

Crow Canyon Lodge no. 551
F&AM of California
 Chartered October 11, 1923
 P.O. Box 2014
 Castro Valley, CA 94546-0014

October 2008 Trestleboard
 Volume 4, Issue 9

Non-Profit Org
 US Postage PAID
 Hayward, CA
 Permit No. 484

Dated Material Enclosed
Change Service Requested



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 10/2—Thursday—Stated Meeting (5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Opening)
- 10/4—Saturday—DeMolay Membership Class Honoring New Grand Master of Masons, Oakland SR—10 AM
- 10/8—Wednesday—Second Degree Practice—7 PM
- 10/9—Thursday—Second Degree Practice—7 PM
- 10/14—Tuesday—District Officers School of Instruction @ San Leandro—7 PM. Dinner @ 6 PM. All lodge officers required to attend.
- 10/15—Wednesday—Second Degree Conferral—Bro. Mark Parinas—7 PM
- 10/16—Thursday—First Degree Practice—7 PM
- 10/19—Sunday—Senior Ball—2 PM—Free Dance @ Masonic Home
- 10/22—Wednesday—First Degree Practice—7 PM
- 10/23—Thursday—First Degree Practice—7 PM
- 10/29—Thursday—First Degree Conferral—TBA—7 PM
- 10/30—Thursday—Crow Canyon Lodge, Family Potluck BBQ—Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:30 PM

November (preview)

- 11/6—Thursday—Stated Meeting (5:30 Social / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Opening)
- 11/8—Saturday—Castro Valley DeMolay, Installation of Officers—7:30 PM
- 11/14—Friday—Castro Valley DeMolay, Thanksgiving Dinner/Dance and Food Drive for Alameda County Foodbank—6:30 PM—Presale tickets available now—510-375-3137

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

Inside this issue:	
Message from the East	2
Message from the West	2
Message from the South	2
Lodge Visitation	3
Message from the Secretary's	3
In Memoriam	3
3rd Degree Anniversaries	4
Contact the Officers	4

From the East



Masonry has always been about a few good men, responsible to their brothers and the fraternity. As far back as you go only a select group walked Masonic halls and each took the lives of their brothers and their brothers acts to task and supported them when they were successful and not so successful. When Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin were at opposite ends of the spectrum and neither would speak and their egos overrode common sense Masonry brought them together for open discussions before the signing of Covenant of the League of Nations. Their fraternal obligations mandated that they speak and work towards some kind of reconciliation for their countries best interest. When a brother Mason errors it is our obligation to whisper kind words of wisdom in his ear to assist him in making the wisest choice towards his actions and the good of our fraternity. Not every Mason is perfect, neither are every Mason perfect ritualists, we are all leaders in our own right and it is about our brothers doing the very best they can do. Nothing more nothing less. We are here to help and guide our own.

We should be brothers and friends, mentors and champions to one another and all work towards the good of the fraternity and our lodges. Your lodge is without a number of line officers next year and there are a number of Past Masters once again filling chairs that maybe one of you could fill and that PM could be your coach and mentor. Support your lodge!

I was fortunate enough to assist a group of Crow Canyon 551 brothers for about an hour on Sunday September 14th at the Castro Valley Fall Festival and what a very successful event even with low numbers of members from the lodge asking to help. I really wish to thank the group who completed over 500 child ID's for families in the Castro Valley and surrounding areas over the two days of the Fall Festival..

Crow Canyon confirmed a 3rd degree on Brother Lee on the 20th (as yet to happen when I wrote this article) and we had one (1) brother each from Pleasanton 321 and Mountain View De Anza attend this degree. I wish to thank all of the brethren who stepped up to assist your officers, fill chairs and confirm this degree on Brother Lee and in so doing provide a little fun in the form of a visitation and dinner. It was a feast of friendship and fraternal love. I wish to thank Lyman Pennington who so persevered and put this event together and challenged this lodge to perform. Nice Job Lyman! Brother Lee congratulations on becoming Crow Canyon 551 newest Master Mason, I know you will be an asset to Masonry in General and this lodge in particular.

There are three months remaining for my time in the East and next year Bud Warder a long time Crow Canyon member and one who started his climb to the East at Sr. Deacon will fill your most important chair, please support him, please make his year the best that can be remembered and if you can please fill some of the vacant chairs.

