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**MASONIC EVENTS**

**February**

- 2 Stated Meeting - 5:30 Fellowship / 6:45 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting
- 9 Third Degree Practice (all parts need to attend) – 7 PM\*
- 16 Third Degree Proficiency for Inspector (all parts need to attend) – 7 PM\*
- 23 Second Degree Practice 7 PM\* / Fellowcraft Education Night – 6 PM
- 25 District School of Instruction at Crow Canyon 8 AM (For all officers, coaches)
- 25 Crab Feed; \$27.50/each – 6 PM - Tickets available at  
Stated Meeting or by calling the Master, the Secretary or Bro. Henry Miller
- 28 First Degree Practice\* – 7 PM

**March**

- 2 Stated Meeting - 5:30 Fellowship / 6:45 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting
- 9 Third Degree\* (if certified by Inspector) – 7 PM
- 10 Pizza Night at Redwood Road Round Table Pizza – 6 PM
- 16 Golden Veteran's and Member Luncheon at Crow Canyon  
11:30 AM - \$5/person (Golden Veteran's and Widows free)
- 16 First Degree\* Proficiency for Inspector – 7 PM
- 23 First Degree\* (if certified by Inspector) – 7 PM /  
Entered Apprentice Education Night – 6 PM
- 26 Masonic Center Cleanup Day – 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- 30 Second Degree Practice\* – 7 PM
- 31 Masonic Information Night – 6 PM Public Open Meeting for family, friends  
and community at large. Plan to attend this fun and informative evening.

**COMING UP SOON!**

**April 21 to 23  
RENO TRIP**

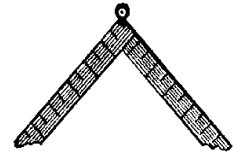
Start Making Plans NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!

\* Please note: Dates and times of degrees or practices are subject to change, please phone the Secretary for most current schedule of events.

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## From the East



### The Rising Sun

Brethren, the theme for this year is "Planting the Seeds of Success – Family, Community, Fraternity." Last month we talked about some of the things we can do as Masons to improve our families. This month I would like to focus on community.

As Masons, many of us are involved with Concordant Bodies, each with their own philanthropic activities: the Scottish Rite – language clinics; the Shrine – crippled and burned children. But what can we do as Blue Lodge Masons to make an impact on the Community in which we live.

The Masonic Renewal Committee of North America published a workbook with dozens of ideas for community involvement. Here are just a few which we, as individual Masons or as a Lodge, might consider for this term and ongoing:

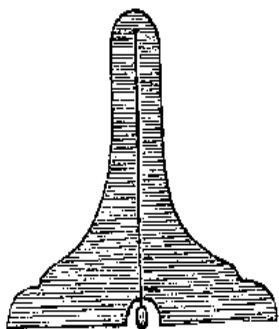
- ? ? **Paint Patrol** – identify objects in the community that can use a coat of paint, clean and paint them. Don't forget the "Wet Paint" signs.
- ? ? **Food Drive** – collect food for local service agencies
- ? ? **Feed the Poor** – assist at a homeless shelter
- ? ? **Volunteer to Read** – develop a reading center with the local library and volunteer as readers for children who visit the library.
- ? ? **Build a Play Area** – identify an area in the local community or on the school grounds and plan to build and donate a safe play area for kids. Hayward Rotary has just done this downtown.
- ? ? **Art Exhibit** – Arrange an exhibit or fair for local artists to display and sell their works. Consider making it an annual event and get judges to select the best in different categories and award prizes. Expand to include crafts if it goes well.
- ? ? **Charity Begins at Home** - Volunteer at the Masonic Home
- ? ? **Essay Contest** – Sponsor a major essay or writing contest for kids of different ages. Arrange for prize and to have the winning entries published. Contact local schools or colleges for assistance. Consider Memorial Day or 4<sup>th</sup> of July as possibilities.

These are just some of the ways we can get involved in the community as individual Masons or as a lodge. If any of these things are especially exciting to you, perhaps you would like to coordinate getting it started in our Lodge.

**Love Crab?** February 25 at 6 PM will be our Annual Crab Feed. Tickets are \$26.50 and will be available at the Stated Meeting and each of our Thursday practices for the month.

**A Call for Assistance!** I am calling upon all members with strong ritual skills to speak with me about having our Lodge's ritual certified. Our District Inspector has put a hold on all degree work throughout the District until each lodge can prove proficient in each degree. We have first, second and third degrees that need to be executed soon. Won't you step forward to ensure we qualify? Call me at (510) 431-1211 or on my cell at (510) 375-3137 to volunteer.

