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**F&AM of California**  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September 2010:**

9/2, Thursday—Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person. Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge  
 9/9, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.—1st Degree  
 9/11—9/12, Saturday—Sunday, Castro Valley Fall Festival, Child ID Booth—*Volunteers Needed*  
 9/14, Tuesday—School of Instruction at San Leandro (116 W. Joaquin Avenue), 6:00 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required. Other members welcome.  
 9/16, Thursday—Entered Apprentice Degree for Mr. Brian Ross  
 9/23, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.  
 9/24—9/26—Friday—Sunday, Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California—begins 1 PM Friday. Complete schedule at <http://www.freemason.org>  
 9/30, Thursday—50 Year Presentation to Bro. Ernie Nidick and Family Potluck. 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Presentation. A-G bring a dessert / H-O bring side dish or casserole / P-Z bring a salad. Lodge to provide BBQ chicken and beverages.

**October 2010:**

10/7, Thursday—Hiram Award Presentation & Stated Meeting / 5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner/ 7:30 Opening—\$13/person. Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge  
 10/12, Tuesday—School of Instruction at Acacia (1074 B Street, Hayward), 6:00 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Opening. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors required. Other members welcome.  
 10/14, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors.  
 10/21, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors  
 10/28, Thursday—Officer's practice. 7:00 PM. All Lodge Officers and Surveyors

*Castro Valley DeMolay meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)*  
*Unity Rainbow meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)*  
*Eastern Star meets 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM)*  
*Jobs Daughters Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Acacia Lodge*  
*Jobs Daughters Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church*

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## From the East



Dear Brothers and Ladies,

First off, I want to thank all of the officers of the Lodge for stepping up and taking care of our Lodge during my illness. My recovery is slow, but filled with friends and Brothers. What more can I say? I am blessed to have so many who care.

Congratulations go out to Bro. Quinn on becoming a Master Mason. All of the officers did a great job on his raising at Sutter Creek. I was so proud to see so many in attendance. This is one of the reasons I became a line officer.

We will be presenting a 50 year pin—"Golden Veteran's Award" - to Bro. Ernie Nidick in September. I hope we have a big show of support for this dedicated, hard working brother. How wonderful it must feel to be part of this great organization for 50 years!

The Castro Valley Fall Festival is on September 11-12. We will, once again, be sponsoring a Child ID booth. I truly believe that if our hard work only results in the saving of one life, or in the feeling of increased security for one family, then our time will be worthwhile. Come and join me and the other volunteers at the booth and make a difference in someone else's life. Feel the pleasure you get from knowing you are part of something bigger than yourself.

I am pleased to announce that the Hiram Award committee has met and an honoree has been selected for this term. This gentleman has given so much to the Lodge, for so long, and has never asked for anything in return. We will be announcing his name at our September Stated Meeting. Make your reservations early!

As always, please contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

Fraternally,

**Roy Tamez, P.M. H.A.—(510) 537-1077 uncleroy551@att.net**

## Your Member Benefits:

*An important reminder*

You're entitled to the following support services no matter where you reside – whether in California or out of state.

**Member 60 years or older and in good standing for five consecutive years, or his wife or widow**

- ◆ referrals to senior care providers, financial assistance, and/or care management in your home community, provided by Masonic Senior Outreach
- ◆ admission to a Masonic Homes of California continuing care retirement community, located in Covina and Union City

**Member of any age and degree level**

- ◆ help dealing with family issues, such as the impact of divorce, the stresses of a special needs child, and other challenges, provided by Masonic Family Outreach

Contact Masonic Assistance at 888/466-3642 or [masonicassistance@mhcc.org](mailto:masonicassistance@mhcc.org) for information and support.

## Masonic Family Corner

**Unity Rainbow**—Our Installation of Officers will be October 2, 2010 at 2 PM. Kelsey Paiz will be our new Worthy Advisor. On October 16, 2010 from 9AM-4PM, We will be having an eWaste Fundraiser.

**Castro Valley DeMolay**—We will be staffing the Henry W. Coil Library during the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Come by and say "Hi". *Mark your calendars*—Our Installation of Officers will be November 6th at 7:30 PM.



## From the West



Brethren,

The year is drawing to a close, and what a year it has been. I am ecstatic about Wor. Roy's recovery. He is already back in Lodge doing ritual! It is so great to work with Roy, Alvaro and all of the officers and Surveyors.

I've been talking with some of you, and we are beginning to develop a plan for the next term. Some of you have approached me about joining our Surveyors program. I am happy to include anyone who wishes to "test drive" lodge leadership into the program. Just ask.

My wife, Jennifer, among all the many things she does, has volunteered to organize a Reno bus trip for next term. This will happen. Plan on attending.

We are also considering a formal, dinner-dance late in the term. I am looking for committee persons.

You may have noticed the emphasis placed on the Grand Masters "Greatest Gift" project in the *California Freemason* magazine. I am pleased to report that our own Wor. David (Bud) Rodger, PM (1965) attended the trip earlier this year and Wor. Charles W. Bishop, PM (1961) and Roy F. Nelson, HA are going on September 16th. I am sure they will be willing to tell you all about it when you attend lodge.

