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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JUNE**

1st—Thursday—Stated Meeting—5:45 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting—  
**Golden Veteran's Award—Bro. Donald Laursen, Sr.**  
2nd—Friday—**Hayward Job's Daughters Installation of Officers—**  
**7:30 PM—Elizabeth Ruth Katz Incoming Honored Queen.**  
3rd—Saturday—**Unity Rainbow Installation of Officers—2:00 PM—**  
Lodge Officers in Tux.  
8th—Thursday—3rd Degree—**Bro. Rod Seddon—7:00 PM**  
15th—Thursday—Officer's Practice—7:00 PM—1st Degree  
22nd—Thursday—1st Degree—**Brian A. Katz—7:00 PM**  
24th—Officer's School of Instruction—San Leandro Lodge  
24th—**Feast of St. John the Baptist—Oakland Scottish Rite Center —**  
6:00 P.M.—\$50.00/person presale only. 925-606-7277 Greg Rapp.  
25th—Strawberry Feed @ Masonic Home—11 AM  
29th—Golden Veteran and Member Luncheon—11:30 AM—GV and Widows  
no charge. \$5/person all others.  
29th—Thursday—Officer's Practice—7:00 PM

**JULY**

6th—Stated Meeting 5:45 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting  
9th—Sweetheart Event

**Hear Ye, Hear Ye!**

To All Master Masons, Fellow Craft & Apprentices Only!

**FEAST OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Guest Speaker—Bro. John Kinney

Saturday, June 24th

6:00 PM Reception/7:00 PM Feast

Oakland Scottish Rite Center

Classic New York Strip/ Wild Game Cornish Hen, Garlic  
Mash Potato, Asparagus & Baby Carrots  
Seasonal Berry Pie & Gourmet Coffee

\$50/person—Advance Tickets Only  
Tails or Tux Required (Dark Jacket/Tie Optional)

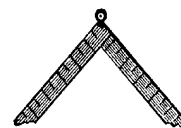
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## From the East



Brethren,

Have you been active in your lodge? Were you at the “**Quest for the Best**” Masonic Youth Talent Show on April 29th?

Were you present to honor **Bro. Cal Somers, Jr.** for 50 Years of Membership on May 4th? Did you help raise **Bro. Steve Aracne** on May 11th? Were you part of the standing-room-only crowd at the **Castro Valley DeMolay Installation** of Officers on May 13th, when The Most Worthy Grand Patron of Eastern Star, **Bro. Loyal Stark**, installed his grandson as the new Master Councilor? Were you on the sidelines on May 18th when **Bros. Gordon MacDonald and Arnold Weinstein** were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft? Did you enjoy the luncheon and **Fashion Show** that the Eastern Star produced on May 20th? Did you feast on pizza and enjoy game play and karaoke at our **Masonic Family GAME Night**?

Good things are happening all throughout our Masonic Family and if you are not participating, you are not benefiting from the strong ties that are being formed. Won't you join us?

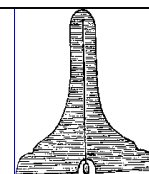
On June 1st we will be honoring **Bro. Donald Laursen, Sr.**, PM with his Golden Veteran's Award, I hope you can come and support this worthy brother. I would be delighted if on Friday, June 2nd, you could join our family in Hayward at the B Street Masonic Center as **my daughter, Elizabeth**, is installed as Honored Queen. And while we are on the subject of family pride, I am excited that **my son, Brian**, will be Initiated an Entered Apprentice on June 22nd right here in Castro Valley.

The theme for this year is “Planting the Seeds of Success—Family, Community, Fraternity”. Great things are happening, thanks to each of you, and the future is looking bright. However, my brothers, we have two ships in the harbor that need to be untied and set to sail. Those vessels are called “Member-ship” and “Leader-ship”. Statewide, membership in Freemasonry is holding its own, and we are beginning to see an influx of younger men into our Lodge. This is great, but each of us must continue to promote our great Fraternity. With the “member-ship” launched and doing well, the lodge depends on “leader-ship” to re-supply the “member-ship” and keep our Craft sailing smoothly. We are blessed in this lodge with many active Past Masters. But the future of our voyage will depend on those brethren who have not yet stepped forward to be part of the Officers and part of the “Leader-ship.” Am I talking to you? The Stewards of the lodge are an important part of our degrees. We need men to step forward, right now, and volunteer to serve. Call me and Come Sail Away to Success!

