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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2011:

4/7—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Passover-Style Meal (Matzo Ball Soup, Brisket, etc.)*
 4/8-4/10—Junior Warden’s Retreat at San Ramon Marriott
 4/12—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Island City Lodge (2312 Alameda Ave) — 6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.
 4/14—Thursday—First Degree for Mr. Jarred Dorrance (if elected at Stated Meeting)—7:00 PM—All Masons (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Masons) welcome.
 4/21—Thursday—DARK—Scottish Rite Members should attend Maundy Thursday event.
 4/28—Thursday—6:00 Dinner / 7:00 PM Public Schools Night—Teachers of the Year presentations with entertainment provided by Canyon Middle School Jazz Choir—Open to Everyone
 4/29—5/1—Reno Trip (details inside) - Open to Everyone

May 2011:

5/5—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Passover-Style Meal (Matzo Ball Soup, Brisket, etc.)*
 5/10—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Pleasanton Lodge — 6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.
 5/12—Thursday—Officer’s Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
 5/13—5/15—Senior Warden’s Retreat at San Ramon Marriott
 5/14—5/15—Rowell Ranch Rodeo—Child ID Booth—**Volunteers Needed**—Call Roy Tamez at 510-537-1077
 5/19—Thursday—Officer’s Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
 5/22—Sunday—Castro Valley Lodge Sweetheart’s Event—Brunch and Theatre. Contact Phillip Busch for details.
 5/26—Thursday—Officer’s Practice or Degree—7:00 PM

Castro Valley DeMolay meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)
Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM)
Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261, Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Acacia Lodge

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From the East

Taxes are due which must mean . . . my birthday is coming up. April can be a stressful time of year, so perhaps you should have some nice Matzo Ball Soup.



Sounds like the beginning of our Passover-Style Dinner at our April Stated Meeting. Aaahh! That's better. The day before my birthday, April 14, we will be exemplifying the first degree for Mr. Jarred Dorrance (if he is elected at the stated meeting). We hope you can join us to welcome this new member. In support of the Oakland Scottish Rite Maundy Thursday event, our lodge will be dark on April 21 and, as you know, April 28 will be our Public Schools event.

We still have room on the bus for Reno, April 29—May 1st. Here are some details. Leaving the Lodge at 9:00 Friday morning, we will travel to Reno, making a stop in Boomtown along the way.

We will stay at the newly renovated Ramada Inn and Casino just two short blocks off the strip. Our bus driver will be brining us to several casinos over the two day period where we will get coupons or cash back to increase our luck. The hotel has graciously offered us a hot breakfast each morning. Sunday morning we will be on the road by 9 AM and should be back at the lodge before 8 PM. This is a great trip and the price per person is just \$130 per person. Please call me or our brother Secretary to reserve your spot.

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From the West



Every lodge has a unique character. One of the great advantages of our organization is that individual lodges have the freedom to experiment and be different, developing their own unique atmosphere for growth. Crow Canyon Lodge is not a static lodge. We have changed over time as the population of our membership changes. This is not, necessarily, a bad thing. For the primary purpose of a lodge is to make sure that it serves the interest of its members. The lodge adapts to the changing environment around it, and change is a normal and natural part of life itself.

I leave you with a quote from Rex R. Hutchens, 33° from the book "A Bridge To Light."

"What is truth to me is not truth to another. The same argument and evidences that convince one mind, make no impression on another; this difference is in men at their birth. No man is entitled positively to assert that he is right where other men equally intelligent and equally well informed, hold directly the opposite opinion."

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Grand Master's Project 2010-11



BY YOUR SIDE, the Grand Master's Project for 2010-2011, seeks to bring the best nursing care to cancer patients and families in California. We'll do it by putting more oncology certified nurses by their side.

BY YOUR SIDE answers a critical need for these nurses in California. The project will establish a permanent fund to cover the cost of oncology certification for 12 to 15 nurses every year.

Oncology certified nurses have an overall mastery of cancer. They have attained the highest standards of experience, knowledge, and skills. Their professionalism and know-how is a source of hope and support. They make a difference in every aspect of a patient's treatment: pain management, discussing results and expectations, counseling loved ones.



A single oncology certified nurse reaches hundreds of patients and their families. By putting more oncology certified nurses in hospitals, clinics, and medical centers throughout the state, we will provide comfort and hope for thousands of patients and their loved ones.

