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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**October 2010:**

10/7—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—**Lodge Members and their Families, Sweethearts, and Prospective members are ALL guests of the lodge.** *Hiram Award Presentation—Bro. John Smith.*  
 10/12—Tuesday—School of Instruction at San Leandro, 6:00 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required. Other members welcome.  
 10/14—Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.  
 10/21—Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.  
 10/28—Thursday—First Degree—7:00 PM

**November 2010:**

11/4—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person. Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge. *Election of Officers.*  
 11/11—Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required. Other members welcome.  
 11/18—Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.  
 11/25—Thursday—DARK—Happy Thanksgiving!

**December 2010:**

12/2—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person. Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge.  
 12/4—Saturday—Installation of Officers / 2:00 PM Installation followed by Dinner. Please contact the Secretary for dinner reservations.

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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*

**THIS JUST IN!!!**  
 Please Join Us on  
 Thursday, September 30th at 7 PM for the  
 presentation of the Golden Veteran's Award  
 (50 Year Pin) to  
**Bro. Ernie Nidick**  
*Immediately following our Lodge  
 Family Potluck from 5:30 PM—6:45 PM*

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## From the East



Dear Brethren and Ladies,

The first order of business is to congratulate our newest Entered Apprentice Masons. Welcome Bros. David Allen (7/8), Brian Ross (8/26), Jody Juracich (9/17), and Daniel Mrdja (9/17). David lives in Pleasanton and works with Computers. He is the son of Wor. Kurt Allen and his wife, Wynn. Brian is an Attorney and lives with his wife in Castro Valley. Jody works in Purchasing for a large retail company. He and his wife have a two year-old son and live in San Leandro. Danny lives in Danville and is an Independent Contractor. Brethren, you will get as much out of Masonry as you put into it (or perhaps more). The more active you are, the more enjoyment you will receive. All of our Officers (and Surveyors) are doing a great job on our degrees. It makes me proud to be a part of such a great team. Also, our sideliners did not disappoint. Thank you gentlemen for showing your support for these new brothers.

The Castro Valley Fall Festival was a HUGE success. Your team provided life saving identification to more than 400 children over the weekend. Won't you join those worthy brethren who volunteered their time to insure this projects success. Thank you so much, my brothers.

A special congratulations goes out to Bro. Ernie Nidick on his accomplishing 50 years as a Mason. We will be recognizing him with ceremony at our September Potluck (9/30 @ 5:30-7:00 PM). I only hope to be there to celebrate his Diamond Jubilee (75 years).

Relief! - We have a new Building Coordinator and Events Manager. Rod Hamilton brings experience and enthusiasm to the job. Thank you Rod for stepping up just when we needed you. You may recognize him as a Past Potentate from Aahmes Shrine.

We Need Your Cans! - Bring them to the lodge and I will recycle them for new Pots and Pans for the lodge kitchen.

My year is winding down and I want to thank each and every one of you who did your part to make my year so full. Who would have thought that so many would come out after my health crisis. You have no idea how proud I am to be part of this great organization.

Finally I want to thank our Officers, Board Members, Trustees, Committee Persons, and thankless volunteers who put so much time and energy into making this lodge one of the best.

As always, feel free to call me if you want to help or if I can do anything for you.

Fraternally,

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## Masonic Family Corner

Unity Assembly Rainbow— **October 2** - Please join us for our **Installation of Officers** at 7:00 PM. Kelsey Paiz is our incoming Worthy Advisor. Help us raise needed funds by participating in our e-Waste Event, **October 16**, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm CV Masonic Center,

Castro Valley DeMolay—**October 2**—at 9 AM there will be a DeMolay Membership Class in honor of Most Worshipful William Bray, the New Grand Master of the State of California. It will be held at the Oakland Scottish Rite and we invite you to attend. **October 29-30**—We will be holding a 12 hour dance-a-thon from 7PM on the 29th until 7AM on the 30th. **November 6**—Our Installation of Officers will be at 7:30 PM. We hope you can attend.

Hayward Jobs Daughters—**October 17**—We will be assisting at the Masonic Home with the Senior Ball, an annual dance put on for the residents by the three Masonic Youth Orders. The event will run from 1:30-3:30 PM. **October 24**—We invite you to come to our Spook-etti Dinner at the Hayward Masonic Center. 6 PM-8 PM.



