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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2012:

3rd—Thursday—Stated Meeting - 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge. Cinco De Mayo Meal and District Inspector's Official Visit.
 10th—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—Crow Canyon—Officers and Surveyors mandatory—Come between 6-6:30 for a complimentary dinner.
 17th—Thursday—7:00 PM—Practice 1st degree. 6:00 PM fellowship. 6:30 Light meal.
 19th-20th –Saturday-Sunday—Rowell Ranch Rodeo—Kid's ID Program—Volunteers needed.
 24th—Thursday—7:00 PM—1st Degree for Mr. Richard "Tony" Wilkinson. 6:00 PM fellowship. 6:30 Light meal.
 27th—Sweetheart Event—11 AM Brunch at Dino's / 2 PM Theatre at Chanticleer's featuring "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"
 31st—Thursday—6:00 PM—Masonic Family Potluck—(A-H bring dessert / I-M bring salad / N-Z bring pasta casserole). Lodge will provide drinks and BBQ Tri-Tip

June 2012:

7th—Thursday—Stated Meeting - 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge.
 12th—Tuesday—Special practice—2nd Degree
 14th—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—San Leandro—Officers and Surveyors mandatory—Come between 6-6:30 for a complimentary dinner.
 21st—Thursday—7:00 PM—2nd Degree—Bro. Ramos
 23rd—Saturday—Feast of St. John—5:30 PM—E.A., F.C., and M.M. only. \$25/person.
 28th—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officers/Surveyors Practice or Degree

Castro Valley DeMolay meets at 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

Brethren,

I hope everyone had a good month in April and had a nice Easter holiday. Easter is for many of us a good time to reflect on our relationship with our God, family and each other. Every once in a while, I have an epiphany, usually when I should be doing something I find tedious, and my mind starts to wander. Recently, I was mowing the weed patch that I irreverently call my lawn when I happened to reflect upon the term brotherhood and what it means. In my mind's eye, I remembered the feeling of wonder I had when I joined Masonry and heard the words spoken to me in Lodge about practicing the three principle tenants of Masonry: brotherly love, relief and truth. In particular, I started to reflect on the term brotherhood, and what it means to me. The dictionary defines the word brotherhood as: 1) the quality or state of being brothers, and 2) fellowship and/or alliance. Combining these two meanings, the lodge brings together a group of men in fellowship, often with the feeling of being brothers in the family sense as well as in the sense of an alliance as a band of brothers. In Lodge we endeavor to treat each other with honor, trust, and respect.



Some of us are lucky enough to develop deep friendships that will last a life time, and that person becomes an extension of the family. For others, those members who have a family that is scattered, or perhaps, deceased, the members of a lodge may be that person's extended family. A family member, in most of cases, is a person that you can confide in,

share your joys with, and act as a support system when you are going through rough times. Often the brothers in the lodge fulfill these same purposes. These relationships should be truly treasured. Yet, like a family, we sometimes take our brothers for granted, say things in a thoughtless manner which we really don't mean and/or not realize it may hurt, or take umbrage at a comment made when no harm was intended. If I have done so, I apologize from the bottom of my heart. The fact that our lodge brothers are, for the most part, of an understanding nature, forgiving and willing to discuss difficult situations in a respectful way makes us special as a group. I would like to suggest that we all review our relationships in the light of Masonry, and take this same special environment of brotherly love, and respect practiced in Lodge and try to extend it to our family members, coworkers and friends to make the world a better place.

On April 19th, we had our annual Public Schools Night and Teacher of the Year Awards. It was very well attended. Special thanks go to Bro. Eric Unti and Wor. Bro Bill Ferrell for making the arrangements, and also to Howard Marmor and Roy Tamez and Sammy Tamez who prepared an excellent dinner menu.

On a different note, Congratulations to Mr. Richard T. Wilkinson, who has been elected to receive the degrees of Masonry and is scheduled to receive his 1st Degree on May 24th. We also have our Annual Rowell Ranch Rodeo Child Id event on May 19th and 20th. Our Sweet Hearts Function will be on May 27th. Please join us on our fifth Thursday of the month, May 31st, for Our Masonic Potluck Dinner.

They say that April showers bring May flowers, so take a minute to smell the roses.

