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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL:

4th- Tuesday- Officer's and members to **Unity Rainbow's Shadow Night**

Meeting- 7 PM. Pair up with their officers and see their floor work and ritual first hand. A night not to be missed. Officer's in tux.

5th- Wednesday- Executive Committee Meeting at Katz- 7:30 PM

6th- Thursday- Stated Meeting- 5:45 Social / 6:00 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting

Unity Rainbow will be guests of the Lodge for dinner to celebrate Rainbow Month.

11th- Tuesday- Officer's and Acacia Team Practice- 6:30 PM

13th- Thursday- **3rd Degree- Bro. Chris Boggess**- 7:00 PM

20th- Thursday- **Public Schools Night**- 6:00 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Program. All brethren and ladies encouraged to attend.

21st-23rd- Friday-Sunday- **Reno, Reno, Reno!!!!**

24th- Monday- Masonic Center Association- 7:00 PM

26th- Tuesday- Officer's Practice- 1st Degree- 6:30 PM

27th- Thursday- 1st Degree- Candidates to be determined- 6:30 PM

29th- Saturday- **District School of Instruction**- Pleasanton- 8:00 AM- Officer's mandatory attendance!!!

MAY (highlights only):

4th- Thursday- Stated Meeting- 5:45 Social / 6:00 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting

13th- Saturday- **Castro Valley DeMolay Installation of Officers**- 7:30 PM- Lodge Officers in Tux.

20th- Saturday- OES Fashion Show- 6:00 PM

25th- Thursday- EA Education Night- 6:00 PM / Officer's Practice or Degree- 7:00 PM

26th- Friday- **Masonic Family GAME Night**- Join us for a night of board games, and card games! Fun, Fun, Fun. Guests welcome. \$5/person- 6:30 PM- Refreshments served

27th- Saturday- **Unity Rainbow Installation of Officers**- 7:00 PM- Lodge Officers in Tux.

YOUR RENO! RENO! RENO! TRIP
April 21-23 (Friday-Sunday)

Bus trip just \$129/person leaving from the Lodge at 6:00 PM. Staying at the Reno Holiday Inn for two nights. Casino excursion Saturday. More casinos on the way out of town. Cash back at every casino. Home Sunday between 7-9 PM.

Call Worshipful Ron at 510-431-1211, email him at ron2000katz@comcast.net or register online at our website at

<http://www.calodges.org/no551/reno>

Reservation Deadline is April 10th.

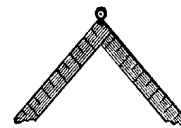
Fees due to lodge secretary by April 10th

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From the East



Are you going to Reno with us? The bus is nearly full. Here are the details. Friday April 21 – Sunday April 23. Leave the Castro Valley Masonic Center at 6 PM and return Sunday before 9 PM. Stay two evenings at the Reno Holiday Inn on 6th, just a few blocks from the main casinos, plus we will be hitting at least 3 other casino stops on the way home. Money back at each of those casinos totaling more than \$25. All this for a final cost of just \$129/person double occupancy or \$187/single (but I recommend, if possible, singles room together and save the added expense. There are just a few seats left, and they could be gone at any time. Call the Master 510-431-1211 or 510-375-3137 to book your spot or do it online at our website <http://www.calodges.org/no551/reno.html>. Monies are due to the Secretary no later than April 10. Check the calendar for other events in April.

I recently read "Freemasons for Dummies" and I would recommend you have a look if you get a chance. It is well written, concise, and sheds a positive but balanced light on our Fraternity and its concordant bodies.

I leave the rest of my article to a guest writer, Mark Campbell, a Master from St. Johns Lodge #9 in Seattle. (Reprinted from his Trestleboard with his permission).

Ron Katz, Worshipful Master (510) 431-1211 / 510-375-3137 cell / email: ron2000katz@comcast.net

During the presidential campaign of 1832, a mere 28 years before the birth of our lodge, a new feature dawned on the political horizon. For the first time in our nation's brief history a third party entered the fray. The Anti-Masonic Party, whose support was fervent throughout the middle Atlantic and New England states, appealed to the notion that secret societies (namely the Freemasons) were bastions of wealth and privilege. Moreover, the fact that it was almost a political necessity to join the fraternity was viewed as a threat to the welfare and integrity of the nation's public institutions.

The rise of the party and anti-Masonic sentiment can be linked to an event six years earlier. In 1826, a disgruntled Mason named William Morgan of Batavia, New York threatened to publish the secrets of the fraternity. After the Masons became aware of his intent, he was eventually seized and taken to Fort Niagara. Shortly thereafter he disappeared. Despite the fact that his ultimate fate was never known, it was widely believed that he had met an untimely death at the hands of the Masons. Subsequently, as public support of the fraternity plummeted, Masonry in New York suffered a near fatal blow as membership dwindled in a ten-year period from 20,000 to 3,000.

Ironically the party's nominee for the 1832 election, William Wirt, was a Mason. In fact, he defended Masonry in a speech he gave during the convention that nominated him. However, as President Andrew Jackson (running for his second term) was a prominent Mason who publicly lauded the fraternity, the Anti-Masonic Party could be more accurately described as an anti-Jackson party. The party also drew the support of various Protestant groups who sought to establish moral and social reforms in a society that they viewed as increasingly secular.

