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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**June 2011:**

6/2—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—*BBQ Chicken Dinner*  
 6/7—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Castro Valley — 6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.—Working on Candidate's Proficiencies—1st-3rd. All coaches required.  
 6/9—Thursday—First Degree—Mr. Glancy—7:00 PM  
 6/15—Wednesday—Second Degree Practice—7:00 PM  
 6/16—Thursday—Second Degree—Bro. Shiflett—7:00 PM  
 6/23—Thursday—Feast of St. John—6:00 PM—Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Masons Only. Limited seating, presale ticket required, just \$25/each. Contact Charles Hintz at (510) 351-8709 or (510) 885-2788 or the Secretary.  
 6/30—Thursday—Family Potluck—6:00 PM—(A-H bring dessert / I-N bring vegetable or casserole dish / O-Z bring salad dish) - Lodge will provide BBQ Chicken and Beverages.

**July 2011:**

7/7—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner / 7:30 PM Opening—\$7/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*All-American BBQ—Cheeseburgers / Chicken Dogs / Corn on the Cob / Melon / Green Salad / Potato Salad / Baked Beans / Garlic Bread*  
 7/12—Dark—No District Officer School of Instruction  
 7/14—Dark  
 7/21—Dark  
 7/24—Strawberry Feed at the Union City Masonic Home—11:00 AM—Volunteers Needed  
 7/28—Dark

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*Castro Valley DeMolay meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)*  
*Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)*  
*Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets 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

I am so appreciative to all of the volunteers of our Lodge who make serving as Master such a pleasure. We have our Hall Association, our Trustees, our Officers, our Surveyors, our Coaches, our Past Masters, our Acacia team, our Inspector, our Ladies, and our Sweethearts. All of them, all of you are actively involved in making this Lodge a "class operation." Thank you.



We have a great opportunity to serve the residents of our Masonic Home on Sunday, July 24th. It is our Annual Strawberry Feed. We, unfortunately, were unable to hold the event last year, but this year we are prepared and ready to "wow" them.

We meet in the Auditorium at 11:00 a.m. to begin the preparation process. Then around 1 p.m. the residents show up for their Strawberry Shortcake. Wait until you see the broad smiles on their faces. Won't you come join our effort?

Thank you so much to Bro. Phil Busch and the others who made this year's Sweetheart Event such a success. We serve our fallen brethren well by sharing this time with their loved ones. I was so proud to be a part of this tribute.

As we begin to think about 2012, our Fellowcraft and other members who are not Past Masters should think about joining our Surveyors program. It's a great program because you get to see what Lodge leadership is all about, without committing to progressing through the line to Master. The Surveyors fill the Junior Deacon, Senior Steward and Junior Steward chairs and commit to coming to as many practices and degrees as they can. They also join the officers at the District Schools of Instruction. Many of our Surveyors have discovered that Lodge leadership is exactly what they want. Others were satisfied to serve a year as a Surveyor and bow out to make room for others. Either decision is fine. Are you interested in checking out the program? Let me know. Fraternaly,

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## Virtual Visitor

Masons and non-Masons throughout California can now visit the newest exhibit at the Henry W. Coil Library & Museum from the comfort of home or any computer lab. Visit the museum – and its new exhibit – virtually via [masonicheritage.org](http://masonicheritage.org).

The exhibit "The Legacy of the American Anti-Masonic Period, 1826-1838" offers a glimpse into the aftermath of the 1826 disappearance of Captain William Morgan and the anti-Masonic sentiment that pervaded the country at the time.

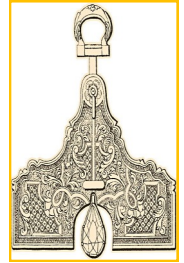


As anti-Masonry gained in popularity, the demand for inflammatory literature warning of the social evils of Freemasonry surged. Farmer's almanacs and newspapers published by anti-Masons contributed to an era of animosity that was severely damaging to the Masonic landscape.

To learn more, take a virtual tour of the exhibit at [masonicheritage.org](http://masonicheritage.org).

## From the West

On April 28 Crow Canyon Lodge had an event which in my opinion is one of the most important that we have ever had. It was the Public Schools Night in which we honored the Teachers of the Year for the Castro Valley School District.



Benjamin Franklin started a school in Philadelphia which might be called the forerunner of our present public schools. Its purpose was to prepare students for life as well as for college. The curriculum, which he established, included agriculture, government, history, grammar, navigation, surveying, chemistry and physics. His school might as well have been called the First American Academy.

