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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

1st—Thursday, Stated Meeting, 5:30-Social, 6:15-Dinner, 7:30 Meeting—Election of Officers
2nd—Friday, Eastern Star—8 PM
3rd—Saturday, Castro Valley DeMolay Installation of Officers—7:30 PM
5th—Monday, DeMolay—7:30 PM
6th—Tuesday, Rainbow—7:00 PM
8th—Thursday, Officer's Practice—7:30 PM
15th—Thursday, First Degree—7:00 PM
16th—Friday, Eastern Star—8 PM
19th—Monday, DeMolay—7:30 PM
20th—Tuesday, Rainbow—7:00 PM

December

3rd—Monday, DeMolay—7:30 PM
4th—Tuesday, Rainbow—7:00 PM
6th—Thursday, Stated Meeting, 5:30-Social, 6:15-Dinner, 7:30 Meeting
7th—Friday, Eastern Star—8 PM
15th—Saturday, Installation of Officers, 4:00 PM
17th—Monday, DeMolay—7:30 PM
18th—Tuesday, Rainbow—7:00 PM
20th—Thursday, DARK
22nd—Saturday, Christmas Party—1:00 PM
27th—Thursday—DARK

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Let us consider the real nature and significance of Freemasonry. What makes it one of the greatest moral and religious societies in the world? What holds it together as a well known universal influence among civilized, liberty-loving people? Here is the answer: it is belief in GOD.



While every Mason must express a belief in a grand architect of the universe, no other religious requirement is made. Masonry admits as brethren “good men and true”, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denomination or persuasions they may be distinguished. This has traditionally caused the Lodge to be the center of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that may, without this opportunity, have remained at a perpetual distance.

Bro. Benjamin Franklin published a pamphlet containing the *Anderson Constitutions* and the ancient charges of Freemasons. This pamphlet is said to have inspired and strengthened the hearts of Americans when England’s George III sought to take away from them their liberties. Soon the fires of revolution began to burn, and demands for the independence of the colonies were heard throughout the land. Masonic orators, such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, James Otis, Paul Revere, and Thomas Jefferson aroused the people and led the way to independence on the establishment of a republic. James Madison, called the *Father of the Constitution*, was a Mason, and the principles 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 foundation upon which the republic was built. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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From the West

Brethren and Ladies,

The year is close to the end and so is my term as Senior Warden. I would like to thank all of you for the support you have shown me throughout the year. As I write, I am reminded of all the blessings in my life. The friends I have made in this lodge, the memories, all the fun and good times I have enjoyed. We all are truly blessed to have each other.

The time for change is near, just as the change of the seasons comes and goes, so must we all change and continue on. The light shall burn and we are not left in the dark. I have watched so many Brothers come and go. Some I have watched from their first degree to become men “good and true.”

The one who now comes to mind will soon be our Past Master. This letter is to acknowledge his accomplishments. Alvaro, you have made great changes, you have left a lasting impression on this lodge. Thank you for all you have given to us. Your example proves to me that one man really can make a difference. I believe that all the lessons Masonry teaches have helped to make me a better man. The true value of those lessons can never be calculated. If the great goal we have in mind is to make good men better, then my brothers I say, “We are succeeding!” I wish to thank each one of you again. As always, if there is anything I can help you with, please call.

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From the South

I started discussing the Regius Poem this Summer, and this is a continuation. The Regius dates from 1390 AD, and is Freemasonry's oldest document.



The writer of some original manuscript, of which the Regius is a copy, was thoroughly familiar with the craft of Masonry. Much of the poem is devoted to setting forth "fifteen articles" and "fifteen points", which the manuscript states were the result of a great assembly called by King Athelstane, attended by "divers lords", and "dukes, earls and barons also knights, squires, and many more...". According to the poem: "Fifteen articles there they sought, and fifteen points there they wrought." No one can struggle through the old English with less than conviction that whoever wrote Regius, most certainly had before him some Constitutions of the Freemasons. Despite the rambling of the document (which includes not only the fifteen articles and fifteen points, a reference to the Four Crowned Martyrs, some early apocryphal history, the seven liberal arts and sciences, but also so much morality and discourse on manners) the Masonic intent of the whole is evident. It follows a pattern, if not in words at least in the arrangement, of many others of the Constitutions family.

Speculation can go as far as it will; where scientific inquiry and the researches of students leaves off, "just suppose" and "I wonder if" can begin! But it is truly difficult for anyone with even a small fragment of imagination to look at the facsimile of four verses which are the frontispiece and not let his mental inquiry go far afield.

More Regius next month.

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2007 Annual Communication Results

Decision No. 1: Membership in the Snakes—AFFIRMED
 Recommendation No. 1: Extending Deadlines Which Fall on Weekends and Holidays—PASSED

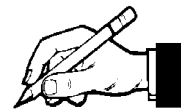
UNFINISHED BUSINESS - 2006

Grand Master Sorsabal's Recommendation No. 1—Reducing 5/6 to 3/4 for Adoption of Legislation—FAILED
 Resolution No. 06-03: Lodge Formation—PASSED
 Resolution No. 06-05: Forfeiture of Fees—PASSED
 Resolution No. 06-09: Formulation of Annual Dues of Constituent Lodges—PASSED

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION - 2007

Resolution No. 07-01: Allow Inspectors to Vote at Annual—CARRYOVER
 Resolution No. 07-02: Past Master's Title When Serve Consecutive Terms—PASSED
 Resolution No. 07-03: Grand Treasurer's Report at Annual Communication—PASSED
 Resolution No. 07-04—Qualification Procedures for Past Masters—FAILED
 Resolution No. 07-05—Conviction of a Crime of Moral Turpitude—WITHDRAWN
 Resolution No. 07-06—Early Presentation of Golden Veteran Awards—PASSED
 Resolution No. 07-07: - Foreign Degree Conferrals—PASSED

From the Secretary's Desk



DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES

It is dues time. Look for the notice in the mail. If you don't get a dues bill by December 1, 2007, call, write or e-mail me. Dues are considered delinquent if not paid by December 31, 2007. DUES for 2008 are *just* \$69.00. Life members will get their dues receipt sometime in December.

