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Trestleboard

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Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551
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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

Feb 2nd—Tues—Officers' Assembly—7:00 PM
Feb 4th—Thurs—Stated Meeting —5:30 PM Social—6 :15 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting
Feb 9th—Tues—DOSI @ Masonic Home—6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM School
Feb 11th—Thurs—EA Practice—7:00 PM Open
Feb 18th—Thurs—EA Practice—7:00 PM Open
Feb 23rd—Tues—DMPS—7:00 PM Meeting—Topic: AASR 2nd Degree Reading (Fellowcrafts & Master Masons only)
Feb 25th—Thurs—First Degree—Candidate to be determined—6:30 PM Light Meal—7:30 PM Open
Feb 27th—Sat—Annual "Henry Miller" Crab Feed—5:00 PM Dinner

March

Mar 1st—Tues—Officers' Assembly—7:00 PM
Mar 3rd—Thurs—Stated Meeting —5:30 PM Social—6 :15 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting
Mar 8th—Tues—DOSI @ Masonic Home—6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM School
Mar 10th—Thurs—Practice (TBD)—7:00 PM Open
Mar 17th—Thurs—Practice (TBD)—7:00 PM Open
Mar 22nd—Tues—DMPS—7:00 PM Meeting

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets @ Castro Valley Masonic Center (CVMC) 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM) <http://www.lakechabot103oes.org>
- 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 Michael Ramos—Worshipful Master

I hope February finds you and your loved ones in good health and high spirits.

A heartfelt congratulation goes to our newly raised Master Mason, Bro. Aaron Bianchi – my Brother, I wish you the very best in your continued Masonic Journey. May our Craft always provide you with the tools for true enlightenment and the joy of merry fellowship, and in return may you always serve with an aim towards adding to the honor of our Brotherhood's legacy. To my Officers and Officers' Coach, I thank you deeply for your dedication and hard work. Most of you have served our Line for multiple years, and a few of you are even Past Masters. Your pride in our ritual and adherence to our tenants makes it a pleasure to serve you and our Lodge as a whole.

I would like to announce, for those who were unable to attend our January Stated Meeting, that Wor. Bro. Robert Eckstein has been Installed as our Marshal to lend a much needed helping hand after the unexpected passing of Bro. Gene Moore. To those who have not yet had the pleasure of meeting Wor. Bro. Eckstein, please take some time to say 'Hi!' and chat with him at one of our many upcoming gatherings.

We currently have three applicants for the Degrees of Masonry, and February's calendar will reflect our hope that they are viewed with favor by our Lodge.

A list of this month's events can be found in the attached Trestle Board calendar, but I will continue to call them out in my articles. Our monthly Stated Meeting will be held on Thursday the 4th – dinner at 6:15 pm, lodge opens at 7:30 pm. On Tuesday the 9th we will have our DOSI at the Masonic Home, light dinner at 6:00 pm, class starting at 7:00 pm. On Thursday the 11th and 18th we will be having First Degree Practice, practice starts at 7:00 pm. On Tuesday the 23rd at 7:00 pm, DMPS will continue its reading of the AASR Craft Rituals with their version of the Fellowcraft Degree – Master Masons and Fellowcrafts only, Entered Apprentices not permitted. On Thursday the 25th we will be holding an Entered Apprentice Degree for one of our future Candidates, Dinner at 6:30 pm, Lodge Opens at 7:30 pm. And finally, on Saturday the 27th at 5:00 pm we will be hosting our annual 'Henry Miller' Crab Feed – costs are \$40.00 per person for Crab and Pasta, \$10.00 for Pasta Only. Tickets can be purchased from our Secretary, Don Schauer Sr. Do note that no tickets will be sold at the door, so please purchase your tickets in advance.

I look forward to seeing all of you this month and wish you the very best.

From the West

By Alex Von Stade—Senior Warden

Brethren:

It is hard to believe that we are already in the second month of 2016. It seems like yesterday that we were just putting away the Christmas decorations! With the year speeding along, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Along with that holiday, we also celebrate



President's Day and with that day, we pay tribute to our Founding Father, George Washington, who was known to be a Mason. I cannot help to wonder what Washington would say if he was able to travel in time and be able to sit on the sidelines during one of our present day Masonic proceedings. Would he be able to recognize the rituals? From his perspective, would he be surprised, shocked, or confused? As time travel is not possible, we can only speculate and hope that he would be pleased and satisfied. Although I am not sure where George could stable his horse during the proceedings!

