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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**April 2012:**

5th—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. Special Dinner by Arnie Weinstein: Matzah ball soup, Gefilte Fish, Brisket, Fresh Vegetables, Potatoes, --Alternate Choice Matzah Lasagna (Meatless)  
 10th—Tuesday—7:00 PM Officers/Surveyors—Practice—3rd Degree (Both Sections)  
 12th—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—Island City Lodge—Officers and Surveyors mandatory—Covering 3rd Degree (1st Section). Come between 6-6:30 for a complementary dinner.  
 19th—Thursday—6:00 PM—Public Schools Night and Teacher of the Year Awards—Call Secretary for reservations.  
 26th—Thursday—7:00 PM—3rd Degree—Bro. Shiflett

**May 2012:**

3rd—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. Cinco De Mayo Meal and District Inspector's Official Visit.  
 10th—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—Crow Canyon—Officers and Surveyors mandatory—Come between 6-6:30 for a complementary dinner.  
 17th—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officers/Surveyors Practice or Degree  
 24th—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officers/Surveyors Practice or Degree  
 27th—Sweetheart Event—11 AM Brunch at Dino's / 2 PM Theatre at Chanticleer's featuring "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"  
 31st—Thursday—6:00 PM—Masonic Family Potluck—(A-H bring dessert / I-M bring salad / N-Z bring pasta casserole). Lodge will provide drinks and BBQ Tri-Tip

*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



Brethren,

The Lodge has been very busy during March and we have a lot planned for April as well. In March, we had a Child Id program at Del Rey Elementary. We participated in a competition at the school of instruction, where we did well. We placed second behind San Leandro Lodge, whose work was immaculate. We were not far behind I am told. I am so proud of all of our officers that participated, and those that came to support us. We also will have done a second double degree, for Brother Apek, and Brother Garcia by the time you read this. Your Senior and Junior Wardens, and I attended the Grand Lodge retreat as well. Please congratulate Wor. Alvaro Reynoso on receiving his Hiram Award when you next see him.

I bring all this up because; I want you to realize that our lodge is an active lodge, one to be proud of, and one to participate in. I love it when we have a full house at our stated meeting dinners, when we do a degree well, and when we see new faces and old friends on the sidelines at our degrees. Come join us in our activities, make them your activities as well and have a good time with us.

April is Tax season, and I am sure that many of you will be busy with this, but it is also Public Schools Night and Teacher of the Year Awards night on April 19th. I hope you will be able to find the time to attend this civic event at the lodge. Show your support for this important event by attending. Please contact our Secretary, Bill Ferrell so we can plan a proper no cost dinner for everyone. Thanks go to Bro. Eric Unti for coordinating this event for us.

Speaking of Education, Ron Katz, PM was on the Grand Lodge Selection Committee that will be awarding 10 Scholarships worth \$7000.00 to each student over a four year period. This Scholarship, is for deserving students in disadvantaged situations, that might not otherwise be able to attend college. I admire Ron for taking up his personal time to be part of that program.

As you can see, there are many names presented above for the activities and events that we have in the lodge. We cannot be a lodge without each other's help and cooperation. Harmony is indeed a trait required, and expressed in this lodge. How can one not be proud of this Lodge??

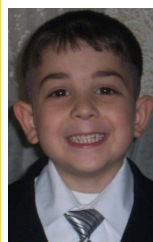
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## From the West



Most of us know the answers that would help us to improve ourselves. To put into practice what each of us know is the hard part. Henrik Ibsen wrote words in Norwegian to the effect: TO MEAN IT, TO WISH IT, TO WILL IT, . . . BUT TO DO IT? Last month I mentioned that your best improvement would be to put a smile on your face. No matter how you are feeling, try to smile. Some scientists, (hopefully Norwegians) have found through brain monitoring, that the right hemisphere, and the left hemisphere of the brain does not always communicate with each other. The right hemisphere controls creativity, and other good feelings. The left hemisphere is the disciplinarian, and in short, it is the part that controls your daily activity. It is the side that decides as to when, and what you do with time. If you smile and see yourself in the mirror, both hemispheres communicate to each other that everything is fine, and



