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MASONIC EVENTS

March

- 2nd – Stated Meeting Dinner – 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting
- 9th – Officer’s Practice – 7:00 PM
- 10th – Pizza Night at Redwood Road Roundtable – 6:00 PM
- 11th – Unity Rainbow Spud Dinner – 6:00 PM
- 16th – Golden Veteran’s / Member Luncheon – 11:30 AM
 Officer’s Practice – 7:00 PM
- 18th – DeMolay Pasta Dinner – 6 PM
- 20th – Castro Valley DeMolay Senior DeMolay Night – Officer’s in Tux –
 7:30 PM
- 23rd – EA Education Night – 6 PM / Officer’s Practice – 7:00 PM
- 26th – Masonic Center Clean Up – 2 PM
- 30th – Officer’s Practice – 7:00 PM
- 31st – Masonic Information Night – Public Open House – 7 PM

April

- 4th – Lodge Officer’s to Unity Rainbow – 7 PM
- 6th – Stated Meeting 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner /(Unity Rainbow members are our
 Guests) / 7:30 Meeting
- 13th – Officer’s Practice – 7:00 PM
- 20th – Public Schools Night – 6:00 PM
- 21st-23rd – RENO TRIP - \$100/person
- 27th – Officer’s Practice – 7:00 PM
- 29th – District School of Instruction – Pleasanton Lodge – 8:00 AM

*Note: Some of the Officer’s Practices will become degrees. If you want to plan in advance for degrees, make sure you are on the Secretary’s email list.

April 21-23 (Friday-Sunday)
 Join us as we travel via bus to
 “The City That Never Sleeps”
 \$100/person
 Staying at the Reno Sands for two nights
 and hitting several casinos on the way into town
 and on the way out. Cash back at every casino.
 Call Worshipful Ron at 510-431-1211,
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 register online at our website at
<http://www.calodges.org/no551/reno>
 Reservation Deadline is April 10th.
 Fees due to lodge secretary
 by April 15th

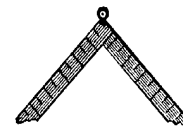
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Brethren,

From the East



This will be a busy month for us. We will be supporting our DeMolay chapter with their DeMolay Month recognition, having our first mid-week luncheon, and opening our lodge to the curious public.

The theme of this year is "Planting the Seeds of Success – Family, Community, Fraternity". Last month I focused on Community, this month I would like to write briefly about Fraternity and its importance. When you knelt at that Masonic alter and took the ancient oath of Masonry, you created a bridge across the centuries to countless Masons and students of the mysteries throughout time. Searching for that bit of inspiration, that unique key, that spark of the Divine within oneself has been the quest of the enlightened few. Do you really understand what you have in your hands with this Fraternity? Do you have any idea the value of the opportunity you possess? Study the history, the symbolism, the works of our published brothers and reach inside yourself to become more of who you were designed to be. Remember also, if it is valuable to you, it would be valuable to others. Share your enthusiasm.

March 10th is our Pizza Night at the Round Table on Redwood Road. Our DeMolay chapter will be our guests. Pizza is on the lodge. March 16th is our first term luncheon. I called it our Golden Veteran's luncheon but any member who is available at 11:30 in the afternoon is welcome to attend and enjoy the fellowship. Brother Roy Tamez will be serving up BBQ Tri-Tip, Potato Salad, French Bread, and more for an amazing \$5/person. If you haven't been to lodge for awhile, this event is especially designed for you. March 20th the lodge officers will be visiting our DeMolay Chapter in Tuxes as they have their Senior DeMolay Night and Majority Service. Please support your officers by joining us. March 31st is our Public Open House – Masonic Information Night. Invite a friend or ten.

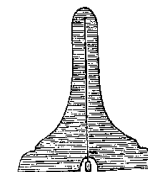
Fraternally and Enthusiastically

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Brethren,

From the West



When you reach the pinnacle of life, especially in Masonry, it is good to share that knowledge with a friend or acquaintance who, for lack of information or knowledge about our Brotherhood, are unaware of what fellowship and encouragement can be had in the Masonic Order.

Reading Brother Bob's Jr. Warden's article last month made me wonder what it would be like for our brotherhood if just 10% of our members utilized the mental approach that our brother Bob presented to us.

The first thing that we learn in masonry is to keep inviolate the ultimate refinements of our institution. This is the foundation of our brotherhood and I think that it is possible to teach and promote Masonry while protecting the ancient landmarks of our institution.

