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Share, learn and discuss:

Masonic history & mysteries
Our Craft's ever-evolving practices
Our true operative roots
Our positive effect on society; personally and otherwise

Every 4th Tuesday!

Open to all degrees! 7:00PM



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Appendant Bodies Meeting Schedules

- -Castro Valley DeMolay meets at Castro Valley Masonic Center (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) http://lakechabot103oes.org/
- -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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*July will be dark except the Stated Meeting on July 11th and Strawbery Feed on July 21th

Sat 1	Fri 31	Thr 30	Wed 29	Tue 28	Mon 27	Sun 26
		Degree or Practice		DMPS		
8	7	6	5	4	3	2
		Stated Meeting				
15	14	13	12	11	10	9
Special DSOI Hiram Award		3rd Degree		District School of Instruction		
22	21	20	19	18	17	16
Feast of Saint John		Degree or Practice				
29	28	27	26	25	24	23
Outdoor Degree		Degree or Practice		DMPS		
6	5	4 DARK Stated on July 11th	3	2	1	30

Stated Meeting (June 6th, July 11th):

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) - \$13.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.

Dead Masonic Poet Society (June 25th):

Meeting 7:00 PM. At the Lodge.

All masons welcome.

District School of Instruction (June 11th):

Multi District practice between the 317th district and the 319th. Refreshments at 6:30PM, Class at 7:00PM. Officers Mandatory. 1st Degree Practice. At Siminoff Lodge # 850, 34400 Mission Blvd, Union City, CA 94587.

3rd Degree (June 13th):

7:00 PM Bro. Tony Wilkinson

Special DSOI (June 15th):

For Inspectors and the Officer Coaches. All three degrees. Breakfast at 8:00AM, Class at 9:00AM, Lunch will be provided. It will end around 3:30PM - 4:00PM. At Siminoff Lodge # 850, 34400 Mission Blvd, Union City, CA 94587.

Hiram Award (June 15th):

Honoring Wor. Bro. Lyman Penning. 5:00PM Social, 6:00PM Dinner. Turkey Breast dinner by Wor. Bro. Roy Tamez. Call or email Bro. Secretary Don Schauer, Sr. for reservations.

Feast of Saint John (June 22th):

4:30PM Dinner. All masons are welcome. Tickets are \$35 Dinner with beverage, \$25 dinner only. Call or email Bro. Charles Hintz for reservations. Seating limited to 29.

Outdoor Degree (June 29th):

9:00AM At Union City Masonic Home. Second degree Bro. Steven Kinsman. Lunch to follow.

Strawbery Feed (July 21th):

10:00AM At Union City Masonic Home. Volunteers meet in Auditorium

From the East

By Kjell Bomark-Noel, Worshipful Master

This evening finds me sitting at my home computer after a very good first degree in our Lodge.

The Date is May 16, 2013 and I have been informed (told) to get these musings in or else! I have no idea what "or else" is so I better comply. I have been reading a book written by Dr, Michael D. Sedler which I find somewhat intriguing.

"When to Speak Up and When to Shut Up". The title says it all.

"I was mute with silence, I held my peace even from good, and my sorrow was stirred up." (Psalms 30:2). As we all know there are points in time upon further reflection, it would have been better if we had remained silent than to have spoken up or uttered a word. Silence is not always golden as the proverb states, but we can learn from Ecclesiastes 3:7 "A time to keep silence, and a time to speak" remeber these quotes. There is a tug of war between "keeping silent v. speaking out" I understand that the Talmud has very good philosophical literary works on this subject written over a seven hundred year period. Both silence and speaking up can be appropriate and positive I personally have found that speaking up is not always correcting a situation but frequently makes the situation worse. I like the message we get from some of our Masonic teachings about "whispering good counsel in his ear."