**Ron Katz, Worshipful Master** (510) 431-1211 / 510-375-3137 cell / email: ron2000katz@comcast.net



## From The West



Brethren,

We can have what we want, if we want it badly enough. Masonry, and especially this lodge, have to be the keeper of the values which have marked the teaching of Freemasonry. Remembering the unity, continuity, and values which have marked the teaching of our institution for hundreds of years. In the past month we have raised two new brothers, and I hope that we are moving to have those young brothers become new leaders. At the present time we still have the same willing, but increasingly weary, band of good brothers who have managed to carry out their different duties without the help of others, because getting that help requires more effort than we are willing to compel ourselves to make. Our lodge is nearly at risk. Once unchallenged in participation of members, it seems to be starting to be overtaken by indifference of our members. In conclusion I would like to quote to you the words of a great humanitarian, Mother Teresa. Once she was asked whether she got discouraged in the face of poverty she replied, “My job is not to succeed, but to be faithful to my mission”.

**Alvaro Reynoso, Senior Warden** 510-490-2192 Home / 510-364-7073 Cell



## From the South

*Lessons from the 2nd Degree*



In the Middle Chamber of life, we as Freemasons are encouraged to make the world a better place than we found it. How do we accomplish this? By putting into practice the writing, speaking and analytical skills we have learned in the study of the arts of grammar, rhetoric and logic. Utilizing these skills, we apply the tools of science to understand the universe, from the atoms to the stars. What we learn by scientific study we can then transform into inventions and technology for improving the daily life of mankind. Automobiles, airplanes, television and radio, heart pacemakers, hearing aids, Teflon cooking utensils, modern miracles of medicine, vaccines, and the Internet are all the products of the minds of men and women.

We have been entertained and our lives enriched by Freemasons such as John Phillip Souza, George M. Cohan and Mozart—all of whom studied the science of music. And Walt Disney, a Senior DeMolay, combined the arts and sciences to create great films and fabulous amusement parks.

Charles Albert Adams PGM once said that "...there is no higher duty devolving upon us as Masons than the duty we owe the State as citizens." One of highest duties of American citizens and Freemasons is that we are required to concern ourselves with and take part in politics. By "politics" Brother Adams meant that we should be concerned and involved in making sure that good candidates are elected to office, and just laws and regulations govern California and the United States.

The study of grammar, rhetoric and logic teaches men to communicate better with each other, and to think clearly about the great issues facing us as individuals and citizens. There can be no better tools in politics than the attentive ear, the instructive tongue, and the faithful breast. Talk with your friends, become involved in your communities, and bring the influence of the plumb, square and level to play in your towns and communities.

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

**This is YOUR LODGE—Let the Officers know if you have any ideas to improve it for the benefit of all of our members.**

## From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren,

I would like to let you know about membership applications and the process that is involved in getting it read in lodge and so forth. I have plenty of applications here in the lodge office and you might want to have one on hand if you are trying to encourage that "good" man to become a Mason. CMC 26020 states that an applicant for the degrees of Masonry must be: A. A man who has attained the age of 18 years; B. A believer in a Supreme Being and a future existence; C. Of good moral conduct; and D. Without physical or mental impairment that would prevent him from learning and practicing the principles of Masonry or which would create a burden on the Lodge. The cost to become a Mason in our lodge is \$244.00 and the breakdown goes like this; for the three degrees of Masonry the cost is \$175.00. \$30.00 application fee, which goes to the Grand Lodge, \$25.00 goes to the Masonic Homes, \$9.00 to the California Masonic Memorial Temple and \$5.00 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Building. An important point; the first and second line signers **MUST** be members in good standing of our lodge. The two "refers to" can be anybody.

When submitting the application, this secretary would appreciate it if you could mail or deliver the application before the stated business meeting, so I can have all the necessary forms completed for the Master so he can assign investigators promptly after the application has been read. This will allow the chosen investigators ample time to contact the prospective member and set appointments for the interviews.

Sometimes a visitor who frequents our meetings may become interested in affiliating or transferring membership. CMC 26050 deals with the rules for affiliation. The applicant should request a certificate of standing from his Lodge and attach it to the application. If he is a member of this jurisdiction there is no cost to him. He must show a current dues card (a copy attached to the application is valid). If the applicant is a member of another jurisdiction our by-laws require a \$35.00 payment, \$30.00 application fee to Grand Lodge and \$25.00 contribution to the Masonic Homes of California for a total of \$90.00, along with a current dues card.

I may have left out some of the finer points, but basically this is what you should know when submitting an application.

Fraternally,

**Bill Ferrell, Secretary (510) 886-2023**  
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## IN MEMORIAM

## Richard Francis Meissner

***ENTERED INTO REST***

May 18, 2006

## Sunshine and Visiting



**Andy Gravier, PM Phone: (510) 638-6641**



Details are being worked out for our Annual Sweetheart Event which will be held on July 9th. Traditionally this has included a luncheon and a play. We have tickets for the play and are working out details for the luncheon. If you would like to attend, please call our Junior Warden, Bob Werner at (925) 462-0366 or the Master's wife, Jennifer, at 510-375-3138.

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