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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

2nd—Past Master's, Role Call and Stag Night—6 PM
 3rd—Hayward Jobs Daughters Holiday Breakfast and Boutique at Castro Valley Masonic Center—8:30 AM—12:30 PM—\$6/person
 7th—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 PM
 10th—Lodge Children's Xmas Party—12 PM / Food / Arts & Crafts / Clowns / Magician / St. Nick and presents. Call the Secretary to insure your special child is included.
 14th—Officer's Practice
 16th—Installation of Officers—2 PM / Dinner to follow
 21st—DARK
 28th—DARK
 29th - DeMolay Chevalier Investiture for Brian Katz / DeMolay Cross of Honor presentations to "Mom" Jennifer Katz and "Dad" Ron Katz @ 7:30 pm

January 2007

4th—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 PM
 11th—Officer's Practice
 18th—Officer's Practice
 25th—Officer's Practice
 27th—Unity Assembly Rainbow Installation of Officers

February

3rd—Masters and Past Masters Reception at Crow Canyon 1:30 PM—Have some appetizers and arrange rides to Oakland Scottish Rite
 3rd—Masters and Past Masters @ Oakland Scottish Rite—3:00 PM
 10th—Crab Feed @ CVMC—6 PM

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From the East



There are no words adequate to express my thanks for the great honor that you have bestowed on me. I will do my utmost to be deserving of your trust.

Four years ago I started in the line as your Junior Deacon. On December 16, I will be installed as your lodge Master. This is a milestone in my life for which I have strived. I look forward to serving the lodge over the next 12 months.



I want to personally invite every member and his family to take part in our Installation. Afterward, I invite each and every member of our lodge to participate in shaping and establishing new programs which can better reflect the majesty of our honorable fraternity.

With the holiday season upon us, now is a great time to join together as a family and celebrate the season. Won't you join us on December 10th for the Children's Holiday Party? Starting at 12 noon we will have lunch, arts and crafts, clowning around, a magician, and a man in a red suit with a white beard bearing presents. Bring your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, neighborhood children, children of all ages, to this delightful event.

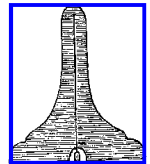
In conclusion, I would like to quote the words of President Ronald Regan:

"If we are free to dare, and we are; if we are free to give, and we are; then we are free to shape the future. We have within our grasp all that we dream that future to be."

Alvaro Reynoso—Worshipful Master (510) 490-2192 / 510-364-7073 cell

From the West

Bro. Roy Tamez, PM was gracious enough to step in as Senior Warden of our Lodge. As Junior Past Master and Editor of the Trestleboard, I am pleased that he made this sacrifice on behalf of our lodge. He is not accustomed to furnishing articles for the Trestleboard yet, so I wanted to share a story which, I'm pretty sure, Uncle Roy shared with me.—Ron Katz



"One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between 2 "wolves" inside us all. One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

A MASONIC SMILE

SMILING is infectious,
You can catch it like the flu,
When someone SMILED at me today,
I started SMILING too.

As I passed around the,
Altar and a Brother saw my grin,
When he SMILED,
I realized that I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that little smile,
Then realized its true worth,
A single SMILE just like mine,
Could travel around the earth.



"Do You Just Belong"

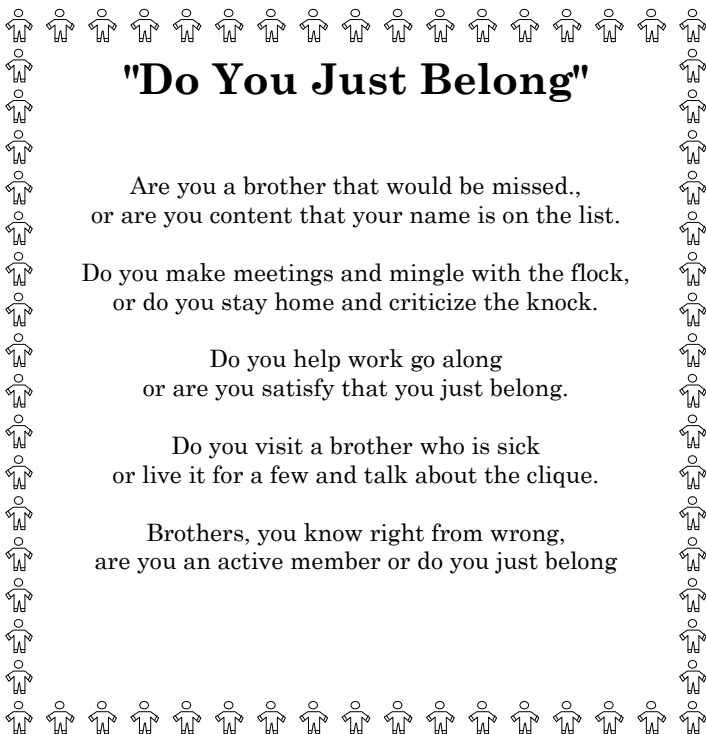
Are you a brother that would be missed.,
or are you content that your name is on the list.