That brings us to the method of good counsel; my management courses in college stressed "establish procedures for communication before a problem arises" Well that is easy if you are the person in charge, but frequently problems arise among equals or near equals and then it is harder to speak up. Sometimes we remain silent and hope that the problems will iron themselves out given time. However, Martin Luther King Jr. said " in the end, we will remember the silence of our friends and not the words of our enemies"

The prayer of serenity is to me a great comfort in this thug of war between speaking up and remaining silent: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference,

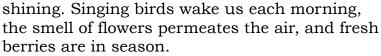
Therefore, there is diplomacy, courage and wisdom involved in this thug of war. Silence is usually safer than speech, which is why courage is needed as well as diplomacy. Now, in my seventy first year in this lifetime, I must admit that I may not have fully learned this lesson. However, I keep trying.

We are approaching the Fourth of July and thus should reflect on the courage, wisdom and diplomacy that was necessary to launch this country by our fellow Masons. Have a safe and good month my brothers.

From the West

By Ron Katz, Senior Warden, P.M.

Summer is here, let the sun shine. There is a lot to be happy about when the sun is



Each year, to show our support for our brothers and sisters at the Union City Masonic Home, Crow Canyon Lodge plans a Strawberry Fest. This years fest will be on July 21st. We can always use the helping hands of our members to prepare the berries for serving. Please meet us at the Auditorium at 10 AM. Bring knives, cutting boards, and a big smile. We will clean, stem and slice the berries, then mix them into batches of fresh, sugared, and non-sugar sweetened. We will then enjoy a nice lunch. About 1 PM, the residents will file in in anticipation of delicious strawberry shortcake and ice cream. There will be plenty for you too. The more help we have the better, bring your spouse or other special person, your kids or grand-kids. Lets make this, once again a very joyous day for our cherished ones at the Home.



From the South

By Robert Pinkerton, Junior Warden, P.M.

Brethren, once again, we approach the middle of the year, and time seems to be flying by as fast as a runaway freight train coming down the Rockies. We are rapidly approaching the time when the officers of the line are expected to be prepared to do their proficiencies, and soon start qualifying for their next position in the line. I cannot believe how fast this year is going. Here's a quick reminder that we will be having our District School of Instruction on Tuesday June 11th. This will be a Joint DSOI with both district 317 and district 319 participating.

In March of 1876 Alexander Bell, made the first voice transmission over a phone, and two years later in June the first telephone exchange service was started and the world of electronic communication took off. I remember when I lived on the farm, at the ripe old age of 8 years, seeing an old phone with a crank handle and separate mouth piece on the wooden body and the ear piece at the end of a cord at the country store near my Grandfather's farm. It was kept operating, just because.... We kids thought it was great fun to turn the crank and talk to the operator and ask her to call back so we could hear the sound of the bell (simple times, no TV). Of course, we had a modern phone in our farm, complete with rotary dial on nearly indestructible black body, and naturally it was on a party line. Our ring was two longs and a short. Fortunately, everyone had the good manners to answer only on their own ring, and never listened in on another party's conversation, except by accident. You might get an unintentional snippet of conversation, if you happened to pick up the phone, when it was already in use by another party. The next thing we know we had princess phones with push button dialing, then pagers, and later cell phones that almost looked like Army field radios, and now we have phones the size of a deck of cards that can talk around the world while displaying video as we chat. It is unbelievable, the changes in just that one technology can demonstrate how fast the world is changing. However, as much as technology changes, it still takes two people to

communicate and hold a meaningful exchange of Ideas. While tech has changed, human beings have not, and while we can talk at great distances, meaningful dialogue takes place best when people meet face to face. Just as this trestleboard, can disseminated information and ideas, it does not create an exchange of thought, and understanding, and feeling that occurs when we meet together. So I encourage all members to come to lodge and participate in our activities and share in the good camaraderie that exists in a Lodge of caring brothers. Speaking of which, on June 15th, Lyman Penning will be receiving the Hiram Award for this year and also we will be having our traditional Feast of Saint John on the 22nd of June put on by Brother Charles Hintz. I am looking forward to seeing you at one of these events.

