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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 1st—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 PM
- 2nd—Eastern Star Meets—7:00 PM
- 3rd—Masters and Past Masters Reception at Crow Canyon 11:00 AM—Have some appetizers and arrange rides to Oakland Scottish Rite
- 3rd—Masters and Past Masters @ Oakland Scottish Rite—3:00 PM
- 5th—DeMolay Meeting—7:30 PM
- 6th—Unity Rainbow Meets—7 PM
- 8th—3rd Degree Practice—Acacia Team—7:30 PM
- 10th—Crab Feed @ CVMC—6 PM. Tickets available NOW from the Secretary
- 15th—3rd Degree—Bro. Howard Marmar—7:00 PM
- 16th—Eastern Star Meets—7:00 PM
- 19th—DeMolay Meeting—7:30 PM
- 20th—Unity Rainbow Meets—7 PM
- 22nd—Officer's Practice—7:30 PM
- 26th—Masonic Center Association—7:00 PM

March—*DeMolay Month*

- 1st—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 PM
- 8th—Officer's Practice—7:30 PM
- 9th—Pizza Night at Redwood Road Round Table in Castro Valley—6 PM
- 10th—DeMolay Pasta Dinner—6:00 PM—\$6.00/person
- 19th—DeMolay—Senior DeMolay Recognition and Majority Member Night—*All are welcome to attend*—7:30 PM
- 30th—Public Information and Open House Night—8:00 PM

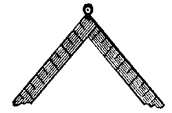
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From the East



The Cabletow— It can be considered a rope and a measurement.

How long is a cable tow? Many have asked but a few attempted to reply. In much older days it was generally considered to be three miles; that was when a brother was expected to attend lodge whether he wanted to or not if within the length of his cable tow.



Now we have learned that there is no merit in attendance which comes from fear of fines or other compulsions. The very rare necessary summons may come to any member, when it comes he must attend. But Freemasonry is not unreasonable, and knows that what is easy for one is hard for another. To one brother, ten miles away means a call which he can only accomplish with great difficulty. To another who has an airplane, several hundred miles away, may mean no inconvenience at all. Long before airplanes were thought of (or highways) it was determined that the length of a cable tow is "The scope of a brother's reasonable ability." Such a length the brother may take to heart. Our gentle fraternity compels no member against his will, leaving each to determine for himself what is just and right and reasonable and brotherly! The officers of Crow Canyon Lodge cordially invite you to attend our third degree on February 15th upon brother Howard Marmar.

The Annual Meeting of the Master's and Past Master's Association of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties will be Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 3:00 pm at the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. The menu will be Roast Beef, baked potato, vegetables, salad, and dessert. All Past Masters of Crow Canyon Lodge are cordially invited to attend for a social hours at the Crow Canyon Masonic Center from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. After the social time, we will go to the Scottish Rite for the big event. Thank you I look forward to meeting you at the lodge. Your attendance will be highly appreciated.

Alvaro Reynoso—Worshipful Master (510) 490-2192 / 510-364-7073 cell

From the West



Dear Brothers and Ladies,

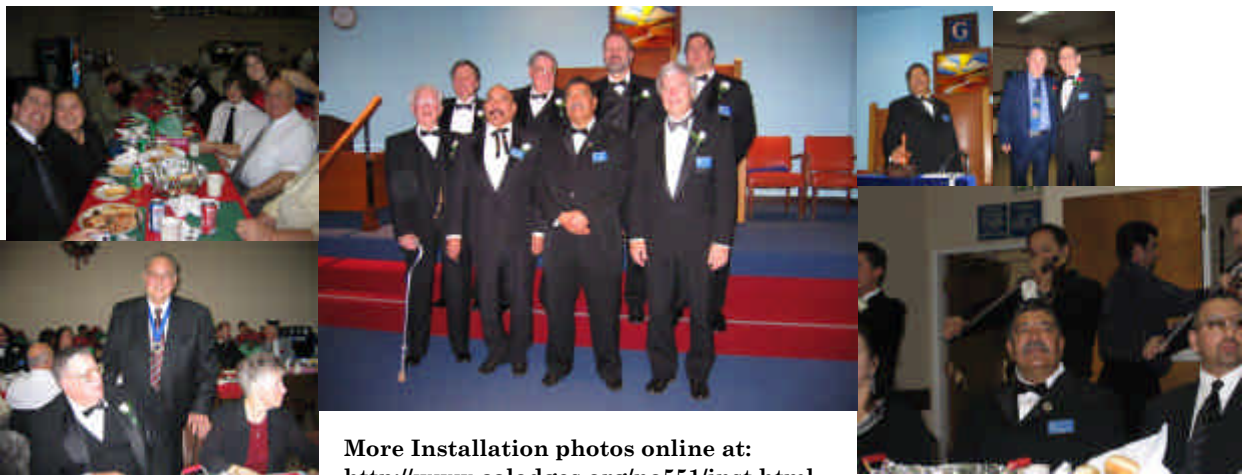
The first thing I want to do is thank all of you for the opportunity to serve the Lodge again.

I was wondering what I would say in my first letter. I looked through my old Trestle boards and found out that we are in the same position we were when I first went back into the line. We still need a Brother to come forward and help this Lodge back on its feet. I only took this seat for a short time, so we could continue with the business at hand.

Since I joined this Lodge I have seen many changes, most of them for the better. We all change with time and now the time has come for someone else to step forward and "take my chair" and continue traveling East. Are you the Brother I seek?

It only takes the light of one candle to break through the darkness and be a beacon for others to follow. Step forward my brother, I will help you any way you need, cheerfully. Thank you for your time.