If you are planning to be "TEMPORARILY AWAY" or planning to move or you are a "Snow Bird" please let me know. You might notice on all of the lodge mail we send you that there is printed "ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED." If you have a change of address, it cost our Lodge fifty cents for each correction. If you E-mail me at kb6xa@att.net, send a post card or call 510-886-2023, I will be sure that you don't miss our newsletter.

At present our Lodge has a population of 447 Master Masons. Our youngest member is 19.95 years old and the oldest has accomplished 100.62 years. Our age grouping by percentage is; 1 member at 0.22% is in their teens, 2 members at 0.45% are in their 20's, 11 members at 2.46% are in their 30's, 20 members at 4.47% are in their 40's, 48 members at 10.74% are in their 50's, 90 members at 20.13% are in their 60's, 120 members at 26.85% are in their 70's, 133 members at 29.75% are in their 80's, and 21 members at 4.70% are in their 90's, and 1 member at 0.22% is over 100 years. The average age of our membership is 71.93 years old.

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Masonic Arthritis

A study of *Masonic Arthritis* shows that the Brother afflicted with that disease lacks sufficient supply of "*Vitamin ME*" (Masonic Education); "*Vitamin AP*" (Active Participation); "*Vitamin CC*" (Courage and Confidence); "*Vitamin DD*" (Devotion and Dedication); and "*Vitamin MI Forte*" (Fortified Masonic Involvement).

Symptoms of *Masonic Arthritis* include a sight *inflammation of his ego* and the development a *myopic vision* of the path toward righteousness. Both his pulse beats and his heartbeats indicate a very low "*Brood-Pleasure*" and his "*Brood-Count*" is almost nil, signifying failure to adopt, apply, and live with a code of ethics required of all Freemasons. If not checked early enough, *Masonic Atrophy* will set in. Later, he will lose his entire *Grip* on Freemasonry. And if his lodge Brethren fail to come to his rescue by applying *Masonic Resuscitation* on him, the Brother will ultimately be lose his *Masonic spirit*.

So my Brethren always extend a helping hand to a Brother with symptoms of *Masonic Arthritis*. Please do your share to bring them back to "*life*" so they may regain a robust, vibrant, and vigorous *Masonic Health* once more.

Doctors of the Craft believe the only possible cure is regular attendance at one's Blue Lodge.

We hope you are not afflicted. If you are, you knew the proper prescription. See you the first Thursday of each month, my brother.

Allen, Stevean Wayne (24); **Avery**, Charles Edward (45); **Benatar**, Gerald Joseph (43); **Blisard**, William Stafford (47); **Burgard**, Richard Anton (48); **Carrigan**, Jack Benton (47); **Chambers**, Claude Lester (46); **Clare**, Joseph Marcus (48); **Clark**, Douglas Walter Jr. (59); **Clendenen**, Donald Jr. [PM] (15); **Conkel**, Lloyd James (47); **Craven**, Ronald (50); **Davis**, Elwood Alton (38); **Dunn**, Kay Cooper (4); **Dvorkin**, Craig Stuart (21); **Eddy**, Robert Eric Jr. (61); **Fawcett**, Floyd Leon (18); **Gettler**, Marvin Don [PM] (39); **Gonzales**, Charles Trujillo (28); **Goss**, Walter Walker (50); **Griggs**, Carl Joseph (28); **Haines**, Carson Burnell [PM] (36); **Harris**, Travis P. [PM] (49); **Hess**, George Albert (58); **Horwitz**, Morris (62); **Kolden**, Steven (23); **Maxwell**, Richard Dylan (24); **Mc Kay**, Douglas Cyril (34); **Mickaels**, John L. (58); **Mirko**, Vincent Wessley (61); **Mitchell**, Frank (31); **Moisio**, Roy Martin (42); **Morey**, Floyd (22); **Murray**, Milton (50); **Newton**, William Charles (49); **Nieman**, Walter Henry Jr. (53); **Oliver**, Earl Leslie (45); **Peck**, Leland Eldon (57); **Pedroni**, Joseph Lewis Jr. (44); **Polse**, Ronald Allen (50); **Reynoso**, Alvaro Rodriguez [PM] (11); **Rubin**, Harold Phillip (52); **Simens**, Mark Fredrick (23); **Smith**, Samuel Willie Sr. [PM] (27); **Stevko**, Martin Jr. (52); **Swayne**, Robert Preston (61); **Tellardin**, Bruce Wayne (26); **Wagle**, Robert Allan (32); **Werner**, Robert G. [PM] (15); **Yeffa**, Leslie Arnold (45); **DECEMBER: Dinos**, Peter (37); **Hooks**, James A. (42)

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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.

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Editors Note: *This will be Andy's last issue as Sunshine and Visiting Chair. After many years of dedicated service, he can no longer serve. We are seeking a big-hearted brother to replace him. Could that be you! Call the Secretary for details.*

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