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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2011:

11/03—Thursday—Stated Meeting - Election of Officers/ 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Turkey and all the fixings.*

11/10—Thursday—6:00 PM—Hiram Award Presentation—Wor. Sidney Cerates—Free Dinner followed by Ceremony. Reservations required. Please contact the Secretary.

11/16—Wednesday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice—3rd Degree

11/17—Thursday—7:00 PM—3rd Degree—Bro. Geoffrey Linder

11/24 —Thursday—7:00 PM—Dark—Happy Thanksgiving

December 2011:

12/1—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—*Ham or Chicken.*

12/3—Saturday—Installation of Officers—5:30 PM at Castro Valley Masonic Center. Officers in Tuxedo.

12/8—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice—2nd Degree Practice

12/11—Sunday—2:00 PM—Children's Xmas Party—Bring your kids, grandkids, great grandkids, neighbor's kids for a celebration including sweets, art, magic and a visitor from the North Pole! No cost. All children will receive a gift.

12/15—Thursday—7:00 PM—2nd Degree—Bro. Roger Glancy

12/22—Thursday—7:00 PM—Opening and Closing on all three degrees

12/29—Thursday—6:15 PM—Family Potluck (A-H bring salad / I-N bring dessert / O-Z bring vegetable or casserole dish) - Lodge will provide BBQ Chicken and Beverages

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

Where has the year gone? It is hard to believe that I am writing my last article as master for the 2011 Masonic Year.



We have had a great year! Since January we have initiated 9 new members (Arnold "Sid", Geoff, Gerald "Jerry", Iain, Jarred, Kem, Roger G., Roger P., Sorrell) passed 7 to the degree of Fellowcraft (Brian, David, Geoff, Jody, John, Roger, Sorrell), and have raised 3 Master Masons (Brian, David, Geoff). Additionally, ten brethren from other lodges have chosen to affiliate with your lodge this year. Congratulations to all of our new and advancing members.

We had some great (and not so great) events. I will remember the standing room only Masonic Family Pizza Party, the highly productive Kid's ID program, and the always inspiring Masonic Teacher of the Year awards. I remember having eight Entered Apprentice Masons attend a first degree. Some really great memories for the year.

I am so proud to have been part of the team responsible for this lodge over the past year. You truly have some phenomenal leaders and future leaders investing their time and energy into your lodge. I can honestly say, there is no better lodge in California to belong to. Why? Because of the positive atmosphere, the magnetic environment, the super-charged energy that you create. Thank you.

We wrap up the year with a night dedicated to one of our hard working members. I hope you can join us on November 10th at 6:00 PM as we recognize the tireless dedication of Sid Cerates, P.M. who will be honored as the 2011 Hiram Award recipient.

I hope you will support our next officers by grabbing your dues card and voting on November 3rd. I am confident that the brothers who have stepped forward to lead our Lodge, have your best interest at heart. Show that you appreciate their commitment by voting.

I have enjoyed two years as Master. My first year, 2006, my theme was "sowing the seeds of success." This year my theme was about "sunshine". We are growing a tremendous lodge in Castro Valley, because we keep focusing on the essential elements.

Thank you to all of the members who have volunteered to "work the farm" of our lodge. I see a "bumper crop" coming in very soon.



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From the West



The end of the year is approaching and the month of November calls for the annual election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year. Make sure that you have an up-to-date dues card; if not, the Tiler will be asking for the Secretary to check before you can enter the Lodge Room.

I will like to remind the Brethren that when we instruct the secretary to cast the unanimous ballot of this Lodge for any nominated officer we should be careful because when the question is on the floor. Our answer is very serious and this is the only time when there is no room for jokes. A brother should not say "no" or "nay" and then claim that it was just a joke, because regardless of whether it was meant as a joke or not it will require each of us to cast our vote on paper. This will result in the need for the meeting to go much longer than normal. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this last year.

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Support Masonic Youth Now!

On Saturday, September 17, 2011 I attended the Bright side of Youth which was held at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center. I was really impressed to see various skits put on by members of DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls. Before the show started and in between each act, a comical skit was given by two Mistresses of Ceremonies. The program was closed with the Rainbow Girls doing their Rainbow Arc, the Jobs Daughters displaying the Closing Cross, and the DeMolays giving the Nine O'Clock Interpolation Prayer while forming a shield called the Circle of Brotherhood. After the show ended, everyone retired from the fourth floor to the first floor for some very enjoyable refreshments and dancing along with a Grand March.

The Bright Side of Youth is only one of many activities that our Masonic Youth Groups put on for us. The young people will put on meal, car washes, sell treats, serve at our dinner functions, and other enjoyable events. What the members of DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls would really like from us is to attend their events.

Some adults have the skill and knowledge to serve as advisors in our three Masonic Youth Groups, but all of us can make time to attend at least a few of the programs that the young people put on. If we are holding a dinner, have the young people serve us. When our cars need cleaning, head for a Masonic Youth Group Car Wash. Maybe we want some entertainment. Let's attend a program that the young men and women are putting on. I sure enjoy the meals that these young people serve, so I love having breakfast, lunch, or dinner with these youth groups.

Finally, I feel that the DeMolays, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow Girls would really love to see us at their meetings and installations. When we attend a business meeting or a meeting where new members are being brought in, I believe that we are telling the Masonic Youth Groups that we really care about them and are behind them all the way. We can help the youth organizations by informing children of both Masonic and Non-Masonic families about the Masonic Youth Groups and help the DeMolays, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow Girls grow. As a result, we may very well see the members of the three Masonic Youth Groups ask for petitions to join the adult organizations when they reach 18 years old. Wouldn't that be terrific to see these young people join our ranks because we cared enough to say through our actions "I care about you".