you start to feel better as endorphins are released to make you feel better. It's true that you can not walk around with a mirror all day long, but when you smile, others around you frequently smile back. This triggers your own brain to release beneficial endorphins that affect both your mental health, and your memory. As we get older, we seem to need our memory more and more. How we feel individually, we may help by tricking that brain just by a simple

smile. Remember, the person that is with you from birth to death is yourself. You are either fortunate or unfortunate to be stuck with him. Sometimes the hardest thing to do is be content with ourselves. Some of us try to escape from ourselves with alcohol, sometimes to an excess, or worse, overeating or drugs. However, according to brain research, the simplest way to get along with yourself is to put on a smile, and you and the world will start to change. Albeit slowly, but change it will. I know it is hard, but as we are Masons, we are on a spiritual journey through life. Each one of us may as well do our best to get along with who we are, and strive for improvement considering we are lucky enough to have this time on earth to do just that.

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## Inspiring Words



On the back of my car I had a bumper sticker that read "To Be a Mason Ask A Mason."

One day as I was about to get into my car after shopping, I heard these words "So I'm asking." I stepped back from my car and looked up at the smiling face of a young man. He again said, "So I'm asking." I asked, "Asking what?" He answered, "How does one become a Mason?" I said, "You just took the first step."

There was a coffee shop nearby and I suggested we go in, sit down, have a cup, and talk. We talked about a half hour. I answered all his questions, exchanged phone numbers, and as I was again getting back in the car, he asked, "By the way, what does it cost to become a Mason? I explained about dues and other fees needed. We shook hands and parted.

As I was driving home I realized I did not give him the full cost of becoming a Mason. I forgot to mention the personal costs that are so important. Such as:

- ♥ The spending of a part of your strength when giving a helping hand to one another.
- ♥ The faith you share believing in your fellow man.
- ♥ The giving of your heart when you love and care for each other.



Come to think of it, isn't that also the cost not only of being a Mason, but also of being part of the human race?

If we keep the oaths we have taken at the altar and keep faith in the teachings of the Great Light in Masonry, it is not to hard a price to pay.

Remember, Masonry does not make a man good, it makes a good man better!

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### From the South

It is hard to believe that 5 decades ago, in the middle of this month, I was a major pain to my dear mother. Out of that pain came a new life . . . my life . . .and I am forever grateful for the pain she endured on my behalf.

Everything we create in this world starts as idea. Each creation requires focus, determination, effort and perhaps discomfort or pain.

Last month I fought through the pain and achieved the level of Blue Belt in my Tae Kwon Do class. I am now closer to the goal of achieving a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do than I am to the White Belt that I first received at my first class.

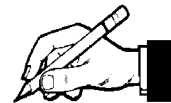
As a Past Master, and I am sure the other Past Masters will agree, it is sometimes painful to listen to the degree work of our officers the first time they step out and give it their best shot. But I am sure you will also agree, if we bite our tongues and give them a chance, they do become better and better each time. I was so proud of Bro. Warzyniak when he delivered the Staircase Lecture last month for the first time. I was also proud of Bro. Bomark-Noel for stepping up to the Master's Chair for the degree. These brothers have worked through a lot of pain, and will continue to work through that pain, to deliver a performance which all of the lodge members, including themselves can be extremely proud of. Another huge thank you to Austin Rhee who gave a superb charge that evening. Thank you also to the 26 people who showed up to support Bro. Apek and Bro. Garcia as they were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. It is because of the brothers like you, the ones who aren't currently lodge officers but show up anyway, that Crow Canyon Lodge is such a successful and prosperous lodge.



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### From the Secretary's Desk

*All Things Proper to be Written*



April is "Public Schools Month." Public Schools Night will be April 19, 2012. The theme is: Together we make a profound difference for public education. Be sure to make your reservations for the FREE dinner with our DINNER LINE at 510-886-2023. RESERVATIONS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT because we will be serving our guest FIRST and then we eat. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM. Program will start at 7:00 PM. The Canyon Middle School Jazz Choir will perform and then we will present the "Masonic Teacher of the Year" awards to Heidi Morgan of Stanton Elementary and Gary Ellis of Creekside Middle School. Both were selected by the Castro Valley Unified School District and we get the privilege of recognizing their outstanding efforts in Public Education. By the way our Lodge has been



