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Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551

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Calendar of Events

JUNE 2019

- 06/05-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting-7:00 PM
- 06/06-Thursday-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 06/08-Saturday-Livermore Rodeo Parade - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 06/11-Tuesday-DOSI @ Siminoff (Districts 317 & 319) - 7:00 PM
- 06/13-Thursday-1st Degree Practice -7:00 PM
- 06/16-Sunday-7:00-11:00 AM-DeMolay Father's Day Breakfast @ CVMC
- 06/20-Thursday-1st Degree Practice-7:00 PM
- 06/22-Saturday-Feast of St. John the Baptist-6:00 PM-CVMC
- 06/25-Tuesday-Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting-7:00 PM
- 06/27-Thursday-1st Degree-Mr. Ted Rucker-7:00 PM. Lite meal at 6:30 PM
- 06/29-Saturday-Salmon Fishing Trip - 6:00 AM - 4:00 PM Call Paul at 510-461-1071 for details and reservations.

JULY 2019

- 07/04-Thursday-4th of July- Stated Moved
- 07/09-Tuesday-No District Officers' School
- 07/10-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting-7:00 PM
- 07/11-Thursday-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 07/18-Thursday-Lodge DARK
- 07/23-Tuesday-Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting-7:00 PM
- 07/25-Thursday-Lodge DARK
- 07/28-Sunday-Strawberry Feed at the Masonic Home - Meet at the Auditorium at 11:00 AM.
- 07/31-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting-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 Robert Eckstein, PM—Master

Brethren:

May found the Lodge busy and having fun. We joined the Castro Valley Masonic family (Eastern Star, DeMolay, and Rainbow Girls) in the Annual Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade



through downtown Castro Valley and took 3rd place!. And on the following weekend offered the Child ID program at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo. Executive Chef Worshipful Roy Tamez even started us out with a pancake, egg, bacon and hash brown breakfast! We closed out the month with a Family Potluck dinner. We enjoyed good food and relaxing fellowship.



This message covers June and July, as is our custom.

At the June Stated Meeting we will ballot upon the application of Mr. Ted J. Rucker, of Castro Valley, to receive the degrees of Masonry. If elected he will receive his first degree on June 27th. Don't forget we serve a lite dinner before the degree.

We will join Mosaic Lodge marching in the Livermore Rodeo Parade on June 8th. Then on June 22nd we will host a Feast of St. John the Baptist Festive Board. Please contact the Jr. Warden for reservations. The Sportsman's Club is taking reservations for a Salmon Fishing Trip on June 29th. Contact Sr. Warden Paul for details and reservations. There will be a signup sheet at our June Stated Meeting dinners.



July's Stated Meeting is rescheduled to July 11th as the first Thursday is July 4th. This is in compliance with the California Masonic Code (CMC) 802..020 Lodge Bylaws, Article II Meetings of the Lodges. This meeting will be Hawaiian Shirt Night. Wear your loudest or goofiest shirt.

Also, per our custom, the Lodge is dark in July except for the Annual Strawberry Feed at the Masonic Home on July 28th. The fun starts at 11 AM. Please contact Co-Chairmen Wor. Ron Katz or Perry Klahr for details. Have a Great Summer!

From the West

By Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien—Senior Warden

It has probably been a while and you may be a little rusty on your Masonic education, but are you "Smarter than an Entered Apprentice"?

What are we teaching these new guys, and is it the same as what you were taught when you were going through the degrees? ...Yes, we can find differences between lodges and rituals everywhere, so let's set the mark by answering these questions as they are done in California lodges today.

Let us begin...

1. During the 1st degree, the Worshipful appears to like you,



and offers something to you at the altar. What is it? What did that signify?

2. Later, on your returned to the lodge, your guide placed you in a location that is near the Worshipful Master. Where was that location, and why there of all places?
3. Your new found 'True and Trusty Friend' asked of you during his charge, that you maintain those truly Masonic Ornaments. What would they be?
4. When is it proper to display the "Flip Wilson Handshake"? Before, during, or after Lodge?
5. Who sits in the North?
 - A. No one.
 - B. The Executive Chef.
 - C. The Lodge Attorney.
 - D. Elijah or Euclid. Whoever shows up first.
6. What is "squaring the lodge", and when does this happen?
7. What are those two brick-shaped stones 'In the East' called? Why are they there?
8. Explain our understanding of Chalk, Charcoal, and Clay.
9. In the first degree we hear of Aaron, and how the dew ran down his beard, and unto his garments. ...who was his older Brother?

BONUS QUESTION

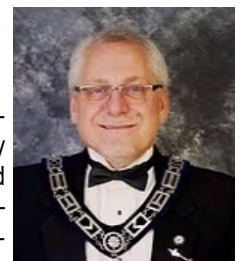
10. What is the formula for the "Pythagorean Theorem"?

That's it, my Brothers! Now the rub... The answers to these questions will be given at the June 6th Stated meeting, by yours truly; Senior Warden Paul. See you all there!

