-five (45) minute drive and immediately went fly fishing in the Big Hole River for about an hour and a half. I had not fly fished in over twenty (20) years, so boy was I awful. I did catch a bat on the fly so my fishing was a little furry. Oh well, it could only get better.



The next morning we got up met our guides and headed for the upper big Hole River about a thirty minute drive and thus began my induction / odyssey into fly fishing in Montana. WOW! The guide would point to a place on the river and say cast your fly there and bang we would have another fish on the line. Beautiful Rainbow and German Browns, smallest was 14" and the biggest I caught was 19 1/2". We fished from the drift boat two (2) of us and a guide and sometimes we would wade out into the river and cast our fly's or nymphs and always our guide would help us, teach us and made sure we placed the fly's and nymphs in the right spot. It was one of the finest times I have had in my lifetime. Before this trip I could count the fresh water fish I have caught in my lifetime on one hand and never anything like these native fish. I averaged about twelve fish a day. The biggest fish our group caught was a 20". Every day we spent about twelve (12) hours on the river, talked, fished, made fun of each other, smoked cigars and just had a blast. We saw a bear about thirty (30) feet from us, herds of antelope, snakes, frogs, moose, elk, deer, fox, eagles, osprey and more fauna than I have ever seen at one time and in one place. What a rich place, not unlike your lodge, a wonderful place to be.

I thought of my brothers in Masonry. If we all could go on outings, visitations like this, what fun it would be and we would grow in brotherhood and Masonry. We need to look to each other for our fun and our community. What can you think of so we can have some fun together? We have a third degree and visitation in Calaveras in September? Anybody want to go fishing?

I hope you all attended the Acacia Creek Cornerstone Ceremony!

I look forward to seeing you at stated.

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## From the West

### *The Last Dance*

Many Masons would argue that the popularity of Freemasonry reached its zenith in the 1940's when returning soldiers wanted to maintain their close comradery with other friends. Many fans would argue that thoroughbred horseracing reached its zenith in the 1930s and 1940s with national adoration of giants like Sea Biscuit, Pharr Lap, War Admiral, Citation, Gallant Fox, and Count Fleet. Freemasonry popularity has since waned for many reasons, such as a greater number of competing outlets for available free time, and trend to give more to self than to others. Thoroughbred horseracing popularity has also waned due to the rise of other gambling outlets; and less interest in the majesty and beauty of the breed, the colors, and pageantry. August 16 marked the end of an era, the last day of racing at beautiful Bay Meadows. From 1934 to 2008 fans have enjoyed performances from Sea Biscuit, Lost in the Fog, Snow Chief, Cavonnier, Tabasco Cat, and Citation. A huge crowd was on hand to buy up any memorabilia that was offered, exchange fond memories, and reflect with sorrow on what was lost. The Last Dance Stakes race put to rest this grand place, whose memory is safely deposited in the repository of faithful fans. We cannot allow Freemasonry to have its Last Dance. We, who have given so much, need to do more. We need to keep alive the spirit of Freemasonry and show it in our daily lives, to convince others by our acts that on becoming a Master Mason, we have become better men.

I look forward to serving you as Master in December!

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



## From the South

Hello Brethren,

I am going to start things off with what is planned for dinner. Our chef will be none other than Wor. "Uncle Roy" Tamez. The menu will include Tossed Green Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Potatoes, Mix Vegetables, and for dessert: Chocolate Mint Pudding. I'm sure that will please everyone. And yes, we will have some Chicken Kiev for those of you who do not eat pork. I'm sure that you will all be pleased with dinner service provided by Galit, and the rest of the Unity Rainbow girls.

I recently went to see the girls and am please to report that they have three new members. That's great news! Keep up the good work. Don't forget to stop by the Castro Valley Fall Festival on September 13-14. The girls will be selling lunch (hamburgers, etc.) Help the girls out. Of course, your lodge will be there offering free digital Child ID's. Care to help? Call Bro. Sammy Tamez.

I'm sure that we are all set to go to San Andreas and perform our degree work. Wor. Penning has spent a lot of time getting things set with Calaveras Lodge. I have been through Angels Camp many times on the way to my sister's in Arnold. I bet you didn't know this but, Angels Camp has the longest running annual Zucchini Festival in the United States. I bet it has to do with all the frog's jumping around.

In October, Don't forget about the Lodge's BBQ Potluck on the last Thursday of the month. Hope to see you all there.

**Paul Tamez, Junior Warden (510) 589-1560 Tamez20@aol.com**



## Visitation Planned for September 19-20

Brethren and Ladies, the time is almost here for our visitation. This year, Crow Canyon Lodge will be holding a degree (to be determined) at Calaveras Lodge #78 on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 1:00 PM on Highway 49 in San Andreas, CA. Crow Canyon will be joined for this event by the Brethren and Ladies of Mountain View-DeAnza Lodge #194 which should make this visitation an extremely fun event.

We will be staying at the Angels Inn Motel which is at 600 North Main Street (Highway 49) in Angels Camp, which is about ten to fifteen minutes south of San Andreas.

Brethren, the restaurant that we will be holding our dinner at for Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM will be Camps Restaurant. The restaurant is located in a Golf Course just on the Angels Camp city boarder. The facility can be reached by turning onto Highway 4, drive a short distance and take the first left turn. Then just follow the signs to the restaurant. A choice of three dinners will be available from the dinner menu. I will present those choices at the next stated meeting and will contact everyone about dinner one week before the visitation.