## From the West



Brethren,

Things are beginning to fit into place for next year. I am looking forward to an exceptional year of continued growth and excitement. Our Surveyors experiment will be in place once again next year. As a reminder, the Surveyors, as a group, fill the roles of Junior Deacon, and both Stewards. They commit to come to as many ritual practices and meetings as they possibly can, as well as to attending our monthly District Schools of Instruction. To date, I have commitments from the following members to participate as Surveyors: Phil Bush, Arnie Weinstein, Mark Warzyniak, Mark Parinas, Kay Dunn, Brian Katz. The opening for Sr. Deacon will be filled by Bro. Charles Hintz. With the assistance of the brethren, Charles will progress over the next few years to the East. Bro. Kjell is working to qualify as our Junior Warden (if elected) and Wor. Alvaro Reynosa has graciously volunteered to be our Senior Warden next year (if elected). If I am elected, I will appoint Bro. Gene Moore as our Marshal. He has proven himself to be qualified. I would also be thrilled to have Bro. Roy Nelson serve as our Chaplain. Our Secretary and Treasurer will be elected by you. I have heard from Wor. Bob Hansen that he will not be running this year. We may have a brother or two who would have an interest in serving the Treasurer's role. Wor. Bill Farrell will be running for Secretary again (Amen). We were informed at our last School of Instruction that our district will be changing again and that we will have a new Inspector as of the close of the Annual Communication. Included in our new district will be Pleasanton and Island City lodges.

On **November 14th** at 2 PM, at the Springbrook Masonic Center, 101 Temple Way in Vallejo, I will be one of four designees honored with the DeMolay Legion of Honor. The Legion of Honor is the highest honor conferred by DeMolay International. It's conferred on a Senior DeMolay for outstanding leadership in some field of endeavor or for success in fraternal life, including adult service to DeMolay. I invite all of my brethren to attend as we receive this high honor.

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## From the South

*The Qualifications of a True Mason*

“The Mason must develop the powers of observation. He must seek eternally in all expressions of nature for the things which he has lost because he failed to work for them. He must become a student of human nature and see in those around him the unfolding and varying expressions of one connected to Spiritual Intelligence. The great spiritual ritual of his lodge is played out before him in every action of his brother man. The entire Masonic initiation is an open secret, for anyone can see it played out on the street corners of cities or in the untracked wilderness of nature. The Mason has sworn that every day he will extract from life its message for him and build it into the Temple of his God. He seeks to learn the things which will make him of greater use in the Divine Plan, a better instrument in the hands of the Great Architect, who is laboring eternally to unfold life through the medium of living things. The Mason realizes, more over, that his vows, taken of his own free will and accord, give him the divine opportunity of being a living tool in the hands of a Master workman.”—*Reprinted from poem by Reynold E. Blight, 33°.* 1924.

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## How to become a Mason

Membership is open to men age 18 and older who believe in a Supreme Being and meet the qualifications and standards. Men of all ethnic and religious backgrounds are welcome.

One of Masonry's traditions is that we do not solicit members. Men must seek membership on their own initiative.

Contact the lodge to schedule a visit during an event, at which time you can request a membership information packet.

When you have completed the application form included in the packet, it must be signed by two Masons who recommend you for membership.

You will have met some Masons at the lodge event. You can also contact the lodge secretary for assistance.

Return your application and the specified application payment. The lodge will schedule visits in your home with selected lodge members to discuss your application and to answer your questions. Your application will be voted upon at the next lodge meeting.

You will be notified of your acceptance as a candidate for the degrees, and you will receive instructions about the three degree ceremonies.

The degrees explain Freemasonry and give you the opportunity to experience the lodge's traditions and fellowship. When you complete all three degrees, you become a full member.