To donate mail your tax-deductible donations to: Grand Lodge of California, Attention: Denise Avila, 1111 California St., San Francisco, CA 94108. (please use the memo field to indicate "By Your Side" and your Lodge number or donate online at:

<http://www.freemason.org/byyourside/donate.htm>

Living Hiram Award Recipients



Allen, Kurt 2005 ; Amaral, Gabriel 1996* ; Benko, Mickey 2009 ; Bishop, Charles 2003 ; Blisard, William 1991 ; Ferrell, William 1999 ; Fershleiser, Irwin 1990* ; Frisvold, Gary 1988* ; Gravier, Andre 1991 ; Haines, Carson 1995 ; Hansen, Robert 2008 ; Hansford, John 1990* ; Jaeckel, Kurt 1993 ; Kenyon, Edwin 1987 ; Keshishian, Albert 2007* ; Krause, Paul 1993* ; Logan, Robert 2006 ; Matraia, Edward 1989 ; Miller, Henry 1992 ; Nelson, Roy 1990 ; Palmeri, John 2000 ; Peters, Robert 1997 ; Rowe, Thomas 2002 ; Schauer, Donald 1990* ; Smith, John 2010 ; Sotelo, Prudencio 1984 ; Tamez, Roy 2007 ; Tamez, Sammy 1999* ; Weisser, Allen 1983 ; Werner, Robert 2001* ; Worthing, William 2000*

* Affiliated

Help Wanted

The Masonic Hall Association again finds themselves without a **Building Manager** and/or an **Events Coordinator**. If you would like to find out more about these openings, how they are compensated, and what is expected, please contact Bro. John Smith at (510) 886-0995 strtrder4@comcast.net..

From the South

Personal Character—I recently saw a television program on KQED about the late, great coach, John Wooden, who passed away a few years ago at the age of 99. Upon watching the program, I felt personally deprived, because I did not have a life coach like him as I was passing through my formative years. I wish that someone had inculcated in me those great truths Coach Wooden shared with his protégées. “Be more concerned,” Wooden stated plainly, “with your character than with your reputation. Character is what you really are, while reputation is merely what others think you are.” I know that it is easier said than done to not be affected in your life by a wrongful reputation. Many of us seem to live a life because of an image of what we think others may think of us. But think about it. Your character is the moral foundation of your actions and thus, frequently, it will give you the reputation that a person may want. We, as Masons, stress in parting that we should practice out of the Lodge those great moral duties which are inculcated in it. Specifically, “meeting upon the level, acting upon the plumb, and parting upon the square.” We are taught to practice these virtues not only with our brothers in Masonry, but throughout our travels. These moral truths are self-evident and will lead to personal character and success.



Coach John Wooden

Coach Wooden is quoted to have said that “success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming.” None of us are perfect. But, as the old adage shares, “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.”

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Masons 4 Mitts

California lodges are gearing up for baseball season! Beginning April 8, lodges will be teaming up again with the Junior Giants, a charitable program of the San Francisco Giants, to fund baseball mitts for underprivileged children.

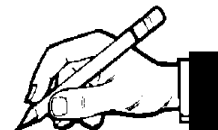


Through the third annual Masons4mitts campaign, teams of lodges are competing to fund the greatest number of mitts. The goal is to fund 2,500 mitts by September 12.

The campaign goes until September 12, when Masons and the community will celebrate the finale at Masons Night at AT&T Park. Look for updates and more information in the coming weeks on <http://www.masons4mitts.org> and the Masons of California Facebook page.

From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper to be Written



Public Schools Night will be April 28, 2011. Be sure to make your reservations for the FREE dinner with our DINNER LINE at 510-886-2023. RESERVATIONS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT because we will be serving our guest FIRST and then we eat. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM. Program will start at 7:00 PM. The Canyon Middle School Jazz Choir will perform and then we will present the “Masonic Teacher of the Year” awards to Melissa Griffin who is “Response To Intervention Specialist” at the elementary level and Emelynn Taylor who is a Resource Specialist at Canyon Middle School. Both were selected by the Castro Valley Unified School District and we get the privilege of recognizing their outstanding efforts in Public Education. By the way our Lodge has been doing this since 1985, that’s 26 years. Let’s see if we can outnumber the school teachers this year.

