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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**June 2012:**

7th—Thursday—Stated Meeting - 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—  
 \$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge.  
 12th—Tuesday—Special practice—2nd Degree. Proficiency Bro. Glancy  
 14th—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—San Leandro—Officers and Surveyors  
 mandatory—Come between 6-6:30 for a complimentary dinner.  
 21st—Thursday—7:00 PM—2nd Degree—Bros. Von Stade and Ramos  
 23rd—Saturday—Feast of St. John—5:30 PM—E.A., F.C., and M.M. only. \$25/person.  
 28th—Thursday—7:00 PM—2nd Degree—Bros. Glover and West

**July 2012:**

5th—Thursday—Stated Meeting - 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—  
 \$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge.  
 12th—Thursday—DARK  
 19th—Thursday—DARK  
 22nd—Sunday—Strawberry Feed at Masonic Home—Volunteers meet in Auditorium at 10:30 AM  
 26th—Thursday—DARK

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*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

Brethren,

This Trestle Board will be for the month of June and July, since we are dark in July. The next Trestle Board I will write will be for the month of August. For those new brothers in the lodge, being dark means that we will not be holding any activities in the Lodge other than our Stated Meeting. This allows us a break in the middle of the year, and is the time when one can go on vacation or take care of that list of honey do's that's been put off. It is a signal that we are halfway through the Masonic Year. It also means that we will be very busy with degrees in June. We have three Entered Apprentice Brothers who are or will be qualified to take their 2nd degrees and possibly even a fourth. Accordingly, we are having a special 2nd degree practice on June 12th, and then on the 21st we will be having a double second degree for Bro. Mike Ramos and Bro. Alex Von Stade, and on the following week a possible second double second degree for Bro. Stoney Glover and Bro. Scott West. These brothers have worked hard to get their proficiencies done in a timely manner and are to be congratulated on their hard work (and their candidates coaches also). By the time you read this, congratulations will be in order to Brother Tony Wilkinson for receiving his first degree in Masonry. This will keep us busy through the remainder of the year completing their various Degrees.

Although we will not be having any additional activities at the Lodge July, our Lodge is sponsoring the Strawberry Feed at the Masonic Home on July 22nd. Feel welcome to come and meet some of our wonderful brothers and widows up at the home. It is also a good chance to see the wonderful job our fraternity does in providing quality care and a pleasant residence for our Masonic family.

I was looking at an article which was talking about some different phobias and two phobias that I thought were amusing and would share with your were: paraskavedekatriphobia, or fear of Friday the 13th, and hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia, which is the fear of long words. These are real words, I can't make this up. Look it up for yourself. I was also wondering if there was a scientific term for fear of writing articles.

I hope you all have a fun Fourth of July celebrating the founding of our country. Please keep in mind the patriots that pledged their lives and fortunes (and in many cases paid) in founding this country and those that have subsequently maintained it throughout our brief history up to this date and are continuing to do so. It is a day of celebration, but a brief remembrance and perhaps a prayer of thanks is not too much to ask.

Bless you all,

Fraternally,

**Robert Pinkerton, PM—Master**

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## From the West



Michelangelo is quoted to have stated words to the effect (in Italian): "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set it free" Reflect about that a little. To carve that angel requires a vision, a plan, self discipline and a devotion with many hours of frustrating work until it shapes the way you want it. And then hours and hours of finishing until a final result. I happen to write this column on mothers day so that it may be ready for the June trestle board. Mothers have a hard job in sustaining and comforting, encouraging and consoling children through life. Everyone of us have a different life and lessons to be learned. It can be stated that the Lord has created a unique lesson and lesson-plan for every living human being.



Some of us bear a heavier burden and harder lessons than others. I saw on TV a preacher born without hands and feet. His sermon was awesome and inspiring and I wondered if I would have been able to tackle his life lessons the way he did it. I was floored with admiration. My troubles seem insignificant and small compared to his daily obstacles. With divine providence, every one of us have a life lesson uniquely tailored to each one of us.

As masons we celebrate the differences in our spiritual journey and find solace in the ceremonies and ritual. It gives us a theater with traditions passed on from generation to generation. I keep thinking about a quote from Helen Keller: "Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn whatever state I may be in, therein to be content." To be content is easier stated than done, because without perceived adversities there can be no personal growth and personal growth usually brings different stages of contentment. One matures and grows by trial and tribulations. Efforts and time brings success, both personally and spiritually. Remember: "Numberless worlds are around us, all framed by the same Devine Artist, which roll through the vast expanse." Therefore, as Masons, we have an opportunity to aid ourselves and fellow man in our personal growth. However, what we do with that opportunity goes to free will. In aviation there is an expression: "given enough power even a barn door will fly" You and each one of us control that power.

