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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2009:

5/03: Sunday, Sweetheart Brunch at Dino's Castro Valley, 10:30 am, then view "Legend" at Chanticleers Theater, 1:30 pm. Call Bro Phil Busch 925-292-8018 for brunch and/or theater.

5/07: Thursday, May Stated Meeting and Masonic Homes Development presentation, 5:30 pm Social, 6:15 pm Cinco de Mayo Dinner, 7:00 pm Presentation, 7:30 pm Opening. \$13/person, widows and guests are free.

5/12: Tuesday, School of Instruction at San Leandro Lodge, 7:00 pm. Third Degree, first section will be covered.

5/14: Thursday, Second Degree Proficiency, and First Degree practice, 7:00 pm.

5/21: Thursday, First Degree conferral, 7:00 pm.

5/28: Thursday, First and Second Degree proficiencies, and Third Degree First Section practice, 7:00 pm.

June 2009:

6/04: Thursday, June Stated Meeting, 5:30 pm Social, 6:15 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Opening. \$13/person, widows and guests are free.

6/09: Tuesday, School of Instruction at Crow Canyon Lodge, 7:00 pm. Candidate proficiencies will be covered, coaches must attend.

6/11: Thursday, Second Degree conferral, 7:00 pm.

6/18: Thursday, Third Degree Second Section practice, 7:00 pm.

6/25: Thursday, Third Degree conferral, 7:00 pm.

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

Community Outreach

Crow Canyon Lodge hosted the annual "Teacher of the Year" awards last week, which was very well attended and successful. Teachers and school administrators, as a result of attending these annual events, most likely equate us Masons as local men who are civic minded, honest, and focused on making their community better. We spend much effort on the needs of our own brethren, widows, sons and daughters. The community has little idea of what good we do for our own, but they do see what we do for the community. Our image is enhanced, and we are treated with deserved respect, when our good deeds are either witnessed, or are publicized by us personally or in written media.



Chamber of Commerce Mixers are a good way for us to "network" about our beautiful facility, now for rental. They also give us an opportunity to plug Freemasonry, to acquaint men who may have had Masonic relatives, and just need a little encouragement to make the plunge themselves. Mixers are low cost networking. Officers should attend the Chamber of Commerce Mixers. Why not take advantage of this opportunity?

Renters of our facilities will come to view us as a community asset. We have a website to be viewed by event coordinators to plan weddings, meetings, and ongoing scheduled events. We have an event coordinator who oversees renters. Our community will be spending much more time in our building.

Let's all make the effort to write letters to the newspaper editor regarding our good deeds; invite community friends and neighbors to stated and potluck dinners to see us; invite people to check out our building in which to have their important events; and talk up the benefits of Freemasonry to those we think would make good Masons, DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, or Rainbow. What would that cost? Just a little time and effort on your part.

Gordon "Bud" Warder—Master - (925) 998-6603 bud@kioskamerica.com

From the West

Dear Brethren and Ladies,

In my last few letters I have written about Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth givenness. I had a lot of response from the last article. I received e-mail hand-written note. I feel that I may be having a positive affect with the write.



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Now is the time to talk about our future. I have talked with a few Brothers and found no one who is willing to help me next year. We have to ask a Past Master to come forward now to help fill the chairs for next year. I say a Past Master or someone who has sat the Junior Warden's chair before because it will take someone with "experience" to serve. We need you to step forward of your "own free will and accord." Please don't let your lodge down!

On to happier items. We will have our annual Cinco De Mayo Dinner at the May Stated Meeting. The menu will be as follows: Chips and Salsa, Rice and Beans, Salad, Chicken enchiladas and Tacos de Carne Asada. I still haven't picked a dessert yet, but I feel like having fun. Imagine, this all started with my brother Sam asking me to cook just one meal. Little did I know that that would start me on my Masonic path. It has been a wonderful trip, filled with much pleasure. I now invite you to share this feeling with me. Get in line. I mean, get in THE line.

I would now like to thank all the members of the Hall Association for all their hard work and ask that you support them in the future ventures that they are undertaking.

Fraternally, Roy Tamez, P.M.—(510) 537-1077

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**

From The South

What a truly amazing group of leaders you have! Did you come to the Public Schools Night? Did you see how food appeared miraculously out of seemingly nowhere? Weren't you impressed? I sure was. Thank you Wor. Warder, Wor. Ferrell and Wor. Tamez for making the impossible possible. It was an incredible night and Bro. Unti was a terrific host. Thanks to the many brethren who made this event a priority on their calendars. Congratulations to the teachers who were honored and those who came to share in the event. What a night! Oh, and the choir was ANGELIC!

This month begins with the Sweetheart Event, then Cinco De Mayo Style cooking from Wor. Tamez, and then . . .

