

From the East—Master Mickey L. Benko, P.M.



Brethren and Sisters,

Thanks Ladies for staying after the dinner for the activities.

Call Donna with any suggestions that you have for a movie to watch or any other activities @ (925) 735-1233. **This month you can again decorate your own t-shirt or sweat shirt for the fall.**

We didn't do too much in the month of October except for Grand Lodge, Past Master's Night and Roll Call for all of the Brothers and Candidates on Saturday the 22nd. This was in remembrance of our late Brother Gordon (RED) de Bruyn. Thank You and God Bless You Red.

November won't be very busy unless some of the candidates get ready. If we do get a candidate ready for the Degrees, our Secretary, Bill Ferrell will send out an email so that you will be notified. We only had to do that 1 (one) time this year. We have had a productive year so far.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Thank You Again, Ladies, Brothers and Officers for your participation this year.

Fraternally and Sincerely, Mickey L. Benko, P.M.

From the South Jr. Warden— Alvaro R. Reynoso

Dear Brothers and Ladies please call and make your reservations for dinner.

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October 2005

IN MEMORIAM

ENTERED INTO REST

John Zivko Soso

**93years, 1 month and 11 days
September 8, 2005**



Sunshine and Visiting

Chris Limnios is in rehab recovering form a accident some 2 months ago and could user or prayers and best thoughts. I will let all know when I something more.

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

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

From the West Ron Katz

Greetings from the West!



I COME NOT TO BURY CEASAR BUT TO PRAISE HIM

Leadership. Every organization, from time to time, needs to evaluate the direction it desires to go and find leaders to take them toward achieving it. I humbly submit myself for leadership of our Lodge for the following Masonic year. If elected, I will work hard to continue the positive change and growth our lodge has been experiencing under the direction of our worth Past Masters. Election of officers will be held, as per bylaws, at our November Stated Meeting, November 3, 2005. I hope every brother who is able can attend the meeting and exercise your right to vote.

I felt now might be an appropriate time to give you a little background about myself, so that the brothers who do not know me well, might get to know me a little better. I was raised a Master Mason in 1984 at the age of 22. I became active in my lodge, Redwood #168, as a candidates coach right away. I am proud to say that the men I coached have been active Masons and have also progressed in the concordant bodies. I joined Crow Canyon Lodge as a dual member after having been impressed with the caliber of men who were attracted to our lodge whom I observed on several occasions in my position of Chapter Dad of Castro Valley DeMolay.

I am a Senior DeMolay from Redwood Chapter of Redwood City, California and was honored with the Degree of Chevalier from the International Supreme Council of DeMolay, the highest honor a DeMolay can attain. I served a 10 month term as Master Councilor of that Chapter when the young man before me dropped out of the line. I have served Castro Valley DeMolay for the last six years and will step down as Chapter Dad this month to serve the chapter as Ritual Advisor. I have done this to dedicate the necessary time to running the lodge (if elected).

I live in Hayward with my wife, Jennifer, and our daughter, Elizabeth. Jennifer has just been selected as Bethel Guardian for the Hayward Bethel and Liz will be Honored Queen by the time you read this article. Our son, Brian, who is a Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award recipient, also of Castro Valley DeMolay, is currently in his Freshmen year at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. My mom is the Past Queen of the San Mateo Daughters of the Nile and my father will be Potentate of Asiya Shrine in January 2006.

I am a Past President of the Donald L. Bogie Toastmaster club in Redwood City, and am a member of San Francisco Scottish Rite Bodies, and Asiya Shrine. Masonry runs deep in our family and I am committed to the continued success of the Masonic orders.

I currently work in human resources in the medical field, placing therapists and pharmacists at hospitals, clinics, skilled nursing facilities, and schools throughout the Bay Area. My wife is a Customer Service Manager for Diageo.

I am excited to have several excellent brothers in our corpse working with me who share my commitment to the success of our Lodge. Thank you Alvaro, Bob and the other gentlemen who have stepped forward to ensure that our Lodge has a full line.

Fraternally,

Ron Katz Senior Warden
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

All of us know of the Masonic Home and many of you have donated to the endowment fund for many years. You may not be aware of the Masonic Outreach Services that is offered to our Brothers and their wife, as well to our Masonic sweethearts (widows). I attended Grand Lodge this year and was told of stories of our members, their wife or widow who have to choose whether to eat a meal or use their money to purchase much needed medication. Brethren and Ladies, if you know of anyone who is a member or wife of a member of The California Grand Lodge jurisdiction and need help, call directly to the Masonic Outreach Services "MOS" at 1-800-342-2979 extension 1233. There is no reason our older members need to go hungry because of the cost of medications. To be eligible for financial and care assistance, applicants must be 60 years or older and: be a California Master Mason in good standing for a minimum of five years, or the wife or widow of such a Mason; be the mother of such a Master Mason, in certain extraordinary circumstances. For more detailed information call the TOLL FREE NUMBER above.

It is dues time. Look for the notice in the mail. If you don't get a dues bill by December 1, 2003, call or write me. Dues are required to be paid by December 31, 2003 or you will be considered delinquent. DUES are \$67.50.

Please, if you are planning to be "TEMPORARLY AWAY" or planning to move or you are a "Snow Bird" please let me know. You might notice on all of the lodge mail we send you that there is printed "ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED." If you have a change of address it cost our Lodge seventy cents for each correction. If you E-mail me at crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net, send a post card or call 510-886-2023 I will be sure that you don't miss our newsletter..

If you would like to be on the Lodge e-mail list to receive timely information, send me a note at:

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Fraternally and Sincerely,

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