From the South

By Brian Ross—Junior Warden

I hope all of you gave your mother that special love she deserves on Mother's Day. My mother ended up in the hospital that day and remained there a week with respiratory issues. Although she is going to be fine, I recognized that my siblings and I have taken her and my father for granted in their twilight years. I credit my involvement in this fraternity for my maturing attitudes towards my aging parents, family and friends. In this fast-moving world of ours it is easy to forget those who provided the groundwork for what each of us is now. Anyhow, here is a shout out to my mom and dad, I love you both and thank you for providing me emotional and financial support that got me where I am today.



On another note, the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade was a truly fun affair involving the lodge and appendant bodies. The Little Buckaroos at the Rodeo was fulfilling and the Child ID was a mess in the rain. A lot of volunteers from our lodge showed up despite the weather – that was great to see!

The feast of Saint John is scheduled for June 22, 2019. See myself or J. Rafisura at June's Stated Meeting for details or to sign up.

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

The month of June is upon us and a lot happens during the month. For one, the Grand Lodge calculates our per-capita tax based upon our membership as of June 30th. We are charged \$51.00 for each member on our rolls. I have the unpleasant duty of furnishing the Master with the names of those members whose dues are in arrears for 2018 and 2019 and who will be suspended for nonpayment of dues. There are currently 6 members at risk of being removed for our roster and suspended from all rights and privileges afforded to the members of the lodge. Those who are suspended have one year to fulfill their obligation by paying all back dues.



The membership of Crow Canyon is currently composed of 22 Entered Apprentices, 5 Fellowcraft and 247 Master Masons for a total membership of 274.

To date, there are 20 members who have not paid their 2019 dues. The dues and per capita tax are \$111.00. Please double-check your dues receipt and make sure you are current.

If you are financially unable to pay your dues, please contact the Master or myself and we can make arrangements to have your dues remitted.

Additionally, the Grand Lodge has a program called the "80/120" to protect our long-term members from losing their good-standing. Members who are 80 or older and whose age and years in good-standing combined equal 120 may have their dues remitted for the rest of their life. Don't let your membership lapse and don't forget your obligation.

A History of Our Lodge

By Bill Ferrell—Assistant Secretary

Chateau Thierry No. 569

Like Argonne Lodge No. 514, of San Francisco, Chateau Thierry Lodge no. 569, of Oakland, was organized by veterans of World War I, and maintained a military atmosphere for some years thereafter. Indeed the idea of organizing it sprang from the minds of David Leroy Babcock, Markell Craig Baer, Ray Wall Fisher, and William Christopher Heim, all of whom had billeted together in France. And were joined by three other veterans – Steward Bruce Bowes, Adolph William Chase and Harry Leslie Lyle Roderick – who helped them to realize the idea. Roderick had been Senior Warden of Oroville Lodge No. 103 before entering the army in 1917.

These brethren, who soon increased their number to twenty, received the enthusiastic support of Worshipful Master Robert M. Ford and Past Masters Charles Walter and Samuel Taylor of Oakland Lodge No. 188. But beyond that, little material is available on their earliest proceedings. It is sufficient to know that they received their dispensation from Grand Master Sherman on July 10, 1923, and their charter the following October 11, 1923. Roderick became their first Master; Baer, Senior Warden; and Fisher, Junior Warden.

At its first meeting, Chateau Thierry Lodge received the present of a set of officers' jewels, aprons, rods, and working tools from Oakland Lodge No. 188. The California Grays gave it a beautiful, silk American flag; and its first chaplain, Robert Maury Miller, presented his family Bible, which was used for many years.

In growth, Chateau Thierry barely missed breaking into that highly select circle of Lodges that have either stood still nor shown an annual net loss in membership since they were organized. It filed its first returns on 22 members in 1923, and on 326 in 1949. During that time, it never showed a loss, but it did stand still with 161 in 1933 and 1934.

This is one of the surest indications that, despite the early limitation of its membership to former service men, it had always been a popular Lodge.

It had also been a steady Lodge both in meeting place and procedure, it opened in the Oakland Masonic Temple at 508-12th street, July 11, 1923 and had met there until it moved to Castro Valley in the late 1960's. In procedure, it had the distinction of a special dispensation of permitting its officers to wear military uniforms when conferring degrees, and of originating the custom of "presenting and retiring the flag of our country."

The only other feature of special interest in this Lodge's history concerns one of its most prized possessions, a gavel made of wood from the Masonic Temple, at Chateau Thierry, France, which was destroyed by shell fire during World War I. This gavel was presented by the brethren of *Loge Jean de la Fontaine Masonique*, of Chateau Thierry, France, who were honored to know that a Lodge in far off California had been named after their city.

