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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**May**

25th—Masonic Information Night 8:00 PM — Free 6:30 PM Dinner, call Ron @ 510-431-1211 for reservations.  
 26th—Hayward Jobs—Ballon Brunch @ Acacia Lodge—10 AM—2 PM

**June**

1st—Eastern Star—8 PM  
 2nd—Unity Rainbow Installation of Officers—5:00 PM  
 4th—DeMolay—7:30 PM  
 5th—Unity Rainbow—7:00 PM  
 7th—**Stated Meeting / Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 PM**  
 8th—Hayward Jobs 100th Installation of Officers @ Acacia—7:30 PM  
 14th—**Officer's Practice—2nd Degree—7:00 PM**  
 15th—Eastern Star—8 PM  
 18th—DeMolay—7:30 PM  
 18th—Hayward Jobs Dinner—6:00 PM @ Acacia w/Progressive Auction and Open Meeting  
 19th—Unity Rainbow—7:00 PM  
 21st—**Thursday—Double Second Degree Upon Bro. Robert E Lee and Bro. Philip Martin Bush—7:00 PM**  
 23rd—**Lodge Management Certification Program—Milpitas—Beverly Heritage Hotel — 1820 Barber Lane— 8:00 AM—4:15 PM—Go to www.freemason.org to register by 6/18.**  
 25th—Masonic Center Association—7:00 PM  
 28th—Officer's Practice—7:00 PM

**July**

2nd & 16th—DeMolay—7:30 PM  
 3rd & 17th—Unity Rainbow—7:00 PM  
 5th—**Stated Meeting / Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:30 / Meeting 7:30 PM**  
 6th—Eastern Star—8 PM  
 30th—Masonic Center Association—7:00 PM

**THERE IS A NEW AMERICAN FLAG FLYING OVER OUR LODGE !!**

Melanie Kern, Associate Worthy Advisor of Unity Assembly # 65, presented the new Flag to the Lodge. Melanie obtained the new large flag for presentation to the Lodge on Behalf of the Rainbow Assembly, to replace the old and tattered Flag that was flying over the Lodge for a long time. Melanie will be Installed Worthy Advisor of the Assembly on June 2, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. at Crow Canyon Masonic Center and would like to invite the entire Lodge to attend.



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*The Anchor*—A ship at sea needs to anchor itself in the event of a storm. As the people of old, we must anchor ourselves to reality, not fiction or fantasy – such as, for instance, the Ten Commandments, which really are not commandment but guidelines for correct living. Shortened for brevity, here they are:

1. Thou shall have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shall not take the name of the Lord, thy God in vain.
4. Thou shall remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
5. Thou shall honor thy father and mother.
6. Thou shall not kill.
7. Thou shall not commit adultery.
8. Thou shall not steal.
9. Thou shall not bear false witness.
10. Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife, or worldly goods.

Those who think they are superior to these ancient morals, ideals, and landmarks will find themselves drifting to nowhere. Precisely today's state of affairs— there seems to be nothing to moor our anchors to.

The proverbs of old are: The distillation of human wisdom. The capsuled essence of all that the race has learned about rules of living down through the ages. In short, sentences drawn from experience—the mother of all sciences. Proverbs can be anchors in our lives, giving us the proper mooring to weather our storms.

Some of my favorites follow:

“A pig bought on credit is forever grunting.”

“A house that is built according to every man's advice seldom gets a roof.”

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

“Imagination looks like clouds, Gloom is more like mud. Caution has one short leg. Hunger hides in garbage pails; Greed must one day beg. Courage rides on fire trucks, Laughing all the while.”

“Neglect a personal grievance forty eight hours and it will die of malnutrition.”

“A man's greatness is measured by his kindness; a man's education is recognized by his modesty; a man's caliber is shown by his consideration of others.”

“There's one sad truth in life I've found, while journeying east and west, the only folks we really wound are those we love the best.”

“Home is where we are treated best and grumble most.”

“A good leader takes a little more than his share of blame and a little less than his share of credit.”

“The worlds great men have not commonly been great scholars, nor has its great scholars been great men.”

The Measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.”

“There is a bigger fool than the fellow who knows it all; it's the fellow who will argue with him.”

Quoting Cicero: “Wise men are instructed by reason; men of less understanding, by experience; the most ignorant, by necessity; and beasts by nature.”

“There is a mighty big difference between good, sound reasons and reason that sound good.”

Unless civilization will anchor itself to moorings that hold fast, it will drift and drift and drift, as it is currently doing, and end up destroying itself, or in chaos.”

Quoting Scripture; “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”

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## From the West



Dear Brothers and Ladies,

I would like to take this time to “thank” all those who helped make our “Cinco de Mayo” dinner a big success. If you went away hungry, it was your own fault. I don't know about others, but I had a hard time staying awake afterwards.

The year is almost halfway over; the officers are doing a great job. I felt indescribable pride when at the officer's school of instruction at our lodge, other Masters came up to congratulate us on a job well done. I have offered more than once to come out and share this feeling of joy, yet no one has come forward . . . yet. If not you, who will do it?

