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# Trestleboard

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Crow Canyon Lodge  
No. 551

F&AM of California  
Chartered October 11, 1923

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## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

- 02/01 - **Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 02/07 - **Wednesday** - Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 02/08 - **Thursday** - 3rd Degree Practice - 7:00 PM
- 02/13 - **Tuesday** - District Officers School of Instruction - Pleasanton - 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 School
- 02/15 - **Thursday** - 3rd Degree Practice - 7:00 PM
- 02/19 - **Monday** - LAST DAY TO GET CRAB FEED TICKETS
- 02/22 - **Thursday** - 3rd Degree Bro. Orrin Benedict - 7:00 PM
- 02/24 - **Saturday** - Annual Crab Feed - 6:00 PM
- 02/27 - **Tuesday** - Hall Association Meeting - 6:30 PM

### MARCH

- 03/01 - **Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 03/02-03/04 - **Friday-Sunday** - Master's & Warden's Retreat
- 03/08 - **Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM
- 03/13 - **Tuesday** - District Officers School of Instruction - Pleasanton - 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 School
- 03/15 - **Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM
- 03/22 - **Thursday** - 50 Year Pin - Bro. Anthony Lloyd - 7:00 PM
- 02/24 - **Saturday** - Annual Crab Feed - 6:00 PM
- 02/27 - **Tuesday** - Hall Association Meeting - 6:30 PM
- 02/29 - **Thursday** - Family Potluck - (A-H Dessert, I-N Casserole Dish, O-Z Vegetable or Salad)

## Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- ◆ San Lorenzo Chapter Eastern Star No. 103 meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Monday (8:00 PM)
- ◆ Alchor White Shrine meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Friday (7:00 PM)
- ◆ Castro Valley DeMolay meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
- ◆ Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)
- ◆ Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261 Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Hayward Masonic Center
- ◆ Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1 Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church

## From the East

By Robert Eckstein, PM—Master

Brethren:

The word “February” is believed to have derived from the name “Februa” taken from the Roman “Festival of Purification.” The root “februo” meaning “I purify by sacrifice.” The Officers have been sacrificing their time getting ready for our first degree of the year on February 22nd. Brother Benedict will become a new Master Mason by receiving his 3rd degree.

This month we will hold our Annual Crab Feed on February 24th. This event is always a sell out so contact the Jr. Warden or Secretary for tickets sooner rather than later.

February 17th will find us hosting the Child ID program at Babies R Us in Dublin. It is enjoyable meeting families and letting them see Masonry in action. Contact Chairman Bro. David Allen if you can attend, even if it is only for an hour.

Do you need a Lodge shirt? We will have some sample sizes available at the Stated Meeting. Try one on to determine the right size for you.

## From the West

By Frederick Kao, PM—Senior Warden-elect

Looking forward to a great year. Hope you can join us for the 3rd Degree on February 22nd. Until next month, stay excited and get active!

## From the South

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Junior Warden

Brethren:

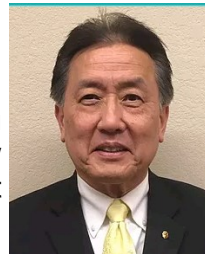
I would like to remind all of you that if there is a Masonic event at the lodge, all Masons are highly encouraged to attend and see the work being instructed and/or exemplified. IE: DOSI, Degrees, Practices, Stated Meetings...

The only exception of course is that it needs to be of your degree or lower. Please check the ‘Trestleboard’ calendar insert for the events coming up, and plan on attending some of them.

Now from Labor to Refreshments...

Dungeness Crab, a Bay Area delicacy. Where else can you find the most wonderfully textured, buttery flavored, succulent red beasts but at Crow Canyon 551?

Our Bay Area crab comes from two sources; Our northern fleet harvests from the Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties



while our other fleet brings them in from Bodega Bay, Point Reyes, and Pacifica.

Last year we purchased 330 lbs. of crab and served to a sold-out crowd of 105 patrons. This year we will be purchasing a bit more than that, and are planning on serving 150 of our friends and family. I have it on good authority that although we may run out of tickets, we have never run out of crab!

The dinner will be on February 24th at 6:00 PM, and tickets are selling like hotcakes. We will continue until sold-out or until February 19th. The price is the same as last year; \$40 for the crab dinner, and \$15 for the spaghetti dinner.

The crab dinner will consist of: Tossed Green Salad; Cooked, Cleaned, Cracked Crab; Pasta; and Garlic Bread. Desert will be Ice Cream Bars!

The Pasta dinner will consist of all of the above, except the Crab, of course.

