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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March— Youth Orders Month

22nd— Thursday— 3rd Degree— Brandon Morrison— 7:30 PM
 26th— Monday— Masonic Hall Association— 7:30 PM
 29th— Thursday— Officer's Practice— 7:30 PM
 30th— Friday— **Public Information and Open House Night**— 8:00 PM
 31st— Saturday— District Officer's **School of Instruction** at Castro Valley— 8:00 AM— **All officers and Acacia Team for 3rd Degree, 2nd Section.**

April

2nd— Monday— DeMolay— 7:30 PM
 3rd— Tuesday— Rainbow— 7:00 PM
 5th— Thursday— Stated Meeting— Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 PM
 6th— Friday— No Eastern Star Meeting
 12th— Thursday— First Degree or Double First Degree— 7:30 PM
 15th— Sunday— Hayward Jobs Daughters Spring Breakfast— 8:30-12 noon @ B Street Lodge.
 16th— Monday— DeMolay— 7:30 PM
 17th— Tuesday— Rainbow— 7:00 PM
 19th— Thursday— **Public School's Night and Teacher Recognition Program**— 6:00 PM (free dinner)
 21th— Saturday— Hayward Jobs Daughters Pre-Owned Goods Sale at Chabot Flea Market
 26th— Thursday— Officer's Practice
 28th— Saturday— District Officer's School of Instruction at Pleasanton— 8:00 AM
 30th— Monday— Masonic Hall Association— 7:00 PM

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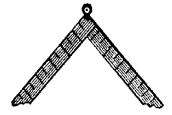
3rd— Thursday— Stated Meeting— Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 PM
 12th— Saturday— Castro Valley DeMolay Installation— 7:30 PM
 25th— Friday— **Public Information and Open House Night**— 8:00 PM

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From the East



The private duties of Masons— Whoever would be a Mason knows how to practice all the private virtues. He should avoid all manner of intemperance or excess, which might prevent his performance of the laudable duties of this craft, or lead him into enormities which would reflect dishonor upon the ancient Fraternity. He is to labor justly, that he may the better perform all his duties to his creator, his country, his neighbor, and himself.



Therefore, to afford support to the distressed, to divide our bread with the industrious poor, and to put the misguided traveler onto the way, are duties of the Craft, suitable to its dignity, and expressive of its usefulness. But, though a Mason is never to shut his ear unkindly against the complaints of any of the human race, yet when a Brother is oppressed or suffers, he is in a more peculiar manner called to open his whole soul in love and compassion to him, and to relieve him, without prejudice, according to his capacity.

It is also necessary, that all who would be true Masons should learn to abstain from all malice, slander and evil speaking; from all provoking, reproachful and ungodly language: keeping always a tongue of good report.

A Mason should know how to obey those who are set over him, however inferior they may be in worldly rank or condition. For, although Masonry divests no man of his honors and titles, yet, in the Lodge, preeminence of virtue, and knowledge in the art, is considered as the true source of all nobility, rule and government.

The virtue indispensably requisite in Masons is Secrecy. This is the guard of their confidence, and the security of their trust. So great stress is to be laid upon it, that it is enforced to be accounted wise, who has intellectual strength and ability sufficient to cover and conceal such honest secrets as are committed to him, as well as his own more serious and private affairs.

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A Little Masonic Humor

There was a man, walking down the street at one in the morning and he is very drunk. A police officer stops him and asks, "Where are you going in that condition? The man replied, "I'm on mmmmyy waayyy to a leccttuurre on FFreem-massonnrry." The officer asked, "Where can you possibly get a lecture on Freemasonry at this time of night? The man responded: "FFrrommm mmmmy wifffe, wwwhennn II gget hoooooommmme."



From the West

Dear Brothers and Ladies,

As I sit and write this month's article I was wondering what to say and where to start. I have seen our line officers grow and become men we can all be proud of. The lodge has given me so much. It represents all the things I hold dear: brotherly love, relief and truth.

I feel a great sorrow in my heart also, my job and school are taking up so much of the time I would like to give back to the Lodge. I hope all understand that I will not be able to continue on in the line as Master next year. We need some one to come forward in the next few months to help our line officers.

The line helped me grow to the man you see in Lodge. It gave me self confidence, inner strength, and peace of mind. From the lessons I have learned I feel there is nothing in life I could not accomplish.

I now offer all that I can to help the next person who will come forward and help. Who among us, will take that step. It only takes one good man to light the Darkness.

Let us step forward next year with a full line. Don't let the light go out leaving us lost in the darkness.

As always, call me anytime. I thank you all for your support.

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From the South



Brethren,

The April Dinner will consist of a Garden Salad, Swiss Steak with tomato sauce, garlic red mashed potatoes, vegetable sauté, and dessert.

Many of you know that I'm very active in the York Rite. Here's my third installment of York Rite information, from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. As you remember from my first installment: the Blue Lodge Degrees, together with the degrees of the Royal Arch Chapters, the Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and Commanderies of Knights Templar, constitute the York Rite.

"What has attracted so many brethren to seek further light in Royal Arch Masonry? In your journey though the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, and as you have studied for your proficiency, no doubt many questions have arisen concerning the meaning of the ritualistic ceremonies, the historical implications, and the why of the legends of Freemasonry.

