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**Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551**

F&AM of California

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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2020

- 02/05-Wednesday**-Officers' Meeting 7:00-8:00 PM / 3rd Degree Practice 8:00-9:00 PM
- 02/06-Thursday**-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 02/12-Wednesday**-Third Degree Practice-7:00 PM
- 02/13-Thursday**-DOSI-Crow Canyon CVMC-7:00 PM
- 02/20-Thursday**-Second Degree Practice-7:00 PM
- 02/25-Tuesday**-Hall Association - 7:00 PM
- 02/27-Thursday**-Second Degree Practice-7:00 PM
- 02/29-Saturday**-Annual Crab Feed (details inside)-6:00 PM

MARCH 2020

- 03/04-Wednesday**-Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM
- 03/05-Thursday**-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 03/10-Tuesday**-DOSI-Pleasanton 7:00 PM
- 03/12-Thursday**-Second Degree-Bro. Tramaine Ellison 7:00 PM
- 03/19-Thursday**-Practice or Degree 7:00 PM
- 03/24-Tuesday**-Hall Association 7:00 PM
- 03/26-Thursday**-Practice or Degree 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 Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien—Master

It was great to see the turnout and support of our Brethren for the first two Entered Apprentice degrees of the year as conferred by our newest lodge officers.



Please give a warm welcome to our newest Brothers of Crow Canyon Lodge 551, Osman (Ozzy) Ghani, and Roger (Scott) Hamilton.

The double degree was flawlessly performed by our JW Jay Rafisura (sitting in the East), with a lateral hand-off to WM. Lyman Penning of Siminoff Daylight Lodge #850 who treated us with a well-delivered “long-form” EA Lecture.

I would also like to acknowledge the excellent floor work of our EA Aaron Johnson, who jumped-in as the Junior Steward at the last minute and with little practice. All-in-all, a double degree that was one that I will always remember! Thank you everyone who participated and was in attendance.

We will soon be in full practice for a potential double Fellowcraft degree on March 12th for Bro. Tramaine Ellison, and a mystery Brother to be named shortly.

The Second section of the Fellowcraft degree is one of my favorites, and I'm sure it will be excellently presented by our SD Andrew Hawes (no pressure Andrew, the eyes of your brothers are upon you).

On February 29th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm, we will leap into the Annual Crab Feed at the lodge. Due to the high cost of crab this year, the dinner will be \$45 for the crab meal, and \$15 for Chicken & pasta only. Please remember to bring your own appetite, crab tools, bib, and special dipping sauces. There is a limited number of tickets, so see our Secretary Don Schauer sooner than later.

As always, we your officers, look forward to seeing You and your families again real soon!

From the West

By Brian Ross—Senior Warden

Well we are just into Paul Rodriguez O'Brien's Masonic year and things could not have gone any better for our double-first degree ceremony on January 23, 2020. Not only did the ceremony go well, but I was happy to see many sideliners present in support of our new brethren.



Many of you received a group email from me before the double first-degree seeking your attendance. I plan to expand my invi-

tations as I compile current email addresses for all of you. Please contact me at any time with your current email address to insure you get a reminder/invitation regarding upcoming degrees. Our ceremonies are more satisfying when all participate and it's my goal to nudge you all into attending!

Our next degree is tentatively set for March 12, 2020 and will be a double-second degree. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend what many feel is the most interesting and fulfilling of our Masonic ceremonies.

From the South

By J. Rafisura—Junior Warden

Here comes February! How time flies! It seems like it was just yesterday that we had our Installation of Officers in December. Our first Stated Meeting in January was done with the newly-installed officers situated in their new chairs! One for the books! A few kinks here and there (as expected), but hey, Masonry is a journey and a quest. It is a quest for the truth, of good morals and of freedom of thought for the purpose of becoming a better person. As long as we know that we always have room for improvement, that's already halfway to progress. I have no doubt that as far as Stated Meetings and ritual work is concerned, this new set of officers will breeze through it and I am proud to be a part of it. Much gratitude to the Officer's Coach, Past Masters and dedicated brothers for their patience and endless support to the entire lodge in general and to this brand new set of young officers in particular.



Happening this month will be our Annual (Leap Year) Crab Feed on February 29, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. Yes, get those crab sauce and butter ready, and get “smashin” those fresh and meaty Dungeness crabs for \$45.00/person. For non-crab eaters, there's always the famous Uncle Roy's Spaghetti and Chicken for only \$15.00/person, guaranteed fun and satisfaction! Make reservations and get your tickets from our Secretary Bro. Don Schauer Sr. (Mobile No. 510-364-9429). I don't know about you but as far as I can remember, last year was a lot of fun (and crabs)!

Also, as February traditionally being a “Love” month, it would certainly make those hopeless romantics like me fired-up. I wish everyone a Happy Valentines Day! I sincerely hope that we keep the flames of love burning by doing little everyday gestures of love and affection towards our loved ones. As they say, it's the little things that count. For this month's Stated Meeting dinner, it would not be a bad idea to wear something red for our “Italian Night” just to put color and love in the air.

