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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 7th, Thursday** — Stated Meeting — 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting
- 12th, Tuesday** — District Officer's School of Instruction @ Acacia Lodge — 7:00 PM (For all elected and appointed officers)
- 14th, Thursday** — Practice for 2nd Degree — 7:00 PM
- 21st, Thursday** — Practice for 2nd Degree — 7:00 PM
- 23rd, Saturday** — Crab Feed — 6:00 PM
- 28th, Thursday** — Practice / Proficiency of 2nd Degree for Inspector — 7:00 PM

March (preview)

- 6th, Thursday** — Stated Meeting — 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting
- 11th, Tuesday** — District Officer's School of Instruction @ Acacia Lodge — 7:00 PM (For all elected and appointed officers)
- 13th, Thursday** — Practice for 1st Degree — 7:00 PM
- 20th, Thursday** — Practice for 1st Degree — 7:00 PM
- 27th, Thursday** — Practice / Proficiency of 1st Degree for Inspector — 7:00 PM

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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**

CRAB FEED

FEBRUARY 23rd, 2008

6:00 PM

(details inside)

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Brethren,

I do not really know where to start, but here goes. My Masonic life moves in mysterious ways and to now place me as Master Elect for Crow Canyon 551 is a surprise treat. With my first visit here approximately 10 years ago to this very auspicious and wonderful event is certainly unexpected but will be honored and treasured by me. I hope to bring some new ideas and re-implement some old practices. With your help we can bring about a positive enhancement to the group of great Masons already involved in this lodge and her line. We are all looking for real-time help from all of Crow Canyon's members. I will be personally phoning a number of you for your assistance and involvement. This Lodge needs each of your support: new members, young and old; and older members, young and old. This team will be asking you to step up and help in many ways. Beginning in February, I will name all of our committee's and its members. Alvaro Reynosa, PM, has stepped into the line to be Senior Deacon again. But the reality is . . . **we need someone new to fill this office.** I am looking for someone who has not been in the line, but wishes to step into it and go through all the way to WM. If one of you can make that commitment, please step up and speak to either myself, Roy or Alvaro. We will assist you to step into that position and give you all the support you need to be successful. Recently the line officers have all met to discuss ways to make this a more fulfilling place for you all and your cadre of officers. There will be many opportunities to make this a better lodge; a more warm and welcoming home for you. Plans will be implemented in the following months with all of your help. I look forward to raising the bar on my work and elevating this lodge to new heights and I will drag you all kicking and screaming and smiling right along with me. I really look forward to my installation as your WM and this next year.

Fraternally,

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From the West

Brethren,

We start 2008 on a high note. I hope you enjoyed the rib eye steak dinner, and the Installation of Officers. It was fun, but now we have to get down to work. We must pass our proficiencies in all three degrees, before we are allowed to confer them. Fred is a capable leader, and Roy has the knowledge and experience, and with their joint help the rest of us should be successful. The commitment necessary to do well is quite high, however, and it certainly takes a toll on family and job. Don't lose sight of what we have to give up here. We make the effort, however, because we want to, because of our commitment to Masonry and our friendships in Masonry. And we hope we'll be able to give the other areas in our lives the attention they deserve, in those off moments, in between the time spent at home and lodge and SOI. Some would wonder why we are active Masons when it is so demanding. We don't get paid. We're away from family. It's like wondering why climbers scale mountain peaks, why symphony orchestras do endless repetitive practices, or why soldiers risk their lives for their buddies. The reasons are unknown to most. Vegging out on the sofa with blank stares watching TV is so very much easier. So just why do we put in the effort? Is it for self-improvement, ego-enhancement, escape to a more comfortable environ, or some other self-centered aim? Or is it for the desire to be part of a force for the common good, one with the highest ideals? Is it for brotherly love, and the chance to be friends with a truly outstanding group of men, with whom you share a common interest? What is your reason? Well, it's back to the ritual. See you in Lodge, Chapter, Council, and/or Commandery, my brothers.

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From the South



Dear Brothers and Ladies:

I would like to thank each and every one of you who elected me to this position. I'm pretty sure that most of you know who I am, since I'm usually the one running around taking care of things for the lodge. I will be happy to introduce myself to anyone, especially those who bring a friend to our wonderful dinners! I just hope that I can live up to the Tamez name, and what it means to this lodge. Be sure to come on out this year as I know that Worshipful Fred Avery has plenty of fun events planned. We'll be starting out the year right with a lodge cooked meal by Worshipful "Uncle" Roy Tamez. He will be making us a fresh green salad, homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, and mixed vegetables. And, for dessert. . . cake and chocolate ice cream. (yes...no vanilla ice cream or peas for a while!) Most of you know that I work with our other concordant bodies. The Order of Eastern Star has been the biggest influence of my Masonic career. This will be my second year serving as Worthy Patron. When Beverly Gale asked me when I was receiving my degrees if I would be willing to set up and take down the chapter, all it took was for me to get things correct, and that wise choice led me to my current position. I'm glad to say that Bev and I are serving as Worthy Matron and Patron this year, and I'll be happy to see my parents sitting in the East next year! As a side note, in 2010, our Castro Valley Chapter will have their first Centennial...the year that I hope to serve the lodge as Master. Funny how things work out.