**Kjell Bomark-Noel—Senior Warden**

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## Inspiring Words

We have seen, read about or been told about the horror done in schools. The crimes committed by the youth. I agree it is horrendous, it is a shame, it is frightening – **Something must be done about it.**

Yet no where in any news media do we see, read about, or hear of the good deeds and acts our youth perform.

I see it in our own fraternity. The young ladies and young men in our youth groups, many striving to keep going as a group, doing services for us Masons and in the community. Teaching each other what is good and what it takes to become a useful citizen in our world.

Yes it is true – **Something must be done about it.**

Here is where we as adults, parents, and Masons – **Can do something about it.**

Here is where we can help – can make a difference in our own little way. So our youth may become useful and happy adults. Show by example, give a helping hand to those who need it and support them in their efforts. "Yes" led them into the light that the Supreme Grand Master shines upon those who will walk and act in "His Light"

**With God's help we can make a difference.**

**Irwin Fershleiser, P. M., Chaplain— (510) 476-6371**

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### From the South

Some brethren make an impact on the lodge and you feel like they will somehow always be around. We recently lost a very memorable lodge fixture—Bro. Jack Palmeri, P.M., H.A.

When I first met Jack he said, "Remind me to like you." That was Jack's standard greeting. It stuck in my memory and when I think of Jack I always think of that phrase. If you know Jack, that phrase may be a part of your memory of him as well.

Bro. Jack was Master of our Lodge twice, first in 1985 then again in 1995. He served as Lodge Tyler from 2004—2010. He was awarded the Hiram Award in 2000. He transitioned to the Celestial

Lodge on May 15, 2012.

"Jack, I will miss your cantankerous spirit and your deep affection for our Fraternity. Thank you for sharing your life with us!"

**Ron Katz, PM—Junior Warden**



Jack Palmeri, P.M., H.A.

### Batters Up!



The Junior Giants is a great program developing character in more than 20,000 at-risk youth, 45% of whom have never owned a baseball mitt!

\$20 buys a mitt for a child – Give one today.

Let's make this year another strong victory for the kids!

Make a donation to your team online at

[www.Masons4Mitts.org](http://www.Masons4Mitts.org)

Join us in celebrating the 2012 campaign on Masons Night, September 17th, 5:30pm, at AT&T Park! Talk to your lodge officers about tickets!

*Let's show 'em what Masons can do!*

### Feast of St. John the Baptist



Our Annual Feast of St. John - Baptist will be held in 'the customary due and ancient form' on Saturday the 23rd of June, 2012. Social hour 4:30 to 5:30.

Festivities begin promptly at 5:30 - more or less. In short, the Table Lodge will be at labor around 5:30 p.m. at the will and pleasure of the W.M.

This event is held in an open "Table Lodge" and therefore only EA, FC, and MM may partake. Dress is "preppie" as in jacket or sweater and tie with slacks and dress shoes or up-scale sports shoes. Leather sandals and Renaissance Period costumes are also appropriate. No one will be turned away for Levis and sneakers.

As always, seating is limited to 29 and the cost is \$25.

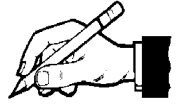
Four volunteer positions (\$0.00) are available in the kitchen - meal and beverage provided but no dining room seating.

NOTE: Please arrange for someone to drive you home!!!

*And there was much Rejoicing - Yay!*

### From the Secretary's Desk

*All Things Proper to be Written*



Brethren and Ladies of Crow Canyon Masonic Lodge: 32 years ago I joined the Masonic fraternity. I served the lodge as Master in 1986. I was elected secretary of Chateau Thierry No. 569 in 1988. When a merger with Bay View- Castro Valley, Ashland and Chateau Thierry was complete in 1991, Brother Donald Morris assumed the position of secretary. Then in 1997 there was another merger with Tri-Square lodge and I was asked to fill in as secretary of the newly merged lodge September of 1997. January 2000 Brother Don Clendenen desired to be secretary so he willingly took the office. I took the position of Treasurer in 2002. Brother Don and his lady moved to New Hampshire in 2004 and I became secretary again. With a lot of forethought I have decided it's time for me to move on. I am most fortunate to have Brother Donald Schauer, Sr. as an assistant secretary. Effective June 30, 2012 I will hand over the responsibilities of this office to him.

