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**Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551**

F&AM of California
Chartered October 11, 1923

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 09/04-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting-7:00 PM
- 09/05-Thursday-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30
- 09/07-09/08-Saturday-Sunday-Fall Festival Child ID-9:00-5:00
- 09/10-Tuesday-DOSI Mosaic Livermore-Lite Dinner 6:30 PM / School 7:00 PM
- 09/12-Thursday-Practice 1st Degree - 7:00 PM
- 09/14-Saturday-Lodge Picnic-Golden Gate Live Steamers-2701 Grizzly Peak Blvd, Orinda-11:30 AM-2:30 PM
- 09/19-Thursday-1st Degree -Mr. Ted Rucker - 7:00 PM
- 09/22-Sunday-Lodge Sportsman's Club Rock Cod Fishing Trip - 5:30 AM at the pier. Call the Sr. Warden for details and to book your spot.
- 09/24-Tuesday-Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting-7:00 PM
- 09/26-Thursday-Past Masters' Roll Call - Free dinner open to all members of the lodge-6:00 PM-Come celebrate our Past Masters along with the names of the members initiated during their year (perhaps you!)

OCTOBER 2019

- 10/02-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting-7:00 PM
- 10/03-Thursday-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30
- 10/10-Thursday-DOSI CVMC-Lite Dinner 6:30 PM / School 7:00 PM
- 10/12-Saturday-Lodge Visitation to Carmel
- 10/17-Thursday-LODGE DARK
- 10/18-Friday-170th Grand Lodge Communication - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
- 10/19-Saturday-170th Grand Lodge Communication - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
- 10/20-Sunday-170th Grand Lodge Communication - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
- 10/22-Tuesday-Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting-7:00 PM
- 10/24-Thursday-Practice or Degree - 7:00 PM
- 10/30-Thursday-LODGE DARK-Happy Halloween!

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 Robert Eckstein, PM—Master

Brethren:

Well, we ended August with a nicely attended Potluck and the 1st Annual Chili Cook Off! Please see the results of the Cook Off posted elsewhere in this Trestle-board. The 2019 Hiram Award was presented to our well deserving Brother Pat Quinn on Saturday August 10th. Everyone had fun and a great lunch. Our Annual White Table Night was also well attended. Everyone enjoyed fine food and dancing to a very good live band. Thank you Bro. Brian, our Jr. Warden, for a wonderful night!

September is also a busy month. We will present the Child ID program at the Castro Valley Fall Festival on Saturday and Sunday 9/7-9/8. Then on the following Saturday we have our Annual Lodge Picnic at the Golden Gate Steamers facility in Tilden Park. This is a free event but we need reservations so we will have enough food. Please RSVP to the Jr. Warden.

We plan to hold a 1st degree on the third Thursday of this month. Watch the calendar on our website (www.ccl551.org) and the Lodge App on your smartphone. If you have not installed the Crow Canyon Lodge App on your iPhone or Android phone do the following: On your phone go to <http://ourapp.link/crow-canyon> then follow the instructions.

The 4th Thursday, 9/26, we will hold the Annual Past Masters' Night and Roll Call. This is a free dinner event to honor the Lodges PM's. All members are invited to come and say "Hi!" to the Master who raised you.

On October 12, 2019 we will hold a Lodge Visitation to Carmel. Please let Wor. Kurt Allen know if you are interested. We plan on hosting lunch. Also hotel and dinner reservations will be available.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

From the West

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Senior Warden

My Father, My Brother:

You never spoke of Masonry, other than it was something that you and my Grandfather belonged to. But obviously there was something amiss that no one was talking about. With you being an educated man with high moral standards, there had to be something here that was worthy to pursue. I finally asked you to explain Masonry several years back, but I had no idea where this would lead me in life.

It was the small lessons or a push in certain directions at specific times that allowed me to accept my own path in who I wanted



to become. What you gave me was a good foundation, and unknowingly to myself, an understanding of the three most basic, yet very important tenets of Masonry.

I. BELIEF IN THE ALMIGHTY

I remember well you dutifully taking us children to church almost every Sunday from the time I could ever manage to walk. The lessons learned from all those early Sunday mornings were an appreciation in a loving God Almighty, and the ability to accept others as we would wish them to accept us.



God may be called Yahweh, Jehovah, Buddha, Brahma, and even Allah. But together we have a greater understanding as we all come together as a lodge and break bread and enjoy each other's fellowship. Suffice it to say that these differing names all meant the same; The Almighty Supreme Being.

