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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September 2011:**

09/01—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Chicken Cordon Bleu or Chicken Kiev*  
 09/08—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice—2nd Degree  
 09/10—09/11—**Kid's ID at Castro Valley Fall Festival**—Volunteers needed—Contact Wor. Roy Tamez at 510-684-3047  
 09/13—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Pleasanton, 3370 Hopyard Rd - 3rd Degree Second Section — 6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.  
 09/15—Thursday—7:00 PM—2nd Degree—Bro. Roger Glancy  
 09/22—Thursday—DARK  
 09/23—Friday—**Opening 163rd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge** (See Secretary's article inside this issue)  
 09/24—Saturday—Business Session Grand Lodge  
 09/25—Sunday—Public Session of Grand Lodge  
 09/29—Thursday—Family Potluck and Past Master's Roll Call—6:15 PM (A-H bring vegetable or casserole dish / I-N bring salad / O-Z bring dessert) - Lodge will provide BBQ Tri-tip and Beverages. *Past Master's Roll Call is an event open to all members and guests. The Secretary will read the names of the living Past Masters as well as the names of those that were raised during their year.*

**October 2011:**

10/06—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Oktoberfest!*  
 10/11—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Crow Canyon—Covering Retiring and Presenting Flag, Election of Officers — 6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.  
 10/13—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice or Degree TBA  
 10/20—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice or Degree TBA  
 10/27—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice or Degree TBA  
 10/28-10/30—**Friday-Sunday—Lodge Visitation to Carmel and 3rd Degree Exemplification upon Candidate to be determined.**  
 (Details online at <http://tiny.cc/551news>)

*Castro Valley DeMolay meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)*  
*Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)*  
*Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM)*  
*Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261, Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Acacia Lodge*  
*Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church*

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## From the East

First things first. Thank you all for your concern over my career last month. I am pleased to report that I started a new job, closer to home and with better compensation at the end of August. One door closes, another one opens when you think positive. I realize I am fortunate and that many Masons have been out of work for unbelievable lengths of time. I pray that positive thinking and positive action will have you gainfully employed very, very soon.



Your officers have met and discussed the succession plan for next year and it is looking like we will have a full line with just one Past Master. Details to follow. Although it looks like I will not have to serve in an official capacity next year, I will always be available to serve the lodge in any way deemed appropriate.

Are you part of a Masonic or non-masonic group looking to rent the building? Check out our website at <http://tiny.cc/rentCVMC> for updated details and an online availability calendar.

Grand Lodge is this month and there are some interesting resolutions on the ballot. Here are some that intrigued me:

- Resolution 11-04: Allows Lodge Treasurer to Receive Compensation—*We currently can pay the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Tiler and Organist. This resolution poses the question, "Why not the Treasurer?"*
- Resolution 11-18: Waives the Application Fees and the First Year's Dues for Certain DeMolay and Senior DeMolays—*Do you think this would motivate our "future leaders" to join sooner?*
- RESOLUTION 11-06: Restores the historic role of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons by requiring lodge business to be conducted in a lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons—*This resolution was rewritten after failure last year and spawned the two following resolutions.*
- Resolution 11-07: Requiring Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons to Pay Dues—*Did you realize that a man can be a Mason for years and never pay dues? Would this resolution alleviate the burden this places on the lodge?*
- Resolution 11-08: Removes Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft Masons from lodge rolls after five years of inactivity. *Could you imagine a situation where 11-07 passed but 11-08 didn't?*

You can read the full text of the resolutions as well as changes to the CMC that will be required if enacted on our website at <http://tiny.cc/551news>.

Thank you to all of our members who volunteer and work so hard to ensure our lodge is always "the best of the best".

**Vision Statement of Crow Canyon Lodge #551, F&AM**—*"Through our acts of service, our dedication to high principles, and our quest for light, we are a vibrant, growing community, attracting men who want the best for their families, their communities, and themselves."*

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## From the West

### *A Fulfillment of Masonic Responsibility*

The colonists and emigrants from England seeking security in the New World of America came across the Atlantic to find freedom and opportunity to live their own lives as best suited them, and many Masons also came to find new homes and set up Masonic Lodges. Benjamin Franklin, a Mason, published and distributed a pamphlet containing the Anderson Constitutions and the ancient charge of Freemason which inspired and threatened the hearts of Americans when England's George III sought to take from them their liberties and make them bow to his will. Soon the fires of revolution began to burn, and demands for the independence of the Colonies were heard throughout the land. Masonic orators, statesmen, soldiers, and writers such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, James Otis, Paul Revere, and Thomas Jefferson aroused the people and led the way to independence and the establishment of a Republic built upon the political philosophy of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. James Madison, called the Father of the Constitution, was a Mason, and the principles, teachings and philosophy of Freemasonry found their way into all the great documents upon which the Republic was erected.

