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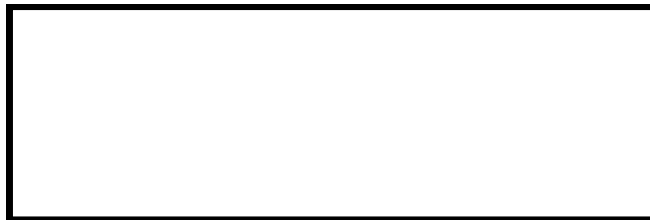
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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

Aug 4th—Tues—Officers Meeting—7:00 PM
Aug 6th—Thur—Stated Meeting Meeting—5:30 PM Social —6 :15 PM Dinner—7:30 Meeting
Aug 8th—Sat—CCL551 Family Picnic 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Golden Gate Live Steamers club at Tilden Park – See flyer
Aug 11th—Tue –3rd Degree Practice—6:30 PM
Aug 13th—Thur—Hiram Award at Orinda Lodge for our District Inspector #319 Tom Kavishi—5:30 PM Social—6:30 PM Dinner—7:45 Presentation
Aug 20th—Thur—3rd Degree (Bro. Thompson) - 7:00 PM
Aug 25th—Tues—DMPS—7:00 PM
Aug 27th—Thur—Past Masters Night—5:30 PM Social—6:30 PM Dinner

SEPTEMBER

Sep 1st—Tues—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
Sep 3rd—Thur—Stated Meeting —5:30 PM Social—6 :15 Dinner—7:30 Meeting
Sep 8th—Tues—DSOI at Masonic Home—6:15 Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting
Sep 10th—Thur—Hiram Award for Bro. Phil Busch
Sep 12th & 13th—Sat & Sun—Kids ID - Castro Valley Fall Festival
Sept 15th—Tues—Masons for Mitts Night at AT&T Park—5:00 PM

Don't Miss the Crow Canyon Lodge

FAMILY PICNIC

August 8, 2015—11:00 AM

Golden Gate Live Steamers @ Tilden Park



Sep 17th—Thur—3rd Degree Practice—6:30 PM
Sep 19th—Sat—Double 3rd Degree (Bros. Albese & Jonke)—9 AM
Sep 22nd—Tues—DMPS—7:00 PM
Sep 24th—Thur—1st Degree Practice—6:30 PM
Sep 29th—Tues—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets @ Castro Valley Masonic Center (CVMC) 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM) <http://www.lakechabot103oes.org>
- Alchor White Shrine meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Friday (7:00 PM)
- Castro Valley DeMolay meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
- Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)
- Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261 Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Hayward Masonic Center
- Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1 Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church

From the East

By Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Worshipful Master

Brethren,

I am on my vacation as I write this. I am currently visiting new found relatives in Colorado that I have never seen before. It is both a trip down memory lane, as I grew up in Colorado, and a journey of discovery. I am traveling with my half-sisters on the Reynolds side of the family and meeting aunts and uncles that I have never seen before. Most of these relatives are in their mid to late 80's and hearing the family history is like being in a time machine.

They grew up in an agrarian era and many of the pictures I have seen feature not only my ancestors, but also horses and mules pulling harvesters, plows and other farm equipment. I also discovered that many of them (my relatives not the horses) were Masons as well.



This trip has allowed me time to reflect on the quality of life that these and many of our ancestors in this country have had and their hard work, traditional values, and faith in God and themselves. Their pictures and the stories of their lives, as well as stories they passed down from their parents and grandparents, remind me that people have struggled in every age to make a living and support their families. They had, in some cases, "home schooling" because there were no schools in the areas they lived until the community grew large enough to support one.

The Church and Sunday school were a big part of their life and after taking care of their livestock, they would pack up the family and picnic lunches, travel miles by horse drawn wagons to go to Sunday meetings. They often spent the day there after the sermon was delivered and visited with friends at the church social; returning home after sundown. This was their day of rest. The values they have passed down are still practiced: holding hands at the dinner table while prayer is said before eating; helping their neighbors in times of need; and doing their best to make sure that their children have the skills and fortitude to succeed in life. I am sure that many other members of our lodge have similar stories to tell, but do we take the time to reflect on them? Times have changed, we now have cars, trains, planes for fast travel, tv, computers and mobile devices on the internet for nearly instantaneous communications, but people have not changed that much except in their values be it for better or worse.