## From the Secretary’s Table

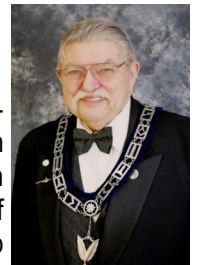
By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

In the 48 years that I have been a Master Mason the craft sure has changed. Participation has dropped off and our brothers have been failing to contribute to support the success of the lodge. The Grand Lodge continues to increase our per capita each year thereby, continue their financial survival. Within a few year the per capita tax will surpass our dues which are now \$60.00 per year. The Grand Lodge per capita tax is \$48.50. Our membership has

failed to keep pace with the cost of doing business. The lodge has funded the Hall Association \$67,110.00 last year to insure that we have a beautiful and safe place to meet. We have 23 Entered Apprentices, 6 Fellowcrafts and 266 Master Masons for a total of 295 members as of January 15th. We have lost 6 members who have passed away and 3 members who have demitted. As of January we have 12 members who have not paid their 2017 dues and 66 members who still have not paid their 2018 dues. We have two categories of members who do not need to contribute to the lodges annual expense: 1) members who’s dues are being remitted (of which we have 36) and life members (of which there are 66).

We have a great group of officers this year and a lot of planned activities for the benefit of our members and their families. The thing that I look forward to is our pot luck dinners. These will happen any time there is a fifth Thursday in any given month.

Our annual crab feed will be held on the 24th of February. This has been the biggest event of the year. Our kitchen crew does



themselves proud. Great meals come out of our kitchen thanks to the staff who really works hard to please our members.

This year we will honor seven of our members with their Golden Veteran's award, 50 years a Master Mason.

The officers are working hard to have a very successful year, come and be a part of that success.

### 3rd Degree Anniversaries

*The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the month of February*

Paul Amato (60)	Anthony Lloyd (50)
Glen Barth (75)	Paul Makela (44)
Ronald Bessette (26)	Howard Marmor (11)
David Bode (33)	Norvalle May (53)
Harold Burk Jr. (26)	Billy Mc Clary (35)
Ronnie Castia (27)	Roger Moore (38)
Kishore Gidvani (19)	Ronald Nobriga (21)
Jeffrey Hansen (21)	Allen Weisser [PM] (54)

# Celebrate

### February Birthdays

Chris Boggess (02/03)	Frank Densmore (02/14)
John Smith (02/03)	Fred Jonke (02/14)
Anthony Lloyd (02/05)	Mark Warzyniak (02/17)
Joseph Pedroni Jr. (02/05)	John Groff (02/19)
Alvin Rodes (02/05)	Ronald Selvey (02/19)
Harold Rubin (02/05)	Jack Fischer (02/23)
Edward Auguadro (02/06)	Alan West (02/26)
Robert Steen (02/10)	Sacco Lorenzini (02/29)
Billy Mc Clary (02/13)	

Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551 presents it's

## ANNUAL CRAB FEED

February 24th 2018 at 5:00P.M

4521 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley



\$40.00 per person



Non-crab eaters many enjoy all-you-can-eat pasta for \$15.00 per person.

Seating is limited to the first 150 guests - Tickets, **which must be purchased in advance**, are available from the Lodge Secretary.

## In Memoriam



Warren Hintz 93 Years, 1 month and 24 days  
Entered into rest December 3, 2017

Warren J. Blomseth PGM 88 Years and 8 Months and 6 Days  
Entered into rest January 06, 2018

*Great Architect of the Universe, into thine hands we commend the souls of our dear departed brothers!*

### Warren J. Blomseth, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Of California Transitions To The Celestial Lodge Above

Bro. Warren J. Blomseth joined Dimond Lodge in November of 1951 and was raised to Master Mason in April of 1952. He was installed as Master of Dimond Lodge No. 603 in 1962.

In 1980 Dimond No. 603, Lake Shore No. 551 & Lake Chabot No. 770 merged to form Tri-Square Lodge No. 551.

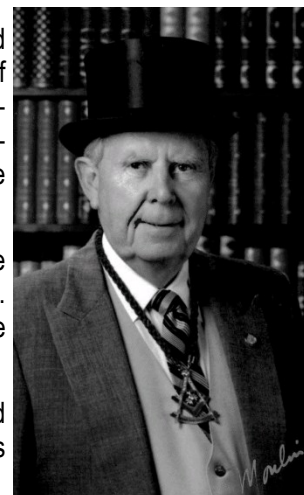
Bro. Blomseth served as Grand Master in 1993-1994 and served as Grand Treasurer from 2002-2005.

In 1997 Tri-Square No. 551 and Crow Canyon No. 569 merged to form Crow Canyon No. 551.

Bro. Blomseth received his Golden Veteran's Award (50 years a Mason) in 2002. He was honored as "Mason of the Year" in 2005 by the Grand Lodge of California.

His introduction to Freemasonry came in 1944 as a member of Fruitvale Chapter, Order of DeMolay. followed by Master Councilor and Advisor, honored with the Chevalier and Legion of Honor and as a trustee of the California DeMolay Foundation

Bro. Blomseth retired to Arizona but remained a member, in good standing in Crow Canyon No. 551 (65 years) and the Northern California Research Lodge until he "passed to the other shore" on January 6th of this year.



