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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2013

1/3—Thursday—Stated Meeting – Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend)– \$13.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.

1/8—Tuesday—School of Instruction—Mosaic Lodge, Livermore—All Masons are welcome to attend. Arrive around 6:00 PM for a complimentary dinner.

1/10—Thursday—First Degree Practice—7:00 PM

1/17—Thursday—First Degree Practice—7:00 PM

1/24—Thursday—First Degree—Mr. Charles Reynolds—7:00 PM

1/31—Thursday—Masonic Family Pizza Party—6:15 PM (Family Members of Crow Canyon Lodge, Members of Lake Chabot Eastern Star, Castro Valley DeMolay, Unity Rainbow, and Jobs Daughters invited as guests of the Lodge.

February 2013

2/7—Thursday—Stated Meeting – Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend)– \$13.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.

2/14—DARK—Happy Valentine's Day

2/16—Crow Canyon Lodge Crab Feed—6:15 PM—(tickets available from the Secretary)

2/21—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM

2/28—Thursday— Degree or Practice—7:00 PM

Castro Valley DeMolay meets at Castro Valley Masonic Center (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) @ Hayward Masonic Center

Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church

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From the East



I am humbled and in awe of the great boots that have gone before me—all the Lodges and all its Officers that are now Crow Canyon 551. As most members already know, we are currently not able to use our Lodge Room and will use the banquet room for Lodge purposes. We just finished a third degree on Thursday the 13th of December with Wor. Katz in the East and Wor. Pinkerton in the West. Wor. Reynosa did the Senior Deacon's work in the Second Section. It felt like we had a visiting traveling degree. It was one of the finest degrees I have ever witnessed. Wor. Allen, the Officers Coach, was pleased based on smiles and statements.

We as officers and brothers need to cross that divide regarding solicitation and information to a Non-Mason. I urge everyone in the Lodge to read the 1993 G.M. Decision No 2: Discussing Masonry with the Non-Mason: "No man may be solicited or invited to become a Mason." §804.205 As the Grand Master wisely stated: ... "its application in the real world has left even experienced Masons in doubt as to the propriety of discussing our fraternity with non-Masons for fear that our anti solicitation rule will be violated.....There is a distinct difference between solicitation and information. Solicitation is the active and persistent attempt to influence somebody to do something. It can involve the use of pressure and promises of certain favors . . ."

"On the other hand, a man of character will not join an organization of which he has little or no knowledge...Offering information is not solicitation . . . A member may provide information on the purposes and principles of Freemasonry to an interested enquirer. He may freely answer questions about the organization of the fraternity, membership requirements, financial obligations, expectations of members, personal development, charities..... A member may not discuss the ritual of the degrees of Masonry with the prospective member, except to explain that the ceremonies contain serious lessons which are highly regarded by Masons".

I will attempt to copy the 1993 G.M. Decision No 2 and have it readily available at the January and February stated meetings. I encourage all Coaches to bring the EA's and FC's to all Stated Meetings.

I thank Wor. Weisser and Wor. Allen for the Installation Ceremony, and Brother Marmor and Wor. "Uncle Roy" Tamez for the meal, in which the Prime Rib was probably the best I have ever had.

There are many roads to self realization and I hope the Brethren will forgive me in any failure in where I fall off the path, and then will whisper good counsel in my ear whereby I may get back on the path.

Fraternally,

Kjell Bomark-Noel—Master

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From the West



Brethren,

The pages of the calendar have turned, the world hasn't ended (as predicted by our Mayan brothers), and life goes on. It's time for another great year for Crow Canyon Lodge.

Kjell, Bob and I are enthusiastic about serving you again. We are glad to see the dedication and commitment of so many brothers to the success of our lodge: the trustees, the hall association members, our countless volunteers, our Past Masters, and our elected and appointed officers. Together we will make an impact in our community.

We are eager to see how many of our Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons return to lodge now that they can attend Stated Business Meetings. If you are an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason, we invite you to join us for every Stated Meeting. We would also love to help you advance this year in the fraternity.

Our Master is also reaching out to our more senior members this year. We intend to do degree work on 2-3 Saturdays this year, during the day time, so that our members who can not get out at night, might have the opportunity for fellowship. Great idea, Wor. Bomark-Noel!