The Founding Fathers even adopted the federal system of government structure in imitation of the Masonic system. Freemasons have ample reason to look with pride and satisfaction upon the form of government of the United States and upon the marvelous record of those distinguished Masons who laid the foundations upon which the Republic was established.

The Freemasons, having assisted mightily in achieving the freedom and independence for the people of the Thirteen Colonies and in setting up a Government based upon a Constitutions of limited powers for that Government, proclaimed to all Masons and indeed to all citizens that they should give serious consideration to these duties and responsibilities as citizens to guard and protest the freedom and the rights which they had won at the cost of much blood, sweat, and tears. For more than 100 years this warning was heeded. The Nation expanded and prospered. (*Reprinted from The New Age Magazine*)

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## In Memoriam

[Ernest Edward Lambrecht](#) 93 years, 10 months and 25 days  
Entered into Rest June 15, 2011

[Robert Grey Werner](#) 74 years, 3 months and 23 days  
Entered into Rest July 27, 2011

*Almighty Father, Great Architect of  
the Universe, into thy hands we commend the  
souls of our dear departed brothers*

## From the South

An evangelist on TV that I happened to hear in part by accident, a Sunday in mid August, had a sermon on the three "D"s.—**Determination, Discipline and Destiny**. Three very powerful "D"s. This concept probably shapes all our lives. **Determination** comes from interests, hopes and fortitude. **Discipline** comes from self assessments and the rules one allow to govern our spirits. That governing of self keeping ones desires within due bounds toward ones self and all mankind, that self discipline one allow oneself to have. And **Destiny** is that goal one has with a fixed and steady purpose and hope that the Lord has that plan for us and let it come to fruition. If we only allow the three "D"s into our lives worldly success is almost guaranteed, however, the quality of inner happiness is usually found through compassion toward self and others. Compassion is manifested by what we give ourselves as well as others: the smiles we give ourselves and others; the charity we give to fellow masons and all other creatures, humans as well as animals. That, my brothers and guests, is what shapes the quality of life. Go and practice giving and you will see improvements in your joy of life.



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### Common questions about Masonic Homes

#### What are the Masonic Homes of California?

The Masonic Homes of California are continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) that offer a vibrant lifestyle and provide multiple levels of care for senior residents. We have two campuses: The Union City campus in Northern California, and the Covina campus in Southern California.

#### Am I eligible?

Yes, if you are 60 years or older and:

- A California Master Mason in good standing for five consecutive years
- The wife or widow of an eligible California Master Mason
- Or, in extraordinary circumstances, the mother of an eligible Master Mason

#### What levels of care do you provide?

Through our aging in place program, residents enjoy the security of knowing that we will provide multiple levels of care as they are needed, including:

- Independent living
- Assisted living
- Skilled nursing
- Alzheimer's/dementia care
- Hospice care

#### I have more questions. Where can I find answers?

Call Masonic Assistance at 888/466-3642 to start your application or get more information or go to their website: [www.masonichome.org/](http://www.masonichome.org/)

### Masons & Baseball: A Perfect Partnership

The challenge is back for another year! Just \$20 buys a mitt for a deserving boy or girl in the Junior Giants program. Make your donation online at

<http://www.Masons4Mitts.org>

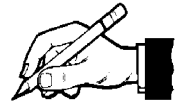
Campaign concludes Monday, September 12 at [Masons Night at AT&T Park](#).

[Join our Masons4Mitts Facebook page](#)



## From the Secretary's Desk

*All Things Proper to be Written*



Brethren:

First of all, I thank all who called and visited me after my knee surgery. It really lifted my spirits. Special thanks to our Chaplain Roy Nelson who sat with me at the rehabilitation Hospital.

The [162nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California](#) will be held September 23rd thru the 25th. Grand Lodge begins promptly Friday at 1:00 p.m. Any Master Mason who holds a current (2011) dues receipt may attend any session of Grand Lodge. Attire: Business Suit. Advance registration for credentials is not required. Credentials will be validated at the Registration Counter in the Exhibit Hall upon presentation of your 2011 dues receipt. If you need one, call me.