Fraternally,

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From the West



One of the biggest compliments I have had is that a person whom I respect asked who or from what I was plagiarizing in writing my observations and pundits. I had to tell him that I was not. That was a big compliment in that someone thought that my musings regarding common truths were worth copying from some where. However, this time I am copying some observations from a Support Group Commander, Col. Robert Buente, with the 615th Support Group at Travis Air Force Base as written in the "COMMENTARIES" in the March issue of the Tailwind. He writes: "We all have dreams, desires and aspirations, but how can you turn those visions of the future into something realistically attainable?" He writes further: "**First, don't limit your dreams because they seem too big. Almost anything is achievable given enough energy and time.**"..... "Write your goals down and hang the piece of paper on the refrigerator"..... "The key is to build a reminder and to create a commitment to active your goal.".... "The next and hardest step is planning. If a goal is worth achieving , then it is worth the time it takes to plan for success". "The final goal can seem so large and far away. The trick is then to break up your large goal into several smaller, intermediate goals to create a pathway to success."..... "By taking it step by step, the end goal seems less frightening and more achievable.".... "If your focus is on the next hurdle, it is hard to maintain commitments . Goal achievement should not be hard work" "**Remember, dream big, take notes, plan small steps and celebrate success at every opportunity.**" As a mason, I could not resist passing along this sojourners observations of life skills and how to achieve them. As always in life there are many spiritual truths and life forgiveness. Remember do not be hard on yourself for perceived failures. Most successful business people have failed more than once, but the key is appreciate where you are and go forth. We are all in this life together with uniquely tailored trials and tribulations.

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Inspiring Words

Last week I happened to overhear a conversation between two men, talking about going or moving to some place. One kept asking the other about one place or another. The one being asked always seemed to find something wrong with the places mentioned. His biggest complaint was about the people there.

I did not hear the end of the conversation as they moved on. But it brought to my mind a story my grandfather told me after I asked him if there are any bad people where we were going to move (I was 8 years old at the time). It goes as follows:



An old man sat outside the walls of a great city. When travelers approached, they would ask him, "What kind of people live here?" And the old man would answer, "What kind of people lived in the place where you came from?" If the travelers answered, "Only bad people lived in the place where we came from," then the old man would reply, "Continue on; you will find only bad people here." But if the travelers answered, "Only good people lived in the place where we came from", then the old man would say "enter, for here, too, you will find only good people."

Think about it—**Remember no matter how far you travel, you still take yourself with you.**

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From the South

If you are an ACTIVE member, prepare to gain some weight this month (or to work out extra hard) because we will be feeding you just about every week this month.

The meal for the May Stated meeting, the 3rd, will be cooked by Bro. Tamez and his crew and will be a Mexican Feast in honor of Cinco De Mayo.

If you come to the School of Instruction on the 10th, we are going to feed you again (pasta perhaps).



We have a practice on the 17th and a First Degree on the 24th and the Master has asked me to prepare a light meal each of those nights for those who show up.

You can have brunch at Dino's and a matinee at Chanticleer's on the 27th and we wind up the month on the 31st with our Masonic Family Potluck and BBQ Tri-Tip.

That is a total of six meals, only two of which you will spend any money on. Don't go hungry—Get Active!

While you're being active, don't forget to support the Masonic Youth. Hayward Jobs is having a Taco Event from 3:30-6:30 on June 3rd. This is a fundraiser for Bro. Pat Quinn's niece



Don't get me wrong, Brother, I AM GLAD that you are here. Just try not to be so obvious as to WHY you are here.

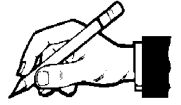
who is in the line with the Bethel. It will be at the Hayward Lodge on B-Street. Wow! Those are a lot of great meals coming up, I'm going to go burn some calories right now.

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From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper to be Written



THANK YOU to the Brethren who attend funeral services for our Brother Masons. Too often there are only two or three in attendance. As your secretary I communicate with the family and represent the fraternity. We hold services for sojourners from other areas as well as other countries. I have in the past quoted the CMC as to our responsibility in attending to this obligation. Thank you to Worshipful Kurt Allen, Worshipful Roy Tamez and Worshipful Bob Mc Cain of the Masonic Home for being available to conduct the services for our departed Brethren. They have made my job a lot easier.

JOBS DAUGHTERS. Now another "Hat." Bethel No. 1 of Dublin is holding their 17th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction at the Livermore Shrine Event Center, 170 Lindbergh Avenue, Livermore, CA. Friday May 11, 2012. The Silent Auction begins at 6:30 PM and ends at 8:30 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets; \$10.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for children 10 and under. Contact; Becky Anderson @ 510-796-9250 or e-mail at; jdublin1@gmail.com or see me at Lodge or call me at 510-886-2288.