Masonic Youth—Some of our newer members may not be aware of the Masonic Youth Organizations and how they benefit young men and women. The Order of DeMolay is for young men who are at least 12 years old. They have a strong focus on leadership development. They do not need to be related to a Mason. Castro Valley DeMolay meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. (Learn more at: <http://www.demolay.org>). The International Order of Rainbow for Girls is for young women who are at least 11 years old. They have a strong focus on providing community service. They do not need to be related to a Mason. Unity Rainbow meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM. (Learn more at: <http://www.gorainbow.org>). Jobs Daughters International is for young women who are at least 10 years old. They must have a Masonic relative. They focus on leadership development as well as national and local service projects. We have local Bethels in Hayward, San Leandro, and Dublin. (Learn more at: <http://www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org>.)

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Inspiring Words

A new year is now upon us. I sit here with pen in hand wondering what to write. By this time you have been wished "Happy New Year" many times, and it makes me ask why Happy New Year? Why don't we wish Happy All Year? Are we supposed to be happy only on that one day? I think not! So let me be the first to wish you "Happy All Year!"

By the way what is this about? Now that we have a new year we have a new beginning – remember only the date changed. Instead of thinking of it as a new beginning, why not improve upon the old? – you are you, I am I, and we are we – that does not change.

So on this new year, try to be a better you – I know I will try to be a better me – and together we will all have a happy year all of 2013.

Live with hope – keep the faith – have a heart full of love. And with God's help we will have the kind of year we all pray for.

God Bless!

Irwin Fershleiser, P.M., H.A.—Chaplain

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From the South

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a festive holiday Season. I would like take this opportunity to say thank you for the support everyone gave me during the last year as Master. I had the most and best support that any Lodge Master could ask for. In a year that was very difficult for me, having had family issues with my father's health, my health and recovering from a shoulder injury, I had such wonderful people around me that the Lodge was the least of my worries. Since I didn't have the opportunity earlier, I would particularly like to thank Brothers Howard Marmor, and Roy Tamez and the people working in the kitchen for providing our dinners for all our functions. Thank you Wor. Bill Ferrell for keeping me on track at the beginning of the year and your support throughout. We are lucky to have a great Officer's Coach in Kurt Allen who has patience and a calm manner in coaching those who seek help. Brother Officers, Kurt is a great resource. Take advantage of his expertise. I know from experience, that he is always there to assist in the Craft. We had a great visitation thanks to Lyman Penning, Kurt and Wynn Allen for planning and coordinating the event and the wives of the officers who attended and brought the hors d'oeuvre for the Master's social hour. We have a great line of elected and appointed officers for the coming years. It will be interesting to see them grow in their Masonic responsibilities and see the direction the lodge takes in the future. We have a new Wor. Master, Kjell Bomark-Noel, a first time Master who will need all the support we can give him. I hope that he will provide better leadership than I did while enjoying the same level of support of all of the Officers and Lodge Members which I was blessed. Once again, thank you one and all.



Respectfully and Fraternally,

Robert Pinkerton, PM—Junior Warden

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Brethren, come take part!

Dead Masonic Poets Society - Revisited

Purpose: To inspire and educate our brethren through discussions, papers and findings that are relative to our beautiful Masonic history, while maintaining brotherly love, tolerance and respect in a non-tiled setting under the supervision of the Worshipful Master. If the present Worshipful Master cannot be in attendance, a Past Master or one of the current Wardens will have to be present in order for the group to convene. Any papers or discussions will be kept confidential and is of one's own freewill to contribute.

Goal: To further Masonic education and discussion in the Lodge. We want our new and senior brethren to have an opportunity to learn and share Masonic knowledge, which will ultimately enrich our Lodge's ritual-work and brotherhood through an understanding of our ancient fraternity's roots and its transformation through the ages.

Potential Benefits: This holds a future opportunity to possibly invite proven Master Masons from other lodges to participate, as a way to potentially get new affiliates and members who hold Masonic study as an important part of being a Freemason; the idea being that if one see's we are actively discussing Freemasonry as part of our Lodge's culture, one may find our Lodge can fulfill his intellectual needs and interests, beyond Degree Nights.

This would be a true form of due respect to our fraternity's forefathers, the mysteries and an overall added bonus to a great lodge! Masonic education starts in the Blue Lodge and should remain a source of pride and development. I believe this could be a way to keep members active and excited about their role in Masonic heritage.

Invitation: Each month the group's theme will be rotated based on degrees. Master's are welcome and encouraged to attend all discussions, Fellow Craft's are welcome on their night as well as on Entered Apprentice's, and so on.

