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**Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551**

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2023

- 10/04—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 10/05—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:00 PM / Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10/10—Tuesday—DOSI at CVMC—Flag Presentation—6:30 PM
- 10/12—Thursday—First Degree—Mr. Beardo—7:00 PM
- 10/17—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 10/19—Thursday—Practice for Anniversary Ceremony (if necessary) — 7:00 PM
- 10/21—Saturday—Lodge 100th Anniversary—9:00 AM—12:00. Luncheon from 12:00—1:00 PM
- 10/24—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 10/26—Thursday—DARK
- 10/27-10/29—Friday-Sunday—Grand Lodge Communication

NOVEMBER 2023

- 11/01—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 11/02—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:00 PM / Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11/09—Thursday—Golden Veteran—George Christensen—7:00 PM
- 11/14—Tuesday—DOSI @ Livermore—Installation—6:30 PM
- 11/16—Thursday—Proficiency Prep—7:00 PM
- 11/18—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 11/21—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 11/23—Thursday—DARK—Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/25—Saturday—Range Day
- 11/28—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 11/30—Thursday—Installation Practice—7:00 PM

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 J. E. C. Rafisura — Master

On August 19th the Third Degree Team had the pleasure of travelling to Volcano Consolidated Lodge No.



56 in Volcano, California. Again, I congratulate Bro. Steven Dorough for becoming a Master Mason. This event was two years in the making, last year being aborted due to Bro. Dorough's emergent medical condition. With that, I felt that it was unfinished business that we needed to complete for this year. The event was a success and I thank the officers and the rest of the team for a wonderful degree conferral. Special thanks to our brothers who filled-in positions despite short notice: Wor. Al Kenyon as Jr. Steward, Bro. Ernie Niddick, Wor. Bill Ferrell, and Wor. Bob Pinkerton as JW.

Volcano Consolidated No. 56 is housed in an old building filled with rustic relics and Masonic memorabilia. The interior is reminiscent of 18th century architecture. The lodge is outfitted with



kerosene lamps and chandeliers emitting ambient lighting that helped transport us back in the ancient times. It took us a while to adjust to the "lodge conditions" it being smaller,

darker and much warmer than our home lodge. Eventually, the ambiance worked on our advantage as it helped enhance the dramatic effect of the ceremony. After the event, Crow Canyon Lodge hosted a lunch in a local Grill House with some of our brothers from Volcano Lodge. Immediately following we had the pleasure of visiting the historic "Masonic Cave" near the area where it is said the first few brothers of Volcano Lodge held their meetings. It was an exciting and interesting experience. More fellowship followed involving some libations, cigar, and good old Masonic stories, capped with a sumptuous dinner at a local restaurant reserved exclusively for the team. Everyone had fun and came home with lots of shared happy experiences and memories. Another one for the books for Crow Canyon Lodge!

A week later, another degree was conferred upon Bro. Blane Deaton. This time it was at our home lodge and, as usual, it was a wonderful and pleasant degree with conditions being more predictable. My usual congratulations to Bro. Deaton as he continues to progress through the degrees. Bro. Deaton is the third Master Mason raised so far for this year!

As of this writing, we are gearing back towards, First Degree conferrals scheduled on September 21st (double) and October 12th. I look forward to their progress of these three brother Master Masons and their future contribution to help Crow Canyon



Lodge grow. In addition to these degree conferrals, we will also be having a ceremony for Wor. Brian Ross as he is this year's Hiram Award Designee. The ceremony will be held on September 14th, (3 days prior to his

birthday!) Finally, please mark your calendar for our "100th Year Anniversary and Dedication Ceremony" on October 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM with a luncheon following at noon.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the said events. Cheers!

From the West

By Andrew Hawes — Sr. Warden

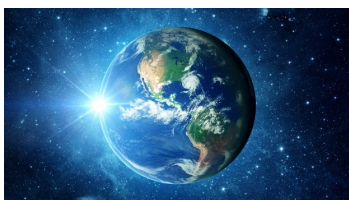
Good"monthing," Brethren! October of 2023 is a very special month for Crow Canyon Lodge, as hopefully all of you know-it is when we celebrate our



100th year anniversary as a lodge! On October 21st, to be exact, when there will be a rededication ceremony, attended by Grand Lodge. We tend as a society to put a pretty significant emphasis on achieving milestones such as these – our Golden Veterans can attest to that, as they celebrate their 50th year in Masonry. I think the reason for this relates to the desire to mark our passage through the world, and recognize being part of something that is larger than ourselves. While a 50th anniversary award might be a singular achievement for the recipient, it is the persistence to, and of, the organization in which we are members that makes it truly significant – I am a 50-year member of the "The Andrew Hawes" club... but that clearly does not hold the weight or import that we attach to someone having been active for 50 years in Masonry, and rightfully so! Wedding anniversaries are significant not only in that they demonstrate a successful

commitment to a promise made to another, but because they seem to be becoming more rare. With so many marriages today ending in divorce, it is something that one can be proud of, making it to the 10th, 25th, or 50th year of marriage to the same person – you’ve beaten the odds, and should celebrate it!

Our lives are inherently fleeting here on this planet. We are born mortal, and all of us will someday die, no matter what we do. For some, this will be after only a few years, but thankfully for most, it will be after a few score. The temporary nature of life and our realization of it makes us desire to be part of something more permanent, something that has existed before us, and that will continue (we hope) to exist after we are gone. By participating actively in Masonry, supporting our lodges and taking our obligations seriously, we share that bond with many others who do the same. By adding the weight of our personal history to that of the organization, we also can count some of its weight added to our own. We hope to be remembered, not just as men, but as Masons- and we are proud of the accomplishments of ALL Masons throughout time because we, ourselves, can bask in that reflected pride. We wear our apron with pleasure to ourselves, and honor to the fraternity. This month, we honor our Lodge as incredibly long lasting part of the fraternity – created and maintained by men before us, and persisting long after we are gone by other brothers known and unknown. 100 years is nothing compared to the vast expanse of human history, but it is a significant span of years for one human’s history to encompass. 100 years ago, none of us existed... but OUR lodge did.