Many believe the Sublime Degree of Master Mason to be the ultimate degree of Freemasonry and all others to be added and explanatory. Most students of Freemasonry agree that the story of the Craft as presented in the three degrees is incomplete and that the degrees of the Royal Arch complete the story and answer many of the questions in the mind of the newly made Master Mason. The Royal Arch Degree was considered most important in the early years of Freemasonry and so dogmatic was the Mother Grand Lodge, from which all Speculative Masonry derives, that in 1813 when the two grand lodges in England united, a firm and solemn landmark was adopted and placed in the Articles of Union to guide Masons throughout the world forever on this matter: "Pure Ancient Freemasonry consists of but three degrees, that of the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

This landmark has never been changed and to this day, no degree has been officially recognized by the Mother Grand Lodge and every rite, system or additional degree of Freemasonry cannot confer its degree on a Master Mason until he has received the Royal Arch Degree. Naturally, this is as it should be, because a man is not a Master Mason until he receives the Master's Word and he can only receive it in the Royal Arch.

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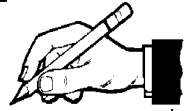
I Met A Dear Old Man Today

*I met a dear old man today,
 Who wore a Masonic pin,
 It was old and faded like the man,
 It's edges were worn quite thin.*

*I approached the park bench where he sat,
 To give the old brother his due,
 I said, "I see you've traveled east,"
 He said, "I have, have you?"*

*I said, "I have, and in my day
 Before the all seeing sun,
 I played in the rubble, with Jubala
 Jubalo and Jubalum."*

From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren, believe it or not I really enjoy interacting with you. Some of you I have never met or sat with in lodge. Keep the e-mails/letters coming and most of all keep us informed about how you are doing. At my age I don't read minds anymore.

Public Schools Night will be April 19, 2007. We will have the Canyon Middle School Jazz Choir performing and a "skit" by students from Castro Valley High School. Then we will be presenting "**Masonic Teacher of the Year**" awards to **Andy Popper** who is a Physical Education teacher at Creekside Middle School and to **Edie Odell** who is a Kindergarten Teacher and Reading Specialist at Castro Valley Elementary. Both were selected by the Castro Valley Unified School District and we get the privilege of recognizing their outstanding efforts in Public Education. Be sure to make your reservations for the FREE dinner with our Junior Warden on the DINNER LINE at 925-820-7752 or the lodge office at 510-886-2023. RESERVATIONS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT because we will be serving our guests FIRST and then we eat. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM. Program will start at 7:00 PM.

If you have not paid your dues for 2007 and paying your dues will cause a financial hardship, you may contact the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden or me. Your request will be kept confidential. There are still 21 members who are in jeopardy of being dropped.

Our youngest member is 19.4 years old and Brother **Anthony Forest** just passed 100 on March 4, 2007 and is doing great. Worshipful **Walter Beck** was 99 the last day of February (his real birthday is February 29th) and still volunteers at Merritt Hospital.

Fraternally, **Bill Ferrell (510) 886-2023**

*He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son,
 It's good and sweet and true,
 And if you've traveled as you said,
 You should give these things their due."*

*The word, the sign, the token,
 The sweet Masonic prayer,
 The vow that all have taken,
 Who've climbed the inner stair.*

*The wages of a Mason,
 Are never paid in gold,
 But the gain comes from contentment,
 When you're weak and growing old.*

*You see, I've carried my obligations,
 For almost fifty years,
 It has helped me through the hardships
 And the failures full of tears.*

*Now I'm losing my mind and body,
 Death is near but I don't despair,
 I've lived my life upon the level,
 And I'm dying upon the square.*

*Sometimes the greatest lessons
 Are those that are learned anew,
 And the old man in the park today
 Has changed my point of view.*

*To all Masonic brothers,
 The only secret is to care,
 May you live your life upon the level,
 May you part upon the square.*

Thank you Bro. Gary Frisvold for passing this on to us.

Third Degree Anniversaries for April

Armstrong, Herman Oren [PM] (48); **Barry**, John Arthur (43); **Blomseth**, Warren Jennings [PM] (55); **Brown**, James Henry (31); **Burt**, Roy Donald [PM] (54); **Cammerer**, Charles Richard (31); **Donley**, Peter Paul (4); **Douglas**, Robert Thomas (31); **Eddy**, Roy Thomas (58); **Elmore**, Barney Montague Jr. (51); **Garcia**, Ronald John (41); **Goodman**, Donald (48); **Hill**, Bert Harold (35); **Hoffmann**, Lawrence Conrad Jr. (58); **Hughes**, Gary Lee [PM] (18); **Kearn**, Edward Frank (40); **Kenyon**, Alan Gordon [PM] (25); **Kralovansky**, John (27); **Marshall**, Robert Albert (51); **Minnich**, Dwight (12); **Nelson**, Roy Fred (44); **Olsen**, John Alfred (32); **Rees**, Franklin Fay (24); **Renner**, Ira Vincent (60); **Rix**, Robert Grau [PM] (36); **Rourk**, Ronald James (26); **Stuart**, Ronald Wallace (44); **Suer**, Charles Richard (42); **Sullivan**, Richard John (56); **Williams**, Ralph Anthony [PM] (66); **Woergoetter**, Gerald Rainer [PM] (14)

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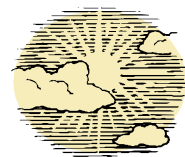
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Sunshine and Visiting



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

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In Memorium



Robert Harold Walker
 Entered into rest March 27, 2006
 89 years, 7 months and 4 days

Leroy Arthur Thurman
 Entered into rest November 9, 2006
 86 years, 0 months and 23 days

Almighty Father, into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear departed Brothers

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