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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2011:

2/3—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person—*Pasta with Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread*. Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*Coming Home / Cancer Awareness Event!*
 2/6—Sunday—Super Bowl Party at Oakland Scottish Rite—1 PM
 2/8—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Pleasanton (3370 Hopyard Rd)—6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.
 2/10—Thursday—First Degree—7:00 PM—Mr. Roger Paulus and Mr. Iain Sherwood (*if elected at Stated*) - (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Masons welcome)
 2/17—Thursday—Second degree practice—7:00 PM—(Master Masons and Fellowcraft welcome)
 2/19—Saturday—Annual Crab Feed—6:00 PM—Presale tickets available from Secretary or Henry Miller
 2/24—Thursday—Second Degree (Master Masons and Fellowcraft welcome)—7:00 PM— Bro. Brian Ross

March 2011:

3/3—Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—*St. Patty's Corn Beef & Cabbage*
 3/6—Sunday—Masonic Family Karaoke and Game Night—6 PM
 3/8—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction—Location to be announced—6:00 PM Free Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening—All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required—All Master Masons welcome.
 3/10—Thursday—Officer's practice or degree—7:00 PM
 3/17—Thursday—Officer's practice or degree—7:00 PM
 3/24—Thursday—Officer's practice or degree—7:00 PM
 3/31—Family Potluck—6:00 PM—(A-H bring salad dish / I-N bring dessert / O-Z bring vegetable or casserole) - Lodge will provide Tri-Tip and Beverages.

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

The year is off to a great start brethren. Our membership is increasing, our activity is increasing, our commitment is increasing. Things are looking up!

Please help me welcome to our two newest Entered Apprentices: **Bro. Shifflett** and **Bro. Sidun!** We look forward to many years of fellowship with you gentlemen.

Wasn't that a great **Pizza Night!** Thank you Bro. Kjell for making the arrangements. I'm sure everyone who attended had a great time sharing with the other members of our great Masonic Family.

This month is the **Crab Feed!** Do you have your tickets yet? February 19th is coming quick. There is still time to call our Secretary!

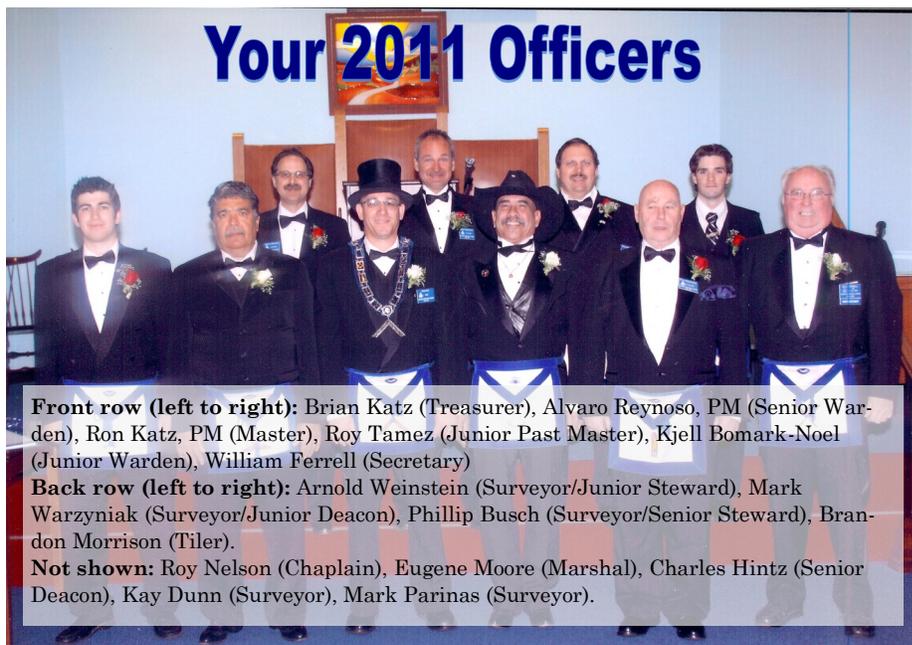
Next month is the **Karaoke / Game Night** for our Masonic Family. If you love to sing or just like to listen, come on out. If you'd rather play games with children young and young-at-heart, we will have a space dedicated for you in the lodge room. There will be food and drinks too! Make sure to save March 6th on your calendar for this fun and entertaining evening.

You asked for it, you've got it! You can now book your spot for our **Reno Trip!** (See below for details).

