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Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551
F&AM of California
Chartered October 11, 1923



Calendar of Events

AUGUST

August 7—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner \$10/person. 7:30 PM Stated Meeting. Widows are guests of the lodge.

August 12—DARK—No Officers School of Instruction

August 14—3rd Degree Practice—7:00 PM

August 21—3rd Degree Practice—7:00 PM

August 22—Visitation to Mariposa Lodge (optional dinner) - 6:00 PM—5154 Jones Street, Mariposa, CA (details inside)

August 23—Visitation to Mariposa Lodge (3rd Degree—Bro Jorge Hernandez) - 1:00 PM—5154 Jones Street, Mariposa, CA / 5:00 PM—Master's Reception / 7:00 PM Steak Dinner at Mariposa Lodge—\$15/person in advance to Lyman Penning.

August 24—Visitation to Mariposa Lodge (optional brunch)—10:00 AM—Brunch at Miner's Inn

August 26—DMPS—Masonic Education / Masonic Discussion—7:00 PM

August 28—3rd Degree—Bro. Roberto Holguin—7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

September 4—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner \$10/person 7:30 PM Stated Meeting. Widows are guests of the lodge.

September 9—Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI)—7:00 PM—Mosaic Lodge, Livermore—Open to all Fellow Craft and Master Masons. Officers are required to attend. Surveyors are expected to attend. Topics: 2nd Degree and Middle Chamber Lecture. Other work to be determined. Arrive between 6 and 7 for a light meal compliments of Mosaic Lodge.

September 10—Mason's Night at AT&T Park—Giants vs. Rockies—6:15 PM—First Pitch 7:15 PM

September 11—1st Degree Practice—7:00 PM

September 13-14—Castro Valley Fall Festival—Child ID Booth—Meet at CVMC at 8:30 AM for set up

September 18—1st Degree—Mr. Perry Klahr—7:00 PM

September 20—Table Lodge in Honor of our Committee Chairmen—All Masons Invited—6:00 PM

September 23—DMPS—Masonic Education / Masonic Discussion—7:00 PM

September 24—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM

September 25—2nd Degree—Bro. Aaron Bianchi / Bro. Edwin Lira Ramilo—7:00 PM

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 Ron Katz, P.M.—Worshipful Master



I hope you enjoyed your time off during the month of July. It was really weird for me not having lodge every Thursday, but it was a nice break.

One of my favorite events for the year is our Visitation. What is Visitation? It is the opportunity for our lodge to travel to another Masonic location and confer a Masonic Degree. It is also the opportunity

for Brethren and their significant others to get away from the day-to-day and enjoy the company and fellowship of their brothers and sisters. For the ladies, it is an opportunity to explore interesting shops by day, and enjoy a great dinner with their man at night.

This year, our Visitation is scheduled for August 22-August 24. We will travel to Mariposa, CA and be the guests of Mariposa Lodge #24. Here is the schedule:

8/22—**Friday Night** (optional)—dinner as a group, check with Bro. Penning for details.

8/23—**Saturday Morning**—Breakfast on your own. **12:30 PM**—Members meet at 5154 Jones Street. Officers in Tux. We will open lodge at **1:00 PM** and confer the 3rd Degree upon Bro. Jorge Hernandez. During this time the ladies can shop downtown Mariposa, or just enjoy time to themselves. **5:30 PM**—We will meet up with the ladies again and have a reception in the Master's room (or other location to be determined). **7:00 PM**—We will return as a group to 5154 Jones Street for a BBQ Steak Dinner.

8/24—**Sunday Morning** (optional) - Brunch as a group at the Miner's Inn.

DMPS—I had the opportunity to attend my first DMPS in June as Tae Kwon Do was on break. I really enjoyed my evening, learned a lot and would recommend attendance to anyone who has not yet had the opportunity to go.

Child ID—The Castro Valley Fall Festival is just around the corner. We can use all the help we can get. Contact David Allen at 925.895.7192 to volunteer.

Here is to a great rest of the year!

From the West

By Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Senior Warden



Brothers, I need your help in identifying four Past Masters from Ashland Lodge 798 (before the lodges merged into Crow Canyon). I am publishing them as part of my S.W. article.

Please contact me by e-mail or phone if you know who these people are and can identify them for me. Once I have their names, I can look up the year they were Master. For your convenience, my email address is: r-pinkerton@sbcglobal.net. My phone is 510.851.6794.

Arnie Weinstein started this project and has done most of the work by the time I offered to take on the project as well.

Arnie has donated the use of his excellent scanner for the project and the pictures have now been digitized. Soon we can return it to him.

We can now put these pictures on digital picture frames and also finish putting up pictures on poster boards as well. A few of the pictures have faded over time and have been otherwise damaged. We have tried to make them as clear as possible. However there is only so much we can do without skilled professional services. Most of them are in pretty good shape though. The good news is these pictures can

now be archived electronically, and further deterioration prevented.