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 and our freedoms throughout our country's brief history up to this date and are continuing to do so. The 4th is a day of celebration, but a brief remembrance and perhaps a prayer of thanks to those to whom we owe so much is not too much to ask.

From the Secretary's Desk

By Don Schauer, Sr., Secretary, H.A.

NO MORE POST OFFICE BOX. As of June 30th the Lodge and the Hall Association will no longer receive mail at the Post Office Box in Castro Valley.



All mail will go to the Castro Valley Masonic Center or to the Secretary. Please check the Trestleboard for the addresses. In the past the post office would not deliver mail to our building because there was no mail slot. That problem has been taken care of. I have been changing addresses with our vendors, the IRS and Franchise Tax Board and others over the past few months. The majority of the mail that we receive now is mostly advertising. Please mail to my home any questions regarding dues, membership or other requests you may have. I do not check the lodge mail

every day, so your requests for information or your dues receipt may be delayed.

We still have 4 members who have not paid their 2012 dues and 67 members who have not paid for 2013.

Please check your dues receipt to ensure that your dues are current.

Have a wonderful summer.

Inspiring Words

By Irwin M Fershleiser, Caplain, P.M., H.A.

How many times have you been at a party, a gathering of friends, etc. and the discussion turned to religious beliefs or fraternal organizations or politics, and it turned into a heated debate with much yelling, getting nowhere, and proving nothing? Just recently this happened to me. I left upset and bothered by the fact that nothing was proven by anyone there. All the screaming, loss of tempers, and yes even name calling, did nothing to prove or enhance anyone's point of belief (nor did it change anyone's mind). Two days later (by chance) I came across an article taken from "How Do You Spell God" (Morrull). I will now share it with you and maybe, just maybe, we can all enjoy our next social gathering.

There is an old story about a king who had a beautiful ring and three sons. Each son wanted the ring. When the king died, he left three rings for his sons and a note that said, "My Dear Sons, one of these rings is real and two are fake. The way you will know who has the real ring is that the son with real ring will be kind and generous to all people."

Each of the three spent the rest of his life being good to prove that he had the real ring. It is the same with religions (or any fraternal organization or its concordant bodies (my words.)) The way to show that your religion is true is not to yell and scream about it. The way to show that your religion is true is to live it.

- Think about it -

A Quick Masonic History Lesson

By Mike Ramos, Junior Deacon

The Premier Grand Lodge of England, otherwise known as the "Moderns", was founded in the year 1717 AD. A rival faction, The Ancient Grand Lodge of England, otherwise known as the "Antients", was founded in the year 1751 AD.

Many believe that since the Premier Grand Lodge was founded first, their practices must be the more authentic of the two; this is a grave misunderstanding. Purely Speculative Masonic Lodges had existed in the British Isles prior to any form of central authority, and one of the major issues which kept these two bodies from early unionization were the innovations and unpopular attitudes held by the Premier Grand Lodge.

Lightly touching on a few:

- * No longer "Drawing" the Lodge with chalk or charcoal, but instead making material elements for Lodge furniture etc.
- * Changing and innovating on Ritual.
- * Not accepting visiting Brethren from other countries, unless they became bound to the Modern's constitution.

This was not to say that the Ancients weren't innovating as well. Both sides were guilty of various offenses. The Ancients most famous innovation was holding steadfast that the Royal Arch degree was the true completion of the Master Mason Degree; both of these degrees, at that time, being no more then 20 plus years old.

As time passed, the unionization was much needed. The Scottish and Irish Grand Lodge's were only in communication and recognizing the Ancients at the beginning of the feud, but due to various political issues, the Moderns and the Ancients needed to come together in order to appease the, then, Royal Grand Masters.

