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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2009:

- 6/04: Thursday, June Stated Meeting, 5:30 pm Social, 6:15 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Opening. \$13/person, widows are free.
- 6/09: Tuesday, School of Instruction at Crow Canyon Lodge, 7:00 pm. Candidate proficiencies will be covered, coaches must attend. Also, certification for brethren wishing to officiate the Masonic Funeral Service.
- 6/11: Thursday, Third Degree Second Section Practice for the Acacia Team, 7:00 pm.
- 6/18: Thursday, Third Degree Second Section Practice for the Acacia Team, 7:00 pm.
- 6/25: Thursday, Third Degree conferral, 7:00 pm.


July 2009:

- 7/02: Thursday, July Stated Meeting, 5:30 pm Social, 6:15 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Opening. \$13/person, widows are free.

August 2009:

- 8/06: Thursday, August Stated Meeting, 5:30 pm Social, 6:15 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Opening. \$13/person, widows are free. Fifty Year Pin Award for Brother Joseph Clare in Lodge Room before the Stated Meeting.
- 8/13: Thursday, Hiram Award Ceremony for Brother Mickey Benko, 5:30 pm Social, 6:15 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Opening.
- 20: Thursday, Third Degree Second Section Practice for the Acacia Team, 7:00 pm.
- 27: 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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Dear Brethren,

I need to take up a few minutes of your time regarding a very important issue: that of renting our Lodge facilities to make ends meet. Our Lodge operating expenses have greatly exceeded our Lodge incomes for many years, and we have stayed solvent by selling stocks from our Charles Schwab investment account. Our 2009 Budget, for instance, forecasts total income from dividends, dues, and all other sources, of \$49,636. The Budget shows mandatory and discretionary expenses which total \$110,458. Our 2009 Budget is therefore \$60,822 in the red, and we will need to sell more stock to pay our bills. Even worse, 2009 is not unusual; we have been in the red year after year for way too long a time.



We hoped to rent our facilities to achieve income to strengthen our poor financial situation, and ultimately put us on firm financial standing. We have done some painting and repair of our facilities to help in attracting renters, have hired an event coordinator, and created a rental website. We now have three months experience trying to rent, and have received a total of \$1,945. If our rental situation remains steady, we should receive about \$7,500 in rental income this year, which is much lower than we need to balance our books.

Our Event Coordinator tells us that we lose many potential renters because other rental venues are in better shape than ours is in, and are simply more attractive for their special events. They find fault with the following: poor condition of the Banquet Room asphalt tile floor and the Entry Room carpet; banquet Room and Lodge Room need to be painted with neutral colors.; unattractive pictures on the Banquet Room wall; lack of a platform stage in the Banquet Room. The potential renters do like the general room layout of the Lodge.

It is clear to me that we need to upgrade our facilities before we will be able to achieve reasonable rental income. We can save costs by doing much of the work ourselves, and by choosing quality upgrades which should last over a reasonable time frame. We will request funding from the Lodge for the upgrades which must be implemented in the short term. Rental income over the long term can be used to pay for upgrades beyond those required now.

A Lodge Improvements Committee met on May 1, and made specific upgrade recommendations. These recommendations will be discussed further.

Our Temple Board needs to hear from you, so they can feel confident in proceeding with making our Lodge facilities more attractive, if that is your wish. In particular, we need to know what is really important to you. I am, therefore, requesting that you complete the form below, and mail it to me. Thank you for your time and well wishes. **Gordon "Bud" Warder—Master - (925) 998-6603 bud@kioskamerica.com**

From the West



Dear Brethren and Ladies,

As I sit and write this article I am reminded of so many wonderful things that have happened to me since I joined the lodge. I have met many good friends and it seems that we have lost many a good brother. Time is the great equalizer in life, all things come full circle. It makes me wonder, "will time take our lodge from us also" or will we withstand the test of time. If all the lessons taught to me in my degrees are true, there is hope. No man is a man without hope. What man has not experienced the test of time. I want to take the time to plan next year. We need to help the Hall Association, we need to plan for our Stated Meeting dinners better and most of all we need to communicate better. Please do yourself a favor and be part of the solution instead of part of the problem. Call and make reservations for events. Show up for degrees. Make time to show up for our youth groups. We are strongest when we all move together as one in the same direction. Faith can move mountains. Who can move apathy? Things are bright if we want them to be and your help will make the difference. As always, feel free to call me anytime you want and I will make time for you. Will you make time for your lodge?

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

Check all the statements you agree with:

I am supportive of the Lodge trying to make our facilities more attractive to renters and to ourselves.

I am not supportive of the Lodge trying to make our facilities more attractive to renters and to ourselves.

I would like to see the following more attractive:

- Lodge Room Banquet Room
- Entry Kitchen
- Rest Rooms

The following is really important to me:

Mail completed form to: Bud Warder
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From The South

Ron Katz, Junior Warden (510) 375-3137
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From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper To Be Written



The Masonic Outreach program is there to help and they are waiting for calls. You may not be aware of the Masonic Outreach Services is offered to our Brothers and their ladies, as well to our Masonic sweethearts (widows). There is no reason for our members, their wife or widow to have to choose whether to eat a meal or use their money to purchase much needed medication. Brethren and Ladies, if you know of anyone who is a member or wife of a member of Crow Canyon Lodge and needs help, contact the Masonic Outreach Services "MOS" at 1-888-466-3642.

