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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2010:

- 4/1, Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Opening—\$13/person. Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—Passover Style Meal with Chef Weinstein and Crew.— Bring extra money to support the DeMolay Car Wash during the dinner and meeting.
- 4/8, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.
- 4/13, Tuesday—School of Instruction at Acacia, 6:00 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors
- 4/15, Thursday—Public Schools Night—Teacher of the Year Awards and Dinner. 6:00 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Jazz Choir Performance / 7:30 Awards Presentation
- 4/16-4/18, Friday-Sunday, Child ID during Scouting Jamboree at Alameda County Fairgrounds. Volunteers needed. Call Bro. Alberto Aguilar at 925-216-5560.
- 4/20, Tuesday—Unity Rainbow Assembly Shadow Night and "Taco Tuesday" - 5:30 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Meeting
- 4/22, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.
- 4/29, Thursday — Masonic Family Potluck— A-G bring dessert / H-O bring side dish or casserole / P-Z bring a salad. Lodge provides beverages and BBQ treats.

May 2010:

- 5/6, Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Opening—\$13/person. Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—Cinco De Mayo Dinner by Uncle Roy Tamez and Crew. Official Visit of District Inspector Wor. Rick Bonbright (Officers in Tux).
- 5/11, Tuesday—School of Instruction at San Leandro, 6:00 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors
- 5/13, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.
- 5/20, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.
- 5/27, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.

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

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From the East

Brethren and Ladies,

We are off to a good start and the year is already one-quarter over. Time passes much too quickly for me; it feels as if I have just gotten started. I would like to thank all the officers and sideliners who attended the 2nd Degree for Bro. Quinn and the double 1st Degree for Bros. Anderson and Forsyth. The officers have a lot of pride in their work and it shows in the degrees they put on.

By the time this gets mailed, the officers and I should have attended the DeMolay Membership Class in my honor. Thank you, DeMolay for this tremendous honor. Thank you also to our brethren who attended to show their support.

April will be a busy month. We start with a Passover-style meal from "Chef" Weinstein and crew—an event not to be missed. On the 15th is Public Schools Night. Call the Secretary now to make your reservations. We want to really show the Castro Valley Schools our support. Thank you to Bro. Unti and our Secretary for making this happen again. We have such an active lodge and it is because of the committee work that each of you are willing to do. Behold how good and great it is when we work together in harmony.

April 20 will be Shadow Night with our Rainbow Girls. Come at 5:30 p.m. We will be cooking up a taco and quesadilla meal for the your ladies and their Advisory Board, as well as serving them (for a change). If you have never attended a Shadow Night, you are in for a very enjoyable evening. Come early and enjoy "Taco Tuesday" with us.

I recently received an email that I wanted to share with you to close out this month's article:

Do you know what the relationship is between your two eyes? They blink together. They move together. They cry together. They see things together. But they can't really see each other. Can you imagine how it would be if we never got together to see each other. Life would be mighty lonely. I am glad that we all have each other. Just the thought of it makes me smile. How about you? As always, if there is anything I can do for you, let me know.

Fraternally, Roy Tamez, P.M. H.A.—(510) 537-1077 uncleroy@att.net



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 100th Annual Scouting Jamboree will be April 16-18 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. We have the opportunity to be part of a group of lodges providing Child ID services to more than 4000 youth over the three days. We need your help. If you can man a Child ID station, or even sit with some children for two hours or more on that weekend please call Bro. Alberto Aguilar at 925-216-5560.



Hear ye, Hear ye!
 To All Entered Apprentices, Fellow Craft & Master Masons
Feast of Saint John the Baptist
Thursday June 24th
 Oakland Scottish Rite Temple
 1547 Lakeside Drive - Oakland, CA 94612

Honored Guest Speaker
Brother Robert L. D. Cooper
 Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland
 Masonic Historian & Author of
The Rosslyn Hoax & Cracking the Freemason's Code



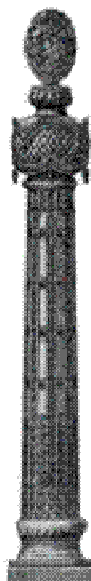
Masonic Youth Corner

Hayward Jobs Daughters—We will be having an Easter Brunch on April 3rd from 9AM—1PM at the Hayward Masonic Center. Just \$8/person. We have a Taco Dinner at the Hayward Masonic Center on May 2nd from 6PM to 8PM. \$6 per person.