To paraphrase a well-known quote from Forest Witcraft – “100 years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in the bank. But the world may be a better place because I made a difference in the life of a Lodge.”

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From the South
By Lyman Penning — Jr. Warden

As I am writing my article, I am also spending time on the ritual that will be used in the Ritual Competition on Saturday, September 30th. I have only 10 days left before I go to Fresno to compete with other competitors for first place which will be announced on



Friday, October 27th at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication by Ricky Lawler.

Our Stated Meeting dinner this month is going to be German Sausage, which should be quite tasty. So if you have not made reservations and would like to join us, please contact Perry Klahr (925-699-1786 or 925-425-3360) or myself (510-441-3901) and let us know that you will be coming on Thursday, October 5, 2023.



Finally, you can also contact Perry or myself if you have not made reservations yet for the 100th Anniversary on Saturday, October 21, 2023, which will start at 9:00 AM. This event is one that could fill up quickly, so please make your reservations ASAP!

The Grand Lodge Annual Communications will be held on Friday, October 27 thru Sunday, October 29, 2023. For those who want to find out who the winner of the Ritual Competition will be, the Grand Lecturer, Ricky Lawler will announce the winner during his report on Friday, October 27, 2023.

Take care everyone. Happy Halloween and I hope to see all of you in Lodge and at Annual Communications.

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

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| Aaron Johnson (2) | Lyman Penning [PM] (30) |
| Alan West [PM] (23) | Martin Nilson (19) |
| Andrew Hawes (23) | Michael Schaffer [PM] (8) |
| Barry Bookman (19) | Osman Ghani (21) |
| Brian Brunckhorst (30) | Paul Leiber (15) |
| Charles Langel [PM] (18) | Phillip Busch (27) |
| Dale Reynolds (27) | Richard Keihner (13) |
| Dave Baratto (19) | Robert Deleon (26) |
| David Allen (29) | Robert Ficken (26) |
| Delbert Kraft (24) | Robert Pinkerton [PM] (2) |
| Dominick Piegaro (17) | Roger Hamilton (14) |
| Elmer Seutter (23) | Rowell Prosser (8) |
| Eric Unti (11) | Russell Porter (23) |
| Frank Sepulveda (3) | Ted Rucker (24) |
| Glen Lane (21) | Tramaine Ellison (2) |

October Birthdays

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Osman Ghani (10/3) | Jimmy Burns (10/17) |
| Gerald Woergoetter (10/4) | Patrick Quinn (10/17) |
| Scotty Stroup (10/5) | Larry Russell (10/19) |
| Johnnie Albanese (10/7) | Michael Schaffer (10/19) |
| Allen Weisser (10/7) | James Luque (10/21) |
| Areo Comonal (10/10) | Guy Phillips (10/25) |
| Robert Wagle (10/10) | Jonathan Prestage (10/25) |
| Victor VandenBerghe (10/11) | Daniel Lee (10/26) |
| Ronald Meissner (10/12) | Julius Kahn III (10/27) |
| Jacob Andreotti (10/15) | Augustine Rhee (10/29) |

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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: Oakley, CA; Bellflower, CA; Tacoma, WA; Waxhaw, NC; Sarasota, FL; Manila, Philippines; Red Deer, Canada; Southport, UK; Travis AFB, CA; Beau Bassin-Rose Hill, Mauritius; Cagayan de Oro, Philippines; Rayleigh, UK; Los Angeles, CA; Mountlake Terrace, WA; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Grand Prairie, TX; Houston, TX; Sierra Leone; Ranchi, India; Malden, MA



Committees

2023 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn HA, Aaron Johnson, Andrew Hawes

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez PM HA, Perry Klahr, Tramaine Ellison, Phil Busch HA

Executive Committee: J. Rafisura, Andrew Hawes, Lyman Penning PM HA, Perry Klahr

FOSJ and White Table Night: Lyman Penning PM HA, Aaron Johnson, Jerry Garcia

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Inter-lodge Relations: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Robert Pinkerton PM

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell PM HA, Roy Tamez PM HA, Pat Quinn HA

Masonic Education: Bob Pinkerton PM

Masonic Hall Association: Brian Ross PM

Masons for Mitts: Brian Ross PM, Ozzie Ghani

Membership Retention: Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross PM

Picnic: Roy Tamez PM HA, Perry Klahr, Lyman Penning PM HA

Printing and Mailing: Bill Biddell, H.A.

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton, Lyman Penning PM HA

Sunshine and Visiting: Ernie Nidick, Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Roy Tamez PM HA

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch HA, Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison

Trustees: Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, PM HA

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM HA

Welcome: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Jesse Bridgeman, Lyman Penning

Youth Orders Liaisons: Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn HA

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October 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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			Officer's Meeting— 7:00 PM	Stated Meeting— Social/Dinner 6:00 PM Business Meeting— 7:00 PM		
8	9	10 DOSI at CVMC—Flag Presenta- tion—6:30 PM	11	12 First Degree— Mr. Beardo—7:00 PM	13	14
15	16	17 Zoom Social— 7:00 PM	18	19 Practice for 100th Anniversary (if necessary)—7:00 PM	20	21 Lodge 100th Anniversary Ceremony 9:00 AM Luncheon—12:00 PM
22	23	24 Hall Associa- tion—7:00 PM	25	26 DARK	27 Grand Lodge Communication	28 Grand Lodge Communication
29 Grand Lodge Communication	30	31				