ARE YOU A RUSTY TROWEL? You may have not attended lodge for awhile and have lost contact with the men that you were close to at one time. Remember that coach that pounded the proficiencies in your head? How it was fun to get together with a bunch of guys and sometimes act like kids? We enjoyed the comradery and look back and wonder where it went. It's still here. Brethren each time we meet we hear the words; "The Worshipful Master invites you to a seat in the Lodge room." That is where we can make a difference. The special thing about Freemasonry is that we are friends and brothers. That's what makes Freemasonry different. See you soon.

KEEP INFORMED If you are not on the e-mail distribution list and want to get urgent notices such as funeral notices or date changes for degrees, send an e-mail to crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net

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Batters Up!



Once again, Northern California lodges are teaming up with the Junior Giants to fund baseball mitts for underprivileged children.

The Junior Giants, the flagship program of the San Francisco Giants Community Fund, is a free non-competitive baseball program for at-risk youth ages five through 18. About 20,000 children participate annually – 45 percent of whom

do not own a baseball glove.

Each mitt purchased through the fraternity's campaign is embossed with the Masons of California logo. Support your team at Masons4Mitts.org. The campaign concludes September 14th. **Masons and the community will celebrate the end of the Masons4Mitts campaign at Masons Night on Sept. 17th, at AT&T Park.** Talk to lodge officers about purchasing tickets!

Our Annual Feast of St. John - Baptist will be held in 'the customary due and ancient form' on Saturday the 23rd of June, 2012. Social hour 4:30 to 5:30. Festivities begin promptly at 5:30 - more or less. In short, the Table Lodge will be at labor around 5:30 p.m. at the will and pleasure of the W.M.



The bill-o-fare remains the same. A "seven" course meal (BBQ beef steak dinner) with a strictly traditional toast firmly attached to each course. Of course the toasts are less firmly attached as the evening goes on.



Brethren: "The Master invites you to seats in the Table Lodge Room."

This event is held in an open "Table Lodge" and therefore only EA, FC, and MM may partake. Dress is "preppie" as in jacket or sweater and tie with slacks and dress shoes or up-scale sports shoes. Leather sandals and Renaissance Period costumes are also appropriate. No one will be turned away for Levis and sneakers.

As always, seating is limited to 29 and the cost is \$25.

Four volunteer positions (\$0.00) are available in the kitchen - meal and beverage provided but no dining room seating.

NOTE: Please arrange for someone to drive you home!!!

... And there was much rejoicing !

In Memoriam

Ronald Alvin Akre 53 years, 11 months and 28 days
Entered into Rest April 2, 2012

Fletcher Stuart Abby 82 years, 3 months and 24 days
Entered into Rest April 12, 2012

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

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Abe, Arno (41) ; Aracne, Steven (6) ; Baca, Daniel (56) ; Bokamper, Chris (15) ; Bourke, Hedley (49) ; Christensen, George (39) ; Christensen, William (31) ; Clifton, Stanley [PM] (43) ; Cook Jr., Maurice (40) ; Davenport, Guy (52) ; Densmore, Frank (26) ; Holt, Jack (44) ; Johnson, Donald (47) ; Johnson, Frank (62) ; Katz, Ronald [PM] (28) ; Kimmich, Carl (57) ; Krause, Paul (50) ; Mc Hugh, William (65) ; Meissner, Ronald (47) ; Peebles, Albert (60) ; Rapp, Gregory [PM] (25) ; Roberts, Howard (42) ; Robertson, Thomas (65) ; Rodes, Alvin (46) ; Ross, Brian (1) ; Schwarting, John (64) ; Sharpe Jr., George (51) ; Shrader, Norman (47) ; Silverstein, Alfred (62) ; Steen, Robert [PM] (42) ; Stephenson, David (14) ; Swanson, Le Roy (46) ; Tornio, Jack (31) ; Valenzuela, Glenn (48) ; Wagle, John (59) ; White, Lee (49) ; Worthing, William (58) ; Wysock, David (11)

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2012 Committees

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Sunshine—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

Lodge Events

Crab Feed—Henry Miller, Dale Reynolds

Feast of Saints John – Ron Katz, Charles Hintz

Kid's ID—Roy Nelson, Roy Tamez, Sammy Tamez

Pizza Night—Ron Katz

Public Schools—Eric Unti— (510) 537-1530/erunti@earthlink.net

Strawberry Feed—Ron Katz, Ernie Nidick, Gerald Woergoetter

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Sunshine and Visiting

Please keep the following brethren in your thoughts:
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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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