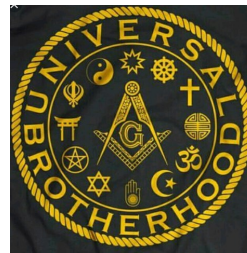
II. THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL

The greatest challenge I have faced as yet was in becoming a Father. Now that my Kids are out of the house, I have the time to step back and see my work. I'm pleased and thankful to God that they grew strong and seem to be able to make good decisions of their own. I realize now that my success was also due to having a great teacher in my Father.

We are the custodians of our children's soul, and it's our responsibility that they too will be all that our parents had hoped we would become. Because we believe that our soul is immortal and that it lives beyond death, and our earthly bonds as well. It is that part of us that thinks, feels, dreams, aspires; the ego, the personality, our essence. It is 'that house not made with hands, eternal in Heaven'.

III. THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

In our Masonic Lodge, all Brothers meet on the same level regardless of different religious, ethnic, political views, nationality, or social background. We are simply "Brothers". We understand that Masonry survives and grows among men around the world because it seeks friendship, mutual assistance, and brotherly love and affection with those who can best work and best agree. Masonry binds men together in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of mankind.



I am finding that I am becoming a better man because of that initial conversation we had together regarding what Masonry was to you, and how you lived those principles of 'Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth' within your life. In all, I want to thank you for allowing me to join you in your Masonic journey, and for being the father that you are to me.

From the South

By Brian Ross—Junior Warden

The month of September has several events open to all brothers. On September 7 & 8 we have the Castro Valley Fall Festival and the Child ID Program for volunteers who are looking for some way to do good for the local community. Roy always has a hearty breakfast waiting for the volunteers on the morning of the first day (September 7). C'mon out and participate – the lodge could use your help during this worthwhile event. No experience required!



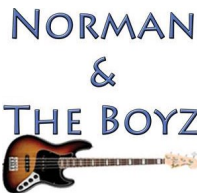
Our lodge picnic is September 14, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Golden Gate Live Steamers clubhouse and grounds located at 2710 Grizzly Peak Blvd., Orinda, California. Contact J Rafisura (Senior Deacon) or myself to reserve your spots!

Uncle Roy will be barbecuing tri-tip as always – but if you bakers out there could rustle up some desserts that would be great.

On September 22, 2019, the Lodge Sportsman's Club will be off on another Rock-Cod fishing trip. Reserve your space by contacting Paul Rodriguez (Senior Warden) or myself. I went out fishing with Pleasanton Lodge earlier this month and we had a blast!

On September 26, 2019, the Past Masters Roll Call will be held at the Lodge from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The menu will be announced at the Stated Meeting on September 5, 2019.

Finally, if you missed the White Table Night on August 17 you should kick yourself for missing a wonderful evening of food and dancing. We had a live band ([Norman & the Boyz](#)) who played their butts off while we danced the night away. Please – please - please – for the next White Table Night make sure you attend – and singles are warmly welcomed!



A History of Our Lodge

By Bill Ferrell—Assistant Secretary

Castro Valley No. 713

Castro Valley Lodge, U.D. was instituted May 19, 1951, with the legal maximum of 50 charter members. Since then they have read or accepted 22 petitions for degrees. The Lodge is adequately financed, having a cash balance of over \$1,500.00. Castro Valley is principally a residential community on the fringe of the tremendous industrial area of San Leandro, Alameda and Oakland, where further substantial increases in population appear inevitable. This Lodge is already taking its place in the community life and prospects for its future are bright. Your com-

mittee therefore recommends that a charter be granted to Castro Valley Lodge No. 713 in the County of Alameda.

In the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1951 Castro Valley Lodge was granted a charter Thursday, October 11, 1951, with a membership of 78.

Lake Chabot Lodge No. 770

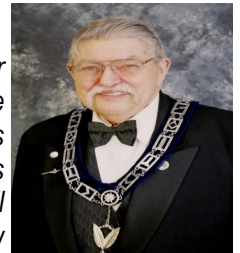
Grand Lodge records show that there were 48 members registered to Lake Chabot Lodge U.D. at Castro Valley in the County of Alameda while under dispensation.

Lake Chabot Lodge was chartered at the annual Grand Lodge Communications and issued No. 770, Friday, September 27, A. D. 1957, A. L. 5957. With Arthur R. McGinley as Master of the new lodge.

This is all I could find on this lodge. It originally met on our property until it merged with Diamond 603 and Lakeshore 551 to become a part of Tri-square 551. Fremont Lodge 497 merged at a later date.