Our February Stated Meeting will be jam packed with excitement. The Surveyors are making calls and all local members should hear from them before our meeting. We want you to **Come Back Home to your Lodge** on February 3rd. We will have a delicious pasta dinner, and a brief presentation about Cancer Awareness. If you are beyond the cable-tow, we hope you will make it a point to visit a local-to-you lodge in February.

I'm excited, enthusiastic and energetic about the future of our Lodge. You need to get fired-up about our future and our fun also. In brotherhood always,

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Front row (left to right): Brian Katz (Treasurer), Alvaro Reynoso, PM (Senior Warden), Ron Katz, PM (Master), Roy Tamez (Junior Past Master), Kjell Bomark-Noel (Junior Warden), William Ferrell (Secretary)

Back row (left to right): Arnold Weinstein (Surveyor/Junior Steward), Mark Warzyniak (Surveyor/Junior Deacon), Phillip Busch (Surveyor/Senior Steward), Brandon Morrison (Tiler).

Not shown: Roy Nelson (Chaplain), Eugene Moore (Marshal), Charles Hintz (Senior Deacon), Kay Dunn (Surveyor), Mark Parinas (Surveyor).

Join Us In RENO!

April 29 - May 1st, 2011

Just \$130/person double occupancy

Includes Party Bus from Castro Valley, Two Nights Hotel, and more . . .

Space is Limited! Please reserve your spot by sending a \$40/deposit/person to our Secretary, William Ferrell, by March 3rd, Stated Meeting. Balance (\$90/person) due by April 7th, Stated Meeting. Single occupancy available for just \$197/person. If you can't attend the Stated Meeting you may mail your deposit/balance to Crow Canyon Lodge, #551, P.O. Box 2014, Castro Valley, CA 94546-0014

From the West

Brethren and Ladies,

As the year began I was impressed by the progress that Crow Canyon Lodge has made during the past 6 years. I have noticed that each Master who completes a term leaves the lodge better than it was when he started, which makes it more difficult for the next Master to rise to the challenge. In my opinion this is good because it means we are up to the demands that our lodge requires. I am one of those who likes to talk about the future and use the past as a point of reference to improve the present and future but maybe unconsciously I am dreaming of the past with nostalgia because I still conduct my daily life by a system that is out of date and not applicable today.

Masonry is a progressive science taught through degrees only, and it is applicable in Crow Canyon Lodge because the last three Master's performance has been so good, and the bar is so high, that it is beyond the scope of my knowledge. I do not consider myself with the talent to meet the demand of our Lodge.

I am pleased to serve as Senior Warden, but I don't expect to advance next year. I'm seeking the help of a Past Master to step forward and lead our lodge in 2012. If you feel you are up to the challenge, please approach our current Master and let him know your interest. This decision should be made soon, because the task and required preparation, in my opinion, are great.

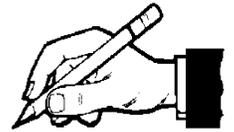
I would like to finish with a thought from Rex R. Hutchens, 33rd Degree: "A masonic lodge should resemble a bee-hive, in which all of the members work together with ardor for the common good. Masonry is not made for cold souls or narrow minds, that do not comprehend its lofty missing and sublime apostolate." We are in the business of making good better!

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From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper to be Written



Brethren,
Dues, dues, dues. There are 48 members who have not paid. As always if you cannot afford the dues or have an issue concerning membership, PLEASE contact the Master or your humble secretary. All correspondences are confidential! OK that's out of my system.

Our youth groups are our most valuable asset. DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls and our Jobs Daughters are organizations that build character, teach leadership skills, and the value of community and commerce. If you have a Son/ Grandson, Daughter/Grand Daughter or any young relative that you feel would benefit from this type of training, contact me. Also listed in the Trestle Board are the names and numbers of our Adult Youth Group Leaders. Also, there are always openings for adult advisors.

All of us know of the Masonic Home and many of you have donated to the endowment fund for many years. You may not be aware of the Masonic Outreach Services that are offered to our Brothers and their wives, as well to our Masonic sweethearts (widows). If you know of anyone who is a member or wife of a member of The California Grand Lodge jurisdiction and needs help, contact the Masonic Outreach Services "MOS" at 1-888-466-3642. There is no reason our older members need to go hungry because of the cost of medications. To be eligible for financial and care assistance, applicants must be 60 years or older and: be a California Master Mason in good standing for a minimum of five years, or the wife or widow of such a Mason; be the mother of such a Master Mason, in certain extraordinary circumstances.

For those of you who have an e-mail address and would like to get information about Lodge events and urgent changes you may e-mail me at crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net this is **not** a bulletin board, just an e-mail address that I use for Lodge business.

