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CALENDAR OF EVENTS


August

- 8/7—Stated Meeting (5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Opening)
- 8/14—Officer's Practice—7:30 PM
- 8/16—Jam & Jelly Day at the Masonic Home, Union City, 10 AM
- 8/21—Officer's Practice—7:30 PM
- 8/22—Cornerstone Laying for Acacia Creek, Union City, 11 AM
- 8/22—Masonic Symposium Reception, San Francisco, 111 California Street, 8:00 PM
- 8/23—Masonic Symposium, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Symposium / 6:00 PM Banquet & Keynote
- 8/28—Officer's Practice—7:30 PM
- 8/29—Dancing Under the Stars—Youth Dance @ CVMC—7 PM - 11 PM

September

- 9/13—9/14—Castro Valley Fall Festival, Child ID Booth, Contact Sammy Tamez to volunteer
- 9/19—9/20—Visitation to Calaveras Lodge (details inside)
- 9/26—9/28—Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

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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*

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From the East

Growth comes from life. Life is a combination of joy and pain. Without the pain, we would not recognize the joy. Every month in my Masonic life there seems to be some joy and some pain:

- The joy of seeing so many brothers helping out at the last second to insure success.
- The joy of watching children being assisted by the various and many programs that stem from the hard work of Blue Lodges.
- The joy of knowing that there really is a brother Master Mason out there who understands and is willing to give back a portion of the respect and fraternal love that so often times goes only to those who belong to the same old boys club.
- The uncomfortable but necessary joy of watching many brothers attending funerals for their departed brothers from other lodges.
- The pain of not seeing enough of my brothers stepping up and helping with the day-to-day functions of this lodge.
- The pain of no one talking to one another, so nothing gets missed or excluded
- The pain of Masons pointing fingers at one another over how or why they didn't do something the same way it was done last year.
- The pain of core officers who don't show up for lodge functions or offer help up-front, etc. etc. etc..
- The embarrassing pain of my own fallibility, for assuming this lodge operates like my last one did.
- The pain of having to read the names of my brothers departing to that celestial lodge above, even though I know they go to a better place.



Being Master of a lodge is not an easy job. It takes dedicated members to get anything accomplished at all. I wish to thank Bro. Frisvold and Wor. Allen, Wor. Reynoso and the others who stepped up at last Stated Meeting to assist me in getting the food out on time. I learned many valuable lessons at that Stated Meeting.

I wish to thank Wor. Logan for his presentation of a much needed program to help us watch over our individual hard earned retirement dollars and the clean and understandable way it was delivered. Well done Robert!

Recently, we had a group of officers, PM's and non officers who conferred a First Degree in an exemplary manner which would be the pride of any lodge in any district. What a great job you all did, with Bro. Frisvold acting as Master for the First Section and Wor. Katz delivering the lecture. Thank you all for your hard work. Crow Canyon Lodge will be well prepared to meet the next two (2) years with new officers and new Masters. Help them, guide them and hold their Masonic shoulders in an upright manner facing the East. Look well to the East, my brothers, and always ask how you can assist your elected leadership and your lodge.

Fraternally,

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From the West

There is good news and bad news. How about the good news first. Your officers have started a dialogue to improve our officer line, communications, and support from our wives. These discussions will produce action items which will be presented to lodge brethren for motions and vote by September. We want to have necessary monetary and non-monetary incentives to attract brethren to join the officers' line, to retain them, and to move them forward to higher posts. The demands of being "in-line" are daunting and demanding, and conflicting demands on our time for religion, wives, children, job, friends, and hobbies has never been greater. Our proposed incentives will clearly demonstrate that the commitments made by our officers are appreciated and acknowledged as being essential to the well-being of the lodge. We are discussing improvements in our sound system to allow all brethren to hear every word. Our wives are better able to communicate with the wives of our new brethren and sweethearts, and they will be called upon to help in this outreach. Getting the support of women is critical to realizing steady progress of new brethren in becoming Master Masons, and getting them involved in the officer line. We ask your help and support to approve incentives and implement improvements.