When a union was decided, the Lodge of Promulgation was formed to bring both sides together in order to document what the true "ancient landmarks and practices of the Craft" really were. After these were decided on, the formation of the Lodge of Tranquility helped usher them into effect with all subordinate Lodges – this was not a fast moving process, and stirred up many problems during the exercise.

Even with the hopes of cementing all Masonic practices in England with the formation of Emulation Ritual laid down in 1823 by the sanctioned Lodge of Improvement, there are still over 19 different versions of Masonic Ritual being practiced there today.

* And as a side note, every single Lodge in Scotland practices it's own Ritual without any judicial interference from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Youth Groups

By William M. Ferrell, Assistant Secretary, P.:M.:, H.:A.:

Brethren. You may be getting tired of hearing that the youth groups need support from Masons. The truth is that without a Master Mason participating in their meetings; a youth Chapter or Bethel will fail! There are always openings in a youth group for an adult Mason. At present I am the Associate Guardian of a Jobs Daughter Bethel. Job's Daughters International has a rule that a Guardian of a Bethel can only serve six consecutive years and has to step aside to allow others to participate. I am looking for a Brother Master Mason to attend a Bethel meeting with me. There will be an opening at Dublin come November 2013. I plan on staying with the bethel and helping, however, it looks like, according to the rule, I cannot be the Associate Guardian. Men state that they are looking for further "light" in Masonry, look no farther, it is seeing young people develop into citizens of tomorrow and knowing that you helped make it possible.

From the Editor's Desk

By Kem Apak, Senior Steward, Editor in Training.

Brethren, it is my honor to serve you as your new editor. There is still a lot I need to learn, so until then I will be in training by Wor. Ron Katz, and Bro. Don Schauer, Sr., As we learn in our craft, I am taking this responsibility by invoking the blessing G.A.O.T.U to help me to serve my lodge and my brethren.

Wor. Ron Katz was very gracious helping me to learn how to put the Trestleboard together. As Wor. Bro. Katz passes the baton, I know it will be impossible to fill his shoes, but with his and your support I am confident, I will continue this task until the day comes when I will hand the responsibility to another brother.

Bro. Don Schauer, Sr. and Wor. Robert Pinkerton were very kind helping me to put this newsletter using Swift Publisher on a Mac, without using Microsoft Publisher on a PC.

I am looking forward for your articles (Due by the 15th of every month), comments, and Masonic events that you want to see in our trestleboard.

In Memoriam

Sidney Hector Cerates, P.M., H.A.

80 years, 11 months and 17 days Entered Into Rest May 17, 2013.

Robert Carl Hansen, P.M., H.A.

77 years, 3 months and 12 days Entered Into Rest May 18, 2013

Umighty Father, Great Architect of the Universe,

into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear departed brothers

Hiram Award

Honoring Bro. Lyman Penning, P.M.

Saturday, June 15

5:00 PM Social 6:00 PM Turkey breast dinner Prepared by Bro. Roy Tamez, P.M.



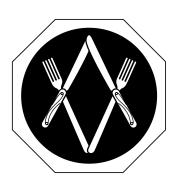
For reservations call the Lodge Secretary

Bro. Don Schauer, Sr H.A. at (510) 258-0654 or by e-mail CrowCanyon551@sbcglobal.net

Feast of St John

The Baptist

Saturday, June 22
4:30PM



Seating Limited

All masons welcome, first 29!

Dinner with beverage \$35 Dinner only \$25

Contact Bro. Charles Hintz (510) 326-6698 chasinca@dslextreme.com

Travelling Degree

August 31 at 1:00PM

Fort Bragg 428 N. Main St

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We have a block of 30 rooms which consists of 20 Queens and 10 Kings. The block covers 3 nights (Friday, August 30 thru Sunday, September 1, 2013). However, everyone has the choice of booking either one night, two nights, or all three nights.