Please everyone, let's show DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbow For Girls that we care.

Lyman C. Penning—Assistant Executive Director—ASIYA Shriners

Annual Children's Holiday Party

Crow Canyon Masonic Lodge invites members, family and guests to attend our Annual Children's Holiday Party!

Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 P.M.

Arts and Crafts
Seasonal Snacks
A Magician
And a special visitor from

The North Pole
(Hint: He wears a red suit and has a white beard)

From the South

Brethren and Ladies,

I would like to communicate something some other lodges are doing, which is to have a meal on all degree nights and practice nights. I have tried this lately with some success. The issue is then, if I advance to the West, will the potential caretaker throw a lasagna in the oven at 3:00 PM or, is it possible to find other means and methods. I firmly believe that, that very hour we spend breaking bread prior to meeting or practice, is beneficial for the members and the lodge. This may require further discussion

Anyhow, I was driving southbound on I-880, north of the Coliseum where a forklift place has a sign with food for thought. The sign said "HAVE A NICE DAY", and underneath in smaller letters it said "You are in control of that". I started to reflect on this. This is true to a great extent. Life both from external forces and internal forces affects us to a degree. One is affected by our body and our being. Sometime it is hard to ignore a toothache or headache or other maladies, external events both by nature, such as disasters, or by man, such as crime or accidents affect us. However, most of the time these events are fleeting and will not/should not interfere with your command and control of your being and outlook. Masonry is a spiritual journey. As such we ourselves should control our ATTITUDE toward ourselves and others.

So my brothers the old saying from many languages: "God grant me the strength to change things that need change and endure and live peacefully with those I cannot change, and the wisdom to recognize the difference." goes toward Attitude and acceptance of self.

The ability to "have a nice day" is something that each and everyone of us should thus control.

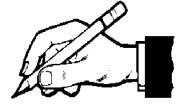
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From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper to be Written



Brethren. This year, as many, has passed quickly. Your Lodge is alive and well! What would make this Lodge stronger is for you to attend at least one or two meetings a year. We do have degrees scheduled and having you, as a sidliner would make all the difference in the world. That includes you first and second degree Masons as well.

Please remember to re-member. Dues notices have been mailed. If you don't get a dues bill by December 1, 2011, call or write or E-mail me at crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net. Dues are required to be paid by December 31, 2011 or you will be considered delinquent on January 1, 2012. DUES are \$95.00. Your core of officers are working hard to control spending.

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 1-888-466-3642. 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. For more detailed information call the TOLL FREE NUMBER above.

During this holiday season, look up an old friend, call or visit. Sometimes just hearing a voice and reflecting on a friendship might make a difference to you both. Attending lodge will help your core of officers feel that we are accomplishing more than just keeping the doors of the lodge open. Make a New Years resolution to attend at least one meeting or degree.

I wish you and your family the best of the holiday season and hope you and yours have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Bill Ferrell, Secretary

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Masonic Family Corner

Castro Valley DeMolay—On **October 30th** at 2:00 P.M., Ron Reynolds, the Chairman of our Chapter will be presented with the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He will be one of four honorees. This will be at the Oakland Scottish Rite. Please join us for our Semi-Annual Installation of Officers and Cross of Honor Ceremony on Saturday, **November 5th** at 7:30 P.M. Sal Bruno is Master Councilor-Elect. Bro. Lyman Penning and Mr. Pat Mahanay will be receiving the Cross of Honor.

Lake Chabot Eastern Star—Please attend our Installation of Officers on Friday, November 18th at 8:00 P.M.

Hayward Job's Daughters—**October 30th** will be our "Spooketti" Dinner, 6-8 PM at the Hayward Masonic Center. \$8/person. **November 20th** will be our Bowl-a-thon at Manor Bowl. Please sponsor a Hayward Job's Daughter for this event. We appreciate your support.



In Memoriam

William Stafford Blisard 97 years, 10 months and 14 days
Entered into Rest September 21, 2011

James Howard Wright, Jr. 67 years, 10 months and 1 day
Entered into Rest October 11, 2011

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

3rd Degree Anniversaries

November: Allen, Stevean (28); Benatar, Gerald (47); Burgard, Richard (52); Carrigan, Jack (50); Casperson, Mark (1); Chambers, Claude (50); Clare, Joseph (51); Clark Jr., Douglas (62); Clendenen Jr., Donald [PM] (19); Craven, Ronald (53); Davis, Elwood (41); Dunn, Kay (8); Dvorkin, Craig (25); Fawcett, Floyd (22); Gonzales, Charles (32); Goss, Walter (53); Harris, Travis [PM] (53); Hess, George (61); Kolden, Steven (26); Mc Kay, Douglas (38); Mitchell, Frank (35); Morey, Floyd (26); Murray, Milton (53); Nasri, Ahmad (3); Newton, William (52); Nieman Jr., Walter (56); Oliver, Earl (48); Peck, Leland (60); Pedroni Jr., Joseph (48); Polse, Ronald (54); Reynoso, Alvaro [PM] (14); Rhee, Augustine (2); Rubin, Harold (55); Simens, Mark (27); Stevko Jr., Martin (55); Tellardin, Bruce (30); Wagle, Robert (36); Yeffa, Leslie (48)

December: Avery, Fred [PM] (27); Dinos, Peter (41); Hooks, James (45)

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Lodge Appointments

- **Audit** – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein
- **Funeral** – Kurt Allen, Kjell Bomark-Noel, Kay Dunn, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez
- **Hiram Award Selection** – John Smith, Roy Tamez, Robert Logan
- **Masonic Charity** - The Master and the Wardens
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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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