Castro Valley DeMolay—On your April 1st Stated Meeting we will be holding a car wash during the dinner. Come with a dirty car and drive home in a clean one. Donations gladly accepted. May 8th will be our Semi-Annual Installation of Officers. Ask Dad Katz for Details.

Unity Assembly IORG—Please come support Unity Assembly #65, by donating e-waste! This fundraiser is at the Castro Valley Masonic Center on April 17th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Free to recycle most items with screens: Televisions, laptops, monitors, cell phones. \$5 fee to recycle CPUs, telephones, fax machines, printers, copiers, VCRs, DVD players, etc.

Dublin Jobs Daughters—Please support our 15th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction at the Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore on Friday, May 7 from 6:30—8:30 PM. Adults \$8 / 10 & under \$6. Contact Jennifer Christensen for details 925-640-4649.



Executive Chef Bro. Patrick Farjas
 Maître-Cuisinier de France

Reception 6:00 pm
 Hors d' Oeuvres
 Venison Sausage in Puff Pastry
 Selected Cheeses of the World
 Smoked Montana Trout & Scottish Salmon
 Cream Cheese, Dill & Capri Berry
 Assorted Fruits, Foie Gras & Truffle Mousse,
 Comany with Cognac...

The Feast 7:00 pm
 Summer Salad with Crumbled Compostels
 Cheese, Shalot and Tarragon dressing
 Marinated Hanging Tender Steak with a Scotch
 and Madagascan Green Peppercorn Sauce
 Wild Mushrooms and Vegetables Ragout
 Forked Mashed Potatoes
 with Oven Roasted Sweet Garlic

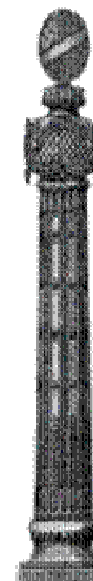
The King's Private Stock of
 German Beer & Highland Single Malt Scotch
 Dessert
 Bites size Fruit Tarts
 and
 Courtesee Coffee

Purchase Tickets

\$70
 Oakland Scottish Rite Office
 510-451-1903

Checks send to above address
 Master-Card/Visa/Discover/Amex
 No Tickets sold the day of the event
 Tickets limited to 72
 White Tie & Tails or Tuxedo
 (Dark Jacket and Tie Optional)

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From the West

Have you challenged yourself lately or are you just drifting through your Masonic life? I recently took up a challenge for the benefit of the Lodge and for our District. Along with Bro. Gary Frisvold and my son Brian, I entered the Grand Lodge Ritual Competition. Open mouth, insert ritual. Imagine doing the first degree proficiency long form . . . in front of six judges . . . who are keeping track of every word and movement. Now add to it the second degree proficiency, long form . . . and finally add in the long from third degree proficiency. Not so bad for three people, but I volunteered to be the candidate for all three. A definite challenge. We go to regional competition on April 20. While I was at it I volunteered to learn the Potentate's part for the Asiya Ceremonial on March 27 and to be the speaker at my Daughter's Grand Bethel Officer Reception on March 20. Is my ritual plate full enough? OK, fine, I'll sit as Master for a double first degree and do the lecture.



Why am I sharing all of this you? Because blessings come through action. Find yourself forgetting things, feeling sorry for yourself? Learn a new ritual part. Volunteer to help someone less fortunate than you. Get out of the house and share a smile.

Too busy? OK, just remember, if you argue for your limitations you get to keep them. Is that the limitation you really want? Ask and you shall receive.

I believe in this lodge, in the power of our membership, in our heritage and our future. I believe in you. Our Secretary tells us that your average chronological age is 72.76. But how old is your spirit? Your enthusiasm? Your passion?