### Ladies and Friends

#### Play

“WHITE ELEPHANT” BINGO

First Thursday of EACH MONTH  
During STATED MEETING

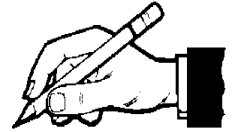
No cost to enter, just bring a  
white elephant gift worth \$5 or less

Call Sherry Hansen for details  
(510) 537-0109



## From the Secretary's Desk

*All Things Proper to be Written*



Brethren, our lodge will celebrate our 87th Anniversary on October 11, 2010. By the way Jobs Daughters in California also celebrated their 87th anniversary last June. Dues notices will be mailed shortly. Our dues for 2011 will be \$94.00. If you have difficulty paying these dues, contact the lodge Master or me, please do not let your membership drop because of this increase. Our lodge is getting older as you can read the statistics below. We do not want to lose anyone. At present our Lodge has a population of 395 Master Masons. Our youngest member is 22.85 years old and the oldest has accomplished 103.52 years. The average age of our membership is 72.54 years old.

551 By The Numbers

Age Range	# of Members	% of Total
20-29	2	0.51%
30-39	7	1.77%
40-49	16	4.05%
50-59	49	12.41%
60-69	81	20.51%
70-79	104	26.33%
80-89	105	26.58%
90-99	29	7.34%
100 +	2	0.51%
<b>Total Membership: 395</b>		

These statistics may be fun to look at but it shows that if the fraternity is to survive we need participation from all age groups. There are many Brothers who are apprehensive about attending lodge because they may have forgotten some of the protocol for attending a meeting. If you are “rusty trowel,” contact me and I will verify your good standing and do a “run through” of the proper Lodge etiquette. Please try to make a degree or stated meeting.

If you have any comments please feel free to contact me. The lodge telephone number is 510-886-2023. The Lodge e-mail address is [crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net).

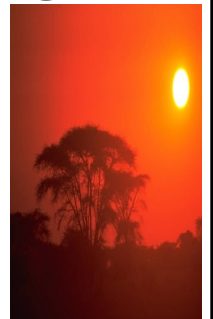
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## In Memoriam

Morton James Mutnick 94 years, 8 months and 0 days  
Entered Into Rest August 28, 2010

Donald Anderson 84 years, 10 months and 19 days  
Entered Into Rest August 29, 2010

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



### 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Bain, William J. (54); Baratto, Dave L. (15); Bishop, Charles W. [PM] (57); Bookman, Barry L. (21); Brooke, Harold R. [PM] (48); Brunnckhorst, Brian R. (11); Brunnckhorst, David P. (11); Busch, Phillip M. (3); Cuthbert, Talbot S. (22); Egelston, Roderick K. (32); Fiddes, Terry (59); Gabriel, Robert M. (39); Haines, Carson B. [PM] (39); Hansen, Robert C. [PM] (31); Hardesty, John F. (35); Hicks, Charles F. Sr. [PM] (26); Hintz, Charles R. (11); Hintz, Warren G. (47); Huckins, Melvin R. (51); Jensen, David S. (12); Johnson, Charles A. (41); Kavert, David L. (41); Keihner, Richard G. (32); Koisch, Gordon (42); Kraft, Delbert W. (36); Kresge, John R. [PM] (50); Lane, Glen W. (42); Langton, Royle M. (56); Leiber, Paul H. Jr. (56); Lobree, Bruce A. (28); Mc Evers, Donald C. (55); Meier, Paul G. [PM] (49); Miller, Henry E. Sr. [PM] (41); Mutnick, Bertram Z. (61); Nilson, Martin N. Jr. (44); Penning, Lyman C. [PM] (36); Porter, Russell L. (46); Price, Walter E. (21); Proffitt, Edward E. [PM] (56); Prosser, Rowell P. (1); Rafalski, Ned E. (28); Reynolds, Dale A. (28); Roberts, Donald R. (50); Romero, Ronald H. (23); Rowe, Thomas A. (49); Saks, Robert E. (58); Schulz, Raymond A. (24); Seutter, Elmer P. (42); Sonnichsen, David E. (65); Stephenson, William T. (44); Stevenson, David A. (43); Strain, William E. (55); Suokko, Leonard W. (51); Tague, Gene D. Jr. (23); Thomas, Richard M. (31); Unti, Eric J. (3); Wagner, Robert J. (32); Weinstein, Arnold M. (4); West, Alan D. [PM] (23); York, Jack M. (64)

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## Sunshine and Visiting

Please keep the following brothers in your thoughts and prayers:



Fred Avery, Henry Miller, Mark Castile, Richard Skewis, Robert Gabriel, Vern Sullivan, Lyman Penning.

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

Ernie Nidick, Committee Chairman (925) 828-6993

## Special Committees

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