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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL:

- 27th- Thursday- Double 1st Degree- **Ceyetano Estrada** and **James Ketner**- 7:00 PM
29th- Saturday- **District School of Instruction**- Pleasanton- 8:00 AM- Officer's mandatory attendance!!!
29th- Saturday- Quest for the Best Masonic Youth Talent Show- FREE at the San Francisco Scottish Rite Bodies- 2850 - 19th Avenue (at Sloat Blvd) San Francisco, CA 91432

MAY:

- 4th- Thursday- Stated Meeting- 5:45 Social / 6:00 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting- **Golden Veteran's Award**- **Bro. Cal Somers, Jr.**
6th- Saturday- Hayward Jobs Car Wash at Crow Canyon Masonic Center- 9 AM- 4 PM
11th- Thursday- 3rd Degree- **Bro. Steve Aracne**- 7:00 PM
13th- Saturday- **Castro Valley DeMolay Installation of Officers**- 7:30 PM- Lodge Officers in Tux.
18th- Thursday- Double 2nd Degree- **Bro. Arnold Wienstien / Bro. Gordon MacDonald**- 7:00 PM
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

JUNE: (Highlights only)

- 1st- Thursday- Stated Meeting- 5:45 Social / 6:00 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting- **Golden Veteran's Award**- **Bro. Donald Laursen, Sr.**
3rd- Saturday- **Unity Rainbow Installation of Officers**- 2:00 PM- Lodge Officers in Tux.
8th- Thursday- 3rd Degree- **Bro. Rod Seddon**- 7:00 PM
22nd- Thursday- 1st Degree- **Brian A. Katz**- 7:00 PM
24th- Feast of St. John
25th- Strawberry Feed @ Masonic Home

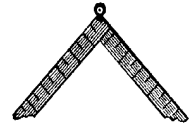
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Brethren,

From the East



April was a busy but productive month. On March 31 we held our first **Public Information Night**. It was exciting to have members of the **Eastern Star, DeMolay** and **Jobs Daughters** join us. The lodge was set up and descriptive signs were strategically placed to tell the story. I had the honor of presenting a talk about Freemasonry, which was well received. Our marketing efforts proved fairly effective as we had several guests present who had read about the evening in the Daily Review.

True brotherhood was displayed on April 13th, when members from five local lodges assisted us in raising **Bro. Chris Boggess** to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Thank you so much to members of Mosaic, Alameda, San Leandro, Pleasanton, and Acacia.

Bro. Ferrell once again put together a very fine evening of food and entertainment to recognize two members of the **Castro Valley Public Schools**. The meal was deliciously catered and the **Canyon Middle School Jazz Choir** was fantastic! The teachers who came were very impressed with our lodges generosity, and those recognized gave very inspiring speeches which emphasized the value of a free public school system.

They said it couldn't be done, but we planned and executed a **Reno Trip**. It was great fun for all who attended. Will you join us on our next one?

We have some openings in our line, which need to be filled. I would like to fill the spots with brethren who are seriously interested in leading our lodge in the future. Our two lowest appointive offices are now vacant. **Can you see yourself in the Master's chair in six or seven years?** Would you like to benefit from a tradition of leadership development that is proven and centuries old? **Give me a call**, and let's discuss the possibilities.

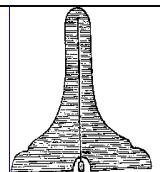
For those who would like to help out, but don't wish to step forward to lead the lodge at this time, there is a seat available next to me in the East, for a brother willing to **commit to the Chaplain's duties**. The work is all monitorial, and may be read, or if you truly want to make an impression, easily memorized.

Your officers are working hard to make this term, and every future term a positive success for Crow Canyon Lodge. We can't do it without you. Review your calendar. Mark the dates of your blue lodge events in pen within it. Plan for it, and attend every event. The future never looked brighter.

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



From the West



I would like to thank the members of Alameda Lodge and members of different lodges for their help in the performance of our third degree on April 13, 2006. I am grateful to them for inspiring us to keep faith in our tradition and the principals of Masonry.

As a Senior Warden it is my task to help keep the principals of Masonry alive, and I will plead at any opportunity I have to all the brethren to shake off indifference and help us to keep faith alive. Your participation will decide the shape and future of our brotherhood and to promote its welfare.