Masonry and the values that masonry stand for are still important in these time and in the future, a belief in God, morality, and the sense of community and brotherhood are important today and for the future. Our brethren in the past have passed down a legacy of acceptance and brotherhood that we have inherited and should continue to pass down to those who come after us.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events this month. Please look at the calendar for times and dates. In addition to our stated meeting, we will be having our Lodge family picnic on Saturday Aug 8th, and a 3rd Degree for Kyle Thompson on Aug 20th.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon us all and those we love.



From the West

By Michael Ramos—Senior Warden

I hope that everyone enjoyed a much-deserved rest with family and friends during our summer break. The summer is my "busy" time of year at work, so I didn't really get to enjoy much rest, but I had an opportunity to visit with family and friends and break in a new grill in the process. As well my wife, Brittney, and I sat down and planned out a trip to Ireland and England for the month of October – looking forward to this greatly! As you can see by the Master's schedule we are heading into many events and, if prophecy prevails, will remain busy up to December's Installation.

For those who worked at June's Feast of Saint John, I send you many thanks from all who attended – without your time and talents none of this would be possible!

DMPS will meet in August, September and October at the regular time and place, but we will go Dark in November and December; reconvening in January 2016.

I look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces upon our return at our August Stated Meeting.

From the South

By Kem Apak—Junior Warden

Brethren, when you read this article we will be in the last month of summer. I hope all your summer was full with pleasant memories and fun, and maybe you were able to take a vacation and enjoy some good time with family and friends.

I do travel for work a lot and I cannot explain with words how beautiful, how precious and how different our country is. I miss my family, my home and my brethren. My work is preventing me from exercising Masonry as much as I hoped. I do miss quite a few degrees, meetings and gatherings.

Masonry is not just ritual. It is not just men behind closed doors who talk about some secret stuff. Masonry is a way of life. It is a school of enlightenment and how we choose to live: on the level; by the plumb; and upon the square.

It seems like I am always working and that I am always away. Something needs to be change and that something is me! I find it hard to serve in the line and to rarely be able to participate. Hopefully, with the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U, I will able practice Masonry in the Lodge more consistently.

Wor. Bro. Reynoso was always kind and supporting to me and all the brethren. He always made me feel welcome and at home in our Lodge. He showed his generosity and support to me once again by giving a helping hand when I need the most! Because of Wor. Bro. Alvaro Reynoso, I will be able to complete this year in office. I will do all in my power to attend as many of the degrees and Stated meetings as possible. I really cherish my time at DMPS and hope to attend more there as well. Brethren, I want to thank you all for your constant support and endless patience. You make me feel at home even when I am far away.



August is Come Home to Lodge Month

As the fall season approaches and we prepare to celebrate the bounty of the harvest, Grand Master Charvonía calls on brothers statewide to return to their lodges to celebrate the joy of fellowship and fraternity. Read the Proclamation.

Here are some tips for celebrating Come to Lodge Month with your brothers.

1. Plan a special program with your lodge to recognize the importance of fellowship. Ask members to contribute meaningful stories about what fellowship has meant to them. Ask new members to share messages in the ritual that inspire feelings of brotherhood.
2. Celebrate our Masonic family. Reach out to Masonic youth and members of concordant and appendant bodies to emphasize the importance of the fraternal family in your community. Plan a fun family-oriented celebration.
3. Reconnect with less active members. Has a brother in your lodge stopped attending recently because of work conflicts, family obligations, illness, or transportation difficulties? Reach out to him to ask how you can help lighten his burden so that he may continue to attend lodge.

When planning this month-long observation, Grand Master Charvonía noted, "When the brothers of our lodges come together to practice fellowship and engage the wisdom of each other's company, we are truly able to begin to make a profound difference in our society, and to go about repairing our world, by improving ourselves."