The next time you pass a public school, pause a moment to think what that school means to humanity. Recall the long dark centuries when the masses were kept in ignorance, when greed and oppression ruled the world with an iron hand. From the very beginning of man's struggle for knowledge, self respect, and the recognition of his inalienable rights, the public school has been his greatest ally. We refer to the public schools as "common schools" because they belong to all of us. In them we are working together to meet a great universal need. They are relatively new. They are our country's greatest gift to civilization. Throughout the world, among upward struggling peoples, wherever parents share in the aspirations of their children, the American public school is being copied. Let us keep our public schools strong and free.

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## From the South

Brethren,

Our Meal for the June Stated Meeting will be a BBQ Chicken dinner with stuffing, mashed potatoes, sautéed vegetables, a dinner salad and rolls. Cost is just \$13/person.

Our Meal for the July Stated Meeting will be an All-American BBQ featuring Cheeseburgers, Chicken Dogs, Corn on the Cob, Melon, Green Salad, Potato Salad, Baked Beans and Garlic Bread. Cost is just \$7/person.

Also remember our Family Potluck on June 30th. The lodge will provide BBQ Chicken and beverages. Lodge members should bring one of the following based on the first letter of their last name. (A-H brings Dessert / I-N brings a vegetable or casserole dish / O-Z brings a Salad Dish.

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## The Feast of St. John

Thursday, June 23, 6011 A.L.

- 6:00 p.m. gathering and social
- 6:30 p.m. opening comments and reading
- 7:00 p.m. festivities commence

One of the primary purposes of Freemasonry is the education of its members. Unfortunately, as the pressures of time and business conspire to constrain the intellectual activity of our Lodges, real Masonic education and inquiry are among the first pursuits to be jettisoned from our regular agendas. Education and reflection on Masonic issues used to be much more of a central part of the business a Masonic Lodge than it is today. Too often we become what Brother Mackey referred to as “parrot Masons” - Masons who become quite proficient at learning words and directions but who give little or no attention to the philosophy behind those words.

It is proper then that as we celebrate the feast day of St. John the Baptist, we pause a few minutes to consider the history and background of this celebration.

Tickets are now available (\$25), with limited seating, for all Master Masons, Fellowcraft, or Entered Apprentice to join us for this evening of celebration and brotherhood. Please contact Bro. Charles Hintz at (510) 351-8709 / (510) 885-2788 / or by email at chasinca@dslextreme.com or the Secretary.

### Menu Considerations and Traditional Toasts

- 1st Course**—Cheese and crackers—**Toast #1** to the President of the United States of America  
**2nd Course**—Fruit salad or Three Bean Salad—**Toast #2** to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California  
**3rd Course**—Soup—**Toast #3** to the Worshipful Master  
**4th Course**—Fresh salad (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, etc.) - **Toast #4** to the Wardens  
**5th Course**—Main Entrée—**Toast #5** to the Past Masters  
**6th Course**—Dessert—**Toast #6** to the Other officers, new initiates and visiting brethren  
**Final Toast**—**#7** to all Masons whithersoever dispersed around the globe.



### Masons & Baseball: A Perfect Partnership

The challenge is back for another year! Just \$20 buys a mitt for a deserving boy or girl in the Junior Giants program

Make your donation online at <http://www.Masons4Mitts.org>

Campaign concludes Monday, September 12 at Masons Night at AT&T Park



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## From the Secretary's Desk

*All Things Proper to be Written*



In 1979 Alameda and Contra Costa County had 67 lodges. Over the years there have been a large number of consolidations. Today there are 18 lodges remaining in the two counties. The Lodges in Bold are those that have survived.

- **Acacia 243**—(Fremont 825, Elmhurst 610, Lorenzo 709, Eucalyptus 243, Gemini 825)
- **Academia 847**
- **Acalanes Fellowship 480** — (Acalanes 723, Fellowship 480)
- **Alameda 167**
- **Antioch-Brentwood 175**—(Antioch 175, Brentwood 345)
- **Bay Cities 337**—(Pinole 353, Pinole Carquinez 337, Point 503, Carquinez 337, Alpha 431, Albany 686, El Cerrito 705, Berkeley 363, Harbor 502, McKinley 347, El Portal 347, San Pablo 754, Henry Morse Stephens 541, Shattuck Stephens 431, Thousand Oaks 478)
- **Crow Canyon 551**—(Ashland 798, Chateau Thierry 559, Fremont 497, Tri Square 551, Castro Valley 713, Bay View 401, Diamond 603, Lake Chabot 770, Lakeshore 551)
- **Diablo Valley 448**—(St. John's 725, Clayton Valley 756, Clayton Valley St. John's 756)
- **Island City 215**—(Apollo 396, Woodstock 491, Oak Grove 215, Foot-hill 564)
- **Live Oak 61**—(Live Oak 61, Brooklyn 225, Yerba Buena 403, Park Boulevard 568)
- **Martinez 41**
- **Mosaic 218**
- **Orinda 494** — (Acorn 494, Alamo 122, Orinda 521, Pittsburg 429, East Bay 489)
- **Oakland Durant Rockridge 188**—(Durant 268, Oakland 188, Plymouth 560)
- **Pleasanton 321**—(Alisal 321, Sequoia 349, San Ramon Valley 724, St. Elmo 697)
- **Pittsburg 429**
- **San Leandro 113**—(Alcatraz 244, Friutvale 113, San Leandro 744, Eden 268, Standard 440)
- **Siminoff Daylight 850**