Roy, Alvaro, and I will be representing you at the Annual Communication. We hope you can attend.

This is a great time to be a member of Crow Canyon Lodge! In Brotherly Love,

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## From the South

*The Qualifications of a True Mason*

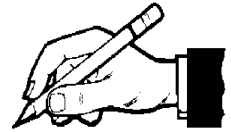
The true Mason is not creed bound. He realizes with the divine illumination of his Lodge that as a Mason his religion must be universal: Christ, Buddha, or Mohammed, the name means little, for he recognizes only the Light and the bearer. He worships at every shrine, bows before every altar, whether in Temple, Mosque or Cathedral, realizing with his true understanding of the oneness of all spiritual Truth. All true Masons know that the only heathen are those who, having great ideas, do not live up to them. They know that all religions are one story told in many ways for peoples whose ideals differ but whose great purpose is in harmony with Masonic ideals. North, East, South and West stretch the diversities of human thought, while the ideals of man apparently differ, when all is said and the crystallization of form with its false concepts is swept away, one great truth remains: all existing things are Temple Builders laboring for a single end. No true Mason can be narrow, for his Lodge is the divine expression of all broadness. There is no place for little minds in a great work.

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*Editor's note: Alvaro's article is a reprint of a series of articles that he found on Freemasonry and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Lodge or of the Fraternity in particular. There is no one spokesman for Freemasonry or its beliefs.*

## From the Secretary's Desk

*All Things Proper to be Written*



Brethren: At our August Stated meeting our semi-annual financials were read to the Brethren present. Because of that, and concern of our ability to meet expenses in the future, a discussion ensued, and a suggestion to increase our dues was on the floor. As a result of that discussion, a proposal was presented to amend our by-laws, under California Masonic Code 802.020, Article III, section 2, to read: **The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$60.00 per annum, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communications, payable in advance on the first day of January.** That the membership will be notified in writing that this Amendment would be voted on at our next Stated Meeting to be held on September 2, 2010, and that said section amended by the vote of two-thirds of the membership present on that date. The members of this lodge understand that this Amendment shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master. To explain; at present our dues are \$40.00 plus the per capita of \$33.00 to equal \$73.00 for 2010. So if the above passes, the dues will increase \$20.00, from \$40.00 to \$60.00 per annum. Plus the ever increasing per capita tax from Grand Lodge. There you have it.

The 161st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California will be held September 24th thru the 26th. Grand Lodge begins promptly Friday at 1:00 p.m. Any Master Mason who holds a current (2010) dues receipt may attend any session of Grand Lodge. **Attire: Business Suit.** Advance registration for credentials is not required. Credentials will be validated at the Registration Counter in the Exhibit Hall upon presentation of your 2010 dues receipt. If you need one, call me.

If you plan to attend let me know so we can all sit together. There is always interesting legislation going on, so please make an effort to attend. The Grand Lodge has published the proposed legislation for 2010. If you would like a copy, e-mail me at [crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net) and I will happy to e-mail all 34 pages to you.

If you are a Past Master and have an opinion as to voting the P.M. ballot, contact me.

Fraternally,

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## Hall Association News

Brethren, the Association needs to replace two positions: EVENT PLANNER and BUILDING MANAGER. The person who was doing those jobs has resigned. If you or someone you know is willing to fill one or both posts, please contact me as soon as possible.



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Thank you and fraternally,  
**Kurt Allen, TB Pres.**

### 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

Dale Parrish 88 years, 0 months and 14 days  
 Entered into Rest April 20, 2010

Richard L. Wicker 81 years, 6 months and 19 days  
 Entered into Rest July 22, 2010

Lawrence C Hoffmann, Jr. 86 years, 1 month and 14 days  
 Entered into Rest August 9, 2010

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

### 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Gooch, Donald R. (49) ; Jensen, Donald R. (27) ; Kemp, Murle D. (49) ; Kenyon, Edwin G. (29) ; Kinicki, Andrew (51) ; Laney, Johnnie E. (39) ; Larsen, Ralph D. (46) ; Lee, Robert E. (2) ; Leite, Mark J. (23) ; Lorenzini, Robert W. (7) ; Luque, James M. (38) ; Mac Laughlin, Kenneth H. (13) ; Mc Cord, Patrick M. (31) ; Middleton, David A. (15) ; Rothlisberger, Verl K. [PM] (24) ; Russell, Larry G. (45) ; Schulack, Herman I. (59) ; Skewis, Richard C. (51) ; Sullivan, John L. (15) ; Sullivan, Vernon H. (52) ; Toy, Russell A. (14) ; Vorpahl, Douglas W. (47) ; Walter, Jerry B. (40) ; Warzyniak, Mark G. (1) ; Wilson, Freddie M. [PM] (37) ; Worley, Carl E. (10) ; Wright, James H. Jr. (8)

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## Sunshine and Visiting

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



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