Come to Lodge Month is an excellent opportunity to reflect upon the importance of our relationships with our brothers and our Masonic families – and the good we can achieve when we work together.



DMPS
Dead Masonic Poet Society

Share, learn and discuss:

Masonic history & mysteries
Our Craft's ever-evolving practices
Our true operative roots
Our positive effect on society, personally and otherwise

Every 4th Tuesday!

Open to all degrees!
7:00PM



From the Secretary's Table

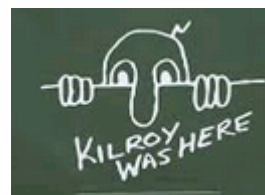
By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



Brethren,

I am sad to report that six members have been suspended for nonpayment of dues. Unfortunately they lost all of the benefits of being a member of Crow Canyon Lodge. Even if they are reinstated their time as a member will start over. They have lost the privilege of applying for the Outreach program or admission into the Masonic Home. You must be a member in good standing for five years for any of the above. As of July 1st there are still 22 members who have not paid their 2015 dues. In June 2016 these, 22 members will also lose their membership, if they choose not to honor their obligation. Check your dues receipt and make sure it expires on **December 31, 2015**.

As many of you may be aware, I have been donating the placemats for our Stated meeting for two years. If you look real close somewhere on the placemat you will find the phrase "Kilroy was here."



Some of our more senior members may remember Kilroy. There was one person who led or participated in every combat, training or occupation operation during WWII and the Korean War. This person could always be depended on. GI's began to consider him the "super GI." He was one

who always got there first or who was always there when they left. I am, of course, referring to "Kilroy Was Here." Somehow, this simple graffiti captured the imagination of GI's everywhere they went. The scribbled cartoon face and words showed up everywhere. The next time you look at our placemats, see if you can find him.

Hope you are enjoying our wonderful California weather.

Masonic Family Corner

Unity Rainbow has two upcoming events:

- Spaghetti Dinner - August 1. This is a fundraiser for the our Grand Service Project - Bay Area Cancer Connection. Location: Castro Valley Masonic Center. Tickets available at the door
- Schaefer Ranch BBQ - August 27. This is a fundraiser for our term budget. There will be a steak dinner and a silent auction. Please contact Helen Zidek, our Mother Advisor at HelenJ.Zidek@comcast.net for more details

Bethel No. 1, Dublin Jobs Daughters has been busy lately! We had a lot of fun at Grand Bethel where all of the girls participated in competitions and had lots of fun! We participated in Ritual, Arts & Crafts, Music, and as a Bethel we made it to the Championship day of the Volleyball competition! We went river rafting with Pleasanton DeMolay, went swimming with our Bethel Sisters, and we are looking forward to visiting the miniature trains at Tilden Park this month. Bethel No. 1 is also looking for Masons and Eastern Star members to help our Bethel. In order to be a member of Job's Daughters, a girl must be related to a Master Mason and we would really like to have your support as we start preparing for our upcoming Council term of office. If you are interested please contact our Bethel Guardian, Mrs. Donna Anthony at 510-537-6726 or our Associate Bethel Guardian Bill Ferrell at 510-886-2288.

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Sunshine and Visiting

If you know of an ailing brother or Masonic widow who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret. Here are some brethren who could use a kind word:

- Gary Frisvold
- Mark Casperson
- Corbit Ray
- Al Rodes
- Mark Castile



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2015 Committees

Appointments

Audit – Kay Dunn, Robert Logan, Arnie Weinstein, David Allen

Funeral –Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Bob Pinkerton, Mike Ramos, Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

Masonic Charity - The Master and the Wardens

Masonic Hall Association—John Smith-President, Howard Marmor, Ernie Nidick, Gerald Woergoetter, Ron Reynolds, Bill Ferrell, Hank Andreotti, Brian Ross, Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment—Robert Logan