Speaking of perspective, I would like to say that last month was the very first time for me to sit in the West. Sitting in that place of honor during the first Stated Meeting of 2016, I was able to see the Lodge in a different light and observe things from a different point of view. It never ceases to amaze me how a familiar place, such as the Lodge room, changes in appearance with a different perspective. That tells me that if we want to get a true picture of our surroundings and environment, we must view things from a variety of angles. We must be open to see the familiar in a new light. Have a Happy February.

From the South

By Alvaro Reynoso, PM—Junior Warden

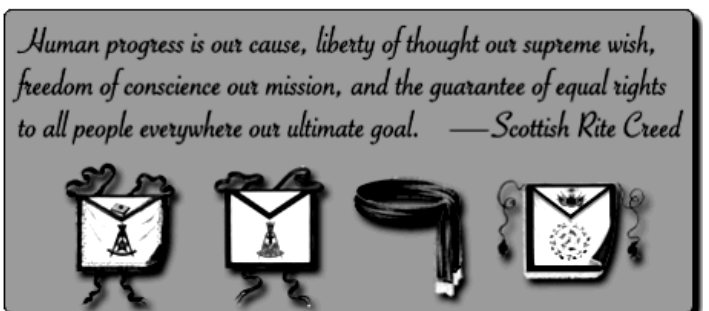
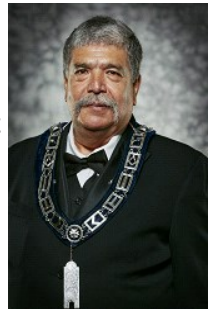
It is a great honor to address you in this my first article as the Junior Warden of our Lodge. To be asked to carry out this task is a blessing and I thank Wor. Bob Pinkerton and Wor. Mike Ramos for extending the invitation to me.

New Years Eve is a good time for some religion's believers to get together and have a good time. Food, fun, fellowship and the excess of alcohol are some of the traditions associated with New Year's observance.

In addition to this we have the New Year's resolutions—promises to start or stop something in the new year. In this new year of 2016, my resolution is not to make any promises because, based on past experience, I will keep the promise for just one week.

I want to conclude this article not with a resolution, but rather with my commitment to the Junior Warden's chair. We can all agree that there is always room for improvement. We can also agree that the quality of improvement will be no better than the quality of our leaders. And I have no doubt that under the leadership of our new Wor. Master, we will be able to continue the legacy of prior Masters and meet the challenges of the future of our Lodge.

I really like the Scottish Rite Creed from the New Age Magazine and I leave you with it:



From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

Some of you have been asking why your dues checks are taking so long to clear your bank. I make one lodge deposit per month, which is done on the next to the last business day of each month. When a dues check is received, I mail the receipt to the lodge member on the following day, but I keep the check, itself, in a lock box, in my desk, until I make the lodge monthly deposit. I photo copy each check that is received and the deposit slip matches the total amount of the copies of the checks. I am sorry if some of you are inconvenienced, but this works the best for me. On two separate occasions, I have had to dispute a deposit and each time, my system has prevailed in the dispute.

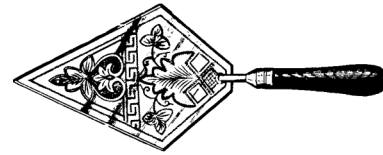
I am compiling the figures for our financial report, which is to be presented to the lodge at the February stated meeting, as well as being mailed, along with the year-end financial report, to the Grand Lodge.

My preliminary figures show that our expenses are far in excess of our income. As of this writing, there are still 70 members who have not paid their 2016 dues. 13 members still have not paid their 2015 dues. That's \$1,339.00 for 2015 and \$8,549.00 for 2016. This amounts to a total of \$9,888.00 in outstanding dues and are monies that the lodge needs for our continued operating expenses. If the 13 dues delinquent members do not catch up their dues by June 30, they will, as directed by the California Masonic Code, be suspended for non-payment of dues. Those suspended members would forfeit their opportunity to take advantage of any of the program's that are available through the Grand Lodge, until their dues are paid and become current. Every year our operating costs go up and our total income goes down. It is, obviously, becoming more and more expensive to maintain our lodge operations. While it is our duty to support the lodge, it becomes more and more difficult to do so each year. We are grateful to the seventeen life members, who were generous in donating their per capita tax to the lodge. This year the per capita tax, for the entire lodge, will amount to about \$13,100.00. The actual, specific, amount will be reported in our annual financial report, which will be presented in February. As everyone's operating costs are increasing annually, it is obvious that the same is true in respect to the costs of receiving support and services from Grand Lodge.