Compiled by Donald M. Schauer—Assistant Secretary

## Masonic Family Corner

**Unity Assembly No. 65 Rainbow**—Our *Installation of Officers* will be Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00 PM. Please come out and support our girls.

**Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261 Hayward** — Please mark your calendar for our next *Installation of Officers*, June 3, 2011 @ 7:30 PM. Camella Taylor-Lynn will be installed as Honored Queen.

**Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1 Dublin** — Wor. Ferrell would love it if you would attend the *Installation of Officers* for this Bethel. Not only is Bill the Associate Bethel Guardian, but his two granddaughters are being installed as Honored Queen and Senior Princess. This installation will be at the Castro Valley Masonic Center and will begin at 7:30 PM

**Castro Valley DeMolay** — We wish to thank the members of the lodge who supported us at our *Installation* last month. Also, we are grateful for the moneys you voted to help some of our members attend the DeMolay Leadership Conference in July.

### 3rd Degree Anniversaries

**June—Ambrose, Leonard [PM] (42) ; Andreotti, Jared (11) ; Bolesworth, Harold (64) ; Brownfield, Gilbert (24) ; Burns, Jimmy (29) ; Burns, Robert (27) ; Cumins, Vernon (60) ; Davenport Jr., John [PM] (52) ; Egelston, Gregory (33) ; Elleard, Joseph [PM] (54) ; Fershleiser, Irwin [PM] (24) ; Freeman, Herbert (37) ; Gray, Kevin (22) ; Jones, Milton (25) ; Kahn, Mark (45) ; Kao, Frederick [PM] (29) ; Keshishian, Albert (56) ; Kohlmann, Josef (20) ; Kresge, Earl (31) ; Land, Edward [PM] (61) ; Lantz, Jeffery (43) ; Lemon, Roger (58) ; Logan, Robert [PM] (18) ; Martin, Charles (60) ; Mc Carthy, John (41) ; Michardi, Raymond (29) ; Miller Jr., Henry (38) ; Moore Jr., Eugene (2) ; O'Hara, Edgar (24) ; Palmeri, John [PM] (48) ; Peters, Robert [PM] (48) ; Prull, Douglas (47) ; Richardson, Larry [PM] (46) ; Rodriguez Jr., Jose (53) ; Seddon, Rodney (5) ; Selvey, Ronald (32) ; Smith, Edgar (30) ; Stevens Sr., Anthony (30) ; Stewart, Joseph (16) ; Strader, Carl (38) ; Stroup, Scotty (40) ; Tague Sr., Gene (25) ; Tamez, Roy [PM] (25) ; Teeters, Clarence (39) ; Thrall Jr., Frank (14) ; Tucker, Gary (21) ; Vandenberghe, Ronald (46) ; Vandenberghe, Victor (34) ; von Brauch, Kurt (32) ; Wipf, David (34) ; Yeoman, Jack (32)**  
**July—Abbey, Fletcher (58) ; Hulme, Kevin (12) ; Lyerla, Clyde (54) ; Nidick Jr., Ernest (51) ; Smith, Dale (32) ; Stanford, James (12) ; Warder, Gordon [PM] (13)**

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## 2011 Committees

### 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**—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

### Lodge Events

- **Feast of Saints John (6/23)** – Kjell Bomark-Noel, Charles Hintz
- **Strawberry Feed (7/24)**—Ernie Nidick, Mark Parinas, Gerald Woergoerter
- **Kid's ID (9/10-11)**—Roy Nelson, Roy Tamez, Sammy Tamez
- **Constitutional Observance (9/15)**—Eugene Moore, Ernie Nidick
- **Anniversary Dinner/Dance (10/15)**—Kanti Patel, George Christensen, Howard Marmor
- **Visitation to Carmel (10/28-30)**—Kurt Allen, Lyman Penning (650) 967-0699 mrpenning@sbcglobal.net

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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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