Membership Retention – Don Schauer, Sr., Bob Pinkerton

Sunshine—Ernie Nidick, Les Blake

Events

Child ID—David Allen, Roy Tamez

Feasts of Saints John, Past Masters & Festive Boards—Charles Hintz & Kem Apak

Visitation to Columbia or Old Town Sacramento Lodge—Mike Ramos, Don Schauer

Senior Warden's Picnic at Tilden Park—Mike Ramos, Kem Apak

Masonic Education—Mike Ramos, Kem Apak

Masonic Youth Orders

Castro Valley DeMolay—Pat Quinn—510.755.7891 pdq551@att.net

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Hiram Awardee Selected

Congratulations to Bro. Phil Busch, who has been selected as the Hiram Award Recipient for the 2015 term. Phil has most recently served the lodge as Chairman of our Annual Sweetheart event. He can also be found in the kitchen or taking money at the front on Stated Meeting dinners. He also is a regular with our Child ID Program. Phil is a backup for the Stewards and the Junior Deacon and can always be counted on to show up and provide his support. Besides serving Crow Canyon, he is also a member of Eastern Star, and has served as the Worthy Patron. Phil's attitude and enthusiasm for the Masonic orders is contagious and it is no surprise that he is being recognized for his dedication and hard work.



August Birthdays

William Quintel (08/01)	Peter Dinos (08/15)
John Kresge (08/02)	Le Roy Swanson (08/17)
Joseph Ilmberger (08/04)	Gregory Cooper (08/18)
Edgar O'Hara (08/04)	Howard Ellis (08/18)
Iain Sherwood (08/06)	Lyman Penning (08/18)
Craig Tangen (08/06)	Paul Leiber (08/19)
Scott West (08/06)	Donald Johnson (08/21)
Stanley Gresick (08/07)	Harold Brooke (08/23)
Edwin Ramilo (08/07)	Chris Bokamper (08/24)
Dale Reynolds (08/07)	Royle Langton (08/25)
Mark Castile (08/09)	Danny Mrdja (08/25)
John Kralovansky (08/10)	Lester Harrington (08/27)
Howard Roberts (08/10)	Bruce Lobree (08/30)
Gordon Mac Donald (08/12)	Corbit Ray (08/30)
Kay Dunn (08/13)	Norman Shrader (08/30)
Thomas Robinson (08/14)	Carson Haines (08/31)

3rd Degree Anniversaries

The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the month of August

Henry Andreotti (25)	Jack Plummer (73)
Kemalettin Apak (3)	Patrick Quinn (5)
Ronald Baker (46)	William Quintel (36)
Michael Barnhart (13)	Michael Ramos (3)
Mickey Benko [PM] (26)	Corbit Ray (26)
William Biddell (52)	Lynn Reed (37)
Albert Bolli (57)	Steven Stark (34)
Lester Bridge (54)	Alexander Von Stade II (3)
Charles Daniels (34)	Ruben Vossekul (35)
Douglas Ferreira (32)	William Warnecke (38)
John Fischer (10)	Vinson White (56)
George George (53)	Richard Wilkinson (2)
Ace Gilbert (38)	Earl Woodson (19)
Roger Glancy (3)	
John Gordon (2)	
Stanley Gresick Jr. (63)	
John Groff [PM] (42)	
Lester Harrington (33)	
Jorge Hernandez (1)	
John Hinkley (48)	
Roberto Holguin Jr. (1)	
Harvey Kass (41)	
Brian Katz (9)	
Robert Keller (53)	
Daniel Lee (2)	
Gordon Mac Donald (9)	
Theodore Moehnke (52)	
Donnald Moring [PM] (30)	
Benjamin Newmarker (50)	
Kanti Patel (30)	



In Memoriam

Richard Sullivan 92 years, 8 months, 19 days
Entered into Rest May 23, 2015

Guy Davenport 79 years, 4 months, 9 days
Entered into Rest May 31, 2015

James Watson 94 years, 8 months, 3 days
Entered into Rest June 21, 2015

*Great Architect of the Universe,
into thine hands we commend the souls of
our dear departed brothers!*

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