In Loving Charity, **Ronald S. Katz, Worshipful Master**



## From the West

The greatest honor came to me on December 17th, with my elevation to the West as Senior Warden.

I would like to thank each of the Past Masters who have inspired me as I have taken another step forward on the road of fraternity and brotherly love.

As I read "The Master's Book", I became aware of the great responsibility of my office. However, I am sure that with the continued good guidance of so many inspired brothers, I will be able to fulfill my duties.

Phone: 510-490-2192 Cell: 510-364-7073

Fraternally, **Alvaro Reynoso, Senior Warden**

## From the South



At our January Stated Dinner, your many compliments about the food are most appreciated. However, nothing is perfect and any constructive comments you may have are also appreciated. In February, the meal format will be similar with a different menu, which is: Emery-Terrace Salad, Homemade Meatloaf, Browned Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Baby Carrots and Desert. For dinner reservations, please leave a message at my residence – (925) 462-0366.

Moving on to more fraternal matters – as most of you know, the biggest problem which faces Masonry today is our declining membership. There are, however, steps which may be taken by each of us which could reverse our declining membership numbers. Yes, we are prohibited from “soliciting”, but what is solicitation? According to my dictionary, it is to “solicit”. “Solicit” is defined as: “to disturb”, “to approach with a request or plea”, “to strongly urge”, “to entice or lure especially to evil”, “to attempt to seduce”, “to proposition, especially as or in the character of a harlot”. In reflecting on the above, it immediately becomes obvious that to tastefully ask a friend if he might be interested in learning more about the Fraternity of which you love is not solicitation; to selectively pass out fliers containing information on Masonry is not solicitation, and to invite a friend, neighbor or relative to a Lodge or other Masonic social or educational event is not solicitation. (A perfect opportunity—March 31st!)

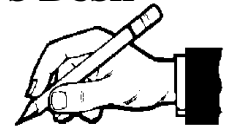
Brethren, in my opinion, part of our problem is that most of our membership is hiding behind the skirts of “no solicitation”, and therefore doing nothing to help bring new members into our midst. If you need some informational handouts, please ask our Secretary. Grand Lodge has some which are great. Please don't be bashful when it comes to bragging about our great Fraternity.

Speaking of bragging -- did you know that the total-ity of the Masonic Fraternity constitutes the largest charitable organization in this Country, second only to the U.S. Federal Government? – but that's a topic for another article. Tune in next month “for the rest of the story”.

Fraternally, Bob Werner, Junior Warden, PM, HA

**For dinner reservations please call  
(925) 462-0366**

## From the Secretary's Desk



As of the printing of this article some of you who have not paid the annual dues of \$67.50, and 24 have not paid for two years. After January 1<sup>st</sup> you are considered delinquent. Second notices will be sent after that date and, if not paid by June Stated Meeting, you might be suspended. Please let the Master or me know if you are not able to pay. There are provisions in the CMC that may apply to your situation. Requests are kept in the strictest of confidence.

The average age of our lodge is 72.8 years. We are all proud to be members of this lodge, where many fine friendships have been formed. If you haven't attended Lodge for awhile, please make a “New Year's resolution” to attend at least one Stated Meeting or, better yet, one of the degrees.

Worshipful Ron Katz has planned a very full year. Just take a look at the calendar of events listed on the lodge web page located at <http://www.calodges.org/no551>. We had a lot of fun last year and are looking forward to a great time and good fellowship in 2006. Remember our Stated Meeting dinners and, as always, widows eat free.

If you are not receiving e-mail notices from [CrowCanyon551@sbcglobal.net](mailto:CrowCanyon551@sbcglobal.net) and would like to, please e-mail me at that address and I will add you to our list.

Fraternally,

**Bill Ferrell, Secretary  
(510) 886-2023**

HAPPY FEBRUARY  
Happy Groundhog Day  
Happy Birthday Abraham Lincoln  
Happy Valentine Day  
Happy Presidents Day  
Happy Birthday George Washington  
Happy Mardi Gras Day  
Happy Ash Wednesday

**“Officers Unable to be present at a function should  
make arrangements before hand”...Thanks Roy**



## February 2006 IN MEMORIAM

Frank William Konkel Jr.  
Howard Archer Vogt

87 years, 5 months and 18 days  
59 years, 1 month and 28 days

## ENTERED INTO REST

September 27, 2005  
December 29, 2005

### Sunshine and Visiting

Bro. Don Castona is in Park View Care Center, 27350 Tampa Avenue, Hayward... He would like a visit.

If you know of an ailing' brother who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret. **Andy Gravier, PM Phone: (510) 638-6641**



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