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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2012

10/4—Thursday—Stated Meeting – Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—**Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend)**– German Style Oktoberfest Dinner—\$13.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.

10/9—Tuesday—7:00 PM—School of Instruction at Pleasanton Lodge (3370 Hopyard Rd, Pleasanton) - Covering: Election of Officer's & Flag Presentation—All Masons are welcome to attend. Arrive around 6:00 PM for a complimentary dinner.

10/11—Thursday—7:00 PM—1st Degree or Double first Degree Mr. Louis B. Garcia and/or Mr. Daniel Lee

10/18— Thursday—7:00 PM—2nd Degree Practice

10/25—Thursday—7:00 PM—2nd Degree Bro. Tony Wilkinson

November 2012

11/1—Thursday—Stated Meeting – Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—**Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend)**– Meal to be determined—\$13.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.

11/8—Thursday—Practice or Degree

11/13—Tuesday—School of Instruction—Mosaic Lodge (119 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore) Covering: Annual Installation of Officers. Note: the Installing Officer & Master of Ceremonies need to attend. All Masons are welcome to attend. Arrive around 6:00 PM for a complimentary dinner.

11/15—Thursday—7:00 PM—Practice or Degree

11/22—DARK—Happy Thanksgiving

11/29—Thursday—7:00 PM—Practice or Degree (No Family Potluck tonight)

Castro Valley DeMolay meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)

Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)

Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM)

Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261, Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Hayward Masonic Center

Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church

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From the East



The Month of September has been very busy this year and has brought about a number of changes due to legislation at Grand Lodge. I will address Lodge activities that occurred and then follow up with some important notices from Grand Lodge which affects our Lodge.

California Masonic Child ID Program

We had a great couple of days at the Castro Valley Fall Festival this last month. We processed 460 kids fingerprints and photos. I would like to offer special thanks to those that showed up to work the

Child ID equipment and hawk our booth (get parents attention). Warm thanks to Brothers Roy Tamez, Earl Woodson, Ron Katz, Kurt Allen, Charles Hintz, David Allen, Phil Bush, Howard Marmor, Bill Ferrell and his wife Kathy, and Jobs Daughter Jessica Antony (Miss California Jobs Daughter). If I missed anyone, I apologize, my memory ain't so good as it was.

We also sponsored the reception for Wor. Allen Weisser at Aahmes Shrine in Pleasanton. Wor. Ron Katz headed up the committee for this event and with everyone's help it went very well. There are too many people to list that helped this be a success, but thank you to all of you. Thanks to Eastern Star (who did the setup) and our Youth Groups (who served our dinner). They did a fine job as well.

Congratulations to Bro. Jerry Garcia on being raised at the Mariposa visitation. Mariposa Lodge was very gracious in hosting this and attending our degree and I hope will accept our invitation to visit us in the future. Special thanks to Wor. Lyman Penning, and Wor. Kurt Allen and his wife Wynn who put this together. Thank you to all the Ladies who brought the appetizers for WM's Social Hour. The Acacia team put on an impressive degree. Thank you very much my brethren.

Brother Phil Bush will be cooking the Oktoberfest dinner at the Stated Meeting this month. Come one and come all. Your attendance will help make this a success.

Grand Lodge Changes

Our Lodge has been moved to District #317, and our new Inspector will be Larry Becker, PM. He will be coming to our October Stated Meeting. Our previous Inspector, Jeff Wilkins, did a fine job. He will be missed and is a hard act to follow. Please give Wor. Becker a warm welcome and make him feel at home in our lodge. Please note: our next School of Instruction will be on October 9th at Pleasanton Lodge #321. All District Schools of Instruction begin at 7:00 pm. Only the Inspector can excuse officers from these schools.

Historic Resolutions 11-06 and 11-07 passed at Grand Lodge. Effective immediately, all Stated (Business) Meetings in California will be held on the First Degree of Masonry and EA's and FC's will be allowed to attend. EA and FC will also now be required to pay dues. EA's and FC's will be allowed to participate in lodge discussions, but will not be allowed to vote or ballot on new candidates until they attain their 3rd Degree.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

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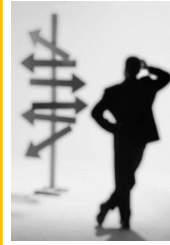
From the West



Brethren,

"All of us, at certain moments of our live need to take advice and receive help from other people" - Alexis Carrel. This is especially true when one is a child. We are all on a journey to "that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns" as the same person they started out to be. This then segues (fancy word for) into what I want to talk about: There is a Chinese proverb that roughly translated means, "If you want a summation of your past, (luck or no luck), - look into your present conditions. If you want to know your future: - look into your present actions."