"Every Friend brings something good to your life. Having a friend. It is a second life. Every friend is something that is good. When much is shared much is learned. From a friend to continue to wish you well. Show courtesy, respect and understanding. There is a way to be found to their hearts. Try daily to make a friend; if not an intimate one at least one who shows that he has your interest at heart. It is from a casual acquaintance that a confident and trusting friend will emerge.

Giving is still the safest side of a friendship. It is said that a true friend is generous in nature and they tie their purse with a cob web thread"– **Baltusar Gracian**

Fraternally,

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From the South

March Stated Dinner, it is the traditional Corned Beef (politically incorrect orange) and Cabbage (politically correct green) plus all the trimmings -- prepared by our own renowned chef, Brother Henry Miller. Now, if you miss this dinner you are certain to be **green** with envy of those of us who were there.

Last month I started talking about bragging rights relative to our beloved Fraternity. I left off mentioning that the totality of the Masonic Fraternity (Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite Bodies, York Rite Bodies, Shrine, plus the ladies' and Masonic Youth groups, etc.) constitutes the largest charitable organization in the United States, second only to the US Government. A few years ago this was not so. We were in third place behind the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association; I do not know which order they came in. The most recent numbers I have heard is that our philanthropies run about \$650 million annually with the Shrine Hospitals accounting for \$450 million of this. Also, the Shrine Hospitals never charge for services rendered – NEVER. They don't even have a billing department – nor does the Scottish Rite Hospitals or Children's Language Center clinics. Certainly, we must not forget our Masonic Homes across the United States as well as our orphanages.



Yes, we have a lot to brag about – and should. Not just privately in our meetings; we must shout it from the hilltops of our Nation by way of information pieces in the public media – all forms. At this point I am certain that you are sitting back, smiling and saying – “Yea, sure, but that costs big bucks which we don't have so it is not going to happen.” Well guess what – it can happen and in an affordable manner.

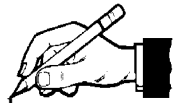
This is the point where I say, “tune in next month for the rest of the story’.”

Fraternally Bob Werner Jr. Warden

**For dinner reservations please call
(925) 462-0366**

This is YOUR LODGE— Let the Officers know if you have any ideas to improve it for the benefit of all of our members.

From the Secretary's Desk



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 crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net

“Public Schools – Lighting the Way for America's Future.”

You may wonder why in “the world” should I care about Public Schools. 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 back in 1921. Crow Canyon Lodge for the past 21 years has honored teachers with a “Masonic Teacher of the Year” program here in Castro Valley. This event is for you the member, your lady and our public school educators. The evening begins with a dinner, and afterward we retire to the lodge room for presentations to our honored guests. We have had as many as 60 teachers; School Board members and students attend this event. I now ask, PLEASE help the lodge by attending to show the Unified School District we really care. The Canyon Middle School Jazz choir will again entertain us at the beginning of the program, and then we honor two teachers. One from primary and one from secondary education. Hope to see you April 20, 2006.

Bill Ferrell, Secretary (510) 886-2023

Humor Corner

The Master of our Lodge found a bottle with a Genie in it. In accordance with custom, the Genie offered to grant him a wish....

"OK," said the WM, "I've always wanted to go to Hawaii, but I hate to fly. So my wish is for you to build a bridge so I can drive to Hawaii."

"I can't do that!!!" exclaimed the Genie. "Don't you know that's impossible? No Genie could do that. It's too far, the water is too deep, it's just totally beyond anybody's power. You will have to make another wish."

"OK," said the Master. "I wish that at our next Stated Meeting all the old Past Masters would just get along and not cause any trouble, not have to tell us how they did it their year, not complain about the ritual, not put down the current officers ... just sit on the sidelines and behave!"

"Hmmmmm," said the Genie. "Do you want that bridge with 2 lanes or 4??"



March 2006
IN MEMORIAM **ENTERED INTO REST**

Tom Norel Kendall	76 years, 11 months and 27 days	November 3, 2005
William Haskel Rice	87 years, 7 months and 5 days	January 16, 2006
Nicholas Ernest Druley, Jr.	82 years, 1 month and 16 days	January 20, 2006
Peter E. Livanos, Jr.	68 years, 2 months and 30 days	January 23, 2006
Audus G. Watson P.M., H.A.	67 years, 7 months and 16 days	February 16, 2006

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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accepted with excessive cheer (saves us writing!).

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