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MASONIC EVENTS

December

1st, Thursday, Stated Meeting and Dinner
Social 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Meeting 7:30
Officers-TUX

Golden Veterans Award for Brother Martin Stevko

8th, Thursday, Practice 7:00 PM

11th, Crow Canyon # 551 Children's X-MAS Party @ 2:00 P.M.

15th, Thursday, Practice 7:00 PM

**17th, Saturday, Annual Installation of
Officers @ 2:00 P.M.**

**Officers need to be there at 12:00 Noon for setup, pictures and to
open Lodge.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 11, 2005 @ 2:00 PM

Bring your children, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews,
neighbor's kids to this event.

**Please call the Secretary at
(510) 347-0725**

if you would like your guest to receive a
present from you-know-who

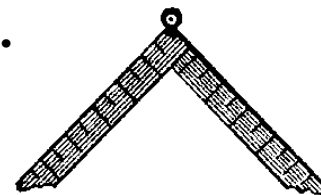
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From the East— Master Mickey L. Benko, P.M.

Brethren and Sisters,



Thanks Again Ladies for staying after the dinner for the activities. November we only had practices. I hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving.

We have had a productive year and I would like to THANK all of the Brothers and all of the Ladies for their participation. Without all of you we can't survive as a Lodge. There are too many people to thank this year, so instead of naming all of you, the Lodge and I THANK YOU ALL so very much for everything. We will have no degrees in December only practices.

In closing as the Master I wish that the Lodge and all of the members and ladies will have a Merry Christmas very prosperous New Year. With the new Officers Line I sincerely know that the Lodge is in good hands for the ensuing year.

Thank You Again, Ladies, Brothers and Officers for your participation this year.

. Please make your Dinner reservations to the Junior Warden.

Fraternally and Sincerely, Mickey L. Benko, P.M.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

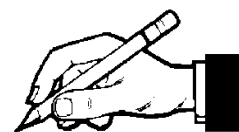
As the year closes and 2005 becomes history, the New Year brings the inevitable changes. At the last Grand Lodge communication some changes have been made. One is that there is now an application fee of \$30.00 attached to the usual charges for joining our Masonic Fraternity. If you have an old application that you are holding, please destroy it and ask me for the new form.

The steady flow of dues payments has helped the finances of our lodge. Thank you for the notes that some of you have enclosed. If you are unable to pay the annual dues, PLEASE let the Master or me know. There are provisions in the California Masonic Code that may apply to your situation and everything is kept in the strictest of confidence and your dues may be remitted.

In October of 2004 our dues structure changed to keep up with the Grand Lodge per capita tax. Our lodge dues have remained at \$40.00 per year PLUS the annual per capita tax that our Grand lodge requires to keep operating, which is \$27.50 per member for 2006. That is why the dues are now \$67.50 for 2006.

I wish you and your family the best of the holiday season and hope you and yours have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

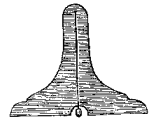
Fraternally, William M. Ferrell, Secretary.



From the West

Ron Katz

The View from the Near East



Brethren,

Thank you for your vote of confidence at our November Stated meeting. I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve this lodge of distinguished friends and brothers. I will work hard with Alvaro, Bob and our appointed officers to continue the good that has been clustering around Crow Canyon's throne. Solomon's temple will be rebuilt in Castro Valley on a firm foundation. Of course, we will need your help.

Our **Installation of Officers** will be December 17 at 2:00 p.m. Reception will follow. Prior to that, on December 11, also at 2:00 p.m. will be our **Children's Holiday Xmas Party**. Please call the Secretary to ensure your children, grand-children, great-grandchildren, neighbor's kid or whoever can receive something special from "the man in red."

Here is a preview of Masonic Year 2006. (Our entire Annual calendar is available at the lodge website at <http://www.calodges.org/no551>.) Special events for January will include a **Bowling Night** (1/13), and an **Entered Apprentice Education Night** (1/26). Our Rainbow Assembly will have there Installation of Officers on January 21st. In February, special events include the **DeMolay Chevalier Investiture** (2/11) on Adam Jensen (son of David Jensen, a member of 551), a **Fellow craft Education Night** (2/23) and our **Annual Crab Feed** (2/25).

March is DeMolay Month (recognizing the founding of DeMolay in 1919) and to honor the boys we will be having a **Pizza Night** at the Roundtable in Castro Valley (3/10) and the Officers will be going to their meeting on 3/20. We will hold a **Golden Veteran's / Members luncheon** (3/16), an **Entered Apprentice Education Night** (3/23), a **Masonic Center Cleanup Day** (3/26) and will close the month with a **Masonic Information Night**, opening the lodge to the public (3/31). On April 4th the Lodge officers will attend our Rainbow Assembly's meeting and the Rainbow Girls will be our guest for dinner at our Stated Meeting on April 6th. We will hold our Annual **Public Schools Night** (4/20 or 4/27) and venture off to **RENO** (4/28-4/30).

In May the DeMolay will install their new officers (5/13), and we will sponsor an **EA Education Night** (5/23) and a Masonic **Family GAME Night** (5/26). A little drama for June as the lodge heads to **Woodminster** for a musical (6/9). The officers will hold a special fundraising event to support the DeMolay Leadership Camp Scholarship Fund on (6/3). A **Fellowcraft Education Night** (6/22) and **Member luncheon** (6/29) round out the month. Are you out of breath yet?

July. Officer's Fundraiser for the Rainbow Camp Scholarship Fund (7/8), **Visitation to Windsor** (7/21-7/23), and **EA Education Night** (7/27). **A Day at the Races** (8/12), **FC Education Night** (8/24), and another member luncheon (8/31) add fun to August. Want to know more? Check out the online calendar (<http://www.calodges.org/no551>) or call one of your officers. (**Note:** From our online calendar you also have access to the Star, Rainbow, and DeMolay online calendars).

My theme for the year is "**Planting the Seeds for Success – Family, Community, Fraternity**". I believe the calendar reflects that theme. I invite every brother to step forward and volunteer to support this aggressive plan. Here's to our continued success in Masonry and in life!

Fraternally,
Ron Katz
Senior Warden, Master-Elect



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**Sunshine and Visiting
NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS**

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



October 2005

IN MEMORIAM

ENTERED INTO REST

James Alan Montgomery 73 years, 3 months and 14 days April 3, 2004

William George Throckmorton 72 years, 5 months and 28 days November 6, 2005

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with excessive cheer (saves us writing!).

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