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Events for March, 2005

March

- 3rd, Thursday, Stated Meeting and Dinner
 Social 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Meeting 7:30
Inspector's Official Visit / Tux for Officers
- 10th, 1st Degree Practice 7:00 PM
- 17th, 1st Degree, Mr. Christopher Boggess & Joseph Ilmberger
- 24th, **Maundy Thursday Program @ Scottish Rite**
- 28th, Monday, Temple Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 31st, 1st Degree, Mr. Steve Aracne & Mr. Edward Collaco

April

- 7th, Thursday, Stated Meeting and Dinner
 Social 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Meeting 7:30
- 14th, Thursday, **Public Schools Night**
(NO Social) Dinner 6:00 Presentation 7:30
- 21st, Thursday, Practice 7:00 PM
- 25th, Monday, Temple Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 28th, Thursday, Practice or Degree 7:00 PM
- 30th, **School of Instruction @ B Street Temple**
- April ??? Reno Trip ???

August 26th, 2005 Reception for:
Alan S. Weisser, P.M., Grand Bible Bearer for
the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
@ Oakland Scottish Rite.



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From the East—Master Mickey L. Benko, P.M.

Brethren and Sisters,

February I was pleased to Present Worshipful Brother Proffitt with his Golden Veterans Award We also had (2) TWO 3rd Degrees conferred upon Brothers Graham & Howe; Congratulations to both of you. Also a big THANK YOU to Aahmes Past Masters Unit and all of the Brothers that helped with the 3rd Degree in January. Your Officers are doing great ritual this early in the year please attend the Degrees and most of all please show your appreciation by attending. We will have (4) four 1st Degrees this month and I know that the candidates and Officers would enjoy showing off their work. We also need to have all of the Recommenders of these Candidates show up for their Degrees.



The Crab Feed was outstanding and we really appreciate Worshipful Brother Henry Miller and his staff for their ongoing dedication to this Lodge. It takes all of the Brethren to make YOUR Lodge survive. The more Brothers and their Ladies that get involved is the only way that the Lodge will succeed and especially make the activities a success.



March 24th, the Oakland Scottish Rite will have their annual Maundy Thursday Program. The Officers will not be doing anything that evening so please attend this function and make reservations if you are going. Call: (415) 451-1903 for Reservations.



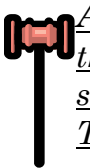
April 14th, we will have the Public Schools Program, we will be honoring (2) two teachers for "Masonic Teacher of the Year".

PLEASE attend to show the teachers and children our support.

We will have entertainment by the Canyon Middle School Jazz Choir



Roy Tamez and his crew will do the traditional Mexican dinner for May. Please make reservations to the Junior Warden if you will be there for dinner.



All Brethren who have 25 years membership in good standing; if you will please contact the Secretary to confirm that you are qualified I would be very pleased and honored to present you with your 25 Year Pin at any of our Stated Meetings this year.

Thank you for your love of the Fraternity

Fraternally and Sincerely
Mickey L. Benko, P.M.

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If you wish to be on the notification list, please e-mail me

Web Page Information:

Look for the newsletter on the web page at; <http://www.calodges.org/no551/>

Sunshine and Visiting:

THE GOOD NEWS IS!

"That there is no BAD NEWS we know of to report"

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

Andy Gravier, PM

Phone: (510) 638-6641



From the West — Ron Katz

Brethren, As Senior Warden it is my duty to pay the craft their wages if any be due that none may go away dissatisfied. We have been taught that the wages of a Fellowcraft are corn, wine and oil. But why these things? Part of the story of the building of King Solomon's Temple is in 2 Chronicles 3-16. Here we learn that King Solomon is requesting Cedars of Lebanon from King Hyrum of Tyre and Solomon promises "I will give your servants, the woodsmen who cut the timber, twenty thousand cors of ground wheat, twenty thousand cors of barley, twenty thousand baths of wine and twenty thousand baths of olive oil." Masonic Tradition informs us that the Fellowcraft were the hewers in the Quarries and in the valleys. Now I begin to see why corn (or barley), wine and oil are the wages of a Fellowcraft.

But in today's Speculative Lodge, what are the wages of a Fellowcraft? I believe the wages or benefits of Masonry today lie in the three precious jewels of a Mason . . . brotherly love, relief and truth.

As we begin to examine our lodge, to build our symbolic Solomon's temple, let us focus on those three precious jewels and ensure that the craft receive their wages so that none may go away dissatisfied.

Brotherly love – Are we as Masons, collectively and individually, consistently displaying this virtue through word and deed?

Relief – Are we as Masons, collectively and individually, providing for those in need, not just our brethren in Freemasonry, but throughout our greater community?

Truth – Are we as Masons, collectively and individually, leading our lives by the square, the plumb and the level?

I believe that the best is yet to come. Please contact me if you have any ideas on how we can continue to pay the craft their wages.

Ron Katz, Senior Warden - 510-375-3137 - baerconsulting@yahoo.com



From the Secretary's Desk Bill Ferrell — (510) 886-2023

We are looking for those of you who have completed **25 years in Masonry** and haven't received a 25-year pin. If you are not sure if you qualify please let me know and I will see about getting one for you.

You may contact me at 510-886-2023 or

E-mail to; crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net

"Public Schools - Lighting the Way for America's Future."

You may wonder why in "the world" should I care about Public Schools. One of the main projects of Masonry in California is to do something to encourage and benefit public education and to make the public aware of our commitment that was established back in 1923. Crow Canyon Lodge for the past 20 years has honored teachers with a "Masonic Teacher of the Year" program here in Castro Valley. This event is for you the member, your lady and our public school educators. The evening begins with a dinner, and afterward we retire to the lodge room for presentations.

We have as many as 50+ teachers; School Board members and students attend this event. I now ask, PLEASE help me by attending to show the Unified School District we really care. The Canyon Middle School Jazz choir will again entertain us at the beginning of the program, and then we honor two teachers. One from primary and one from secondary education.

Hope to see you April 14, 2005.

Bill Ferrell

From the South Alvaro R. Reynoso

It is always a pleasure to be the one that has the privilege of having a fellowship meal ready at each meeting.

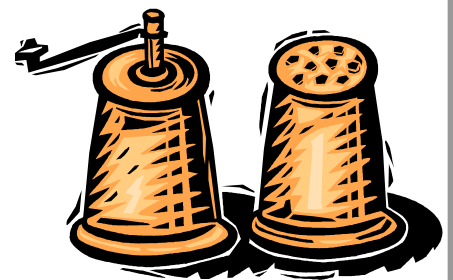
So come and fellowship with us at the Stated Meeting Dinners. Good food and great refreshment.

Social begins at 5:30 P.M. and Dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M.

Reservations:

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Castro Valley DeMolay
Hassan Abed, Master Councilor

Members of Crow Canyon Lodge,

I am writing to let you know about exciting things happening in DeMolay in the month of March. March is DeMolay Month – a celebration of the founding of DeMolay in 1919 by Frank S. Land – a Scottish Rite Mason.

On March 5th, our chapter will be competing in a Ritual Competition in Sacramento for all of the chapters in Northern California. It is called P.R.I.D.E. and stands for Perfect Ritual Improves DeMolay Everyway.

On March 7th, we will have a regular meeting (starts at 7:30) and you are welcome to attend. On March 11th we will be having a Endless Pasta Dinner which is just \$6 and begins at 6:30 PM. Please come.

On March 21st, we will hold a Senior DeMolay Night. It will begin at 7:00 and will include a Majority Service and the presentation of 25-year and 50-year DeMolay recognition pins. Your presence would be great.

Thank you for sponsoring our chapter.

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