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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2021

- 10/02—Saturday—Double 3rd Degree at Mendocino Lodge in Fort Bragg—Open at 9:00 AM—Bro. Tremaine Ellison /12:30 Luncheon / 2:00 PM Bro. Aaron Johnson
- 10/06—Wednesday—Zoom Officer's Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10/07—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 6:00 PM —Meeting 7:30 PM
- 10/08-10/10—Grand Lodge Communication
- 10/14—Thursday—3rd Degree Bro. Scott Hamilton —7:00 PM
- 10/21—Thursday—3rd Degree Bro. Ozzie Ghani—7:00 PM
- 10/26—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 10/28—Thursday—Practice or Degree— 7:00 PM
- 10/30—Saturday—Hiram Award for Bro. Henry "Hank" Andreotti—6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 2021

- 11/03—Wednesday—Zoom Officer's Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11/04—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 6:00 PM —Meeting 7:30 PM
- 11/11—Thursday—Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
- 11/18—Thursday—Installation Practice—7:00 PM
- 11/25—Thursday—Happy Thanksgiving—DARK



Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- ◆ San Lorenzo Chapter Eastern Star No. 103 meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Monday (8:00 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 Paul Rodriguez-Obrien — Master

My Masonic Family.

There is no greater honor as Worshipful Master, then to watch the Junior Warden — present the “Light” to a new Brother Entered Apprentice Mason; to stand beside the Senior Warden as he sees the new Fellowcraft Mason’s eyes opening to “More Light” in Freemasonry, and as the Worshipful Master to present “Further Light” as they become a Master Mason.

As your Worshipful Master I have been blessed to be a part of all these experiences since we reopened our Lodge less than 4 months ago. It’s been a beautiful thing to see your Officers put in such hard work and accomplish so much in such a short time.

I would like to also take this time to congratulate your Brothers who have, and will have reached the sublime degree of Master Mason within the month of October: Brother Tremaine Ellison, Brother Aaron Johnson, Brother “Scott” Hamilton, and Brother “Ozzie” Ghani.

As Newly Raised Masons, your journey has only just begun. Take heart the advice that our Junior Deacon Phil Busch always advises Brothers as they pass their degrees; “You will get out of Masonry, exactly what you put into it”. I therefore suggest you look at the various avenues for participation in the activities of our Lodge so as to

find the areas where you will be the happiest in your new Masonic home.

There is such a variety of ways to serve and to benefit: a period of duty in one of the committees organized by the incoming

‘Worshipful Master’ Brian Ross; learning to participate as a sideliner in some aspects of degree work; answer the calling of becoming an Officer, or simply supporting the Lodge by regular attendance at Stated and Special Meetings; calling on a Brother who is ill; bringing wives, families and friends to our social functions; taking up the study of Masonic research, and, of special importance, partaking of all the good fellowship which is available to you through this Lodge.

May you chart your Masonic course with wisdom and humility, and may you experience the rewards which are yours to earn and receive.

Lastly my Brothers, there is just a short time left in this year. The new Officers (may they be elected to serve) will fill the advanced chairs for the October 7th Stated Meeting. Please attend and give them your encouragement and support as they continue on their journey in becoming the future Worshipful Masters of Crow Canyon Lodge #551.



From the West

By Brian Ross — Senior Warden

I look forward to seeing the Brethren at our October 2021 Stated Meeting - the new line officers will be sitting in their prospective chairs as a prelude to 2022. There is much work to be done and I hope you will attend and participate as your input into Lodge affairs is always valued and appreciated.

Our Lodge is alive and well with new prospects, candidates and those seeking to affiliate. In October, we will have our Visitation in Mendocino where a double-third degree will be conducted for Brothers Tremaine Ellison and Aaron Johnson. If you need a ride up to the visitation - contact me and we will see what can be worked out. That ceremony will be followed up by a month of third degrees over the balance of October presumably for Brothers Scott Hamilton and Osman "Ozzie" Ghani.

Please make plans to attend our Lodge Installation on December 4, 2021. Reservations are a must - you can call me or Junior Warden J. Rafisura to make you early-bird reservations.

From the South

By J. Rafisura — Junior Warden

Brethren, As the summer draws to an end, we now enter to the beginning of the end, Fall. Thank God, fire season will soon be over. Our thoughts are with those who labored tirelessly to fight the inferno and to those who were affected by this seemingly annual threat.