If you plan to attend let me know so we can all sit together. There is always interesting legislation going on so please make an effort to attend. The Grand Lodge has published the proposed legislation for 2011. If you would like a copy, e-mail me at [crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net) and I will be happy to e-mail all 45 pages to you. You can also download them from our lodge website at <http://tiny.cc/551news>. If you are a Past Master and have an opinion as to voting the P.M. ballot, contact me.

As soon as Grand Lodge approves the per capita tax, you should be receiving the annual dues statement. If the dues are a financial hardship, PLEASE let me know. PLEASE do not ignore the letter. Grand Lodge has developed a member retention program that might allow you to retain your membership. We do not want to suspend you. Now, this is difficult for me to say; if you do not want to continue your membership, I will send you a demit, so you can leave the Fraternity in good standing.

Please remember to support our youth groups, they are our future.

**Bill Ferrell, Secretary**

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## Masonic Family Corner

**Job's Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin**—We will present a Tri-Tip Dinner Fundraiser on September 9, 2011 at the **Castro Valley Masonic Center**, 4521 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley. The dinner will be from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Please let us know if you would like to buy tickets for this wonderful dinner. \$15.00 for the Tri-Tip dinner with sides/dessert. \$20.00 for Whole Tri-Tip to go. (To go orders must be purchased no later than 9/4/2011). Denise Jow—(510) 352-4292 [jdublin1@gmail.com](mailto:jdublin1@gmail.com).

**Job's Daughters Bethel No. 261, Hayward**—We will be having a car wash on September 18th at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. We also invite you to join us for our meeting on Labor Day at 7 p.m. Our second meeting in September will be moved to Sunday, September 25th. This will be our Grand Guardian's Official Visit (GGOV). It will begin at 6 p.m. and we will serve dinner immediately following at 7:30 p.m. Contact Jennifer Katz—[jenniferkatz94545@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferkatz94545@yahoo.com)

**Bright Side of Youth 2011**—Bring your family and friends and support Masonic Youth Groups by attending this FREE Annual Talent Show. A fantastic night of entertainment. September 17, 2011, 7:00 PM at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. Refreshments and youth dance follow. Go to <http://scottish-rite.org/bsoy/main.html> for details.



## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Akre, Ronald (32); Allen, Kurt [PM] (34); Beaman, Denis (31); Bryant, Billy [PM] (51); Castile, Mark (24); Cerates, Sidney [PM] (28); Dias, Harold (48); Freestone, John (40); Gooch, Donald (49); Jensen, Donald (28); Kenyon, Edwin (30); Kinicki, Andrew (51); Laney, Johnnie (39); Larsen, Ralph (47); Lee, Robert (3); Leite, Mark (24); Lorenzini, Robert (8); Luque, James (39); Mac Laughlin, Kenneth (14); Mc Cord, Patrick (31); Middleton, David (15); Rothlisberger, Verl [PM] (25); Russell, Larry (45); Schulack, Herman (59); Skewis, Richard (52); Sullivan, John (15); Sullivan, Vernon (53); Thomas, Albert (32); Toy, Russell (15); Vorpahl, Douglas (47); Walter, Jerry (40); Warzyniak, Mark (2); Wilson, Freddie [PM] (37); Worley, Carl (11); Wright Jr., James (8)

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## 2011 Committees

### Lodge Appointments

- **Audit** – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein
- **Funeral** – Kurt Allen, Kjell Bomark-Noel, Kay Dunn, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez
- **Hiram Award Selection** – John Smith, Roy Tamez, Robert Logan
- **Masonic Charity** - The Master and the Wardens
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- **Membership Retention** – Bill Ferrell
- **Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

### Lodge Events

- **Kid's ID (9/10-11)**—Roy Nelson, Roy Tamez, Sammy Tamez
- **Constitutional Observance (9/15)**—Event Cancelled by vote of Lodge. Please plan to attend Oakland Scottish Rite's event on Monday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m. Reservations required at [OAKLAND@SCOTTISH-RITE.ORG](mailto:OAKLAND@SCOTTISH-RITE.ORG)
- **Anniversary Dinner/Dance (10/15)**—Event Cancelled by vote of Lodge
- **Visitation to Carmel (10/28-30)**—Kurt Allen, Lyman Penning (650) 967-0699 [mrpenning@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrpenning@sbcglobal.net)

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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.*

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