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Great News from Unity Rainbow

Grand Assembly 2009 for California Rainbow Girls was held in Fresno on April 3rd thru April 7th, Unity had 15 Girls and 15 Adult attending this year. Our Assembly Scored high again this year !! We had Three Grand Cross of Color awarded to Mother Advisor, Mrs. Lorrie Kern , Miss Melanie Kern, and Nicole Valadao, Both Past Worthy Advisors. Mr. Mike Sommers, Rainbow Board Treasure received his Grand Service award. These awards are similar to the HA Given to Masons for outstanding service.

Miss Melanie Kern also served as Grand Page to Mrs. Judi Hopper, the Grand Director for the Grand offices of California ., She did an outstanding job as the Grand Page. (Mrs. Judy Hopper is the wife of our Past Grand Master of Mason for last year.)

Unity also received Two new Grand officers Appointments for 2009. Miss Nicole Valadao Grand secretary, Miss Maria Washington Grand Patriotism We have initiated 3 new girls since the first of the year, One new girl was also Initiated at Grand Assembly this year. Her father has asked for a petition to join our Lodge.

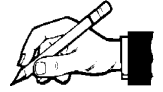
We have an initiation for a new girl scheduled for May 12th, We would like to see some Lodge Brothers attend some of the Rainbow meetings and give them all of your support !

Fraternally

Jack Allen, Vice Chairman ,Unity #65 Rainbow Board

From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper To Be Written



Brethren. From time to time I try to communicate the protocol of being a Mason. This time I feel that some of my Brothers do not understand what they are doing by not paying dues. I over heard one say "if I want to drop my membership, I'll just stop paying dues." I am in no way encouraging anyone to stop being a member in good standing! If you stop paying dues, we consider it an oversight, so we pay your per capata tax that amounts to \$30.00+ then if there is no response additional letters of request go out about three times at the cost of \$1.64 each time. Then the last letter you get carries postage of \$5.32 not including the cost of material. Your secretary works cheap so that cost is not included. So by just not paying you have cost the lodge nearly \$45.00 and you become a suspended Mason in accordance with CMC 804.155, "it is the deprivation of all rights, privileges and benefits as a Mason, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic Communications with him until he is legally restored."

But if you decide that you want to drop your membership, this is the way you do it. 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 of the demit. You can visit lodges, hold Masonic communication and with in the year you may want to be reinstated or join another lodge. But consider this; NO Masonic Outreach benefits, NO Masonic Home and if you have a daughter, grand daughter or great-great grand daughter they can not join Jobs Daughters.

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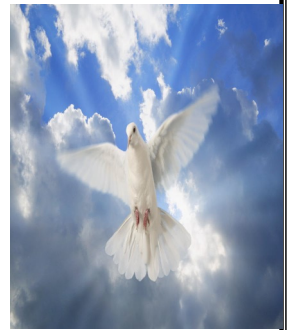
In Memoriam

Vincent Wesley Mirko
 Entered into Rest

83 years, 2 months and 12 days
 October 16, 2008

*Almighty Father,
 Great Architect
 of the Universe,*

*Into they hands
 we commend the soul
 of our dear
 departed brother*



3rd Degree Anniversaries

Abe, Arno August (38); **Aracne**, Steven Peter (3); **Baca**, Daniel Patrick (53); **Basham**, James Kermit [PM] (17); **Beck**, Walter Wilbur [PM] (64); **Bourke**, Hedley Joseph (46); **Christensen**, George James (36); **Christensen**, William Lee (28); **Clifton**, Stanley Arthur [PM] (40); **Cook**, Maurice Chester Jr. (37); **Davenport**, Guy Thomas (49); **Densmore**, Frank William (23); **Dyer**, Dale Edward (44); **Fifield**, Alfred Lawrence (55); **Gersick**, Rudolph Stephen (58); **Hansford**, John William (57); **Harris**, Loren Jennings (26); **Holt**, Jack Leon (41); **Hovey**, Richard Brooks (46); **Johnson**, Donald Arthur (44); **Johnson**, Frank Albert (59); **Katz**, Ronald Stephen [PM] (25); **Kimmich**, Carl Phillip (54); **Krause**, Paul (47); **Laursen**, Donald Anker [PM] (53); **Mc Hugh**, William Dennie (62); **Meissner**, Ronald Lee (44); **Parrish**, Dale (44); **Peebles**, Albert Pedro (57); **Rapp**, Gregory Kevin [PM] (22); **Robertson**, Thomas Edward (62); **Rodes**, Alvin Nestor (43); **Rupnow**, Loren Leroy (56); **Schwarting**, John Charles (61); **Sharpe**, George Grinley Jr. (48); **Shrader**, Norman Wilber (44); **Silverstein**, Alfred (59); **Steen**, Robert William [PM] (39); **Stephenson**, David Bruce (11); **Swanson**, Le Roy Kenneth (43); **Thomas**, Alvah Hummer (62); **Tornio**, Jack Robert (28); **Valenzuela**, Glenn Wilbur (45); **Wagle**, John William (56); **White**, Lee Charles (46); **Worthing**, William Victor (55); **Wysock**, David Barry (8)

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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. **Please keep Jay Harris in your thoughts!**

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