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From the South



Brethren,

I'm up to speed regarding the stated meeting dinners, and am burying my head in the ritual books at every opportunity, so all is well. This is my second year at our lodge. If we haven't met yet, please just shake my hand and say hi. I want to get to know each of you well.

Many of you know that I'm very active in the York Rite, being Past Master of all the main bodies, and now serving as Secretary of my Royal Arch Chapter and Commandery of Knights Templar. You'll see me in lodge struggling to get the ritual words correct, as the York Rite ritual is very close, but not the same as Blue Lodge ritual. Since you likely don't know much about the York Rite, I thought I'd include some York Rite information in my column. Here's the first installment, from the Grand York Rite office.

" A wise man will always have a thirst for further light. As each of the Blue Lodge Degrees are conferred, Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason, additional light is sought and expected. But once raised, is this all the Light that can be received? Probably not! Masonry is so full of teachings, learning opportunities, and symbolism that it is impossible to receive and understand it all. Most of it is not found in the Blue Lodge Degrees.

In some Grand Lodges, we are informed that "the temple is not yet completed". Later we learn that the "Master's Word is Lost", and a substitute is given. These are the first clues that there must be "further light" and much more to learn of Ancient Craft Masonry.

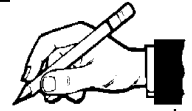
Some two hundred years ago, most of our brethren were known as "Ancient York Masons". When the two Grand Lodges of England united in 1813, a firm and solemn landmark was adopted and placed in the articles of union to guide all Masons: "... pure ancient Freemasonry consists of but three degrees, that of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason including the supreme order of the Holy Royal Arch."

At that time, only Past Masters of Symbolic Lodges were qualified to receive the Royal Arch Degree. But it was deemed that this degree was so important that those Master Masons having received the Mark Master Degree should be able to become Past Masters, thus making them eligible to witness the completion of King Solomon's Temple, and the Royal Arch Degree, where the long lost Master's Word is found. This degree was then taken from the Blue Lodges and established under separate bodies known as Chapters. Royal Arch Chapters confer the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Degrees.

The Blue Lodge Degrees, together with the Royal Arch Chapters, the Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commanderies of Knights Templar, constitute the York Rite. "Further Light" may be found by completing all of the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite. "

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From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren

Many of you are involved in concordant bodies in Masonry and possibly other organizations as well. I joined a group called the "Hands of Friendship" a few years back. It is probably one of the best-kept secrets, other than the Masonic ritual. The group was started back in 1974 by a hand full of Masons and Knights of Columbus members, who wanted to bring a better understanding of each others goals and found they were both working for the betterment of society and helping less fortunate at the same time. In it's 33-year history it has contributed monies to both Masonic and Catholic charities. Like many clubs it has a decreasing membership. At present the group meets for a breakfast meeting once a month in Hayward and plans social and community projects. If you are at all interested in more information about this unique group just ask the second vice president, ME. For those of you who have an e-mail address and would like to get information about Lodge events and urgent changes you may e-mail me crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net This is **not** a bulletin board, just an e-mail address that I use for Lodge business.

Fraternally, Bill Ferrell (510) 886-2023

Annual Crab Feed Tickets Available Now!

Yes, It is crab season once again. The annual feed will be February 10th at 6:00 PM at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. So plan on coming down.

Remember we make a terrific salad consisting of lettuce with beets, carrots, black olives, green olives, sweet pickles, tomatoes, lemon wedges and a hard-boiled egg. Make your own Crab Louie. We also have dressing, French bread and butter. Plus all the crab you can eat. All of that for only



\$27.50. We also have spaghetti, salad and French bread for those who are not eating crab, that price is only \$11.50. Tickets are available from our secretary, Bill Ferrell. You may send your money to: 2750 Jeffrey Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546-3218 (Phone 510-886-2023) or to Henry Miller, Sr., 2566 Truman Ave. Oakland, CA 94605-4841. (Phone 510-568-8871) See you there!

Your Menu for February Stated Meeting Dinner

- ?? Southern Baked boneless Chicken Breast
- ?? Wild Rice & Scallions
- ?? Winter Squash
- ?? Spring Mixed Salad with Poppy seed Dressing
- ?? Red & White Valentine's Cake

For Dinner Reservations Call

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Third Degree Anniversaries for February

Amato, Paul (49); **Anderson**, Emory Victor Jr. (52); **Besette**, Ronald Walter (15); **Bode**, David Paul (22); **Brennan**, William Arthur [PM] (50); **Briggs**, Wilbur Joe (11); **Burk**, Harold Shirley Jr. (15); **Castia**, Ronnie Joe (16); **Gidvani**, Kishore Hassomal (8); **Goodwin**, Charles Henry (49); **Gossett**, Clifford Henry (52); **Graham**, Russell Stewart (2); **Hansen**, Jeffrey Allen (10); **Howe**, Douglas Charles (2); **Leon**, William Eugene (28); **Lloyd**, Anthony Duane (39); **Mac Donald**, John Simon (35); **Makela**, Paul Jacob (33); **May**, Norvalle Dale (42); **Nobriga**, Ronald Edward (10); **Pearce**, Burton Allen (51); **Sotelo**, Prudencio "Pete" (27); **Stegall**, Roy Dewayne (38); **Stewart**, Daniel Lynn (8); **Thomas**, Willard Laymance (56)

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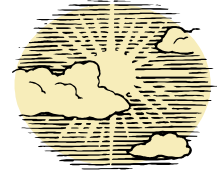
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Sunshine and Visiting

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



Andy Gravier, PM

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(510) 276-6015**

In Memoriam February 2007

Bruce Jay Alexander 88 years, 10 months and 2 days
December 26, 2006

Gordon Franklin Locklear 77 years, 10 months and 2 days
December 26, 2006



*Almighty Father, into Thy hands
we commend the souls of
our Beloved Brothers*

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