To reach Angels Camp, take the following freeways and highways in the following order:

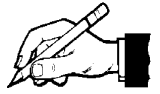
1. Take Interstate 580 East
2. Take Interstate 205 East
3. Take Interstate 5 North
4. Take California 120 East
5. Take California 99 North (120 connects to 99 North)
6. Take Highway 4 East (exit from 99)
7. Highway 4 ends at Highway 49. Make a left turn and the Angels Inn Motel will be on your right.

Fraternally yours,

Lyman C. Penning PM  
Senior Warden  
Mountain View-DeAnza#194 F & AM



## From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren, the 159th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California will be held September 26th thru the 28th. Being a Friday Grand Lodge begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. Any Master Mason who holds a current (2008) dues receipt may attend any session of Grand Lodge. Attire: **Business Suit**. Advance registration for credentials is not required. Credentials will be validated at the Registration Counter in the Exhibit Hall upon presentation of your 2008 dues receipt. If you need one, call me.

If you plan to attend let me know so we can all sit together. And on the first day of Grand Lodge we have a tradition of going to lunch together. We meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. and then to Grand Lodge. There is always interesting legislation going on. Please make an effort to attend. The Grand Lodge website usually posts the proposed legislation on the administration website. If you would like a copy, e-mail me at crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net and I will e-mail all 25 pages to you. If you are a Past Master and have an opinion as to voting the P.M. ballot, contact Brother Charlie Bishop. He has been elected by the lodge to collect the P.M. ballot. The proposed per capita tax for next year is \$31.00 per member. If this passes in Grand Lodge our dues will be \$71.00 for 2009. I suggest you might start saving that spare change. Dues notices will be mailed October 1st.

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

## What it Takes to be a Lodge Leader

Each issue, we ask some brother to step forward and accept the mantle of leadership in our lodge. The mantle may be that of a lodge worker and supporter, or that of someone who is willing to dedicate themselves to truly leading Crow Canyon Lodge. How do you learn to be an officer? You will attend all **schedule practices and District Schools of Instruction (DOSI)**. Here is a list of the floor officers for the lodge and what it takes to fill that position.

**Marshal & Chaplain**—These positions are not part of the line. Officers can serve multiple terms in the same spot if desired. They are expected to commit to memory all ritual and floor work pertaining to their office. For the Marshal this includes the usual interrogations and proper escort. For the Chaplain it includes prayers for opening and closing, as well as, the 'readings' for the perambulations.

**Junior & Senior Stewards**—These are entry-level positions into leadership line of the lodge. Stewards are expected to learn the floor work and rod work for their stations, small ritual parts in the degrees. It is suggested that the Junior & Senior Stewards learn the 1st and 2nd charge respectively.

**Junior Deacon**—expected to learn the floor work and rod work for his station, and to commit ritual parts for opening on all three degrees to memory. It is suggested that he learn the 3rd charge.

**Senior Deacon**—expected to learn the floor work and rod work for his station, and to commit to memory ritual parts for opening and closing on all three degrees, and his assigned work for all three degree, including the Staircase lecture. He will learn proper handing of the ballot box.

**Junior Warden**—expected to commit to memory ritual parts for opening and closing on all three degrees, his assigned ritual for each degree, and the Master's part for the 1st degree including the lecture. He is also in charge of refreshment for the lodge.

**Senior Warden**—expected to commit to memory ritual parts for opening and closing on all three degrees, his assigned ritual for each degree, and the Master's part for the 2nd degree including the lecture. He is also in charge of insuring proficiency of all candidates before allowing them to advance.

**Worshipful Master**—Must commit all ritual to memory and be a leader for the lodge. Many other duties are outlined in the California Masonic Code.

*Now that you know what it takes, what's stopping you from getting started? Understand that Crow Canyon Lodge has a number of excellent Past Masters who can help you every step of the way. We believe in you. We believe in the successful future of our lodge. Someone needs to take the mantle. You CAN do it!*



## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

**Akre**, Ronald Alvin (29); **Allen**, Kurt Randolph [PM] (32); **Beaman**, Denis Harvey (28); **Bryant**, Billy Fred [PM] (49); **Castile**, Mark Leslie (21); **Ce-rates**, Sidney Hecker [PM] (25); **Christensen**, Gary Earl (25); **Dias**, Harold John (46); **Freestone**, John Eric George (38); **Gooch**, Donald Ray (47); **Jensen**, Donald Raymond (25); **Kemp**, Murle Doyal (47); **Kenyon**, Edwin Gordon (27); **Kinicki**, Andrew (49); **Laney**, Johnnie Eugene (37); **Larsen**, Ralph Donald (44); **Leite**, Mark James (21); **Luque**, James Manuel (36); **Mac Laughlin**, Kenneth Herbert (11); **Mc Cord**, Patrick Michael (29); **Middleton**, David Alan (13); **Rothlisberger**, Verl K. [PM] (22); **Russell**, Larry Gene (43); **Schulack**, Herman Israel (57); **Skewis**, Richard Clark (49); **Spence**, Henry Lewis (42); **Stevens**, Charles Dwayne (42); **Sullivan**, John Lawrence (13); **Sullivan**, Vernon Hastings (50); **Sutter**, Robert Frederick (49); **Tannock**, Bruce Clinton (37); **Tervay**, William Hartman (41); **Toy**, Russell Andrew (12); **Vorpahl**, Douglas Walter (45); **Walter**, Jerry Beaman (38); **Wilson**, Freddie Monroe [PM] (35); **Worley**, Carl Eugene (8); **Wright**, James Howard Jr. (6)

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## Sunshine and Visiting

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

Please keep the following brothers in your thoughts: Greg Jaster, Ron Rourk, Fred Schaffer, Joseph Amato, Keith Boyer, Roy Burt, Ken Mac Laughlin and Max McGuire.

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