Fred Avery, PM—(510) 733-6001 C: (415) 314-7982 W: (415) 817-5196 FAvery@bcciconst.com

From the West

Day at the Races



Brethren, our annual "Day at the Races" will take place at 12:00 noon, on Saturday, November 1, 2008, in the "Turf Club" at Golden Gate Fields in Albany. This event is open to your wife and other adult family members. All attendees should wear upscale attire. Ladies and brethren may want to wear hats, so we stand out. Our Golden Gate Fields raceday package includes parking, admission to the "Turf Club", all you can eat Buffet meal, watching all the day's races, access to wagering, and race contests from the track.



A race will be dedicated to Crow Canyon Lodge, and we will be mentioned by the track announcer, on the tote board, and in the day's program. We will draw for the six or seven, who will be photographed in the winner's circle with the winning horse and jockey of our dedicated race. We will also receive a short presentation from the Northern California Director of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, and Peggy and I will put together contests with prizes just for our group. Prizes will include a personal escorted tour of the back-lot facilities to meet our horse in training (if Papa is at the track that day), and our trainer Steve Sherman.

I've reserved 35 tickets, which are being sold for our cost of \$30 each. Thanks to the Thornberg account, however, the cost of each ticket is being paid by our Lodge!!! THIS EVENT WILL BE FREE TO YOU!!! Here's how it will work. Fill out the reservation form below, and mail it to me with your check for \$30 for each person who will be attending. Show up at Golden Gate Fields on November 1, and I'll give you your tickets, and return your check to you. If you don't show up, our

Treasurer will deposit your check into our lodge bank account. Get your reservation forms to me as soon as possible, so I can order additional tickets if needed.

Day at the Races Ticket Order Form

Name: _____ Tickets Needed: _____ Check Amount: _____

Mail to: Bud Warder—Senior Warden
588 Indian Home Rd
Danville, CA 94526
925-998-6603 / bud@kioskamerica.com

From the South

"RELIEF"—From Grand Lodge Website

Freemasonry is founded on the moral and ethical doctrines of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. These great Masonic tenets are not the starting point for abstract speculation. They are the basis for practical action in the lives of Freemasons. Masons are taught that because all men and women are the children of God, they are brothers and sisters, entitled to dignity, respect, and consideration of their feelings. Each person must learn and practice self-control, to make sure that his or her spiritual nature, the requirement to "do good, and avoid evil," guides him or her when dealing with other persons. Finally, Freemasonry emphasizes that it is important to work to make this world better for all that live in it.



"Masonry teaches the importance of doing good, not because it assures a person's entrance into heaven—that's a question for a religion, not a fraternity—but because we have a duty to all other men and women to make their lives as fulfilling as they can be.

The Grand Lodge of California has defined Freemasonry as "kindness in the

home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another" and reverence for God. These are not abstract tasks—while not easy, any Mason adhering to the teachings of the Fraternity can practice them in his daily coming and goings in this world. Freemasonry teaches that by the "exercise of Brotherly Love" we are taught to regard all people as the children of God, and therefore part of one great family uniting the rich and the poor, the exalted and the common man. The members of this family are commanded to "aid, support, and protect each other" and to treat each other with justice and kindness.

Standing behind this teaching is the Biblical injunction that "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Leviticus 19:18). These words mean that the honor and property of our fellowmen should be as dear to us as our own. They are a comprehensive rule of conduct, "containing the essence of religion and applicable in every human relation and towards all men." Genesis 5:1 proclaims, "This is the book of the generations of man. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made He him." As this verse teaches reverence for the Divine image in man, it proclaims the unity of mankind, and the resulting doctrine of the brotherhood of man. All men are created in the Divine image, and are therefore our fellowmen and entitled to human love.

Closely related to Brotherly Love is the Masonic principal of Relief for those in distress. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly

on Masons. Freemasons are taught to show compassion for their fellowmen, to treat all in a just and upright manner, and to commit random acts of lovingkindness.