doing this since 1985, that's 27 years. Let's see if we can outnumber the school teachers this year. If you have not paid your dues for 2012 and paying your dues will cause a financial hardship, you may contact the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden or me. Your request will be kept confidential. There are still 26 who have not paid the 2012 dues and 9 are in jeopardy of being dropped. It is difficult for me to say this, but if you plan on dropping your membership, let me know before the Brethren have to pay YOUR per capita payment coming due June 30, 2012. Per capita is \$35.00. Our "dashboard" indicates that since July 1, 2011 we have initiated 6, passed 3, and raised 2 and 1 affiliation for a gain of 3 members. Losses; 16. Our Membership is 376 Master Masons. You may not think of me too often, but you are always on my mind.



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### Grand Master's Project 2011-2012

Together, the Masons of California and Raising A Reader will bring a nationally-acclaimed literacy program to those who need it most: kindergartners in the state's lowest-performing public schools, who are at the highest risk for educational failure.

We will circulate children's books to homes, engage families in shared reading of those books, and help thousands of children develop reading readiness skills.

Your generous contributions will support our goal to significantly improve child literacy in California, transforming the future of thousands of children and their communities. We can address this critical area of need, and improve our state's public education system at its most basic level - child literacy.



*We will turn the page for child literacy in California.*

### Relief for Tornado Victims

Individuals and lodges can make a donation through the Grand Lodge of California to help victims of the recent tornadoes in Kentucky. To make a donation for relief through the Grand Lodge:

Make checks payable to MSA Disaster Relief Fund Earmark for Kentucky Appeal  
 Mail to: Grand Lodge of California, Office of Philanthropy, Attn: Denise Avila, 1111 California St., San Francisco, CA 94108

Checks will be forwarded to the Masonic Service Association of North America (MSANA). MSANA will send contributions directly to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for distribution to those in need.



If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Adam Kendall of the Masonic Service Bureau at 415/292-9137.

### In Memoriam

Martin Stevko, Jr. 80 years, 4 months and 2 days  
 Entered into Rest March 12, 2012

*Almighty Father, Great Architect of the Universe, into thy hands we commend the soul of our dear departed brother*

### Masonic Youth Corner

**Job's Daughters Bethel No.1, Dublin** Please join us on May 11th, at the Livermore Shrine Event Center for our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. This fundraiser helps our bethel go to Grand Bethel, our annual convention. Our Bethel meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Dublin.—Thank you, Katie Roderick Sr. Princess



### 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Armstrong, Herman [PM] (53) ; Blomseth, Warren (60) ; Boggess, Christopher (6) ; Brown, James (36) ; Cammerer, Charles (36) ; Cooper, Gregory (25) ; Donley, Peter (9) ; Douglas, Robert (36) ; Eddy, Roy (63) ; Elmore Jr., Barney (56) ; Garcia, Ronald (46) ; Goodman, Donald (53) ; Hughes, Gary [PM] (23) ; Kenyon, Alan [PM] (30) ; Kralovansky, John (32) ; Lumm, George [PM] (19) ; Marshall, Robert (56) ; Nelson, Roy (49) ; Rees, Franklin (29) ; Renner, Ira (65) ; Rix, Robert [PM] (41) ; Rourk, Ronald (31) ; Schauer Sr., Donald (42) ; Stuart, Ronald (49) ; Suer, Charles (47) ; Sullivan, Richard (61) ; Woergoetter, Gerald [PM] (19)

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### Appointments

**Audit** – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein

**Funeral** – Kurt Allen, Kjell Bomark-Noel, Kay Dunn, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez

**Hiram Award Selection** – Sid Cerates, John Smith, Roy Tamez

**Masonic Charity** - The Master and the Wardens

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**Membership Retention** – Bill Ferrell

**Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

### Lodge Events

**Crab Feed**—Henry Miller, Dale Reynolds

**Feast of Saints John** – Ron Katz, Charles Hintz

**Kid's ID**—Roy Nelson, Roy Tamez, Sammy Tamez

**Pizza Night**—Ron Katz

**Public Schools**—Eric Unti— (510) 537-1530/[erunti@earthlink.net](mailto:erunti@earthlink.net)

**Strawberry Feed**—Ron Katz, Ernie Nidick, Gerald Woergoetter

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*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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