Simply call (707) 964-4761 and say that you are with Crow Canyon 551. The block rate will be \$100.00 per night (\$89.99 base rate plus tax). Omie Behrns the manager, will be holding the block for us until August 23, 2013. So don't delay, call today.

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Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

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Sunshine—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

Event Committees

Feast of St. John (6/22) - Charles Hintz Strawberry Feed (7/21) - Frank Thrall, Jr. / Bob Pinkerton Visitation to Fort Bragg—(8/30-9/1) - Lyman Penning

Masonic Youth

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Sunshine and Visiting

Brothers Mark Casperson, Mark Castile and Roy Nelson all could use a cheer-up phone call, a card or a home visit.

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

Ernie Nidick, Committee Chairman (925) 828-6993

3rd Degree Aniversaries June & July

Leonard G. Ambrose PM (45), Jared M. Andreotti (13), Edward L. Auguadro PM (36), Harold W. Bolesworth (67), Gilbert A. Brownfield (26), Jimmy D. Burns (31), Robert C. Burns (29), Vernon E. Cumins (63), John W. Davenport Jr. PM (54), Gregory K. Egelston (35), Joseph E. Elleard PM (57), Irwin M. Fershleiser PM (27), Herbert K. Freeman (40), Kevin A. Gray (25), Milton L. Jones (27), Mark Kahn (47), Frederick Kao PM (31), Albert R. Keshishian (59), Josef A. Kohlmann (22), Earl L. Kresge (34), Jeffery S. Lantz (45), Roger I. Lemon (61), Robert W. Logan PM (20), Charles R. Martin (63), John F. Mc Carthy (44), Raymond G. Michardi (31), Henry E. Miller Jr. PM (40), Eugene Moore Jr. (4), Edgar I. O'Hara (26), Robert D. Peters PM (50), Douglas S. Prull (49), Larry C. Richardson PM (48), Jose Rodriguez Jr. (56), Ronald S. Selvey (34), Edgar G. Smith (33), Joseph G. Stewart (19), Carl I. Strader (40), Scotty L. Stroup (43), Gene D. Tague Sr. (27), Roy A. Tamez PM (28), Clarence Teeters (41), Frank J. Thrall Jr. (16), Gary T. Tucker (23), Ronald G. Vandenberghe (48), Victor L. VandenBerghe (37), Kurt J. von Brauch (34), David E. Wipf (36), Jack R. Yeoman (34), Kevin R. Hulme (14), Clyde M. Lyerla (56), Ernest J. Nidick Jr. (53), James M. Stanford (14), Gordon G. Warder PM (15)

Birthdays June & July

Ace E. Gilbert, Mark R. Parinas, Marshall L. Field, Carl P. Kimmich, Earl L. Oliver, Jack V. Allen, Benjamin P. Newmarker, Peter Amato, Lee C. White, Douglas S. Prull, Floyd L. Fawcett, Andrew Kinicki, John S. Erman, Leland E. Peck, Lester B. Bridge, Harold J. Dias, Raymond G. Michardi, Frederick Schaffer, Howard R. Marmor, John F. Mc Carthy, Donald M. Schauer Sr., Bertram Z. Mutnick, Ronald W. Stuart, Walter H. Nieman Jr., John E. Freestone, John E. Teixeira, Ronald G. Vandenberghe, Richard T. Wilkinson, Barry L. Bookman, Glenn W. Valenzuela, Donald Clendenen Jr., Gregory K. Egelston, Hedley J. Bourke, Joseph E. Elleard, Glen A. Barth, Harold S. Burk Jr., Fred L. Avery, William E. Strain, Denis H. Beaman, Donald R. Jensen, Jody V. Juracich, Michael C. Carter, Paul Amato, George A. Hess, William M. Ferrell, Andre Gravier, Josef A. Kohlmann, Ronald J. Garcia, Robert H. Ficken Jr., Earl L. Kresge, Carl E. Worley, Roy D. Stegall, Earl F. Woodson