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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 3rd—Stated Meeting 5:45 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting—Bro. Alvaro Reynoso will sit as Master. Chicken Cordon Bleu by Uncle Roy. \$10/person.
- 5th—Lodge Management Certification Program at Brotherhood Way Masonic Center—San Francisco. 9 AM-4 PM. \$30/person. For info: email lmcp@freemason.org.
- 10th—Officer’s Practice—1st Degree—7:00 PM
- 11th—Visitation to Windsor, California—Free Play Day
- 12th—Visitation to Windsor Lodge #181—2nd or 3rd Degree—1 PM / Reception in Master’s Room 5 PM / Dinner at Quail Run Restaurant—River Rock Casino
- 13th—Visitation to Windsor—Free Play Day
- 17th—1st Degree—Mr. Howard Marmar—7:00 PM
- 19th—Castro Valley DeMolay—Create Your Own Omelet Breakfast—9-12
- 22nd—Officer’s Practice—3rd Degree—Acacia Team Needed
- 24th—3rd Degree—Bro. Brian Katz—7:00 PM
- 26th—District-wide Officer’s School of Instruction—Alameda Lodge (Fremont)

September (Preview)

- 9th—10th Castro Valley Fall Festival—Need volunteers for Child ID program.
- 16th—Family Potluck Picnic with San Leandro Lodge at the Marina—11 AM—??
- 24th—Unity Rainbow Installation of Officers
- 30th—Crow Canyon Lodge, Day at the Races!

FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC
w/ San Leandro Lodge

September 16th, 2006
11 AM - ???

San Leandro Marina Park

Games for the kids
Great fellowship
Fun for all

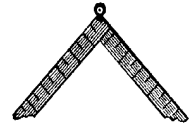
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Brethren,

From the East



You can just call me “Worshipful Proud Papa!” On June 22nd, my son, Brian, joined our lodge as an Entered Apprentice Mason at just 18 years old. Brian, a DeMolay from Castro Valley Chapter, is going to college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and is home for the summer. When he asked his dad for an Application for Membership, I thought I was excited. But when I gave him his obligation at the symbolic altar, with my Father, Potentate for Asiya Shrine, waiting in the East, I knew I was excited. After the degree it was time to get to work. I was a little nervous as I saw his calendar and was wondering if we could pull it off, but just 3 weeks later Brian had his traditional long form proficiency ready and his required essay complete. He was tried, and proved worthy. His Fellowcraft Degree was held the following week, July 20th and now he is working toward his Master Mason degree before the end of the summer on August 24th. He began his summer as a college Freshman/Sophomore and finishes the summer as a Master Mason. Do you think I am excited now?

Brian may have had some unfair advantages. He is, after all, the son of the Master, and a DeMolay who has won ritual competitions. However, Brian will tell you himself that when presented with the task of the long form proficiency, he was not too sure he could learn it. What about you my Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Brethren? Do you have what it takes to progress through the degrees sooner rather than later? Now is the time to get off of your excuses about time, busy-ness, and inability to focus and move ahead. The lodge needs to hear your voice.

Congratulations and thank you to two of our brethren who have stepped forward to assume offices within the lodge. Bro. Chris Boggess is our new Marshal and Bro. Roy Nelson is our new Chaplain. Please join me in appreciating their commitment.

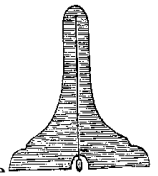
Bro. Bud Warder really worked hard to prepare for the Staircase lecture at my son’s 2nd degree. I believe the effort was worth it and that he will be certified as our Senior Deacon very soon.

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Brethren,

From the West



As we move through this term we need to continually think about ways we can improve this lodge. I feel one key to our future success is increasing the channels of communication. We currently use the Internet, email, and the US mail fairly well with our website, regular emails from the secretary and the mailing of the monthly Trestleboard. But a large number of our brethren are not computer savvy, have no internet connection and are missing some great opportunities. I know that I am one of them.

For this reason, I would like to re-establish the phone tree. With the phone tree, the officers call a few people, who are each responsible for calling a few people. Within a pretty short amount of time, the message gets out. Of course, this can’t work without your help. We need members willing to organize the phone tree, and members willing to make a few calls. Won’t you come forward?

I also want to take a moment to thank Bro. Kurt Allen for the great job he did with the Widows Program this year. I understand the play was very enjoyable and the food at the Willow Park Golf Course was excellent. Kurt has been doing this program for many years and could certainly use a protégé to pick up the torch and help out. Our Junior Warden, Bob Werner, was able to set up the meal at Willow Park, and we are grateful to him also.