Bill Ferrell, PM—Secretary—(510) 886-2023
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From the South

For stated meeting we will prepare a pasta dinner, garlic bread, fresh Caesar salad, and vanilla ice cream or spumoni for dessert. It is with great privilege that I am allowed to serve the brethren of 551 as your Junior Warden. I am, personally, relatively new to this Lodge and, therefore, do not know everyone by name. We also have several new candidates and members that have joined our

Lodge recently. I hope that the brethren will help us newcomers by wearing their name badge. (I personally prefer the badge on the right side so that I can read the name as I am shaking hands). Civility and harmony shall prevail among us and any discordant passion should not be brought to the lodge. Attitude is very important to getting along and to growing better. Some of you may come to our lodge with the baggage of past experience. I hope you can learn to leave your baggage at the front door. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe keep us safe and may harmony prevail.



Fraternally,
Kjell Bomark-Noel (510) 325-6226 bomark@sbcglobal.net



Ladies and Friends

Play "WHITE ELEPHANT" BINGO

First Thursday of EACH MONTH
During STATED MEETING



No cost to enter, just bring a
white elephant gift worth \$5 or less

Call Sherry Hansen for details (510) 537-0109

In Memoriam

Terry Fiddes	94 years, 6 months and 0 days
Entered into Rest	December 19, 2010

William Eugene Leon	92 years, 4 months and 5 days
Entered into Rest	January 7, 2011

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

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Amato, Paul (53) ; Bessette, Ronald (19) ; Bode, David (26) ; Brennan, William [PM] (54) ; Burk, Harold (19) ; Castia, Ronnie (20) ; Gidvani, Kishore (12) ; Goodwin, Charles (53) ; Gossett, Clifford (56) ; Graham, Russell (6) ; Hansen, Jeffrey (14) ; Howe, Douglas (6) ; Lloyd, Anthony (43) ; Mac Donald, John (39) ; Makela, Paul (37) ; Marmor, Howard (4) ; May, Norvalle (46) ; Moore, Roger (31) ; Nobriga, Ronald (14) ; Pearce, Burton (55) ; Sotelo, Prudencio (31) ; Stegall, Roy (42) ; Stewart, Daniel (12) ; Weisser, Allen [PM] (47)

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Sunshine and Visiting

Please keep the following brothers in your prayers: Bill, Blissard, Walter Beck, Bob Brooks, Roy Nelson, Tom Rowe, James Wright



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

Ernie Nidick, Committee Chairman (925) 828-6993

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**—Kurt R. Allen
- **Masonic Homes Endowment**—Robert Logan—(925) 737-0430/rologan8198@cs.com
- **Membership Retention** – Bill Ferrell
- **Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

Lodge Events

- **Anniversary Dinner/Dance**—Rod Hamilton, Kanti Patel, George Christensen, Howard Marmor
- **Crab Feed**—Henry Miller, Dale Reynolds
- **Constitutional Observance**—Gene Moore, Ernie Nidick
- **Feast of Saints John** – Kjell Bomark-Noel, Charles Hintz
- **Kid's ID**—Roy Nelson, Roy Tamez, Sammy Tamez
- **Masonic Family Game / Karaoke Night**—Jack Allen, Phil Busch, Bill Ferrell, Ron Katz, Pat Quinn
- **Pizza Night**—Kjell Bomark-Noel
- **Public Schools**—Eric Unti—(510) 537-1530/erunti@earthlink.net
- **Reno Trip**—Ron Katz, Jennifer Katz
- **Strawberry Feed**—Ernie Nidick, Mark Parinas, Gerald Woergoerter
- **Sweethearts Brunch/Theatre**—Phillip Busch—(925)292-8018/teresa.busch@kp.org
- **Visitation to Carmel**—Kurt Allen, Lyman Penning

Masonic Family

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Read the Trestleboard online first at <http://www.calodges.org/no551/news.htm>

Masonic Family Corner

Castro Valley DeMolay—We just competed in the Nor-Cal DeMolay Bowling Tournament and this month we will be competing in Ritual Competition in Sacramento. Wish us luck! Thanks for inviting us to your Pizza Party. It was awesome! Remember, DeMolay is open to any young man of good character who is between 12 and 21 years old.

Hayward Jobs Daughters—We will be having a Dessert Auction at your February Stated Meeting, so we hope you will bring a few extra dollars to help us with our fundraising efforts. Miss Erica Starr, a PHQ of our Bethel is the Grand Bethel Honored Queen for California. Her reception will be March 19th at 7 PM at the Burlingame Masonic Center, 145 Park Road. We hope you can attend.