The year is halfway over and soon, people will be moving into new positions. The top three advancing officers have to meet the qualifications and requirements set by Grand Lodge, as well as the Senior Deacon. We will be busy in the coming months preparing for our new positions and setting up next year's proposed schedule and budgets. Wor. Katz has had a busy year, and we still have plenty of candidates and degrees to accomplish in the meantime as well.

I can't express how much I love having our lodge room back. The Temple Board has really done a great job getting it back in ship shape and navigating the rocks and shoals of dealing with various contractors, engineers, and civil bureaucracies. Thanks gentlemen.

From the South

By Michael Ramos—Junior Warden



Brethren & Friends,

For the month of August we will be serving Chicken Parmesan with Pasta. As always, if you plan on bringing guests, please do contact our Secretary prior to place reservations.

I often think how small things can make a huge difference. This truth is applicable with our personal lives, professions and Masonic Labors. The following is an example of a small thing that has a huge impact when experienced.

Prior to entering the Temple Room, we must be fully prepared for our labors; beyond being proficient in your portion of ritual, a certain mind frame and spiritual disposition are required for a Lodge to function at its highest level. To aid in attaining an environment of such thoughtfulness prior to ritual commencement, a custom observed by many Masonic Lodges around the world is "procession." Procession is an orderly process of entering the Lodge for Brethren and Officers alike. The Marshal oversees and leads the process, hence "marshaling the Lodge". First, two single file lines of Brethren form at the door, from youngest rank to eldest rank, and are then led into the Lodge by the Marshal and are seated in their proper places. Next, the Officers are led in much the same fashion but with slight variations that I will refrain from mentioning in this article.

This simple custom is usually performed while soft music, either from an organist or from an mp3, is played in the background. This gives time for the Brethren to sit quietly before the Lodge is opened and to contemplate on what we are about to embark upon, perhaps to also reflect upon their initiation, passing and raising or to their ongoing journey. Overall, it serves as a friendly reminder to the sincerity and respect we owe the Craft as mere custodians of its beauties.

Before our next meeting, I urge all of you to think about what we Freemasons do and why we do it, and how we may be able to do it better by aid of such small things, which can heighten our experience.

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



This is the Lodge's financial update as of the 30th of June 2014.

Currently, we have 20 Entered Apprentice, 10 Fellow Craft and 347 Master Masons for a total of 377 members.

Unfortunately, 20 members have not yet paid their 2014 dues which includes: 6 Entered Apprentice, 4 Fellow Craft and 10 Master Masons. There are 43 members being assisted and 76 life members. These members do not pay any dues. Therefore, that leaves 238 members to carry the financial needs of the Lodge.

From July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, we lost 22 members who have entered into rest, 4 members who have withdrawn and 9 who have been suspended for non-payment of dues. That is a total loss of 35 members.

During the same time, the Lodge has: Initiated 13, Affiliated 12, restored to Good Standing 1 and reinstated from Out of State 1. That is a gain of 27. We have also Passed 13 and Raised 9 in the same period.

The average age of members of the Lodge: Entered Apprentice 47.85 years, Fellow Craft 33 years and Master Mason 71.2 years. The average age for all 377 members is 68.76 years. We also have 267 Widows.

If you are one of the 20 who have not paid, the Lodge will still have to pay your per-capita tax which is included with your dues. By not paying, you will then be suspended on June 30, 2015. To avoid being suspended, please bring your payment to Lodge or mail it in.

The Annual Grand Lodge Communication is this October and the tax will probably go up as everything else has.

There are 7 name tags ready to be picked up for: Bros. Albnese, DeMasa, L. Garcia, Holguin, J. Kahn, Maier and Petsas. Please come to Lodge and claim your name tag.

There you have it. Numbers . . . numbers . . . numbers!

Inspiring Words

By Irwin Fershleiser—Chaplain

THE REAL MASON

*Masonry means much more
Than the wearing of a pin,
Or carrying a paid dues receipt
So the lodge will let you in
You may wear an emblem, on your coat,
From your finger flash a ring,
But if you're not sincere in your heart,
It doesn't mean a thing.*

*It's merely an outward sign to show
The world that you belong,
To this great Fraternal Brotherhood
That teaches Right from Wrong.*

*What really counts lays buried deep,
Within the human breast,
Till Masonic teachings brings it out
and puts it to the test.*

*If you practice out of the Lodge
Those things you learn within,
Be just and upright to yourself
and to your fellow men.*

*Console a Brother when he is sick,
Assist him when in need,
Without a thought or worldly gain
or any act or deed.*



*Walk and act in such a way
That the world without can see,
That none but the best can meet the test
Laid down by Masonry.
Be always faithful to your trust
And do the best you can,
Then you can proudly tell the world,
You're a Mason and a Man.*

Tell Me More About The York Rite

By Michael Ramos—Junior Warden



The 2014 York Rite Pilgrimage is coming near, and I wanted to take an opportunity to enlighten and educate any Master Masons who may be interested in pursuing membership into a Royal Arch Chapter, or any of the other further groups that comprise the York Rite. All of these groups confer all of their degrees, or orders, in a single day class setting on separate Saturdays from late September through October.