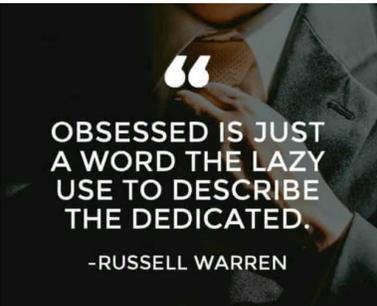
Seasons change and with it, comes unique challenges as well as opportunities. Life indeed is checkered with ups and downs, highs and lows, blacks and whites and not to mention the gray areas in between. In order to continue to flourish we need to be able to adapt and assimilate. Much like our ancient fraternity, we have managed to evolve and adapt, and at the same time, preserve traditions. It’s amazing how we were able to do a pivot, make adjustments and still do what we used to do for centuries. Having the Feasts of Holy Saints John, for example. During the pandemic, we have done it virtually and it turned out very well. We were still able to partake our meals, load and fire our “cannons”, invite guests/speakers and so forth. All the elements of the tradition were there, with an added twist of being virtual and not knowing what the other participants are wearing below their waist! Last year’s Annual Communication was done virtually too! Did I mention that the voting was also done electronically! Amazing!

On September 18, I had the pleasure to attend the Past Master’s Roll Call – in-person. It was attended by about 20 or so PMs and brothers. As usual, everyone enjoyed Uncle Roy’s breaded chicken breast and

Les’ calorie-filled apple pie with vanilla ice cream on top! There was a lot of reminiscing and storytelling that happened. While listening to their colorful stories and the history of our lodge, I felt like I was standing on the shoulders of the giants, breaking bread with Past Masters



who had their terms as Masters of the Lodge dating back as far as before I was born. I was seated next to WB Alex Von Stade who was the sitting SW during the time when I was raised as a Master Mason. Eventually, he became the Master and Past Master and to this day, he continues to show up during officer's instructions to help in any way he can. Such devotion to the craft! To my right was WB Edward Matraia, whom I consider as one of my mentors, the co-signer in my Scottish Rite application (with the late Fred Kao), and one of my first dear friends in Masonry. When I first attended Crow Canyon's stated dinner, my application to become a Mason was still pending. During that night, Ed came to my table and slammed a mug (with the S&Q and CCL's name on it) in front of me. "I have no doubt that you will be a Mason!", he said. And so, I became one. Ed had been a Mason for 48 years and had been a Lodge Master 2-3 times. The joke on the table was, whenever you had been a Lodge Master multiple times, that's because you could not get it right the first time. However, everybody in that table knows that it was the dedication and willingness to serve that made these Masons exceptional. They chose to be in the officer's line and labored until they were seated in that Oriental chair.



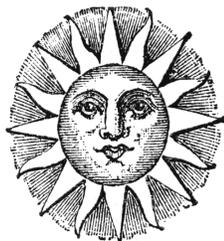
God-willing, when my time comes to lead the lodge (in about 2 years), I will have the honor to present Ed his 50-year pin as a Mason! We both are looking forward to it and you are all invited, as well as to any other events!

Sunshine and Visiting

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 [click to email](#)

Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [click to email](#)



Greeting from Bethel No. 1

Greetings! My name is Natalie S. and I am the current Guide of Bethel No.1 Dublin! We recently had our first meeting of the term on September 8th. The weekend of the 12th we hosted an Iron Chef virtual gathering. If you don't know, Iron Chef is where you get assigned one ingredient and you have to have that Ingredient in whatever meal that fits it. Now enough with that! Just recently we had an event where a few of us girls went to Downtown Pleasanton and got icicles ice cream, and hung out for a bit around town. It's great to be getting back to normal.



