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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## January 2010:

1/7, Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person. Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Home-style Meatloaf*.

1/12, Tuesday—School of Instruction at Acacia Lodge, 6:00 Dinner / 7:00 Opening. 1074 B Street, Hayward. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors

1/14, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. EA Degree. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.

1/21, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. EA Degree. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.

1/28, Thursday—First Degree, 6:30 PM (for two candidates)

1/30, Saturday—Pizza Night at Round Table on Redwood Road, 6:00 PM

## February 2010:

2/4, Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person. Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Italian Pasta Night* 

2/9, Tuesday—School of Instruction at Crow Canyon, 6:00 Dinner / 7:00 Opening. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors

2/11, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. FC Degree. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.

2/13, Saturday—Crab Feed, 6:00 PM. Tickets available through the Secretary.

2/18, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. FC Degree. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.

2/25, Thursday—Second Degree, 7:00 PM

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

Dear Brethren and Ladies.

If you did not come to the Installation, you missed a real treat. Maxine Tamez, my sister-in-law, sang like an angel and made us all laugh so hard. I don't know about anyone else, but I will never forget the look on Al Weiser's face. That is how I want the next year to be: filled with fun but serious when need be. We have lots of events that need the support of every lodge member.



 Pizza Night is Saturday, January 30th, at the Round Table Pizza on Redwood Road. Join us at 6:00 PM for a great meal of friendship and brotherhood.



• Crab Feed will be Saturday, February 13th, 6:00 PM at the Masonic Center. Tickets are available through the Secretary.

Did you know that a 'sideliner' is one of the most important jobs in the Lodge? It is. And we need you to show up for our meetings and especially our degrees. Nothing impresses a new member more than knowing they have the support of a group of brethren. We had an Officer's meeting in December, and our new Surveyors showed up in force. Thank you Phil, Arnie, Mark W., Mark P, and Brian K. I have also enlisted the help of Bro. Lee Reynolds as our official lodge "Greeter." Years ago we had a brother who would greet visitors and sojourners and keep them company at the meetings, and inform them of upcoming events. This was a great tradition that I am happy to revive. Thank you Bro. Reynolds. We have a double first degree scheduled for the last Thursday in January and it looks like we are off and running. How good it makes me feel to see us begin the year with growth.

Brethren, keep reaching out. Say "hello" to someone at the Stated Meeting dinner who you don't know, or haven't talked to in awhile. Get to know them better. You will be surprised at all the knowledge and history we have in this lodge. Once again, thank all of you for showing up and making a difference.

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

## From the West

Brethren,

It's a New Year and a New Line. I hear you saying, "wait Ron, it's just the same old line again." Come on! Roy, Alvaro and I may be Past Masters, but we have a fresh attitude and bright vision for this lodge. We strongly believe that our future success is upon us now, and we expect unprecedented growth this year. Not just growth in membership, but growth in fellowship, leadership, and enthusiasm. We can never afford to rest quietly on our past success, we must pound the drum, clash the cymbals, and march bravely toward the future which awaits us.



Crow Canyon Lodge is an attracting force within the Masonic Community. Just ask any of the brothers who have, over the past few years, affiliated with our fine body. What makes us so special? You! It is your warmth, your fellowship, your caring and your concern for others that creates that magnetic force.

Installation was a gas. The Children's Xmas party was a success, and the year is off and rolling. The Grand Master, Most Wor. Ken Nagel is promoting "Coming Home" for the month of February. Let's make the February Stated and Degree Meeting wall-to-wall with enthusiasm.

I wish each of you a prosperous and joyous New Year. Keep coming to Lodge or come back to Lodge. This is where the excitement is happening!

Ron Katz, PM (510) 375-3137 rstephen94545@yahoo.com

## **Masonic Youth Corner**

Please save the following dates for your calendar:

### Castro Valley DeMolay

- 3/15/10—Senior DeMolay Recognition Night
- 3/28/10—DeMolay Degrees Day in Honor of Wor. Roy Tamez, 10 AM at CVMC
- 4/1/10—CARWASH during Stated Meeting

### **Unity Rainbow**

• 1/30/10—Installation of Officers

## Hayward Jobs Daughters

1/8/10—Installation of Officers at Acacia Lodge, 7:30PM

## From The South

I would like to express my gratitude to the brethren of Crow Canyon for trusting me, one more time, to the station of Junior Warden. I will do everything in my capacity to serve the Master and the lodge to make this a successful and productive year.

My sincere appreciation to our Surveyors: Bros. Busch, Brian Katz, Parinas, Warzyniak and Weinstien for their support for the future of our lodge.

Finally, I would like to thank the Officers of the lodge, and especially Bro. Roy Nelson and Wor. Tamez. I have learned from you what it means to be a Mason.

The January Stated meeting dinner will be meatloaf with homemade mashed potatoes, vegetable, green salad, and cake and icecream for dessert.

Happy New Year to all. I hope you had a fantastic Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday.

In Brotherhood

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## COMING HOME February 2010

Join us for our Coming Home event at the February stated meeting.

Coming Home is a fraternity-wide effort to bring all members, new and senior, active and inactive, back to their blue lodge, beginning with the February stated meeting.

It will be the largest California blue lodge gathering in decades!



## From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper To Be Written



Some of you who have not paid the annual dues of \$73.00. After January 1st you are considered delinquent. Second notices will be sent after that date and if not paid by June Stated Meeting you might be suspended. Where else can you get Long Care Term Insurance for \$73.00 a year? 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. WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE YOU. The average age of our lodge is 72.76 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 a while please make a "New Years resolution" to attend at least one stated meeting or better yet one of the degrees. Worshipful Roy Tamez 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 2010. Remember our Stated Meeting dinners, as always, widows eat free. Many of you were willing to give your e-mail addresses. Having the e-mail addresses allows your lodge officers to communicate information guickly. If you are not receiving e-mail notices from CrowCanyon551@sbcglobal.net and would like to, please e-mail me at

that address and I will add you to the list.

Looks like a busy year ahead for our lodge, you might not want to miss the fun. If you are beyond the cable tow, remember there may be a lodge close to you and believe me the Brethren in those lodges would like for you to attend. If you are a first or second degree and haven't been working on the proficiency, its 2010 already. Suitable assistance will be furnished.

Bill Ferrell, PM—Secretary—(510) 886-2023 crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net

# In Memoriam

Entered into Rest

Burgis W. (Bill) Seaguist 89 Years, 5 Months and 23 Days December 10, 2009

> Almighty Father, Great Architect of the Universe,

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





## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Amato, Peter (51); Bitter, Henry Jr. (46); Clough, Eugene E. (42); Cole, Clement B. [PM] (54); Erman, John S. (20); Ferrell, William M. [PM] (28); Field, Marshall L. (44); George, Craig A. (28); Gottardi, Joseph F. (45); Hamilton, Roger H. (33); Hansen, Howard B. (61); Hibbs, Forrest M. [PM] (57); Hinds, Arthur C. (13); Jaeckel, Kurt N. [PM] (50); Lambrecht, Ernest E. (56); Newman, Raymond C. (19); Orr, Gary L. (24); Orzell, Alfred R. (55); Parinas, Mark R. (1); Pickering, Richard P. (36); Rodger, David R. [PM] (60); Russell, Frank L. Jr. (28); Samelson, Jerome V. (23); Smith, Charles S. Jr. (56); Smith, John D. (7); Tamez, Sammy [PM] (29); Teixeira, John E. (10); Zamora, Jose L. [PM] (33)



## Sunshine and Visiting

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

- Ernie Nidak 925-828-6993

# Special Committees

#### Sunshine

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