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



On July 17, Don went to see the doctor for an EKG and a chest x-ray. After the x-ray they held on to him for a few hours then released him. While getting into his friend's van he became real weak and fell to the ground. Two passing EMTs saw him there and asked if he hit his head. He wasn't sure so they brought him back into the hospital for x-rays. Don says that somehow on his ride on the gurney his foot was injured. It ended up being broken. He was admitted to the hospital for a few days. They were not able to do surgery on the foot because of medication Don takes. Next he was sent to a rehab facility in Hayward which Don did not like because of how he was treated and the general maintenance of the facility itself. He took matters into his own hands, calling 9-1-1 and getting transferred back to the hospital. From there, his son was able to get him into rehab in Castro Valley. He was sent home in early September but is house- and wheelchair-bound. Although he has a ramp outside his house, his wife is not able to push him up it. His best friend, Robert made sure he had access to his computer again so Don is as happy as he can be for now. Don was back at his Secretary's Table (although it was lowered to the floor) at the September Stated Meeting. - Editor



First Annual Chili Cook-Off

The Crow Canyon Lodge 551 Chili Cook-off 2019 was a great success. Although it was short notice, and combined with the August Potluck, we were able to field 4 contestants.

The Judges were: Roy Tamez PM HA, Bro. Les Blake HA, and Bro. Pat Quinn HA. (Is it a coincidence they are all Hiram Award Recipients?) To remove them from any distractions, we sequestered them in the kitchen while all outside waited to see what color the smoke was.

The 1st place award certificate and 2 'Chili Winner Dinner' tickets went to Bro. Phil Busch! Congrats!!!



The other Chili contestants were Andrew Hawes, the lovely Jamie Hawes, and Paul Rodriguez.

The real winners here were the guests of the August Potluck who were able to judge for themselves as to which chili was their favorite.

Stay tune for the next years Chili Cook-Off event, and we look forward to taste your "Chili Extraordinaire."



When: October 18–20, 2019

Where: California Masonic Memorial Temple
1111 California Street, San Francisco, CA

Every year the tradition of Annual Communication unites our community. Join us for this celebration of our fraternity.

Annual Communication weekend, October 18–20, is an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of your peers, to salute the outgoing Grand Master, and welcome the new one. It's a time to honor the bonds we form as brothers. And it's a time to make your voice heard, directing the future of the fraternity through your discussions in our business sessions.

September Birthdays

Mike Barnhart (09/01)	Mark Casperson (09/17)
Robert Marshall (09/03)	Richard Ramos (09/17)
Bud Warder (09/04)	Brian Ross (09/17)
Phil Busch (09/05)	Red Prosser (09/20)
Roger Glancy (09/05)	Edgar Smith (09/20)
Bob Logan (09/06)	Hassaan Tohid (09/21)
Leonard Leavitt (09/07)	Mark Simens (09/22)
Sammy Tamez (09/07)	Adam Korbas (09/23)
Roy Tamez (09/11)	Robert Soule (09/25)
Leland Allen (09/12)	Gilbert Alston (09/26)
Mickey Benko (09/12)	David Bode (09/28)
Larry Richardson (09/13)	David Allen (09/29)
Vinson White (09/14)	Roger Moore (09/30)
Jared Andreotti (09/16)	Gary Tucker (09/30)

Sunshine and Visiting

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



Mark Casperson, Charles Hintz, Woody Hibbs

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer or check our members' only website 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 [click to email](#)
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [click to email](#)

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Johnnie Albanese (4)	Mark Leite (32)
Kurt Allen [PM] (43)	James Luque (47)
Denis Beaman (39)	Patrick Mc Cord (40)
Billy Bryant [PM] (60)	David Middleton (24)
Robert Eckstein [PM] (34)	Verl Rothlisberger [PM] (33)
John Freestone (49)	Larry Russell (54)
Gerald Garcia (7)	Theodore Santel (42)
Donald Jensen (36)	Victor Smalley (51)
Johnnie Laney (48)	Albert Thomas (40)
Ralph Larsen (55)	Mark Warzyniak (10)
Robert Lee (11)	Freddie Wilson [PM] (46)

LEARN MORE ABOUT MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

DeMolay	demolay.org
Jobs Daughters	jobsdaughtersinternational.org
Rainbow for Girls	gorainbow.org



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2019 Committees

2019 Appointments

Audit: Mick Bowers

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: TBD

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 & Visiting: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Sweethearts Committee: Perry Klahr, Mick Bowers, and Guy Phillips

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—Heidi Kolden - 510.693.1385
[click to email](#)

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

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WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Our lodge website records the location of our visitors and reports them to our Webmaster. Here are some cool locations which checked into our site this month: Riga, Latvia; Akron, OH; Capitola, CA; Raleigh, NC; Zagreb, Croatia; Cerritos, CA; Pioneer, CA; Sialkot, Pakistan; Wayne, NJ; Newton Center, MA

**Monthly Trestleboard of
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Crow Canyon Lodge #551

September 2019

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29	30					