Do you make meetings and mingle with the flock,
or do you stay home and criticize the knock.

Do you help work go along
or are you satisfy that you just belong.

Do you visit a brother who is sick
or live it for a few and talk about the clique.

Brothers, you know right from wrong,
are you an active member or do you just belong



From the South



Brethren,

Let me first thank you for electing me to be your Junior Warden for 2007. I'm currently trying to learn all the required ritual, so as to do a credible job for your next year. It's a daunting task, as many of you know, to get it correct, but you're all used to good ritual, and I don't want to disappoint.

Secondly, if you have any special needs for dinners, let me know. If you're allergic to something, hopefully you won't get it on your plate next year. Give me your ideas as to what has worked for you. Let's not reinvent the wheel here.

Well, it's off to more ritual practice. Here's to a great 2007!

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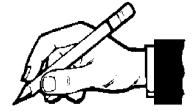


Crow Canyon's 2006 Top 15 Contributors To Masonic Philanthropies

1. Blomseth, Warren
2. Jaeckel, Kurt
3. Burk, Harold Jr.
4. La Lanne, Jack / Newmarker, Benjamin / Stephenson, David
5. Allen, Steven / George, George / Kenyon, E. Gordon
6. Freeman, Herbert / Kimmich, Carl
7. Haines, Carson / Martin, Charles / Morris, Max / Smith, Charles Jr.
8. Burgard, Richard / Fawcett, Floyd / Hovey, Richard
9. Cerates, Sidney
10. Albritton, Robert / Dyer, Dale / Rix, Robert
11. Cameto, Leon / Field, Marshall / Hinkley, John
12. Clifton, Stanley / Tamez, Roy
13. Foster, Herbert Jr. / Lambrecht, Ernest / Lemon, Roger
14. Brown, James
15. Matraia, Edward Jr.

These brethren have taken Masonic Charity to heart and are being recognized as giving a significant amount of the total funds provided to the Masonic Philanthropies from our lodge. We should all take their example to heart and give generously to support the causes we profess.

From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren the dues notices should have reached your mailbox by now, if not please contact me by e-mail or telephone. The Dues for 2007 are \$69.00. This increase was necessary due to the increase of the annual per capita tax that must be paid to grand lodge each year for each member. If paying your dues will cause a financial hardship, you may contact the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden or me. Your request will be kept confidential.

THANK YOU to those of you who have already paid your annual dues. And Thank You to those who have filled out the questionnaire form. If you are not receiving e-mail notices from the lodge and would like to, e-mail me at: crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net. For those of you who have not yet paid, please remember that you are considered delinquent if dues are not paid by December 31, 2006.

During this holiday season, look up an old friend, call or visit. Sometimes just hearing a voice and reflecting on a friendship might make a difference to you both. And see you in lodge. Make a New Years resolution to attend at least one meeting or degree. Fraternally, Bill Ferrell, Secretary

Grand Master Stein's Logo



The Grand Master's emblem for 2006-2007 has substantial significance to our Craft.

Freemasonry recognizes as its first priority that each man has a responsibility of devotion to his family, flag and fraternity; and in that sequence of importance. The emphasis of these three words is displayed in the emblem by the silhouette of the family with a background of red, white and blue denoting patriotism to the Flag of our Country with the symbol of Masonry in its traditional blue background.

There is additional meaning to this emblem. It is in the form of a shield which represents confidence, boldness and protection; while the laurel wreath symbolizes honor, success and achievement.

In California we use the letter "G" within the square and compass to signify our faith in a Supreme Architect and the importance of geometry in teaching the principals to which all men should ascribe.

The term "family" is used not only to refer to wives, widows and children of Freemasons, it also denotes the "Family of Freemasonry" through its appendant and concordant organizations and Youth Orders which should cooperate, enhance and extend the hand of fraternalism to each other.

Third Degree Anniversaries for December

Dinos, Peter (36), Hooks, James (41)

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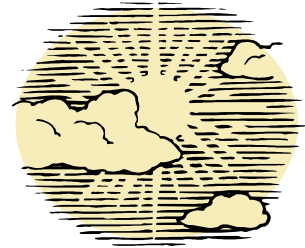
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Sunshine and Visiting

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

Andy Gravier, PM

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In Memoriam December 2006

Stanley Denton Garber

Entered into Rest August 18, 2006

90 years, 1 month and 1 day

Herbert Clyde Foster, Jr.

Entered into Rest October 19, 2006

81 years, 5 months and 9 days

Donald Francis Wade, PM

Entered into Rest November 11, 2006

82 years, 7 months and 22 days



*Almighty Father, into Thy hands we
commend the souls of our Beloved Brothers*

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