It is never too late to challenge yourself, to stretch yourself, to become more. The DeMolay ritual shares that the South presents the opportunity for us to "do good and be better." Do good, brethren. Be better.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless each and everyone of you with many more years of vibrant, engaged, and active life. I remain yours truly.

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From The South

Brethren,

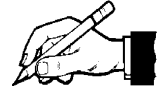
The Year 2009 has gone and 2010 is going quickly. While we done a lot this year, there is always more to do. I wish to thank everyone who helped out with anything related to Stated Meeting Dinners. I would especially like to thank Wor. Henry Miller and his crew once more for volunteering to cook at our March Stated Meeting. Thanks also to Bro. Weinstein and his crew for hosting the April Stated Meeting dinner. I look forward to working with you again in the future.

I would also like to express my thanks and appreciation to Kjell who has agreed to join the officers and fill in the empty Senior Deacon's chair. Welcome Aboard! It is brothers like Kjell who are the support on which the lodge can depend, and I hope that we can have many more step up and help shoulder the load.

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From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper To Be Written



Public Schools Night will be April 15, 2010. 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. If you don't make a reservation, we may not have food for you. 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 be present the "Masonic Teacher of the Year" awards to Kathy Chidester of Castro Valley Elementary and Anne Parris of Castro Valley High School. Both were selected by the Castro Valley Unified School District. 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 25 years. Let's see if we can outnumber the school teachers this year.

If you have not paid your dues for 2010 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 28 who have not paid the 2010 dues and 8 are in jeopardy of losing their membership.

Our youngest member is 22.3 years; the oldest is 103 years old. The average age of our membership is 72.76. We have 241 widows on our rolls.

Bill Ferrell, PM—Secretary—(510) 886-2023
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Ladies and Friends

Play "White ELEPHANT" BINGO

First Thursday of EACH MONTH During STATED MEETING

No cost to enter, just bring a white elephant gift worth \$10 or less

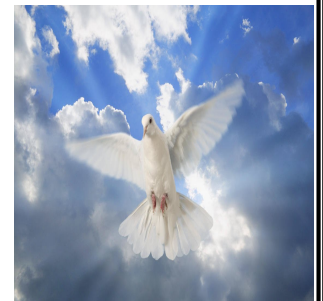
Call Sherry Hansen for details
(510) 537-0109

In Memoriam

Alfred Lawrence Fifield 86 years, 3 months and 25 days
Entered into Rest February 20, 2010

Almighty Father,
Great Architect
of the Universe,

Into they hands we
commend the soul of our
dear departed
brother



3rd Degree Anniversaries

Armstrong, Herman O. [PM] (51); Barry, John A. (46); Blomseth, Warren J. (58); Boggess, Christopher R. (4); Brown, James H. (33); Burt, Roy D. [PM] (57); Cammerer, Charles R. (34); Donley, Peter P. (7); Douglas, Robert T. (34); Eddy, Roy T. (61); Elmore, Barney M. Jr. (54); Garcia, Ronald J. (44); Goodman, Donald (51); Hoffmann, Lawrence C. Jr. (61); Hughes, Gary L. [PM] (21); Kenyon, Alan G. [PM] (28); Kralovansky, John (30); Marshall, Robert A. (54); Nelson, Roy F. (47); Olsen, John A. (35); Rees, Franklin F. (27); Renner, Ira V. (63); Rix, Robert G. [PM] (39); Rourk, Ronald J. (29); Stuart, Ronald W. (47); Suer, Charles R. (45); Sullivan, Richard J. (59); Wicker, Richard L. (52); Woergoetter, Gerald R. [PM] (17)

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Sunshine and Visiting

Please keep the following brothers in your thoughts and prayers:

Roger Beaman, Harold Bolesworth, James Brown, Joseph Clare, Lloyd Conkel, Maurice Cook, Vernon Cumins Robert Eddy, Irving Korr, Kenneth MacLaughlin, John McCarthy, Donald McEvers, Ed Proffitt, LeRoy Swanson, William Worthing



If you know of an ailing brother who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret.

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