June / July Birthdays

Robert Eckstein (06/01)	Donald Clendenen Jr. (07/05)
Ace Gilbert (06/02)	Joseph Elleard (07/06)
Dain Warton (06/04)	Glen Barth (07/07)
Dewayne Clark \$ (06/08)	Harold Burk Jr. (07/07)
Mark Parinas (06/08)	Fred Avery (07/08)
Nick Nelson (06/09)	William Strain (07/08)
Paul Rodriguez-Obrien (06/14)	Denis Beaman (07/09)
Orrin Benedict Jr. (06/15)	Donald Jensen (07/09)
Benjamin Newmarker (06/15)	Jody Juracich (07/11)
Peter Amato (06/17)	Paul Amato (07/13)
Lee White (06/17)	Les Blake (07/14)
Leo Rizzo (06/18)	Glen Sears Jr. (07/15)
Leland Peck (06/23)	Bill Ferrell (07/17)
Lester Bridge (06/24)	Tramaine Ellison (07/20)
Ray Michardi (06/24)	Phil Action (07/22)
Jason Deitschman (06/27)	Nick Sears (07/22)
John Mc Carthy (06/27)	Ronald Garcia (07/23)
Donald Schauer Sr. (06/27)	Bob Ficken Jr. (07/25)
John Freestone (06/30)	Eric Korbas (07/26)
John Teixeira (07/01)	Earl Kresge (07/26)
Ronald Vandenberghe (07/01)	Earl Woodson (07/29)
Tony Wilkinson (07/01)	Perry Klahr (07/31)
Barry Bookman (07/02)	

FOR OUTSTANDING MASONIC SERVICE



Congratulations, Bro. Pat Quinn for being the 2019 Designee. Please join us on August 10, 2019 to celebrate his dedication to our lodge, and our Masonic Youth Orders.

The Hiram Award may be awarded up to one time per year by a lodge to recognize outstanding Masonic Service.



You can view a list of all of our recipients on our website at: <https://www.ccl551.org/recognition>.

MASONIC FAMILY CORNER

Call Out to ALL Masonic Families,

I have a request. I write to you as a granddaughter of a Master Mason. Sadly, he never shared with my mother or me that we could have joined any number of groups that were Masonically affiliated. My great grandmother was a member of Eastern Star. One would think that I would have had the privilege to join something special. I was never told about anything. Years go by, I get married and have a daughter. Thankfully, my father-in-law asked if my daughter could join Job's Daughters. I reluctantly agreed, however, then I did not understand not only the great joy that it would bring to my daughter's life, but mine as well. So, I issue you all this challenge!

If you have grandchildren and many of you do, do them the favor and share with them their opportunity to become part of a fraternity or sorority type organization that builds friendships and brotherhood / sisterhood for a lifetime. Help build this magnificent order back to times when there were not just a few members, but enormous numbers. Let's bring back something from yesteryear that promotes fun and pride.

Respectfully,

Dee Dee Myers, granddaughter of Melvin J. Berry, Past Master, Lassen Masonic Lodge No 149 and Chairman of Paraphernalia, Bethel No. 1 Dublin

We would love to have your granddaughters or great-granddaughters join us for some fun:

Friday, May 31st, 2019 - Guide Project - Hawaiian Luau - Castro Valley Masonic Lodge \$20.00 per adult.

We will be going dark for a short time and would suggest that anyone interested please check out our website.

LEARN MORE ABOUT MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

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



3rd Degree Anniversaries

The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the month(s) of June and July

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| Leonard Ambrose [PM] (51) | Jose Rodriguez Jr. (62) |
| Jared Andreotti (19) | Ronald Selvey (40) |
| Edward Augadro [PM] (42) | Edgar Smith (39) |
| Gilbert Brownfield (32) | Joseph Stewart (25) |
| Jimmy Burns (37) | Scotty Stroup (49) |
| Vernon Cumins (69) | Roy Tamez [PM] (34) |
| John Davenport Jr. [PM] (60) | Clarence Teeters (47) |
| Joseph Elleard [PM] (63) | Frank Thrall \$ Jr. (22) |
| Herbert Freeman (46) | Gary Tucker (29) |
| Mark Kahn (53) | Ronald Vandenberghe (54) |
| Frederick Kao [PM] (37) | Victor Vandenberghe (43) |
| Eric Korbas (5) | Kurt Von Brauch (40) |
| Earl Kresge (40) | David Weaver (37) |
| Jeffery Lantz (51) | David Wipf (42) |
| Robert Logan [PM] (26) | Clyde Lyerla (62) |
| John Mc Carthy (50) | JULY |
| Raymond Michardi (37) | Ernest Nidick Jr. (59) |
| Henry Miller Jr. [PM] (46) | James Stanford (20) |
| Robert Peters [PM] (56) | Gordon Warder [PM] (21) |
| Jonathan Prestage (7) | |
| Larry Richardson [PM] (54) | |

Sunshine and Visiting

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



Mark Casperson, George Christensen, Gary Frisvold, 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](mailto:ernie@sunshine.org)

Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [click to email](mailto:les@sunshine.org)

In Memoriam

Billy J. Mc Clary 85 Years, 3 Months and 5 Days
Entered into Rest May 18, 2019

Hedley J. Bourke 94 years, 9 Months and 24 Days
Entered into rest April 30, 2019

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



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Marshal— Perry Klahr
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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](#)

Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261—Laurel M. 559.696.0746 [click to email](#)

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:

Portland, OR

La Mirada, CA

Kolkata, India

Clifton, NJ

Roseville, CA

Capitola, CA

Osnabruck, Germany

Monthly Trestleboard of Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551 Free and Accepted Masons

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