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Masonic Youth—Our Future

There are three youth organizations, which meet in our Masonic Center or locally, which are working hard to ensure that the Masonic message of "unity of mankind", "relief" and "truth" continue on into the future. These bastions of the future are the Masonic Youth Orders.

DeMolay teaches young men, between 12-21, the importance of family, country, and a belief in a supreme being. Like Masonry, membership is open to any young man, regardless of religious conviction. Castro Valley Chapter, which is sponsored by our Lodge, is currently seeking members. Perhaps you know of a young man who would benefit from the leadership training, brotherhood, and social interaction DeMolay provides. The Chapter subsidizes all new members; there is NO MEMBERSHIP FEE.

Jobs Daughters works with young women from 10-20 who have a Masonic heritage. Local Bethels meet in Dublin, Hayward and San Leandro. Using the story of Job as a backdrop, members are taught the importance of faith and patience to achieve the rewards life has to offer. Leadership, communication, and planning are skills a Daughter can expect to receive through active participation.

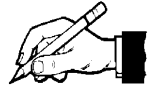
Rainbow is open to any young woman from 11-20, and uses the story of the Great Flood and the colors of the Rainbow to instill its teachings. Unity Assembly, which is sponsored by our lodge, has been very successful in bringing in members, but they need Masonic support on their Board. Rainbow is a service based organization working both local and state-wide service projects.

Each of these Masonic Youth Orders is worthy of your support, time and energy. Each would appreciate your referral of potential members and potential adult leaders. Find out more.

Demolay	Jobs Daughters	Rainbow
www.demolay.org	www.iojd.org	www.iorg.org

You may also call the local adult leaders listed on the back of this Trestleboard.

From the Secretary's Desk



At present our Lodge has a population of 441 Master Masons. Our youngest member is 20.20 years old and the oldest has accomplished 100.87 years. Our age groups by percentage are: 3 members (0.68%) are in their 20's; 10 members (2.27%) are in their 30's; 22 members (4.99%) are in their 40's; 46 members (10.43%) are in their 50's; 92 members (20.86%) are in their 60's; 117 members (26.53%) are in their 70's; 131 members (29.71%) are in their 80's; 19 members (4.31%) are in their 90's, and 1 member is over 100 years old. The average age of our membership is 71.81 years old. These statistics may be fun to look at but they show that if the fraternity is to survive, we need participation from all age groups. There are 19 candidates who should be working for advancement. I also show 241 Masonic Sweethearts on file. There are 58 of you who have not paid the annual dues of \$69.00. As of January 1st you are considered delinquent. If not paid by June Stated Meeting you might be suspended. Please do not forget the benefits you have as a Master Mason. Many non-Masonic families have to pay for long-term care insurance and have no other means of help. If suspended one day, benefits will not resume for FIVE years from the day of reinstatement. If you can not pay the dues, let the lodge Master or me know, PLEASE. We are all proud to be members of this lodge, where many fine friendships have been formed. We do not want to lose you. Grand Lodge requires "blue" lodges to pay a per capita tax for each member of \$29.00 for the next fiscal year. Other Lodge dues are as much as \$75.00 to \$100.00 per year. If you have any comments please feel free to contact me. The lodge telephone number is: 510-886-2023. My e-mail address is: crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net
See you in Lodge,
Bill Ferrell

In Memoriam

Charles Albert Mullen 85 years, 11 months and 20 days
Entered into Rest April 25, 2007

John Francis Saunders 73 years, 3 months and 27 days
Entered into Rest January 4, 2008

Almighty Father, into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear departed Brothers

Crow Canyon Lodge Annual



Crab Feast



February 23, 2008

6:00 PM

\$27.50/person

(Crab-less feast just \$11.50/person)

Meal includes either all-the-crab-you-can-eat or all-the-pasta-you-can-eat, enormous salad, bread, and dessert.

Tickets available through the Secretary

Amato, Paul (50); **Anderson**, Emory Victor Jr. (53); **Besette**, Ronald Walter (16); **Bode**, David Paul (23); **Brennan**, William Arthur [PM] (51); **Briggs**, Wilbur Joe (12); **Burk**, Harold Shirley Jr. (16); **Castia**, Ronnie Joe (17); **Gidvani**, Kishore Hassomal (9); **Goodwin**, Charles Henry (50); **Gossett**, Clifford Henry (53); **Graham**, Russell Stewart (3); **Hansen**, Jeffrey Allen (11); **Howe**, Douglas Charles (3); **Leon**, William Eugene (29); **Lloyd**, Anthony Duane (40); **Mac Donald**, John Simon (36); **Makela**, Paul Jacob (34); **Marmor**, Howard Richard (1); **May**, Norvalle Dale (43); **Nobriga**, Ronald Edward (11); **Pearce**, Burton Allen (52); **Sotelo**, Prudencio "Pete"(28); **Stegall**, Roy Dewayne (39); **Stewart**, Daniel Lynn (9)

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