Remember, Trestleboard articles are due by the 15th of each month. Articles that are late, make the whole Trestleboard late and that is not fair to our brethren who are not linked up to the Internet.

Until next time, Alvaro Reynoso—Senior Warden (510) 490-2192 / 510-364-7073 cell

Masonic Homes of California invites the fraternal family to special informative events about Acacia Creek at Union City.

Last year, the Board of Trustees undertook an effort to gauge interest among the membership in offering an alternative to the existing Masonic Homes Senior Living program. While the existing program is recognized nationally for its quality of care, the accommodations are limited to 700-square-foot, 1-bedroom apartments and there is currently a 1 to 3-year waiting list. The membership responded resoundingly in favor of hearing more about the possibility of an expanded program—hence was born the proposed Acacia Creek at Union City.

Masonic Homes of California is conducting a series of free, no-obligation events in Northern California to introduce the fraternal family to Masonic Senior Living opportunities at **Acacia Creek at Union City**, a new Continuing Care Retirement Community for California Master Masons, their wives, widows, and mothers.

Acacia Creek at Union City is planned for development on the existing Masonic Homes of California Union City campus, sharing the beauty and benefits already available there. And, because it is a Continuing Care Retirement Community, residents of Acacia Creek at Union City will enjoy additional amenities, services, and on-site health care.

The August schedule of events is listed below. RSVPs are appreciated but not required.

For more information or to RSVP:
 Call (510) 429-6479 or (888) 553-7555 or email seniorhousing@mhcuc.org

Union City—10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 1, 2006 and Tuesday, August 15, 2006
 Masonic Homes in Union City Siminoff Chapel
 34400 Mission Blvd.

From the South



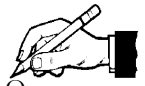
The meal for the August Stated meeting will be chicken Cordon Bleu prepared by our own Bro. Roy Tamez—"Uncle Roy".



Bro. Roy will have all the fixin's, so bring a hearty appetite and enjoy. Just \$10/person.

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

From the Secretary's Desk



At present our Lodge has a population of 458 Masons. Our youngest member is 25.73 years old and the oldest has accomplished 99.35 years. Our age groups by percentage is; 3 members at 0.66% are in their 20's, 10 members at 2.18% are in their 30's, 21 members at 4.59% are in their 40's, 55 members at 12.01% are in their 50's, 86 members at 18.78% are in their 60's, 134 members at 29.26% are in their 70's, 133 members at 29.04% are in their 80's, and 16 members at 3.49% are in their 90's. The average age of our membership is 71.84 years old. 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.

The most difficult part of being a secretary of a Masonic lodge is to recommend suspending a Brother for non-payment of dues. What is even more difficult is to inform a widow that she cannot receive assistance from the outreach program or enter the homes, because her husband had not paid his annual dues.

We are all proud to be members of this lodge, where many fine friendships have been formed. We do not want to lose anyone. Grand Lodge requires lodges to pay a per capita tax for each member. That per capita tax increases each year. Our dues structure is \$40.00 plus the per capita tax that Grand Lodge requires us to pay to maintain your membership. Start saving those coins, dues are 18.5 cents a day and may go as high as 19 cents a day next year. A life membership cost \$1,417.50

Please try to make a degree or stated meeting.

If you have any comments please feel free to contact me. The lodge telephone number is; 510-886-2023. My e-mail address is; kb6xa@sbcglobal.net
 See you in Lodge, Fraternally, Bill Ferrell

Annual Strawberry Festival at UC Home a Success!



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



August 2006

IN MEMORIAM

David Joseph MacFarland	66 years, 0 months and 0 days
Kenneth Brierly Jones	84 years, 11 months and 4 days
Robert Henry Riddervold	66 years, 3 months and 24 days
Mario Laurence Chirone	92 years, 9 months and 30 days
Leland Steven Lehnus, PM	65 years, 5 months and 14 days

ENTERED INTO REST

February 10, 2006
April 12, 2006
June 9, 2006
June 14, 2006
June 18, 2006

Almighty Father, into they hands we deliver the souls of our departed brethren

Sunshine and Visiting



Please think of the following brothers: Roger Beaman, Fred Bullwink, John Hansford, Judd Schlein, Don Wade, Robert Walker, Jerry Williams, Ralph Williams, Russell Winkler, Chris Linnios

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

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