Freemasonry enjoins us to render our neighbor "every kind office which justice or mercy may require, by relieving his distresses and soothing his afflictions; and by doing to him as, in similar

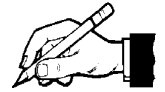
cases, you would that he should do unto you."

Masonry teaches, "...and as Justice in a great measure constitutes the really good man, so should it be [his] invariable practice."

So how then are brothers to treat brothers? Freemasonry's answer is that we should treat our fellow men with Justice and Charity. Masonry defines Justice as "that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render unto every man his just due, without distinction." Justice and righteousness are the major ethical qualities of God and man, upon which all other ethical commandments rest. The Masonic concept of Justice emphasizes equality and the equitable treatment of individuals and peoples, so that every man receives his just due "without distinction" as to rank or wealth or honors.

From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper To Be Written



Brethren as you may already know that our lodge is comprised of eight consolidated lodges. Being one who enjoys trivia, I discovered that one of the lodges, Bay View 401 was chartered in 1909. If the consolidation committee had taken the 401 number, we would have celebrated our 100th anniversary next year. Anyway Happy 85th Anniversary on October 11, 2008. By the way Jobs Daughters in California also celebrated their 85th anniversary last June.

At present our Lodge has a population of 427 Master Masons. Our youngest member is 20.86 years old and the oldest has accomplished 101.53 years. 3 members at 0.70% are in their 20's, 8 members at 1.87% are in their 30's, 21 members at 4.92% are in their 40's, 47 members at 11.01% are in their 50's, 88 members at 20.61% are in their 60's, 111 members at 26.00% are in their 70's, 128 members at 29.98% are in their 80's, and 19 members at 4.45% are in their 90's, and 2 members at 0.47% are over 100 years. The average age of our membership is 72.19 years old. These statistics may be fun to look at but it shows that if the fraternity is to survive we need participation from all age groups to insure our survival. There are many Brothers who are apprehensive about attending lodge because they may have forgotten some of the protocol in attending a meeting. If you are one of those Brothers, contact me and I will verify your good standing and do a "run through" of the proper Lodge etiquette. Please try to make a degree or stated meeting.

If you have any comments please feel free to contact me. The lodge telephone number is; 510-886-2023. The Lodge e-mail address is; crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net

Bill Ferrell, PM—Secretary—(510) 886-2023

In Memoriam

Charles Lee Farrell
Entered into Rest

80 years 11 months and 28 days
August 12, 2008

Christopher Brent Cole
Entered into Rest

66 years, 8 months and 22 days
September 2, 2008



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

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Bain, William John (52); **Baratto**, Dave Louis (13); **Bishop**, Charles Wallace [PM] (55); **Bookman**, Barry Lewis (19); **Brooke**, Harold Robert [PM] (46); **Bruckhorst**, Brian R. (9); **Bruckhorst**, David P. (9); **Busch**, Phillip Martin (1); **Cuthbert**, Talbot Scott (20); **Egelston**, Roderick Keith (30); **Fiddes**, Terry (57); **Gabriel**, Robert Martin (37); **Hansen**, Robert Carl [PM] (29); **Hardesty**, John Franklin (33); **Hicks**, Charles Franklin Sr. [PM] (24); **Hintz**, Charles Ray [PM] (9); **Hintz**, Warren Glenn (45); **Huckins**, Melvin Roy (49); **Jensen**, David Stanley (10); **Johnson**, Charles Aldon (39); **Kavert**, David Laroy (39); **Keihner**, Richard George (30); **Kolsch**, Gordon (40); **Kresge**, John Robert [PM] (48); **Lane**, Glen William (40); **Langton**, Royle Monroe (54); **Leiber**, Paul Henry Jr. (54); **Lobree**, Bruce Alan (26); **Mc Evers**, Donald Courtney (53); **Meier**, Paul Gerst [PM] (47); **Miller**, Henry Earl Sr. [PM] (39); **Mutnick**, Bertram Zachary (59); **Nilson**, Martin Norman Jr. (42); **Penning**, Lyman Chester [PM] (34); **Porter**, Russell Lee (44); **Price**, Walter Elwood (19); **Proffitt**, Edward Earl [PM] (54); **Rafalski**, Ned Edward (26); **Reynolds**, Dale Arnold (26); **Roberts**, Donald Russell (48); **Romero**, Ronald Henry (21); **Rowe**, Thomas Arthur (47); **Saks**, Robert Edwin (56); **Schulz**, Raymond Andrew (22); **Seutter**, Elmer Paul (40); **Sonnichsen**, David Eugene (63); **Stephenson**, William Thomas (42); **Stevenson**, David Allen (41); **Strain**, William Estell (53); **Suokko**, Leonard Walter (49); **Tague**, Gene De Martyn Jr. (21); **Thomas**, Richard Marshall (29); **Unti**, Eric James (1); **Wagner**, Robert James (30); **Weinstein**, Arnold Mitchell (2); **West**, Alan Douglas [PM] (21); **York**, Jack Madison (62)