There's always bad with the good. We have not yet been successful in staffing the Junior Warden, Junior Deacon, and Junior Steward positions. No one wants Crow Canyon Lodge to lose it's Charter, but that's where we're headed unless we get help. Will you be the one who steps up? Your lodge needs you now, more than ever. Don't you want to witness the improvements we're contemplating? Call me.

Bud Warder, Senior Warden 925-998-6603 / bud@kioskamerica.com



From the South

Hello Brethren,

Wow! It feels great to have time off for awhile. I'm sure that you are all rested and prepared to keep going. I am not stressed out anymore. I hope you all enjoyed your time away from the lodge also.

The lodge is coming along great. There are a lot of new officers that are stepping up, that are willing to help Bud and myself out. As it seems, I might need a Jr. Warden next year. I know that is a big responsibility, but, you have plenty of time to learn what being Jr. Warden, and being a principal officer is all about.

I have good news; I want to say "Hello" to my wife, Elizabeth! I Love you, dear. We were married on July 13th. For those who don't know her, she has been helping me out all year, and I am glad to have her in my life. Liz is a member of the Order of Eastern Star (Past Matron of Oak Leaf Chapter #8 in 2007). At that time, I was Worthy Patron here in Castro Valley with Linda Croll. P.M. I am a member of Alameda Oak Leaf #8 as well. The Dublin Jobs did a great job serving at Wor. Hansen's Hiram Award dinner. Should we look for opportunities to bring them back? Let me know! Wor. Ferrell does a wonderful job with the Job's in Dublin.

**Paul Tamez, Junior Warden (510) 461-1820
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Visitation Planned for September 19-20

Brethren and Ladies, the time is almost here for our visitation. This year, Crow Canyon Lodge will be holding a degree (to be determined) at Calaveras Lodge #78 on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 1:00 PM on Highway 49 in San Andreas, CA. Crow Canyon will be joined for this event by the Brethren and Ladies of Mountain View-DeAnza Lodge #194 which should make this visitation an extremely fun event.

We will be staying at the Angels Inn Motel which is at 600 North Main Street (Highway 49) in Angels Camp, which is about ten to fifteen minutes south of San Andreas. We have 50 rooms blocked off for us for Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20, 2008. (Nine of them will allow smoking, the others are non-smoking). Reservations can be made by calling toll free 1-888-753-0226. Be sure to state that you are with Crow Canyon 551 and if you want a smoking room. We have a discount rate of \$98.18 per night for September 19 and 20. The deadline for reservations will be August 15. After August 19, 2008, all rooms that have not been booked will be released. You can decide if you want to book for Friday and Saturday nights or just Saturday night. Again, be sure to state that you are with Crow Canyon 551 in order to receive the discount rate of \$98.18 per night.

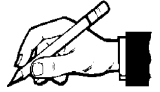
Next month there will be an article to announce the location of our Saturday night dinner which is still being worked on. I look forward to seeing everyone at visitation.

Fraternally yours,

Lyman C. Penning PM
Senior Warden
Mountain View-DeAnza#194
F & AM



From the Secretary's Desk



We have an area reserved for the Castro Valley Fall Festival to be held September 13th and 14th in the children's area. Now the only thing that is lacking is for a bunch of you to volunteer shifts for this event. If you know of a non-Mason who would like to participate in this project and allow us to get to know him, he is welcome. The Child ID program is the brainchild of Brother Bob Logan, HA. Brother Ron Katz and Brother Sammy Tamez have been keeping this project going. It is hoped that you can be involved to make this a success. We might even get new members or members for our youth groups from this type of exposure.

Brethren, the 159th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California will be held September 26th thru the 28th. Being a Friday, Grand Lodge begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. Any Master Mason who holds a current (2008) dues receipt may attend any session of Grand Lodge. Attire: Business Suit. Advance registration for credentials is not required. Credentials will be validated at the Registration Counter in the Exhibit Hall upon presentation of your 2008 dues receipt. If you need one, call me.