**MASTERS' and PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION  
Of ALAMEDA and CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES**

**105<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018  
3:00 PM**

**Grand Master Bruce Robert Galloway will attend**

**Masonic Home, Union City, CA**

**Reservations are REQUIRED**

Contact [mpmsecretary@att.net](mailto:mpmsecretary@att.net)

**2018 EVENTS CALENDAR**

02/17/2018	Child ID at Babys R Us, Dublin 9:00 AM
02/24/2018	Annual Crab Feed
03/22/2018	50 Year Pin - Anthony Lloyd
03/29/2018	Pot Luck
04/22/2018	Sweetheart's Brunch and Theatre Play
04/26/2018	Public School's Night
05/19/2018	Child ID - Rowell Ranch Rodeo
05/24/2018	50 Year Pin - Jack Holt
05/26/2018	Benicia Visitation
05/31/2018	Pot Luck
06/14/2018	50 Year Pin - Leonard Ambrose, PM
06/23/2018	Feast of St. John the Baptist
07/22/2018	2018 Annual Strawberry Feed - Masonic Home
08/04/2018	Child ID - Rowell Ranch Jr. Rodeo
08/16/2018	Hiram Award
08/30/2018	Pot Luck
09/08/2018	Child ID - Castro Valley Fall Festival
09/22/2018	Lodge Picnic
09/27/2018	Past Masters Night
10/12/2018	Child ID - Del Rey Elementary School
10/19/2018	169th Annual Communication
10/25/2018	Annual White Table Night
11/29/2018	Pot Luck
12/08/2018	2018 Lodge Installation
12/15/2018	Lodge Christmas Party

**NEW: Pharmacy Discount Program**

Want to pay less for your prescriptions? Just go to [masonichome.org](http://masonichome.org), then go to the Masonic Value Network page for more information.

- Free service, recommended by the Masonic Homes of California
- Find the best prices and coupons at pharmacies near you
- Save up to 80 percent off standard prescription prices

Brought to you by the Masonic Value Network. Explore our network of care providers and services at [masonichome.org](http://masonichome.org) > In Your Community > Masonic Value Network.

**California's Masonic Pioneers**

Between 1846 and 1850, California was transformed from a sleepy and distant province of Mexico into a vibrant state of the American Union. In these formative years, Freemasonry came to California with a rush.

At this year's California Masonic Symposium, immerse yourself in the fascinating story of our Masonic pioneers.

- Learn where our first lodges came from and how they were organized.
- Discover the colorful and inspiring leaders who ensured Freemasonry's perpetuity in the Golden State - and see how their legacies continue to impact Masonry today!



Bring a friend! Open to Masons and members of the general public.

**Saturday, June 9  
Grand Lodge, San Francisco**

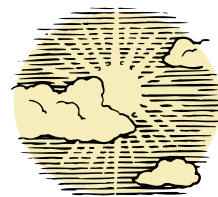
**Sunshine and Visiting**

These Brothers would love a phone call or e-mail from you to help cheer them up:

Mark Casperson, Charles Hintz, Howard Marmor, Bob Pinkerton, Corbit Ray

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer for their respective phone numbers.

If you know of a brother who is ill and could use some cheer please call Ernie or Les.



Ernie Nidick—Sunshine Chairman 925.828.6993 [email](mailto:Ernie@sunshine.org)  
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [email](mailto:Les@sunshine.org)

## 2018 Officers

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**Junior Deacon**—Glen Sears  
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Ron Katz - Fremont-Hayward—510.375.3137 cell

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### Inspector of the 317th Masonic District

Gary D. Sparks, P.M.  
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## 2018 Committees

### 2018 Appointments

**Charity Committee:** Master and Wardens

**Child ID:** David Allen, and Perry Klahr

**Crab Feed:** Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

**Executive Committee:** Robert Eckstein, PM, Paul Rodriguez, Brian Ross, Kurt Allen, PM, and Don Schauer

**Hiram Award Selection:** HA Committee (All HA recipients)

**Lodge App:** Robert Eckstein, PM

**Masonic Education:**

**Masonic Funeral:** Kurt Allen, PM, Bill Ferrell, PM

**Masonic Hall Association:** Pat Quinn

**Masonic Homes Endowment:** Don Schauer

**Masons for Mitts:** Kurt Allen, PM

**Membership Retention:** Don Schauer & Robert B. Eckstein, PM

**Picnic:** Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

**Printing and Mailings:** Don Schauer

**Strawberry Feed:** Ron Katz, PM and Perry Klahr

**Sunshine:** Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

**Sweethearts Committee:** Glenn Sears, Guy Phillips, Perry Klahr

**Visitation / Traveling Degree :** Kurt & Wynn Allen, and Don Schauer

**Website and Trestleboard:** Ron Katz, PM

**White Table Night:** J Rafisura

### Masonic Youth Orders

**Castro Valley DeMolay**—Steve Kolden—510.409.6118 [click to email](#)

**Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls**—Helen J. Zidek [click to email](#)

**Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261**—Laurel M. 559.696.0746 [click to email](#)

**Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1**—Jessica Keene 510.755.6312 [click to email](#)

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### To Reserve the Building

*Sorry the building is not currently available for rental.*

# Crow Canyon Lodge #551

## February 2018

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				1 Stated Meeting Social 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Opening 7:30 PM	2	3
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25	26	27 Hall Association - 6:30 PM	28			