In the end Jackson was overwhelmingly re-elected with 219 electoral votes. Henry Clay, the nominee of the National Republicans, received 49. Wirt and the Anti-Masons garnered only 7 votes from the Electoral College. By 1836, the Anti-Masonic Party was all but a memory as most of its membership merged with the Whigs. An interesting footnote to history, the rise and fall of our nation's first third party illustrates the inherent danger of rallying around a negative. Perhaps if they had devoted more time and effort to explaining the principles, beliefs and solutions they supported, they might have had a longer lifespan.

But what an interesting problem for President Jackson to endure, having to defend Masonry in the context of a presidential campaign. Where's a new Anti-Masonic Party when you need them? An opportunity to extol the virtues of our fraternity and inform the public of the immeasurable good we do for our communities in a national spotlight? Bring it on!

Mark Campbell, Master, St. Johns Lodge #9, Seattle, WA



From the South



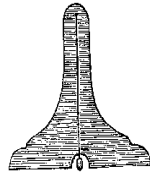
April's dinner menu will feature pork loin roast with peppercorn sauce, cinnamon apple sauce, steamed vegetables, garlic mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and ice cream for dessert. For non-pork eaters, chicken will be available on a reservation basis only. Still just \$10/person

Fraternally
Bob Werner Jr. Warden

For dinner reservations please call (925) 462-0366



From the West



Brethren,
It is not enough to say, "I did not know," "It was not me," "Look

elsewhere." Time and time again, each of us have used this kind of argument in refusing to acknowledge the needs of this most beautiful fraternity.

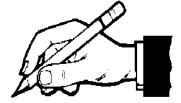
We have leaders with a firm sense of direction and firm personality, Worshipful Ron Katz and his officers stand out on that respect. We are the link between you and the Lodge, and therefore we thank our members of the Lodge for allowing us to be that link. We all have good memories of the past and we, as your officers, have a good vision for the future that we would like to share with you. But without your help and participation in the Lodge, all of those good visions will vanish from memory. As leaders, we don't want to lose sight of the foundation of our beautiful fraternity. Loosing the significant sense of that notion is to put at risk our great principals.

Remember that it was in our heart where we first were made a Mason, and we need people of good heart, as well people with knowledge in our ritual. We need your knowledge to be shared with us because some of us possess only a good heart and the good will to perform the duties of your officers. But it takes more than good will to master the duties of a good officer and some of you possess that knowledge. So please share with us and make yourself proud and make us proud of what we stand for

We currently have openings for Stewards in our line. Won't you step forward?

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From the Secretary's Desk



About this time of the year many are dealing with paying taxes. The lodge is getting ready to pay the per capita tax that Grand Lodge requires. This Secretary thanks you if you have paid the annual dues to our lodge. If you haven't paid, then you may have recently received a letter from me requesting payment. I hope all will stay in good standing with the Fraternity. I recently heard that a brother decided that he didn't want to hold membership in more than one lodge, so he intended not to pay the annual dues in the lodge he wished to drop. **Brethren, don't do that!** If a member is suspended in one lodge he will be automatically suspended in all Masonic lodges, including other jurisdictions. If a member desires to move his membership or to discontinue his membership, the best thing to do is to contact the lodge secretary and discuss his situation. We keep members on the "books" for about one and a half years before the suspension process occurs. During that time the lodge pays his per capita tax to Grand Lodge. There are still 50 members who have not paid dues. 20 who have not paid for two years are about to be suspended. More than anything I don't I wish to tell a widow of one of our Brothers, who has applied for assistance from the Masonic Outreach program or who wishes to be admitted to the Homes that they are denied because their husband had not kept their dues current and were suspended. I just want you to be aware of how important paying your dues is, even if you don't attend lodge.

Our Public Schools celebration will be on April 20th. This will be the 21st year we have had this program. Please try to attend this event. The school members usually outnumber us. Lets see if we can "turn the tables." The Canyon Middle School Jazz Choir will again entertain us with some lively choral renditions. Fraternally,

Bill Ferrell, Secretary (510) 886-2023
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This is YOUR LODGE— Let the Officers know if you have any ideas to improve it for the benefit of all of our members.

Public Schools Night is April 21st - Support the foundation of our country's greatness



April 2006



IN MEMORIAM

ENTERED INTO REST

John Joseph Machado	94 years, 0 months and 17 days	February 9, 2006
Dennis Campbell Vecqueray	84 years, 10 months and 14 days	February 16, 2006
Audus Gerald Watson, P.M.	67 years, 7 months and 15 days	February 16, 2006

Sunshine and Visiting

The following brothers could use a call or a visit: Russell Winkler, Ralph Williams, Jerry Williams, Robert Walker, Donald Wade, Judd Schlein, Robert Riddervold, David Jensen, John Hansford.

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

Andy Gravier, PM Phone: (510) 638-6641



Member Luncheon A Success! Next Luncheon Announced

A big thank you to Wor. Roy Tamez, Bro. Paul Tamez, and Bro. Gary Frizvold for preparing the meal for our first Member Luncheon on March 16th. Many of our dear brothers who have not been able to attend lodge due to night time restrictions enjoyed fellowship with active members of the lodge and each other. Twenty-three meals were served. Mark your calendars for our next Member Luncheon which will take place on June 29th at 11:30 AM

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