Your actions today have an impact on your and your loved ones future. We are all on this journey called life together. I would suggest this. First start with kindness towards yourself. The truth is we are allowed to forgive ourselves for transgressions, both actual and perceived, both fictitious and imaginary. You may think you have earned the right to hold this grudge, that it is yours and you have a right to keep it. Even if you say, " But I love having this grudge, it makes me feel like a man." You must realize, however, your future depends on your actions today. Start by smiling at yourself in the mirror. Allow yourself to be kind toward yourself today. Then maybe give a smile towards a loved one and then maybe to a stranger. Remember, when we as humans are with and around other humans, there exists an opportunity for kindness. It starts with a simple smile, which is a small action. To you it may be small, but it may mean a great deal more to the person who receives it. Maybe you can follow this with an positive action, small or large, which benefits your family and yourself. This, in a small way, creates rings in the water of life that go outward and affect your neighborhood, your city and your country. Small acts of kindness will make our journey to "that country from whose borne no traveler returns" a lot easier and a lot more rewarding.



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Inspiring Words

How many times in our lives have we felt "oh, so all alone", in sorrow, in illness, when the world seems to come tumbling down all around us? True, there are family, friends, etc., but they also have their own lives and troubles.

So there you are (it seems) alone with your fears, loneliness, ills, troubles and so on. Where do you turn for help? Who can we turn to?

Maybe, just maybe, these words written by Rev. Norman Vincent Peale may be the answer for you. He writes:

The Source of Personal Power

Fortitude and faith are the words. This is what keeps a man going when he seems deflated. Believe that if you put your trust in God and keep at things with unremitting energy and intelligence you too can build a solid foundation beneath you upon which you may mount up to victory. Therefore train your mind never to accept the thought of defeat about anything. That verse from the bible makes an unbeatable inspiration in any situation. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Hold it habitually in your mind and it will train you to believe in yourself by reminding you that you have extra power available.

— Think about it —

Irwin Fershleiser, P.M., H.A.—Chaplain

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From the South

Brethren,

The Stated Meeting dinner for October will be a German-Style Oktoberfest meal.

As you can see from the calendar, we have some upcoming degrees. The Master has requested that we provide some type of meal prior to degrees to insure that brethren coming right from work are accommodated. If a degree is at 7:00 PM, show up after 6:30 PM and you will be fed.

Grand Lodge was fantastic. Not only did we see some historic changes made through legislation, but we got to meet a school teacher and principal of a school that has benefited from the "Raising a Reader" program sponsored by Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge (that is you and me brethren) raised \$500,000 for the program this last year. Our new Grand Master, John Lowe, announced that we would continue the program this year. Find out how you can help at the Grand Lodge website (<http://www.freemason.org>).

We have raised some excited and enthusiastic Master Masons recently and plans are now being made for lodge leadership next term and beyond. Those interested in finding out more about being involved as a lodge leader should contact the Master or the Senior Warden.

I look forward to seeing all members of Crow Canyon Lodge (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Masons) at the Stated Meeting. This is your lodge brethren, the doors are open to you.

Ron Katz, PM—Junior Warden

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From the Secretary's Desk



It official, summer is over. Another one for the record books. Grand Lodge was held on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of Sept and the per-capita tax was reduced by \$2.00 to \$32.00 per member. Our 2013 dues will be \$93.00. There are still 8 members who have not paid their 2012 dues, Please Brother's don't force us to suspend you for Non-payment. I hate having to do that. The Lodge has already paid \$280.00 per-capita for the 8 brothers who did not pay their 2012 dues. If you choose not to pay your dues and you are not suspended the lodge will have to pay the Grand Lodge another \$280.00 for a total of \$560.00. Do you feel that you have upheld your obligations?

Brethren a historic resolution passed allowing Entered Apprentice (EA) and Fellowcraft (FC) Masons to attend the Stated Meetings. Beginning in October, Stated Meetings will be opened on the EA degree. The resolution does have certain restrictions as far as voting rights for EA and FC Masons. A resolution also passed which now makes EA and FC Masons dues paying members.

We are in the process of shutting down the post office box. The Masonic Center is the new mailing address. We also have a new phone number 510-258-0654. Please us that number for any lodge business, You can also call to just say hello.

At our last Stated Meeting we elected Louis Garcia and Daniel Lee to receive the degrees of Masonry and I will read an application for the degrees for Mr. Charles Reynolds and application for affiliation for Brother's Glen Barth and Ed Aguadro at our next Stated Meeting. Busy, busy, busy.

