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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2010:

1/28, Thursday—First Degree, 6:30 PM (for two candidates)
 1/30, Saturday—Pizza Night at Round Table on Redwood Road, 6:00 PM

February 2010:

2/4, Thursday—**Coming Home** Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person. Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Italian Pasta Night*
 2/9, Tuesday—School of Instruction at San Leandro, 6:00 Dinner / 7:00 Opening. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors
 2/11, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. FC Degree. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.
 2/13, Saturday—Crab Feed, 6:00 PM. \$35/person. \$15/person for no-crab option. Tickets available through the Secretary.
 2/18, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. FC Degree. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.
 2/25, Thursday—Second Degree, 7:00 PM

March 2010:

3/4, Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person. Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Corn Beef and Cabbage*
 3/9, Tuesday—School of Instruction at Crow Canyon, 6:00 Dinner / 7:00 Opening. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors
 3/11, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.
 3/15, Monday—Senior DeMolay Night. 7:30 PM
 3/18, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.
 3/25, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.
 3/28, Sunday — DeMolay Membership Class in Honor of Wor. Tamez. 11 AM, CVMC. All Masons and Spouses invited.

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

"Coming Home" is the theme of my article this month. The Grand Master of Masons in California, Most Wor. Nagel wants all Masters to welcome back the 85% of members who are unable to attend lodge for whatever reason. The goal is to find a way for YOU to attend our February Stated Meeting, or one of the Degrees in February. I need to apologize to the members for not having checked my mail earlier, I would have found all the information the Grand Master sent very helpful in planning the event.

To motivate you to come, I am offering **Stated Meeting Dinner for just \$5, to any member who has not been to lodge in the last 6 months or longer.** All you have to do is call the Secretary and make a reservation. I will be cooking up a storm with a little help from my friends. We will have more than enough to feed all who attend.

We will be calling you personally on the phone to invite you. If you need a ride, let us know and we will make arrangements for you.

Come on back to your lodge, meet new friends and say hello to some long time friends. There was a reason we all became Masons, now you have a reason to come back. We need you, we want you and you are all part of one of the greatest brotherhoods in world.

Worried about what to do when you get in the lodge room? Don't fear. We have a coach who will take you into the lodge a little before the meeting to refresh your memory. You will be surprised how fast everything will come back to you. No need to feel any embarrassment at all, you are among brothers.

Fraternally, Roy Tamez, P.M. H.A.—(510) 537-1077 uncleroy@att.net



From the West

Wow, what a great year we are having so far. I am so proud of your officers and your Surveyors. Attendance at the last School of Instruction was fantastic. This lodge is doing SUPERGOOD and IMPROVING. I'll leave you with something to think about as we welcome back our brothers for our February Stated meetings.



(The following charge to Masons is found at the door of Myrtle Beach Lodge No. 353/Seaside Lodge No. 419 for all Masons to read and heed. Its origin and age are unknown.)

Stop, Brother, Just a Moment... Before you enter this Holy of Holies, ask yourself in your innermost heart "Am I duly and truly prepared?" If you will listen you may hear a voice within, saying, "It is a Brother desiring admission."

Can you enter this sanctuary this night as, indeed, a Brother? Have you divested yourself of garments of hate, envy, jealousy, deceit, hypocrisy, and put on the robe of Brotherly Love? Can you stand before the Holy Alter, which recalled to your mind memories of by-gone days and, looking into the eyes of your Worshipful Master, extend a greeting to those about you, "Behold, a Brother?"

Can you enter the lodge tonight with a desire not only to receive, but to give?

Should you entertain a spirit of enmity in the slightest degree for a brother in this lodge, go in, take the hand of that brother of yours, talk it over with him in the Fraternal spirit you should, and watch the mists disappear and the sunlight of Masonic Brotherhood illuminate your heart and his. Just try, brother, you will not be disappointed. The noblest work of God is man, and the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry are His handiwork of man's highest nobility. Unless then you can claim to be a Mason, good and true, I beseech you to turn back, and do not enter. But, if your aims and ambitions are the highest calling of the Brotherhood of Man as taught throughout the ages by the Fraternity of Freemasonry, and sanctioned in nature and revelation by the approval of the Great Architect of the Universe, enter here, for within you will find that which you seek.

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Relief for Haiti Earthquake Victims



Individuals and lodges can make a donation through the Grand Lodge of California to help survivors of the catastrophic Haiti earthquake.

To make a donation for relief through the Grand Lodge: make checks payable to MSA Disaster Relief Fund earmark for "Haiti Earthquake Relief" mail to:

Office of Philanthropy,
1111 California St.,
San Francisco, CA 94108.

Checks will be forwarded to the Masonic Service Association (MSA) of North America. MSA will send contributions directly to the Grand Orient d'Haiti for distribution to those in need, including Masonic families of the country's 51 lodges.

The Grand Lodge office will acknowledge and record every donation. If you have any questions, contact Adam Kendall of the Masonic Service Bureau at 415/292-9137.

COMING HOME February 2010

Join us for our Coming Home event at the February stated meeting.

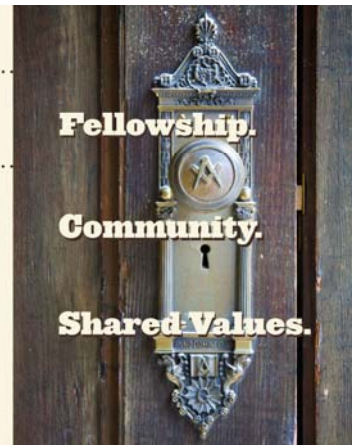
Coming Home is a fraternity-wide effort to bring all members, new and senior, active and inactive, back to their blue lodge, beginning with the February stated meeting.