One of the greatest parts of being a lodge secretary is interacting with you, the Brethren and Ladies of this fraternity. That part I will miss! I am looking forward to serving my lodge and Masonry for many years to come in whatever capacity that requires my experience.

So one last time: Pay your dues! Come to Lodge! Get active! Enjoy the fellowship of your brethren!

See you on the "side lines."

Fraternally,

**Bill Ferrell, Secretary**

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### Changing of the Guard



Our good brother Bill Ferrell has decided to step down as your lodge secretary as of June 30th. He has served this lodge for many years as its Master and Secretary. He has however decided to remain as Assistance Secretary. I come to you with many years of experience as a lodge secretary. I was first elected secretary November 1975 in Foothill Lodge until it moved to the city of Alameda in

1992. Having moved to Fremont I affiliated with Fremont Lodge and served as there Secretary until the merger with Acacia Lodge in Hayward in 2002. In November of 2010 I chose to leave Acacia and affiliated with Crow Canyon. I was appointed Assistance Secretary in Crow Canyon in April 2011. Having been a master mason for 42 years and having enjoyed every minute of it. I was very fortunate to be elected to membership in Crow Canyon and look forward to many years of service to this lodge. I am retired and will be at the lodge's disposal 24/7. Please feel free to contact me at any time

My contact numbers are 510-276-1762 Cell phone is 510-364-9429. E-mail address will remain the same [crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net)

**Don Schauer, Assistant Secretary**

### In Memoriam

Walter Roy Wharton	91 years, 5 months and 13 days
Entered into Rest	April 3, 2012

Talbot Scott Cuthbert	66 years, 2 months and 26 days
Entered into Rest	April 24, 2012

John "Jack" Palmeri	91 years, 5 months and 10 days
Entered into Rest	May 15, 2012

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



### 3rd Degree Anniversaries

**JUNE:** Ambrose, Leonard [PM] (44) ; Andreotti, Jared (12) ; Bolesworth, Harold (66) ; Brownfield, Gilbert (25) ; Burns, Jimmy (30) ; Burns, Robert (28) ; Cumins, Vernon (62) ; Davenport Jr., John [PM] (53) ; Egelston, Gregory (34) ; Elleard, Joseph [PM] (56) ; Fershleiser, Irwin [PM] (26) ; Freeman, Herbert (39) ; Gray, Kevin (24) ; Jones, Milton (26) ; Kahn, Mark (46) ; Kao, Frederick [PM] (30) ; Keshishian, Albert (58) ; Kohlmann, Josef (21) ; Kresge, Earl (33) ; Land, Edward [PM] (63) ; Lantz, Jeffery (44) ; Lemon, Roger (60) ; Logan, Robert [PM] (19) ; Martin, Charles (62) ; Mc Carthy, John (43) ; Michardi, Raymond (30) ; Miller Jr., Henry [PM] (39) ; Moore Jr., Eugene (3) ; O'Hara, Edgar (25) ; Peters, Robert [PM] (49) ; Prull, Douglas (48) ; Richardson, Larry [PM] (47) ; Rodriguez Jr., Jose (55) ; Selvey, Ronald (33) ; Smith, Edgar (32) ; Stevens Sr., Anthony (32) ; Stewart, Joseph (18) ; Strader, Carl (39) ; Stroup, Scotty (42) ; Tague Sr., Gene (26) ; Tamez, Roy [PM] (27) ; Teeters, Clarence (40) ; Thrall Jr., Frank (15) ; Tucker, Gary (22) ; Vandenberghe, Ronald (48) ; Vandenberghe, Victor (36) ; von Brauch, Kurt (33) ; Wipf, David (35) ; Yeoman, Jack (33)  
**JULY:** Hulme, Kevin (13) ; Lyleria, Clyde (55) ; Nidick Jr., Ernest (52) ; Stanford, James (13) ; Warder, Gordon [PM] (14)

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**Sr. Steward—Surveyors**

**Jr. Steward—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

**Hiram Award Selection** – Sid Cerates, John Smith, Roy Tamez

**Masonic Charity** - The Master and the Wardens

**Masonic Hall Association**—John Smith

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**Membership Retention** – Bill Ferrell

**Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

### Lodge Events

**Crab Feed**—Henry Miller, Dale Reynolds

**Feast of Saints John** – Ron Katz, Charles Hintz

**Kid's ID**—Roy Nelson, Roy Tamez, Sammy Tamez

**Pizza Night**—Ron Katz

**Public Schools**—Eric Unti— (510) 537-1530/[erunt@earthlink.net](mailto:erunt@earthlink.net)

**Strawberry Feed**—Ron Katz, Ernie Nidick, Gerald Woergoetter

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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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# Crow Canyon Lodge #551 Visitation to Mariposa Lodge #24