June will be gone soon and July is dark. Maybe this is a good time for all of us to remember why we joined the lodge; to reflect on the lessons we are taught: brotherly love, relief, and truth come to mind.

I remember when I was raised and the Master told me that there should be “only that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.” If you feel the same, let me know. I'm sure we can find a place in the line for you.

I hope that we can all work and agree to try and get our lodge back on its feet, fill the line, plan for tomorrow, and make a bright and better future. As always, call any time you want, I am here to serve you.

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## From the South



Brethren,

The June 7th Dinner will be scrumptious, but as yet I haven't heard from our caterer, to let you know. Call me if you need to know.

For those who provided subtle encouragement for me to write on a Masonic subject, this column, and the two following, will discuss the Regius Poem, Freemasonry's oldest document.

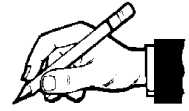
For those who loved my column on the Kentucky Derby, here are a few points as follow-up. Here's what I remember: beautiful women in bright dresses and plummy hats; companion men in fine suits dressed to the nines; massive thundering crowds of hopefuls and pageant attendees; celebrities basking in the lime-light; nervous trainers praying for their steeds to be in the money; sweating jockeys smiling for photographers; beautifully attired thoroughbred racehorse athletes coping with the shouts and clamor of 160,000 fans; comradery arising between perfect strangers to share opinions, thoughts, and bets; and the 10th race of the day, when the place erupted like Vesuvius with noise, excitement, and sheer wonder. Yes, winning the trifecta in Race 10 was vindication, and no, I didn't see the Queen and Prince Phillip. Except in the paper.

The Regius Poem dates to 1390 AD, and is the compilation of fifteen articles created by a council of lords, dukes, barons, knights, and squires, called by King Athelstane, in 926 AD. The Regius is so named because it formed a part of the Royal Library of England, and was presented to the British Museum by George 2. The author of the poem was thoroughly familiar with the craft of Masonry, and the document is more about Masonry than a document for Masons. It is written in verse, which is why it is called a poem, though not in form as we are used to today. Evidence indicates that the manuscript was transcribed by a priest, probably from an earlier manuscript. Robert Gould, the great English Masonic authority, believes the manuscript as a whole was not written for Operative Masons, but for Speculative Masons. He thought there must have been among the Craftsmen men not stone Masons, but belonging to "polite society", who, therefore, were "speculatives".

### Third Degree Anniversaries (June)

**Ambrose**, Leonard George [PM] (39); **Andreotti**, Jared Michael (6); **Beaman**, Roger Le Roy (58); **Bolesworth**, Harold William (61); **Brownfield**, Gilbert Allen (20); **Burns**, Jimmy Dee (25); **Burns**, Robert Calvin (23); **Carter**, Ralf Carlyle [PM] (40); **Cumins**, Vernon Edward (57); **Davenport**, John Wesley Jr. [PM] (48); **Egelston**, Gregory Keith (29); **Elleard**, Joseph Eugene [PM] (51); **Ficken**, Robert Henry (31); **Freeman**, Herbert Kenneth (34); **Holt**, Ronald David (15); **Jamison**, James Patrick (35); **Jones**, Milton Lee (21); **Kahn**, Mark (41); **Kao**, Frederick (25); **Keshishian**, Albert Ruben (53); **Kresge**, Earl Loring (28); **Land**, Edward Louis [PM] (58); **Lantz**, Jeffery Simpson (39); **Lemon**, Roger Irving (55); **Logan**, Robert Wendell [PM] (14); **Mahan**, Boyd Allen (31); **Martin**, Charles Robert (57); **Mc Carthy**, John Francis (38); **Miller**, Henry Earl Jr. (34); **O'Hara**, Edgar I. (20); **Palmeri**, John Jack [PM] (44); **Peters**, Robert D. [PM] (44); **Prull**, Douglas Stephen (43); **Richardson**, Larry Cobb [PM] (42); **Seaquist**, Burgis William (28); **Selvey**, Ronald Stephen (28); **Siegel**, Ronald Phillip (45); **Smith**, Edgar George (27); **Stevens**, Anthony James Sr. (27); **Stewart**, Joseph George (13); **Stroup**, Scotty Larue (37); **Tague**, Gene De Martyn Sr. (21); **Tamez**, Roy Anthony [PM] (22); **Teeters**, Clarence (35); **Thrall**, Frank Joseph Jr. (10); **Tucker**, Gary Tyson (17); **Vandenbergh**, Ronald Gustave (43); **Von Brauch**, Kurt Jon (28); **Wiles**, Robert James (35); **Wipf**, David Edward (30)

## From the Secretary's Desk



At present our Lodge has a population of 446 Master Masons. Our youngest member is 19.53 years old and the oldest has accomplished 100.20 years. Our age groups by percentage is; 1 member at 0.22% is in their teens, 3 members at 0.67% are in their 20's, 9 members at 2.02% are in their 30's, 20 members at 4.48% are in their 40's, 54 members at 12.11% are in their 50's, 82 members at 18.39% are in their 60's, 132 members at 29.60% are in their 70's, 125 members at 28.03% are in their 80's, and 19 members at 4.26% are in their 90's, and 1 member at 0.22% is over 100 years. The average age of our membership is 71.83 years old.