2008 Officers

Master - Fred Avery, P.M.
 (Nicki) - (510) 733-6001 C: (415) 314-7982
 W: (415) 817-5196 F Avery@bcciconst.com

Senior Warden - Gordon "Bud" Warder
 (Peggy) - (925) 998-6603 bud@kioskamerica.com

Junior Warden - Paul A Tamez
 (Liz) (510) 589-1560 tamez20@aol.com

Treasurer - Robert C. Hansen, P.M., H.A.
 (Sherry) - (510) 537-0109 rchan236@sbcglobal.net

Secretary - William M. Ferrell, P.M., H.A.
 (Kathy) - (510) 886-2023
 CrowCanyon551@sbcglobal.net

Assistant Secretary—Ron Katz, P.M.
 (Jennifer) - C: (510) 375-3137
 baerconsulting@yahoo.com

Chaplain

Sr. Deacon - Alvaro R. Reynoso, P.M.
 (Cruz) - (510) 490-2192 / C: (510) 364-7073

Junior Deacon

Sr. Steward - Arnold Weinstein
 (Shelley) - (925) 275-9217

Jr. Steward

Tiler - Jack Palmeri, P.M., H.A.
 (510) 783-7546

Officer's Coach—Roy Tamez, P.M., H.A.
 (510) 537-1077

Assistant Officer's Coach - Ron Katz, P.M.

Candidate Coach: Gary Frisvold, H.A.
 (Roxana) - (510) 538-1093

Inspector of the 156th Masonic District
David J. Thorne, P.M., H.A.
 (925) 449-4058 slvrblt@pacbell.net

Sunshine and Visiting

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

Please keep the following brothers in your thoughts: Greg Jaster, Ron Rourk, Fred Schaffer, Joseph Amato, Keith Boyer, Roy Burt, Ken Mac Laughlin and Max McGuire.

Phillip Busch, Committee Chairman — (510) 733-5840

Special Committees

Sunshine
 Phillip Busch
 (Theresa) (510) 733-5840

Castro Valley DeMolay
 Ron Katz
 (Jennifer) - (510) 375-3137

Unity Rainbow for Girls
 Lorrie Kern
 (510) 537-2797 Lrkern@pacbell.net

Jobs Daughters
Hayward—Jennifer Katz
 (510) 375-3138
 jenniferkatz94545@yahoo.com

Dublin—Denise Jow
 (510) 352-4292
 deejow@earthlink.net

Public Schools
 Eric Unti
 (Renee) (510) 537-1530
 erunti@earthlink.net

Lodge Ambassador to Masonic Homes
 Robert Logan, P.M., H.A.
 (Linda) (925) 737-0430
 rlogan8198@cs.com

Sweethearts (Widows) Program
 Kurt R Allen, P.M., H.A.
 (Donna) - (925) 735-1233
 kurtrallen@sbcglobal.net

Masonic Hall Association
 Sammy Tamez, P.M.
 (Maxine) - (510) 928-1978
 samtamez551@aol.com

E-Mail Address. Crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net

Read the Trestleboard online first at <http://www.calodges.org/no551/news.htm>

Monthly Trestleboard of Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551
Free and Accepted Masons
 P.O. Box 2014, Castro Valley, CA 94546-0014
 (510) 247-0725 (lobby, kitchen)

Editor: Ron Katz—Email: baerconsulting@yahoo.com
 Home: (510) 783-3112 Cell: (510) 375-3137
 Please call ahead and confirm times and dates.