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**F&AM of California**  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**March**

**April (preview)**

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*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,

We are required to submit updated Mission and Vision Statements every year to our Inspector and Grand Lodge. Our 2009 Statements are given below.



### Mission Statement

Crow Canyon Lodge is a gathering of Masons who believe in the ideals of Freemasonry; and serve their God, their country, their neighbors, and their families. We work in harmony with their brothers; and distain discord such as forming exclusive groups, expressing conflicting personal bias, and acting with political, religious, or ethnic prejudice. We are good stewards, who work to benefit and strengthen the well being of the Lodge facilities, membership, and Officer Line. We assist and support our widows and aging membership, and make them feel wanted and appreciated. We are motivated by being an integral part of a wonderful force for the improvement of mankind. We have much fun and excitement together, and truly enjoy each other's company. We are a credit to the Fraternity.

### Short Term Vision Statement

Crow Canyon Lodge faces financial problems, in these troubling times. Hope rises anew from hardship, however, and renewed dedication to financial responsibility, and the willingness to expend personal time and efforts to improve our physical plant, will secure a successful future for us. We are currently working on plans to rent our facilities for private events, which other local Lodges have done with much success. Our Lodge also has experienced a draw-down and aging of our membership. We will renew our desire to increase our membership, by being less secretive and more vocal about the merits of becoming a Freemason with friends, acquaintances, work associates, and neighbors. We will coordinate to ease new member introductions. Our Officer Line will confer degrees efficiently, to reduce the amount of time that candidates wait to get raised.

### Vision Statement

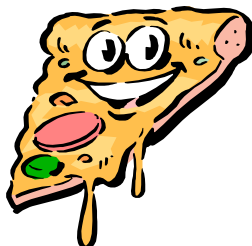
Crow Canyon Lodge will continue an active role in the community, by supporting local schools and Masonic youth. Facility rentals, efficiently managed, will attract: church and synagogue bodies; private instruction of youth and aging; weddings and other personal events; and business meetings, presentations, and outreach activities. Lodge membership will become younger, as the Fraternity continues to experience a surge of interest by young and middle aged men, seeking advancement of their personal lives. The prime location of the Lodge facilities with adequate parking, insure that it will continue to be an attractive place for Masons and Non-Masons of the community to meet.

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JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

**"MASONIC FAMILY  
PIZZA NIGHT"**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH -  
6:30 PM**  
(please note new date)



**CASTRO VALLEY ROUND TABLE PIZZA ON  
REDWOOD ROAD**

**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**

## Masonic Youth Corner

Dear Members of Crow Canyon Lodge

From February 20th through April 14th, Bethel No. 261 Hayward will be having a Pajama Program collection and Food Drive. The Pajama Program is a nationwide organization with a chapter here in the Bay Area. They collect PJ's for children in Foster Care, Orphanages, and Shelters. Some of the children who receive the PJ's have never worn PJ's before. They sleep in their clothes. While collecting the PJ's we will also be collecting food for the Alameda County Food Bank. Our Bethel Daughters will have sponsor sheets and will be collecting pledges for the number of boxes of food they can fill on April 14th at the Alameda County Food Bank. This pack-a-thon money that they collect will be split between four worthy entities:

- CA Job's Daughters Foundation for Scholarships
- CA Grand Guardian Council Scholarship Fund
- HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment)
- Pajama Program

If you would like to donate food or pajama's please leave them in the barrel that we will have in the lobby. Children served by the program are ages 0-18. Pajamas should be new. We will accept cash donations as well. At the completion of this project, in a 7 week period, we will have given aid to five worthy charities. Thank you for helping us make this community project a success.

Fraternally,  
Mrs. Jennifer Katz  
Bethel Guardian, No. 261 Hayward

## From the West

Dear Brethren and Ladies.

This is the article where I say "Thank You" to all that have kept out Lodge alive. I sat alive because when I go to this like stated meetings I see so many friends, all who come because they want to be there.

If I said thanks to all by name there would be no room left for my article. The Temple Board deserves Thanks for taking care of our biggest asset. The Trustees who manage our other assets and who over see our investments during the trying times of our present economic challenges. To the line officers and acacia team who put love in each one of the degrees.

Thank you to Henry Miller, Sr. and crew for an excellent job putting on the crab feed. Thank you to all who set-up the banquet hall. And the clean-up crew who stay to the very last of our events. And special thanks to our secretary who seems to be the "glue" that holds it all together. Where would be without the side lines? Just showing up is a commitment!

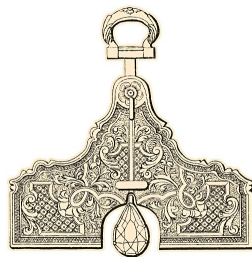
Now we all know it takes more than one to keep us afloat, and it only take one to make a change.

Our path has been over a rough and rugged road, but one I would never attempt to change. There is light at the end of the tunnel and it's not an on coming train.

Our future is bright, and we have new members who are committed and old ones we can always rally on. May we all take a little extra time out the next time we meet and say "hello" to someone you don't know that well. After all a stranger is just a friend that you haven't met yet.

As always feel free to call me anytime I can help and say Thank you to someone who has done something nice to you. We can and are changing for the better.

Fraternally, Roy Tamez, P.M.