Lastly, I'd like to end this article with some Valentine's quotes from some of our more famous brothers:

"My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me" – Sir Winston Churchill, Studholme Lodge No. 1591, England

"Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination" – Voltaire, Lodge of the Nine Sisters, France

"Two times a week, my wife and I go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays." – Red Skelton, Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Indiana

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A

2020 is off to a very good start. All but 39 members have paid their 2020 dues, however 12 members have still not paid their 2019 dues. Check your dues receipt. I do not want to have to submit these names to the Master for suspension non-payment of dues.



I have the tickets for our crab feed on February 29th. They are \$45.00 for all the crab you can eat. For those who do not eat crab, our cook has opted for chicken this year for \$15.00. Like everything else, the price of crab has gone up. The lodge is forced to raise the price by \$5.00 per person. Come and join in on a fun filled evening. You may mail me a check for the crab feed at 19767 Royal Avenue, Hayward, CA 94541. Your tickets will be processed the same day.

We are in the process of gaining two new members along with an affiliate. Brother Ronald Burch is coming to us from Pleasanton lodge as an affiliate. We have conferred two 1st degrees in January

Brother Nicholas Nelson received his third degree as courtesy in Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92 in Alberta under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. As of January 31th our membership is 234.

The financial report will be presented to the lodge at the February Stated Meeting. Our investments are doing very well.

Looking forward to seeing you at lodge! Be safe

In Memoriam

Vinson J. White
Entered into Rest

83 Years, 4 Months and 5 days
January 19, 2020

*Great Architect of the Universe, into thine hands
we commend the soul of our dear departed brother*



February Birthdays

Chris Boggess (02/03)	Fred Jonke (02/14)
John Smith (02/03)	Mark Warzyniak (02/17)
Anthony Lloyd (02/05)	John Groff (02/19)
Alvin Rodes (02/05)	Ronald Selvey (02/19)
Harold Rubin (02/05)	Jack Fischer (02/23)
Edward Auguadro (02/06)	Alan West (02/26)
Robert Steen (02/10)	



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Paul Amato (62)	Jeffrey Hansen (23)
Glen Barth (77)	Anthony Lloyd (52)
Orrin Benedict Jr. (2)	Paul Makela (46)
Ronald Bessette (28)	Norvalle May (55)
David Bode (35)	Roger Moore (40)
Harold Burk Jr. (28)	Ronald Nobriga (23)
Ronnie Castia (29)	Allen Weisser [PM] (56)
Kishore Gidvani (21)	

Masonic Family Corner

My name is Lexi H. and I am a Job's Daughter who belongs to Bethel No. 1, Dublin. I would like to share my fantastic experience that I recently had while taking a "Jobie" trip to Pasadena.

Job's Daughters were asked as part of the Masonic family if we would like to help decorate the Shriner's Hospital Float in the parade. I have just turned 12 and was not able to participate, however, my mom and some of my Bethel sisters shared the fun working with sticky glue and fresh flowers. I hope we get the chance again next year.

We also brought in the New Year with many other Bethel's who had traveled from Northern and Southern California and stay at the Covina House. We rang in the New Year Nebraska time celebrating Job's Daughters 100 year anniversary, and then we did it again at midnight our time.

I would like to thank all the Masonic organizations that helped give my Bethel an experience that will be cherished for a lifetime

LEARN MORE ABOUT MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

DeMolay - demolay.org

Jobs Daughters - jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls - gorainbow.org



Crow Canyon's Annual Crab Feed
All you can eat



Saturday, February 29th, 2020 at 6:00 PM
Castro Valley Masonic Center - Castro Valley, CA
\$45.00/person

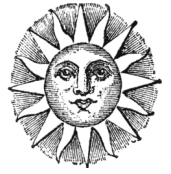
Chicken meal available for \$15.00/person

Please contact the Secretary for Tickets /
Reservations 510.258.0654

Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson, 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](#)



Entered Apprentice Ted Rucker



Santa with three naughty or nice children



New Masons - Scott Hamilton & Ozzy Ghani



Officers waiting to be Installed



Bro. Biddell drove to Edmonton, Canada for Nick Nelsons 3rd

2020 Officers

Master — Paul Rodriguez-Obrien
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2020 Committees

2020 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—Katie Bardwell 925.918.1675 [click to email](#)

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Crow Canyon Lodge #551

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Masters & Past Masters Convocation - 3:00 PM - Siminoff Center - Masonic Home - Union City
2	3	4	5 Officers Meeting - 7:00 PM / Practice 3rd Degree - 8:00 PM	6 Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Opening 7:30 PM	7	8
9	10	11	12 Practice 3rd Degree - 7:00 PM	13 DOSI Crow Canyon hosts - CVMC - 7:00 PM	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Practice 2nd Degree - 7:00 PM	21	22
23	24	25 Hall Association - 7:00 PM	26	27 Practice 2nd Degree - 7:00 PM	28	29 Annual Crab Feed - 6:00 PM