It will be the largest California blue lodge gathering in decades!

Fellowship.

Community.

Shared Values.



From The South

This year will be a great year. Let us start by bringing back the brothers who have remained "at a perpetual distance", those who have not been at lodge for a long time. Lets' bring them back so they can participate in the great lodge activities, traditions, and principles of Masonry.

Our Worshipful Master needs our support for I see ahead of us a "rough and rugged road." I look forward to seeing some familiar as well as some new faces. With that, let me say "Welcome Back" and let us have a great year.

The Stated Meeting dinner will be cooked by Wynn Allen (Wor. Kurt's Wife) and Wor. Tamez. Dinner will be a Pasta Extravaganza. Come join the fun.

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From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper To Be Written



SECRETARY'S DREAM. I fell asleep the other night, And while I had my snooze, I dreamed each member stepped right up, and promptly paid his dues. When I found 'twas but a dream, I nearly threw a fit. It's up to you to make it true... SUGGESTION: Please remit.

DID YOU KNOW if a man allows himself to be suspended for non-payment of dues, he CANNOT be used as a Masonic relationship for a young lady to join Jobs or Eastern Star.

We wonder why the youth groups are having trouble. Our youth groups are our most valuable asset. DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and our Jobs Daughters are organizations that build character, teach leadership skills, and the value of community and commerce. If you have a Son/Grandson, Daughter/Grand Daughter that you feel would benefit from this type of training, contact me. Also listed in the Trestleboard are the names and numbers of our Adult Youth Group Leaders.

If you have decided to drop your membership, ask me for a demit. California Masonic Code 804.130 concerns **Demitting By Master Mason**. "A member, in good standing, against whom there is no pending Masonic charge or charge under criminal laws of the United States or any other governmental entity involving moral turpitude, may withdraw from a lodge at anytime". What is the benefit if any? Well, you don't cost the lodge Brethren any funds and, who knows, you might be entitled to a dues refund. Also, holding a demit, you continue to be a member at large for one year from the date of the issuance. You can visit lodges, hold Masonic communication and, within the year, you may want to be reinstated or join another lodge. But consider this—NO Masonic Outreach benefits, NO Masonic Home. Questions? Call me!

For those of you who have an e-mail address and would like to get information about Lodge events and urgent changes you may e-mail me crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net. This is not a bulletin board, just and e-mail address that I use for Lodge business.

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Ladies and Friends

Play "White ELEPHANT" BINGO

First Thursday of EACH MONTH During STATED MEETING

No cost to enter, just bring a white elephant gift worth \$10 or less

Call Sherry Hansen for details
(510) 537-0109

Masonic Youth Corner

Castro Valley DeMolay—In February we will be competing in a Ritual Competition with all of the chapters in Northern California. In March we will be celebrating the 91st anniversary of DeMolay. Join us on Monday, **March 15 @ 7:30 PM** for our Senior DeMolay Recognition Night. Join us on Sunday, **March 28 @ 11 AM** for a special membership class in honor of Wor. Roy Tamez. We will do both DeMolay degrees and bring in several new members on this day. We hope you will support us in honoring the Master of the Lodge. Mark the date: On **April 1st** we will be doing our Car Wash during the Stated Meeting again, just like last year. Get your car washed while you attend the dinner and the Stated Meeting. Donations accepted. Come in a dirty car, leave in a clean one.



Hayward Jobs Daughters— Thank you for all of your previous support. For Valentine's Day we will be selling Cookie Mix in a Jar at your next Stated Meeting. These jars are attractive, inexpensive, and come with easy-to-follow instructions. See you at your Stated.



Unity Rainbow— Please join us for our Installation of Officers on **January 30**, at 7 PM. Have electronic waste (e-Waste) gathering dust at your home? Please bring it to our e-Waste event on **April 17th** from 9AM—4 PM.



In Memoriam

Robert Bruce Benson 92 years, 2 months and 11 days
Entered into Rest October 22, 2009

Eugene Edward Clough 92 years, 10 months and 1 day
Entered into Rest December 20, 2009

*Almighty Father,
Great Architect
of the Universe,*

*Into they hands we
commend the souls of
our dear departed
brethren*



3rd Degree Anniversaries

Amato, Paul (51); **Besette**, Ronald (17); **Bode**, David (24); **Brennan**, William [PM] (52); **Burk**, Harold (17); **Castia**, Ronnie (18); **Gidvani**, Kishore (10); **Goodwin**, Charles (51); **Gossett**, Clifford (54); **Graham**, Russell (4); **Howe**, Douglas (4); **Leon**, William (30); **Lloyd**, Anthony (41); **Mac Donald**, John (37); **Makela**, Paul (35); **May**, Norvalle (44); **Nobriga**, Ronald (12); **Pearce**, Burton (53); **Sotelo**, Prudencio (29); **Stegall**, Roy (40); **Stewart**, Daniel (10); **Weisser**, Allen [PM] (45)

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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.

We need a brother to step forward to chair this committee. – Ernie Nidak

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studying the ancient
and accepted
practices and
applying them to
building a better you.*



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