If you plan to attend let me know so we can all sit together. And on the first day of Grand Lodge we have a tradition of going to lunch together. We meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. and then to Grand Lodge. There is always interesting legislation going on. Please make an effort to attend.

I am in the process of converting our lodge records from a program called LODGEiCAL to the Grand Lodge data base called iMember. I have been using the old program since 1988. I keep repeating to myself, hoping to eventually believe it, "change is good, change is good, change is good . . ."

Bill Ferrell, PM—Secretary—(510) 886-2023

Sweetheart's Event Report

Our Sweethearts' day was great! Thirty seven widows, brethren and their ladies got together for an afternoon of fun, food and memories. Everyone had a splendid time.

I want to thank Worshipful Fred for appointing me to the Sweethearts' Committee. It is such a pleasure to talk to and read letters from these ladies. The invitation goes to all them and to we get responses from all over the country. I know that if some of the other brethren ever found out just how much fun and pleasure I really have doing this event, I would have to qualify myself to the Master every year and "fight off the competition". For those who ever wonder if they should attend, all I can say is: Yes! Try it once and you'll be hooked. Our Sweethearts are wonderful, caring souls and deserve being honored for everything they have done for the Lodge. Having a lunch and taking them to a play is a small way to say thank you. Of course if they cannot join us to celebrate, all are in our prayers. The ladies are a treasure to the Lodge and are never to be forgotten. May God bless them all.

Fraternally, Kurt Allen

In Memoriam

Werner Wilhelm Silber, PM 77 years, 6 months and 25 days
 Entered into Rest June 5, 2008

Robert James Wiles 82 years, 4 months and 15 days
 Entered into Rest July 16, 2008



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

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Anderson, Donald (54); **Andreotti**, Henry Adam (18); **Armstrong**, Ren (45); **Baker**, Ronald Clay (39); **Benko**, Mickey Lee [PM] (19); **Benson**, Robert Bruce (59); **Bockius**, Richard (55); **Bolli**, Albert Rudolph (50); **Boyer**, Keith Edward [PM] (42); **Boysen**, John Martin (27); **Bridge**, Lester Bennett (47); **Brooks**, Donald Gillies (52); **Cameto**, Leon Robert (62); **Charles**, William Albert (33); **Daniels**, Charles Randolph (27); **Ferreira**, Douglas Harold (25); **Flatt**, James Allen (28); **George**, George Simon (46); **Gilbert**, Ace Edward (31); **Gravier**, Andre [PM] (28); **Gresick**, Stanley Alexander Joseph Jr. (56); **Groff**, John Lawrence Stuart [PM] (35); **Hallmeyer**, Herbert Joseph Jr. (49); **Hinkley**, John Leighton (41); **Jaster**, Gregory (19); **Kass**, Harvey (34); **Katz**, Brian Alexander (2); **Keller**, Robert Donald (46); **Mac Donald**, Gordon R. (2); **Mc Guire**, Max Floyd (36); **Miller**, Mark Allen (19); **Moehnke**, Theodore Ervin (45); **Moring**, Donnald Gene [PM] (23); **Newmarker**, Benjamin Paul (43); **Plummer**, Jack Hale (66); Quintel, William Francis (29); **Ray**, Corbit Alden (19); **Reed**, Lynn Blair (30); **Rodriguez**, Ruben Agbulos (13); **Schaffer**, Frederick (56); **Smith**, Roderick Russell (44); **Stark**, Steven Ralph (27); **Townsend**, Guy Errol [PM] (57); **Vossekuil**, Ruben Lee (28); **Warnecke**, William Patrick (31); **Watson**, James Lester Jr. (43); **White**, Vinson Josiah (49); **Woodson**, Earl Franklin (12); **Yeoman**, Bill Allen (28)

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

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