Don Schauer, Secretary

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A Great Weekend for Crow Canyon Lodge and our Brethren

What an honor and privilege it is to be a brother of Crow Canyon Lodge 551 and to have attended two terrific events we recently hosted!

Friday evening, September 14, was Worshipful Al Weisser's Grand Marshal reception at the Aahmes Shrine Center in Livermore. The next day, at the annual visitation (held this year in Mariposa) we raised Brother Jerry Garcia to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Worshipful Al's reception was attended by the officers from the Grand Lodge of California and many other guests. Crow Canyon's chefs provided a wonderful prime rib dinner with all the trimmings. After dinner, our masters of ceremonies, Bob Pinkerton and Ron Katz, made introductions and presented Al to reflect on his year as Grand Marshal.

Saturday, we followed the advance team (which left on Friday for the final preparations for the visitation) to Mariposa to witness the raising of Brother Garcia to Master Mason. The sidelines were filled with members of our lodge and a number of members from the Mariposa lodge. After the degree we returned to the hotel across the street where we enjoyed fellowship, shared refreshments and congratulated our newest Master Mason. Later we returned to the lodge where members of Mariposa Lodge prepared a great steak dinner in honor of Brother Garcia and his lovely wife. The next morning we met in the hotel restaurant for a scrumptious brunch and farewell wishes before heading home.

It was very rewarding to witness the participation of all our Lodge brothers hosting two major events on the same weekend with such great success. Crow Canyon Lodge truly exhibits the tenants of Freemasonry: brotherly love, relief and truth.

Fraternally,

Kay C. Dunn -Master Mason—Crow Canyon Lodge #551

Grand Lodge 2012

As mentioned in some other articles in this issue there were many changes voted on and passed at this year's Grand Lodge.

GM Decision No. 1: Allows Modifications to Lodge Life Membership Programs

GM Recommendation No. 1: Removes Fraternal Support Service Committee

Resolutions:

11-06: Restores Historic Role of EA and FC Masons

11-07: Requires EA and FC Masons to Pay Lodge Dues

11-10: Creates New Class of Historic Lodges

11-13: Requires Members to show dues receipt to participate in lodge business.

11-15: Allows Grand Lodge to Use Same Auditor more than 5 years in a row.

12-05: Transfers Life Member Fund to Consolidated Lodge

12-06: Defines Member's interest in Life Membership Fund

12-08: Gives Lodge option to request Grand Lodge invest and administer its Life Member Fund.

12-10: Modifies Rules on Masonic Organizations

12-11: Modifies amount of back dues payable on restoration to membership

12-17: Allows for Electronic Storage of Lodge Records

In Memoriam

Clement B. Cole, P.M.

Entered Into Rest

94 years, 7 days

August 19, 2012

*Almighty Father, Great Architect of the Universe,
into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear
departed brother*

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Allen, David (1); Bain, William (56); Baratto, Dave (17); Bishop, Charles [PM] (59); Bookman, Barry (23); Brooke, Harold [PM] (50); Brunckhorst, Brian (13); Busch, Phillip (5); Haines, Carson [PM] (41); Hansen, Robert [PM] (33); Hardesty, John (37); Hicks Sr., Charles [PM] (28); Hintz, Charles (13); Hintz, Warren (49); Huckins, Melvin (53); Johnson, Charles (43); Keihner, Richard (34); Kolsch, Gordon (44); Kraft, Delbert (38); Kresge, John [PM] (52); Lane, Glen (44); Langton, Royle (58); Leiber Jr., Paul (58); Lobree, Bruce (30); Mc Evers, Donald (57); Meier, Paul [PM] (51); Miller Sr., Henry [PM] (43); Mutnick, Bertram (63); Nilson Jr., Martin (46); Penning, Lyman [PM] (38); Pinkerton, Robert [PM] (14); Porter, Russell (48); Price, Walter (23); Prosser, Rowell (3); Reynolds, Dale (30); Rowe, Thomas (51); Saks, Robert (60); Schaffer, Michael [PM] (37); Schulz, Raymond (26); Seutter, Elmer (44); Sonnichsen, David (67); Stephenson, William (46); Stevenson, David (45); Strain, William (57); Suokko, Leonard (53); Tague Jr., Gene (25); Thomas, Richard (33); Unti, Eric (5); Weinstein, Arnold (6); West, Alan [PM] (25); York, Jack (66)

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Sr. Steward—Surveyors

Jr. Steward—Surveyors

Surveyors

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2012 Committees

Appointments

Audit – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein

Funeral – Kurt Allen, Kjell Bomark-Noel, Kay Dunn, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez

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Sunshine and Visiting

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



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