Meeting Place: Lodge dining room. Participating brethren on a rotating basis will help provide minor refreshments.

Dates: A look at the Lodge's 2013 calendar for next year will help select a day that works best for the Lodge and the brethren; being flexible is understandable. I believe a two-hour setting would suffice per meeting, one meeting per month.

First meeting for February 2013 will be announced via email, look forward to seeing you there!

Mike Ramos – Junior Deacon—551dmps@gmail.com

Note: Charles Hintz, Kem Apak and myself will regularly monitor this account to answer questions and suggestions.

From the Secretary's Desk



This is the time of year when things begin to transition. As the annual calendar changes from the old to a new year we look to new beginnings. The new beginning in our lodge is to welcome and support Worshipful Kjell Bomark-Noel and our new corps of officers.

I am happy to be serving the lodge in 2013 as your secretary. I have received about 2/3rds of the dues from our members, Thanks to all of our life members who sent in their per-capita tax. This really helps the lodge treasury a lot. I wish to apologize for requesting social security numbers on the questionnaire that was sent out with the dues. That was an old form and I simply overlooked that part. You can rest assured, those of you who sent in their numbers, that those numbers have been shredded and in no way can be recovered.

Many changes have come down from Grand Lodge and there are many more to come, such as Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft will be allowed to attend our stated meetings. As some of you already know our Grand Lodge is going corporate in their procedures. The lodge secretaries are the ones who will be affected the most by these changes.

During 2012 the following members entered the Celestial Lodge above: Fletcher S. Abbey; Ronald A. Akre; Arno A. Abe; William A. Brennan, PM; Clement B. Cole, PM; Maurice C. Cook, Jr.; Talbot S. Cuthbert; Charles T. Gonzales; Edward L. Land, PM; Jack Palmeri, PM; Edward E. Proffitt, PM; John C. Schwartz; Roderick R. Smith; Martin Stevko, Jr.; Robert J. Wagner; and Walter R. Wharton.

We enter 2013 with 366 Master Masons and look forward to seeing all of you in lodge in the new year.

I wish each of you a very Happy New Year.

Don Schauer, Secretary

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In Memoriam

Arno Abe

Entered into Rest

82 years, 9 months, 28 days

November 5, 2012

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

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3rd Degree Anniversaries

Amato, Peter (54); **Bitter**, Henry Jr. (49); **Erman**, John S. (23); **Ferrell**, William M. [PM] (31); **Field**, Marshall L. (47); **George**, Craig A. (31); **Gotardi**, Joseph F. (48); **Hamilton**, Roger H. (36); **Hansen**, Howard B. (64); **Hibbs**, Forrest M. [PM] (60); **Hinds**, Arthur C. (16); **Jaeckel**, Kurt N. [PM] (53); **King**, Justin D. (4); **Newman**, Raymond C. (22); **Orr**, Gary L. (27); **Orzell**, Alfred R. (58); **Parinas**, Mark R. (3); **Rodger**, David R. [PM] (63); **Russell**, Frank L. Jr. (31); **Samelson**, Jerome V. (26); **Smith**, Charles S. Jr. (59); **Smith**, John D. (10); **Tamez**, Sammy [PM] (32); **Teixeira**, John E. (13); **Zamora**, Jose L. [PM] (36)

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2013 Committees

Appointments

Audit – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein
Funeral – Kurt Allen, Ron Katz, Kay Dunn, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez
Hiram Award Selection – Alvaro Reynoso, Sid Cerates, John Smith
Masonic Charity - The Master and the Wardens
Masonic Hall Association—John Smith
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Membership Retention – Don Schauer, Sr.
Sunshine—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

Event Committees

Pizza Night (1/31)—Bob Pinkerton
Crab Feed (2/16) - Henry Miller
Public Schools Night (April TBA) - Eric Unti
Kids ID (5/18-5/19 Rodeo, 9/7-9/8 Festival) - Sammy Tamez / Roy Tamez
Sweetheart Event (5/26) - Phil Busch
Feast of St. John (6/22) - Charles Hintz
Strawberry Feed (7/21) - Frank Thrall, Jr. / Ron Katz
Visitation—(9/13-9/15) - Lyman Penning / Kurt Allen

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Sunshine and Visiting

Our thoughts go out to Sid Ceretes.

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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