If you have not paid your dues for 2011 and paying your dues will cause a financial hardship, you may contact the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden or me. Your request will be kept confidential. There are still 28 who have not paid the 2011 dues and 8 are in jeopardy of being dropped. It is difficult for me to say this, but if you plan on dropping your membership, let me know before the Brethren have to pay YOUR per capita payment June 30, 2011. Per capita is \$34.00

Our youngest member is 23.41 years; the oldest is 97.35 years old. The average age of our membership is 72.38. We have 278 widows on our rolls. Our Membership is 390 Master Masons.

You may not think of me too often, but you are always on my mind.

Bill Ferrell, PM—Secretary—(510) 886-2023
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In Memoriam

Anthony Jay Forest 103 years, 9 months and 27 days
 Entered into Rest December 31, 2010

Walter Wilber Beck, PM 103 years, 0 months and 12 days
 Entered into Rest March 12, 2011

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

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Armstrong, Herman [PM] (52) ; **Barry**, John (47) ; **Blomseth**, Warren (59) ; **Boggess**, Christopher (5) ; **Brown**, James (34) ; **Cammerer**, Charles (35) ; **Cooper**, Gregory (24) ; **Donley**, Peter (8) ; **Douglas**, Robert (35) ; **Eddy**, Roy (62) ; **Elmore Jr.**, Barney (55) ; **Garcia**, Ronald (45) ; **Goodman**, Donald (52) ; **Hughes**, Gary [PM] (22) ; **Kenyon**, Alan [PM] (29) ; **Kralovansky**, John (31) ; **Lumm**, George [PM] (18) ; **Marshall**, Robert (55) ; **Nelson**, Roy (48) ; **Rees**, Franklin (28) ; **Renner**, Ira (64) ; **Rix**, Robert [PM] (40) ; **Rourk**, Ronald (30) ; **Schauer Sr.**, Donald (41) ; **Stuart**, Ronald (48) ; **Suer**, Charles (46) ; **Sullivan**, Richard (60) ; **Woergoetter**, Gerald [PM] (18)

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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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2011 Committees

Lodge Appointments

- **Audit** – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein
- **Funeral** – Kurt Allen, Kjell Bomark-Noel, Kay Dunn, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez
- **Hiram Award Selection** – John Smith, Roy Tamez, Robert Logan
- **Masonic Charity** - The Master and the Wardens
- **Masonic Hall Association**—John Smith, Acting President
- **Masonic Homes Endowment**—Robert Logan—(925) 737-0430/rlogan8198@cs.com
- **Membership Retention** – Bill Ferrell
- **Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

Lodge Events

- **Anniversary Dinner/Dance (10/15)**—Rod Hamilton, Kanti Patel, George Christensen, Howard Marmar
- **Constitutional Observance (9/15)**—Eugene Moore, Ernie Nidick
- **Feast of Saints John (6/23)** – Kjell Bomark-Noel, Charles Hintz
- **Kid's ID (5/14-15, 9/10-11)**—Roy Nelson, Roy Tamez, Sammy Tamez
- **Public Schools (4/28)**—Eric Unti— (510) 537-1530/erunti@earthlink.net
- **Reno Trip (4/29-5/1)**—Ron Katz, Jennifer Katz
- **Strawberry Feed (7/24)**—Ernie Nidick, Mark Parinas, Gerald Woergoetter
- **Sweethearts Brunch/Theatre (5/22)**—Phillip Busch—(925)292-8018/teresa.busch@kp.org
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Masonic Family Corner

Castro Valley DeMolay—If the weather is on our side we will be doing a **carwash during your April Stated Meeting Dinner**. Our Installation of Officers is on May 7th at 7:30 PM. We hope you can join us.

Hayward Jobs Daughters—We will be asking for your help at your April Stated Meeting to support our **"Pack-a-thon"** at the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Please **bring canned goods to the meeting** and "sponsor" a Daughter for the number of boxes she can pack on April 9th. Proceeds will go to our philanthropic project. Please join us for our **"April Showers Bring May Flowers" Brunch** on April 23 from 9-1 PM at the Hayward Lodge. Just \$8/person.

Eastern Star—We hope you can join the fun on May 21st for our **Annual Fashion Show**. Presale tickets are available from any of our officers for just \$12. Admission includes a Salad Bar, door prizes, and much more.

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