OK, now your Lodge has several men who need coaching for the degrees. It is a most rewarding experience for both of the Brethren and lasting friendships are the result. The Grand Lodge has approved the use of ritual ciphers to assist the coaches and to help the candidates to advance through the degrees. We need your help. E-mail or phone me today and I will see that you are well equipped to meet the challenge.

If you are among the 19 members who have not paid your dues for 2009, please send it in as soon as you can. If you are unable to pay let me know either by e-mail or by the traditional method, the US mail service. The per capita tax that our lodge is required to pay Grand Lodge will be due soon. This year the tax is \$31.00 per member. Recently 3 members were suspended, something that I really didn't want to do, but the rules are clear and the California Masonic code requires it.

Bill Ferrell, PM—Secretary—(510) 886-2023
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Joint Lodge Visitation to Eureka

Brethren, Crow Canyon#551 and Mountain View-DeAnza#194 have been invited by the Master of Eureka Lodge#16 F & AM to hold a Third Degree at Eureka Lodge in Auburn, CA on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 1:00 PM. A flyer will be out after July 11, 2009 as well as more details about the event. For now, please mark this event on your calendars. Lyman C. Penning PM Master Mountain View-DeAnza Lodge#194 F & AM

Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 1 Dublin Installation of Officers

You are cordially invited to attend the Installation of Officers of Bethel No. 1 Dublin on June 6, 2009 @ 7:30pm at the Pleasanton Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Rd. Pleasanton CA

Please join Ashley Jayne Chambers, Honored Queen-elect, along with our Officers, for this evening of celebration, as we honor our Masonic Heritage.

Please note that the Honored Queen elect, is the granddaughter of Brother Claude L. Chambers, Member of both Crow Canyon and Alcatraz Lodges'. Refreshments and dancing will follow the Installation ceremony. We look forward to seeing you there.

In Memoriam

Ren Armstrong Entered into Rest	67 years, 3 months and 28 days May 2, 2009
Loren Jennings Harris Entered into Rest	75 years, 11 months and 2 days May 11, 2009
Henry Banda Romero Entered into Rest	75 years, 1 month and 8 days April 17, 2009

*Almighty Father,
 Great Architect
 of the Universe,*

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



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**

3rd Degree Anniversaries

JUNE — **Ambrose**, Leonard George [PM] (41) ; **Andreotti**, Jared Michael (8) ; **Beaman**, Roger Le Roy (60) ; **Bolesworth**, Harold William (63) ; **Brownfield**, Gilbert Allen (22) ; **Burns**, Jimmy Dee (27) ; **Burns**, Robert Calvin (25) ; **Carter**, Ralf Carlyle [PM] (42) ; **Cumins**, Vernon Edward (59) ; **Davenport**, John Wesley Jr. [PM] (50) ; **Egelston**, Gregory Keith (31) ; **Elleard**, Joseph Eugene [PM] (53) ; **Freeman**, Herbert Kenneth (36) ; **Holt**, Ronald David (17) ; **Jamison**, James Patrick (37) ; **Johnston**, James Bradley (25) ; **Jones**, Milton Lee (23) ; **Kahn**, Mark (43) ; **Kao**, Frederick (27) ; **Keshishian**, Albert Ruben (55) ; **Kresge**, Earl Loring (30) ; **Land**, Edward Louis [PM] (60) ; **Lantz**, Jeffery Simpson (41) ; **Lemon**, Roger Irving (57) ; **Logan**, Robert Wendell [PM] (16) ; **Mahan**, Boyd Allen (33) ; **Martin**, Charles Robert (59) ; **McCarthy**, John Francis (40) ; **Michardi**, Raymond George (27) ; **Miller**, Henry Earl Jr. (36) ; **O'Hara**, Edgar I. (22) ; **Palmeri**, John Jack [PM] (46) ; **Peters**, Robert D. [PM] (46) ; **Prull**, Douglas Stephen (45) ; **Richardson**, Larry Cobb [PM] (44) ; **Seaquist**, Burgis William (30) ; **Seddon**, Rodney Stuart (3) ; **Selvey**, Ronald Stephen (30) ; **Siegel**, Ronald Phillip (47) ; **Smith**, Edgar George (29) ; **Stevens**, Anthony James Sr. (29) ; **Stewart**, Joseph George (15) ; **Stroup**, Scotty Larue (39) ; **Tague**, Gene De Martyn Sr. (23) ; **Tamez**, Roy Anthony [PM] (24) ; **Teeters**, Clarence (37) ; **Thrall**, Frank Joseph Jr. (12) ; **Tucker**, Gary Tyson (19) ; **Vandenbergh**, Ronald Gustave (45) ; **Von Brauch**, Kurt Jon (30) ; **Wipf**, David Edward (32) ; **Yeoman**, Jack Raymond (30)

JULY — **Abbey**, Fletcher Stuart (57) ; **Hulme**, Kevin Ronald (10) ; **Lyerla**, Clyde Merle (52) ; **Nidick**, Ernest John Jr. (49) ; **Smith**, Dale Gene (30) ; **Warder**, Gordon Gray (11) ; **Weatherton**, Charles Ernest (31)

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If you know of an ailing brother who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret. **Gib Brownfield, Chairman — (510) 675-9970**

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