Date: September 15, 2012

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree starts at 1:00 PM

*Come have fun at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Dinner at Mariposa Lodge*

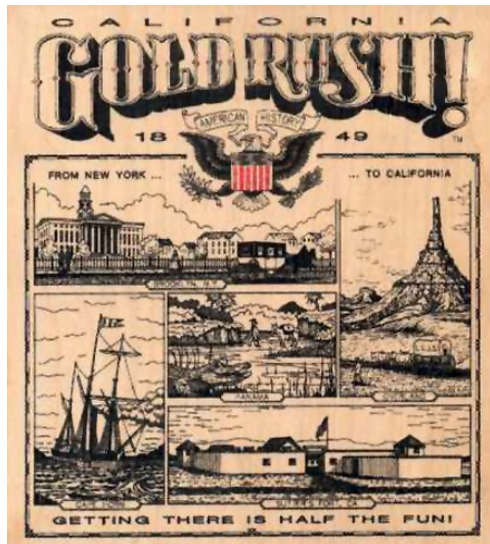
Mariposa #24 is one of the oldest Lodges in California.

Mariposa has:

- An interesting mining history
- Historical buildings and sites
- Nice boutique shops and restaurants

*Please bring your spouse or significant other (and credit cards) for a fun filled day.*

Lodge contacts: Lyman Penning: (650) 967-0699 or Kurt Allen (925) 735-1233



**Hotel Information:**  
Miner's Inn, Mariposa  
(209) 742-7777

**Mariposa Masonic Lodge F&AM #24**  
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## Frank Loui—Our Current Grand Master of Masons in California

Frank Loui was installed as Grand Master on September 25, 2011.

Frank was raised a Master Mason in 1986 in Fidelity Lodge No. 120 (now San Francisco Lodge No. 120) and served as Master in 1992. He affiliated with California Lodge No. 1 in San Francisco and served as its Treasurer and Secretary.

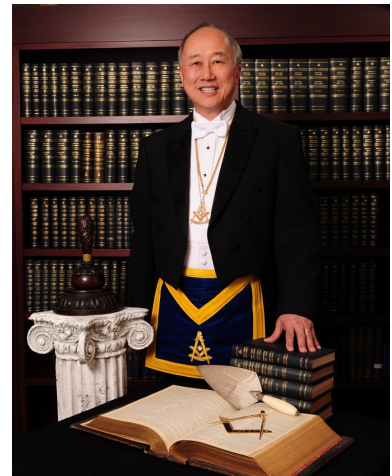
Frank served Grand Lodge as Inspector of the 163rd Masonic District for nine years, a member of the Committee of Twenty and Annual Communication Activities Committee, a director of the Acacia Creek and Nob Hill Masonic Center, a trustee of the Masonic Homes of California, California Masonic Foundation and California Masonic Memorial Temple. He served as Senior Grand Steward in 1996/1997 under Most Worshipful Allen B. Gresham and as Senior Grand Deacon in 2004/2005 under Most Worshipful David R. Doan.

Frank is a member of numerous Masonic organizations. He is a Past Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection at the San Francisco Scottish Rite and was honored with the rank and decoration of Honorary Inspector General of the 33° Degree in 2003. He is currently the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General and General Secretary for the San Francisco Scottish Rite Bodies. He is also a member of the Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies.

Frank is a past presiding officer of all three York Rite Bodies. He has served the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons as Grand Bible Bearer. He is a member of Asiya Shrine, the Masonic Rosicrucian Society of the United States, the National Sojourners - Golden Gate Chapter No. 18 and Heroes of '76. He served as President of the Golden Gate Masters and Past Masters Association and the Chinese Acacia Club. He received the Honorary Legion of Honor from the Order of DeMolay.

In community affairs, Frank served the Saint Monica Men's Club and the San Francisco Chinatown Lions Club.

Frank was born in San Francisco, attended California public schools, and graduated from San Francisco State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. He and his wife Jeanie have been married for 38 years and have two adult sons, Kevin and Gregory. Their oldest son, Kevin, is currently serving our country in the United States Army.



**Save the Date - September 14th, 2012**

**A Reception in Honor of**

**Wor. Al Weiser**

**Grand Marshal - Grand Lodge of California**

**To Be Held at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center**

**Details in Next Trestleboard - Tickets Available from Our Secretary**