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

David Allen (10)	Martin Nilson (55)
Dave Baratto (26)	Lyman Penning (47)
Barry Bookman (32)	Robert Pinkerton (23)
Harold Brooke (59)	Russell Porter (57)
Brian Brunckhorst (22)	Rowell Prosser (12)
Phillip Busch (14)	Dale Reynolds (39)
Andrew Hawes (3)	Michael Schaffer (46)
Richard Keihner (43)	Elmer Seutter (53)
Delbert Kraft (47)	Eric Unti (14)
Glen Lane (53)	Alan West (34)
Paul Leiber (67)	



October Birthdays

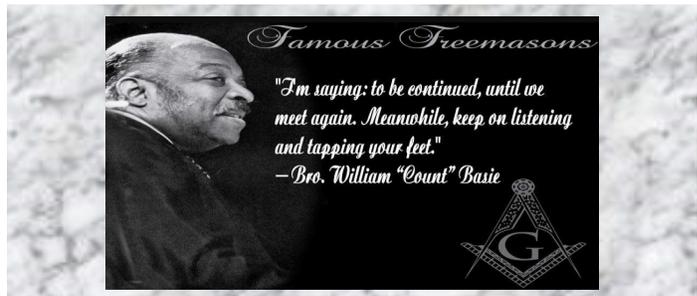
Gerald Woergoetter (10/04)	Pat Quinn (10/17)
Billy Bryant (10/05)	Larry Russell (10/19)
Scotty Stroup (10/05)	Michael Schaffer (10/19)
Johnnie Albanese (10/07)	James Luque (10/21)
Allen Weisser (10/07)	Guy Phillips (10/25)
Areo Comonal (10/10)	Jonathan Prestage (10/25)
Robert Wagle (10/10)	Danny Lee (10/26)
Victor VandenBerghe (10/11)	Austin Rhee (10/29)
Ronald Meissner (10/12)	Victor Smalley (10/31)
Jimmy Burns (10/17)	

In Memoriam

Herbert K Freeman 91 years and 2 days
Entered into rest August 26, 2021

Robert H. Fabel 88 years and 3 days
Entered into rest September 12, 2021

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



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Where in the World

Each month we log visitors to our website. This month we were pleased to have guests from: Lincoln Park, MI; Miami, FL; Blue Springs, MO; Ceres, CA; Jamison City, PA; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Baltimore, MD; Liverpool, UK; Oakdale, CA; Croydon, UK; Hampton, VI; Willingboro, NJ; Crewe, UK; Barrow in Furness, UK; Bhopal, India; New York, NY; Southfield, MI; Corvallis, OR; Snaith, UK; Abuja, Nigeria



Committees

2021 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, and Andrew Hawes

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Child ID: Jerry Garcia

Crab Feed: Don Schauer Sr., Perry Klahr, and Roy Tamez, PM

Executive Committee: Paul Rodriguez, PM, Brian Ross and Perry Klahr.

FOSJ and White Table Night: J Rafisura

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Masonic Education: TBD

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell, PM

Masonic Hall Association: Jerry Garcia

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer Sr.

Masons for Mitts: TBD

Membership Retention: Don Schauer Sr.

Picnic: Don Schauer Sr., Roy Tamez, PM, and Perry Klahr

Printing and Mailing: Don Schauer Sr.

Strawberry Feed: Ron Katz, PM, Perry Klahr, and Paul Rodriguez, PM

Sunshine and Visiting: Ernie Nidick and Les Blake

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch, Paul Rodriguez, PM

Trustees: Brian Ross, Paul Rodriguez, PM

Visiting /Traveling Degree: Don Schauer Sr.

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM.

Masonic Youth Orders

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

Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—Heidi Kolden - 510.693.1385
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Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261—Joy Molina 510.754.4983 [click to email](#)

Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—Katie Bardwell 925.918.1675 [click to email](#)

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DeMolay - demolay.org

Jobs Daughters - jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls - gorainbow.org



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Oct 2021



Month							Agenda
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
	7pm Hall Association		7pm 3rd Degree Practic			Travel Degree to Mer	
Travel Degree to Mer	4	5	6	7	8	9	
		7pm Officer's Meeting -6:15pm Stated Dinner 7:30pm Stated Meeting	7pm 3rd Degree - Bro.	12pm Grand Lodge Cor	10am Grand Lodge Cor		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
12pm Grand Lodge Pub	Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' D		7pm 3rd Degree - Bro.				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
			7pm 3rd Degree - Bro.				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	7pm Hall Association		7pm Practice or Degree		5pm Hiram Award - Bro		
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Halloween	First Day of American	Election Day	7pm Officer's Meeting	6:15pm Stated Dinner 7:30pm Stated Meeting			