## From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper To Be Written



We are looking for those of you who have completed 25 years in Masonry and haven't received a 25-year pin. If you are not sure if you qualify or you may have lost yours please let me know and I will see about getting one for you. A quick and easy way to get a pin is to see me at lodge and ask for one. You may also contact me at 510-886-2023 or E-mail to crow-canyon551@sbcglobal.net

Second notices have been sent to those who have not paid their annual dues. Please be aware that if a member is suspended for non-payment, they lose the "rights and benefits" of being a Mason. That includes the Masonic Homes and Masonic Outreach program that may assist you or your widow financially if the need arises. I think that paying dues is the best insurance that you and yours could get and you would be taken care of if the day of need ever comes. If one is suspended and re-establishes their membership, there will be a FIVE YEAR waiting period from the time you are re-established before those benefits are instated.

One of the main projects of Masonry in California is to do something to encourage and benefit public education and to make the public aware of our commitment that was established 88 years ago. Crow Canyon Lodge for the past 23 years has honored teachers with a "Masonic Teacher of the Year" program here in Castro Valley. This event is for you, your lady, your children and our public school educators. The evening begins with a FREE dinner at 6:00 o'clock P.M., PLEASE call for RESERVATIONS as we will be having non-Masonic guest, you may call either our Junior Warden or me at 510-886-2023. After dinner we will retire to the lodge room where we will be entertained by the young people from the school district, and then we honor two teachers with our "Masonic Teacher of the Year Awards", one teacher from primary and one from secondary education. We have had as many as 60 teachers; School Board members and students attend this event. PLEASE help the lodge by attending, to show the Unified School District we really care. Brother Eric Unti will be handing out "Support Public Schools Pins." Hope to see you April 9, 2009.

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

## From The South

It looks like we should all have a little 'luck o' the Irish' this month with a Corn Beef and Cabbage meal cooked by Henry Miller and his crew. Always a satisfying meal. Come to Stated and enjoy.

Sherry Hansen, our Treasurer's wife, has begun to offer "White Elephant" Bingo during the Stated Meetings. So that the wives, or families of our men can have some fun while our meeting goes on. No cost, just bring a "white elephant" gift to donate to the game.

Two days later, March 7, at the Round Table Pizza on Redwood Road in Castro Valley, we meet and eat again. The lodge will provide the pizza, you only have to cover the cost of your drinks. This is a Masonic "Family" Event.

The DeMolay are holding a Pasta Feed on March 14. Just \$7/person for a big plate of pasta, salad, bread, beverage and dessert. You can even have seconds if you are so inclined.

On March 16, the DeMolay will hold a Senior DeMolay Honors night. Come watch as DeMolay members receive 25, 50, 60, or 75-year service awards. 7:30 pm

On March 28th at 7pm the Danville Job's Daughters will be hosting reception in honor of the California Grand Bethel Honored Queen Allison Hom at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. Allison, an 8-year member of the organization and a PHQ of Bethel No. 247 Danville, was selected Honored Queen of the Job's Daughters Grand Bethel, at a state-wide convention held in Visalia to serve through June of 2009. For more information call Laura Mays at 925-829-8505 or iojd247@yahoo.com

The DeMolay, will be honoring Wor. Bud with a membership class in his name. Members and their spouses are invited to attend this event on March 29 @ 1 PM. There is a lot happening in the month of March. Hope you can be actively involved.

Fraternally,

Ron Katz, Junior Warden (510) 375-3137

# In Memoriam

James Earl Turner  
Entered into Rest

81 years, 8 months and 22 days  
February 1, 2009



*Almighty Father,  
Great Architect  
of the Universe,*

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

### 3rd Degree Anniversaries

**Adams**, George Walter Jr. [PM] (47) ; **Albritton**, Robert Alfred [PM] (32) ; **Allen**, Jack Vernon (20) ; **Alston**, Gilbert Lee (39) ; **Amaral**, Gabriel Avalor [PM] (22) ; **Christopher**, Robert Julius (55) ; **Ellis**, Howard Gist (4) ; **Fabel**, Robert Howard (26) ; **Forest**, Anthony Jay (51) ; **Frisvold**, Gary Robert (39) ; **Hallmeyer**, Wesley Victor (59) ; **Hempel**, Edmund Carl (50) ; **Hudson**, Robert Adrian [PM] (41) ; **Korr**, Irving (52) ; **La Lanne**, Jack (60) ; **Lassle**, Harold Elwyne (20) ; **Leaderich**, John Fitzgerald (52) ; **Leavitt**, Leonard Lewis (34) ; **Martens**, Billy Wayne [PM] (26) ; **Martin**, Tony (67) ; **Mason**, Jeffrey Bernard (24) ; **Matraia**, Edward Joseph Jr. [PM] (36) ; **Morrison**, Brandon Michael (2) ; **Murphy**, Chester Francis (35) ; **Parry**, David Alan [PM] (48) ; **Reisfelt**, Leonard (61) ; **Robinson**, Thomas Ed (42) ; **Salmon**, Wilfred Glen Jr. (29) ; **Somers**, Clarence Orval Jr. [PM] (53) ; **Tangen**, Craig Edward (36) ; **Toeltschin**, Rex Ernest Jr. (41) ; **Wharton**, Walter Roy (46) ; **Whitling**, David Ray (25) ; **Winkler**, Russel Walton (68)

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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.

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### Special Committees

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