In the end, every organization is known by what it stands for. I hope this lodge will be known as a Lodge committed to the promotion of the principles for which Masonry stands for. I hope some members will help us in the fulfillment of this task.

In conclusion brethren, may I quote to you, a legend of the great master work of Human Civilization and culture, "The Talmud". The Talmud tells us that when God gave the law to the people of Israel he lifted up Mount Sinai over the heads of the Jewish people and said "If you accept the law you shall live, if not you shall die." And so we accepted the law.

We still need Stewards. Won't you step forward?

Alvaro Reynoso— Senior Warden (510) 490-2192 / cell (510) 364-7073



From the South



Hello Brethren – First off, let’s get the feeding of our numbers out of the way. Again this year, Worshipful Roy Tamez will be treating us with some of his South-of-the border culinary delights. Yes, it’s a Tamez Cinco de Mayo fiesta. Don’t miss it!

For the past few months I have been discussing the development of a plan designed to revitalize our beloved Fraternity. However, this month I am taking a break from that to turn our attention to something which is related to the revitalization of Freemasonry: that is the attendance at a Masonic funeral or memorial service. We recently had to lay our Worshipful Brother Audis Watson to rest. Something happened at his memorial service which will always be remembered by his family and non-Masons alike – that is the presence of a large number of men wearing white Masonic aprons – there were over 50 such men present.

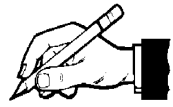
Yes, Audis was well known by people in, as well as out of, the Craft. None the less, they were most impressed by the showing of his fraternal Brothers. Such would have been true if you didn’t know Audis, but as a Brother in the Fraternity attended anyhow. There are simply too many funeral services at which there are only a few Masons present. According to the California Masonic Code, §28040, “It is a member’s duty to attend the funeral of a deceased member...” The Funeral service states, “... at the request... to assemble in the character of Masons and with the solemn formalities...” Brethren, the character of Masons is, at a minimum, one of unity, cohesiveness and brotherly love. Nowhere does it say, “if you know him.”

Please reflect on this and next time you hear of a fallen brother, please exercise a reasonable effort to attend. Better yet, call some of your brothers and form a car pool. The bottom line is that it is appearance that counts. If outsiders see us as such a loveable cohesive body of men, they will be knocking at our doors seeking admission.

Try it!!
Bob Werner

**For dinner reservations
please call
(925) 462-0366**

From the Secretary’s Desk



Mark your calendars! February 17, 2009 will be the last day that the FCC will allow television stations to transmit an analog signal. What does this mean? It means that they will only broadcast in Digital or High Definition. That old reliable T.V. will no longer be able to receive those signals. I really thought that with the introduction of the DVR (Digital Video Recorder) a.k.a. TiVo, that we would see more of you in lodge. What is really important about attending these meeting is that real business is conducted. We discuss the things that are required to keep our lodge active and growing. Back in September 1997 when we became Crow Canyon 551 our population was 726 Master Masons. Sadly as of the penning of this letter there are only 470 Master Masons. Yes, we have been getting new members but the declining rate is quickly overcoming the new member rate. At Present we have four men waiting for their First Degree, 12 Entered Apprentices and three Fellowcrafts working for the Master Mason degree. Hope to see you at the degrees as well our stated meetings. If you have moved beyond the “length of the cable tow” please keep in touch. If you have an opportunity to visit a lodge local to your residence please give it a shot. Just like Crow Canyon 551, they are looking for a Brother to attend their meetings.

Bill Ferrell, Secretary (510) 886-2023
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Support our Masonic Youth!


 April 29th– Saturday– “Quest for the Best” - Masonic Youth Variety Show– FREE– At San Francisco Scottish Rite.
 

 May 6th– Hayward Jobs Car Wash at CVMC– 9-4
 

 May 12th– Friday– Bethel #261 Mother's Day Spaghetti Dinner & Games Night @ 6:30 pm - Hayward Masonic Temple
 

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

 June 3rd– Saturday– Unity Rainbow Installation of Officers– 2:00 PM– Lodge Officers in Tux.
 























May 2006



IN MEMORIAM

ENTERED INTO REST

Alfred J. Zavatero 90 years, 7 months and 6 days

December 12, 2005

Ralph Joseph Lockard 85 years, 5 months and 26 days

April 1, 2006

Sunshine and Visiting



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

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