Royal Arch (Chapter): The Royal Arch's general theme takes place at the construction of the second Temple; the father of American Ritual, Thomas Smith Webb, instituted the Royal Arch in America in 1797. The first degree conferred is that of Mark Master Mason – in most other countries this degree stands alone, with its own Grand Lodge structure. Next, is the degree of Virtual Past Master – this carries from the days of old when only Past Masters (or Installed Masters) could be made Royal Arch Masons. The next degree is that of Most Excellent Master, and is finalized by the degree of Royal Arch. All of these degrees stem firmly from the 18th century and have an English and American origin.

Cryptic Council (Council): The Cryptic Council's general theme revolves around the crypts under the Temple. This group is more commonly known around the world as Royal & Select Masters. You must be a member of a Royal Arch Chapter to join a Cryptic Council. The first degree conferred is that of the Royal Master, followed by the degree of the Select Master, and is finalized by the degree of Super Excellent Master – this final degree is rare to obtain due to its infrequent conferral. These degrees stem from the 19th century and have a mix of French and American origin.

Knights Templar (Commandery): The Templar's theme is very far removed from what we generally consider commonplace in Freemasonry. It is based during the time of the early crusades, and is considered a "Chivalric Order." Prior to taking these Orders you are asked if you are willing to defend the Christian Religion, and you must be a member of a Royal Arch Chapter and a Cryptic Council. The first order conferred is that of the Order Of The Red Cross, followed by the Order Of Malta, and completed by the Order Of The Temple. Chivalric Orders have been present in Freemasonry since the 18th Century and have a French, English, German and Nordic heritage.

A common discouraging rumor is that the York Rite is a Christian-only association. This is absolutely false. You do not have to be a Christian to be a member, and you also do not have to take the Templar Orders if you so wish. I would urge any Brother looking to pursue "further light in Masonry" to start by joining a Royal Arch Chapter, and if you enjoy that experience, as I am sure you will, then pursue further at your discretion. If anyone is interested, you can speak with Gerald, Mickey or

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Visitation to Mariposa Lodge—8/22-8/24

Mariposa Masonic Lodge #24 F. &A.M.—5154 Jones Street, Mariposa, Calif. 95338-0443 PH: (209) 966-3668

Hotel accommodations in the area are limited and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call Now to Book. **Best Western** \$160.00 per night not including tax (209) 966-7545; **Yosemite Inn** \$149.00 per night not including tax (209) 742-6800; **Monarch Inn** \$132.00 per night not including tax (209) 966-4288
Cancellation Policy is 48 hours in advance for all properties.

Saturday Night Banquet will be at the Mariposa Masonic Lodge, \$15/person payable in advance to Lyman Penning.

Sunday Morning Brunch is being set up at the Miner's Inn Restaurant.

This event is opened to Master Masons and their significant other only. Children are welcome to the meals as well.

2014 Committees

Appointments

Audit – Kay Dunn, Robert Logan, Arnie Weinstein

Funeral –Bob Pinkerton, Ron Katz, Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez, Kay Dunn, Eugene Moore, Charles Hintz, David Allen, Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

Masonic Charity - The Master and the Wardens

Masonic Hall Association—John Smith-President

Masonic Homes Endowment—Robert Logan

Membership Retention – Don Schauer, Sr.

Sunshine—Ernie Nidick / Les Blake

Event Committees

Kids ID (9/13-9/14/14) - David Allen– Chairman / Sammy Tamez / Roy Tamez / Jerry Garcia

Feast of St. John (6/21/14, 9/20/14) - Michael Ramos / Charles Hintz / Stephen Kinsman

Visitation (8/22-8/24/14)— Lyman Penning / Eugene Moore

Masonic Youth Orders

Castro Valley DeMolay—Pat Quinn—510.755.7891 pdq551@att.net

Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—Donna Allen 925.735.1233

Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261—Laurel M. 559.696.0746

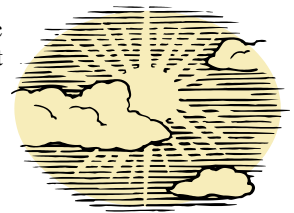
Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—Rebecca Ortiz 559.916.4701

Sunshine and Visiting

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

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