February Birthdays

Chris Boggess (02/03)	Billy Mc Clary (02/13)
John Smith (02/03)	Frank Densmore (02/14)
Anthony Lloyd (02/05)	Fred Jonke (02/14)
Joseph Pedroni Jr. (02/05)	Mark Warzyniak (02/17)
Al Rodes (02/05)	John Groff (02/19)
Harold Rubin (02/05)	Henry Miller Sr. (02/19)
Kyle Thompson (02/05)	Ronald Selvey (02/19)
Edward Auguadro (02/06)	Ronald Rourk (02/21)
Stephen Kinsman (02/07)	Joseph Clare (02/23)
Charles Smith Jr. (02/10)	Jack Fischer (02/23)
Robert Steen (02/10)	Alan West (02/26)
Irving Korr (02/12)	Sacco Lorenzini (02/29)



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Paul Amato (58)	Paul Makela (42)
Glen Barth (73)	Howard Marmor (9)
Ronald Besette (24)	Norvalle May (51)
David Bode (31)	Billy Mc Clary (33)
Harold Burk Jr. (24)	Roger Moore (36)
Ronnie Castia (25)	Ronald Nobriga (19)
Kishore Gidvani (17)	Prudencio Sotelo (36)
Charles Goodwin (58)	Daniel Stewart (17)
Jeffrey Hansen (19)	Allen Weisser [PM] (52)
Anthony Lloyd (48)	



2016 Crow Canyon Lodge Officers

Front Row: George Lumm, Alex Von Stade, Wor. Mike Ramos, Alvaro Reynoso, Don Schauer Sr., Eugene Moore†.

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2016 Committees

Appointments

Masonic Charity: Three Principle Officers
Sunshine: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake
Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn
Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer Sr.
Membership Retention: Don Schauer Sr. & Mike Ramos
Audit: Bill Biddell, Arnie Weinstein & Bob Pinkerton
Masonic Funeral: Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell & All Officers
Web Master: Ron Katz

Events

White Table Night: Alex Von Stade & Mike Ramos
Hiram Award Festivities: Alex Von Stade & Mike Ramos
Festive Boards & Feasts: Jonathan Prestage & Mike Ramos
Crab & Pasta Feed: Don Schauer & Roy Tamez
Strawberry Feed: Ron Katz
Public Schools Night: Eric Unti & Bill Ferrell
Child ID: David Allen & Roy Tamez
Sweetheart Events: Phil Busch & Kurt Allen
Visitation: Don Schauer, Kurt Allen & Mike Ramos
Masonic Formation and Education: Jonathan Prestage & Mike Ramos
Children's Holiday Party: Bill Ferrell & Mike Ramos

Masonic Youth Orders

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Crow Canyon No. 551 February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Officer's Assembly Meeting—7:00 PM *Installed officers only	3	4 Stated Meeting Dinner—6:15 pm Open—7:30 pm	5	6
7	8	9 DOSI @ Masonic Home Dinner—6:00 pm School—7:00 pm	10	11 EA Practice Open—7:00 pm	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 EA Practice Open—7:00 pm	19	20
21	22	23 DMPS—AASR Second Degree Reading Meeting—7:00 pm *FCs & MMs Only	24	25 First Degree – Cand. TBD Dinner – 6:30 pm Open – 7:30 pm	26	27 Annual "Henry Miller" Crab Feed Dinner—5:00 pm
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*All degree conferals, practices, and LOIs will not include dinner service unless otherwise noted in the calendar made by the Master.

Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551

Annual Crab Feed

February 27, 2016 5:00 P M

4521 Crow Canyon Rd. Castro Valley

\$40.00 per person

For you non crab eaters Pasta \$10.00 Per Person.

*Tickets are available from the lodge secretary
and limited to 125 guests .*

*Due to the high cost of crab, Tickets must be purchased on or
before Feb 22nd. Tickets will not be available at the door.*

No Tickets sold after Monday February 22nd.