Waiting in the "wings" there are 26 men who have received their first degree. PLEASE, if you are a recommender please contact your candidate and assist him with the work. There are 5 men who have advanced to the degree of Fellowcraft. These statistics may be fun to look at but it shows that if the fraternity is to survive we need participation from all age groups to insure our survival. Please try to make a degree or stated meeting.

If you have any comments please feel free to contact me.  
Fraternally,

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HL Haywood, America's great authority, disagreed, and wrote: "The greatest minds of the period in question were devoted to architecture, and there is no reason not to believe that among the Craftsmen were members of good families. Also the Craft was in contact with the clergy all the while, and therefore many of its members may well have stood in need of rules for preserving proper decorum in great houses and among the members of the upper classes. According to tables and statistics included here and there in a number of works on Medieval population, on population in country, villages, towns, etc, and as applied to the Mason Craft, the supposition is that some ninety percent of the boys twelve to fourteen who came as Masonic apprentices were from the country, many of them from peasants' homes. Such boys had never been in fine homes, possessed no etiquette or table manners, had handled no silver, or ever sat in a hall. But the Freemasons who worked for years on cathedrals, abbeys, priories, etc were associated with persons of the highest rank, with barons and clerics, and at the same time had to work in a brotherhood with other workmen of education, often of eminence, perhaps famous, who would not tolerate uncouthness, vulgarity, gaucheries, and profanity from those about them. Therefore along with being taught his art, the boy had to be taught and polished in speech, clothing, manners, and etiquette. In effect, the last section of the Regius Poem was a stern injunction to such apprentices and a warning to them that the severe rules of the Craft, which governed the etiquette of Masons, would be enforced upon them."

The fifteen articles develop practices of a high moral nature, that are included in our current Masonic ritual, and I'll list and discuss them in these trestle board columns

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### Third Degree Anniversaries (July)

**Abbey**, Fletcher Stuart (55); **Hulme**, Kevin Ronald (8); **Lyerla**, Clyde Merle (50); **Smith**, Dale Gene (28); **Smith**, Frederick English Jr. (56); **Warder**, Gordon Gray (9); **Weatherton**, Charles Ernest (29)

**Abe**, Arno August (36); **Baca**, Daniel Patrick (51); **Basham**, James Kermit [PM] (15); **Beck**, Walter Wilbur [PM] (62); **Bourke**, Hedley Joseph (44); **Ciurana**, Frank (54); **Clifton**, Stanley Arthur [PM] (38); **Cook**, Maurice Chester Jr. (35); **Davenport**, Guy Thomas (47); **Densmore**, Frank William (21); **Dyer**, Dale Edward (42); **Evans**, Dale J. (55); **Fifield**, Alfred Lawrence (53); **Garman**, Glenn Edward (23); **Gersick**, Rudolph Stephen (56); **Hansford**, John William (55); **Harris**, Loren Jennings (24); **Holt**, Jack Leon (39); **Hovey**, Richard Brooks (44); **Johnson**, Donald Arthur (42); **Johnson**, Frank Albert (57); **Katz**, Ronald Stephen (23); **Kimmich**, Carl Phillip (52); **Krause**, Paul (45); **Laursen**, Donald Anker [PM] (51); **Lewright**, Herbert Sylvester (60); **Mc Hugh**, William Dennie (60); **Parrish**, Dale (42); **Patceg**, Louis Jacob (45); **Peebles**, Albert Pedro (55); **Rapp**, Gregory Kevin [PM] (20); **Robertson**, Thomas Edward (60); **Rupnow**, Loren Leroy (54); **Schwarting**, John Charles (59); **Sharpe**, George Grinley Jr. (46); **Shrader**, Norman Wilber (42); **Silverstein**, Alfred (57); **Steen**, Robert William [PM] (37); **Stephenson**, David Bruce (9); **Swanson**, Le Roy Kenneth (41); **Thomas**, Alvah Hummer (60); **Tornio**, Jack Robert (26); **Valenzuela**, Glenn Wilbur (43); **White**, Lee Charles (44); **Williams**, Jerry Alvin (25)

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## Hayward Jobs Thanks You For Your Support

As a small token of our appreciation, we will be giving each Mason present at the June Stated Meeting a greeting card and cupcake to celebrate "Father's Day."

We won't be able to actually be there ourselves, because we will be practicing for our installation the following night, but we hope you enjoy the cards and goodies. Please join us Friday @ 7:30 PM at Acacia Lodge for our 100th Installation.—**Katrina Fortenberry, Honored Queen-elect.**

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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 Memoriam

Edward Frank Kearn  
Entered into Rest April, 23, 2007  
87 years, 1 month and 9 days



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

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