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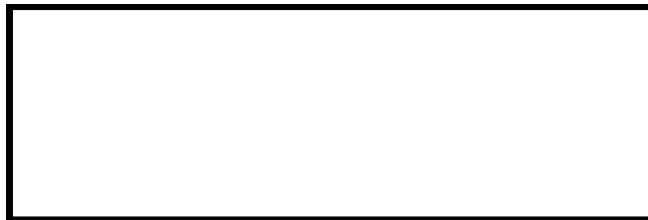
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# Trestleboard

May 2015  
Volume 11, Issue 5

**Crow Canyon Lodge  
No. 551  
F&AM of California**  
Chartered October 11, 1923



## Calendar of Events

### MAY

Sun May 3—11:30 AM—Sweetheart Event—Dino's on Castro Valley Blvd for Buffet Lunch followed by the Chanticleers' production of "The Nerd" at 2:00 PM.  
Contact Phil Busch for reservations (510) 566-7019  
Tue May 5—6:30 PM—Officer's Meeting  
Thu May 7—7:30 PM—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting  
Tue May 12—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—At Masonic Home (6:00 PM Dinner preceding)  
Thu May 14—6:30 PM—3rd Degree Practice  
Sat May 16—Sun May 17—Rowell Ranch Rodeo Child ID  
Thu May 21—7:00 PM—3rd Degree—Bro. Sears  
Tue May 25—7:00 PM—DMPS (Masonic Education)  
Thu May 28—6:15 PM—Family Potluck (A-L Dessert / M-R Casserole Dish / S-Z Salad ) Lodge will provide soda and main meat dish.

### JUNE (tentative)

Thu June 4—7:30 PM—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting  
Sat June 6—10:30 AM—Hosting of Mark Master's degree to be exemplified by Siminoff and Doric Chapters of York Right  
Sat June 6—4:30 PM—Moonlight degree at Siminoff outdoor lodge. Meet at CVMC at 4:30 PM. Set up at Masonic Home at 6:00 PM. Degree starts at 6:30 PM.  
Thu June 11—Practice for 1st or 3rd Degree—6:30 PM (Practice starts at 7:00 PM)  
Thu June 18—Practice for 1st or 3rd Degree—6:30 PM (Practice starts at 7:00 PM)  
Tue June 23—DMPS  
Sat June 27—Feast of Saint John

### Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets @ Castro Valley Masonic Center (CVMC) 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM) <http://www.lakechabot103oes.org>
- Alchor White Shrine meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Friday (7:00 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 Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Worshipful Master



Well, my taxes are done as well as the taxes for my other family members. I like to play with words and I thought the process gave a new meaning to the phrase, "I hope you have many happy returns." Sorry about the bad pun, but I just couldn't help myself.

I do hope that you had a nice Easter holiday and had an opportunity to visit with your families as well. For those of you who do not celebrate Easter, it is also Spring break, which also provides extra time with family. I hope you also had an opportunity to spend quality time with yours. Since we prepare our articles a little bit ahead of time, we have to make assumptions about what we plan will happen. In that vein, I would like to congratulate Bro. Roger Accurso on having been raised to the degree of Master Mason. This is the first third degree that we have done since August of last year. The candidates work hard to do their proficiency as you may remember when you recall your own. However, there is a team of officers and brothers who work equally as hard to put on a that third degree. I want to thank them for the hard work they put in, for showing up for practices, and even coming in for unscheduled special sessions of practice with the Officers Coach and myself. When we do a third degree, it takes 18 people to fill the positions required. Each one of them have to remember their ritual, the movements about the lodge, and the proper timing to merge the two. Thanks also to our Officer's coach, who puts in a lot of time and endeavors to help all the participants put on a quality degree.

While I am thanking people, at our last Stated meeting we had a special Seder dinner put on by Arnie Weinstein and the kitchen crew. They worked hard on that dinner and it turned out quite nice. Thank you very much Arnie and thanks to the kitchen crew too.

I hope that you all had a chance to attend the Public Schools Night Dinner and Awards event. The Lodge gave awards to two teachers who were selected by their peers as outstanding teachers in their district. Brother Eric Unti, and Wor. Bill Ferrell are the ones who coordinated this event and I wish to thank them as well

In May and June we will also be having a number of events. May 3rd, we will be having our Annual Sweethearts Event, we will also be holding our Rowell Ranch Rodeo Child ID on the 16th and 17th, and on the 21st of May we will be having another 3rd degree, this time for Bro. Nick Sears. On the 26th there is DMPS, and happily on May 28th, we will be having a Family Potluck night. I hope to see you there!

June is still a little bit up in the air as to what degrees and practices we will be holding since some of that will be determined by whether we get new candidates or when our Brothers perform their proficiencies. We set nights aside for those activities, but we try to save a night for an activity for the lodge as well. However, Lodge business comes before fun activities and if we get backlogged we may shift things around. The activities that we have currently planned in June will be an outdoor Moonlight degree on Saturday evening on the 6th of June, provided we can get permission from Siminoff and the Grand Lodge. We have had it reserved since last year but some issues have arisen and we may have to be flexible...I will let you know as events unfold. If we cannot have it outdoors, we may have to move it into Siminoff Temple. Other events beside degrees and practices will be: on June 27th the Feast of Saint John, and on June 23rd will be DMPS.

Except for Stated Meeting and the Strawberry Festival, we will be Dark in July.

As you can see we do quite a lot in our lodge and endeavor to keep our

traditions alive and our activities meaningful. It takes many people working as a team to accomplish these activities and if you attend one, say "hi" to the organizers and workers and please express your kind appreciation. We hope that you enjoy these activities.

This month we honor those who died while serving in the country's armed forces on Memorial Day. This holiday, observed every year on the last Monday of May was formerly known as Decoration Day and originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the war. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who died while in the military service. I hope that all of our members, will take a few minutes of this holiday to remember and honor those fallen sons of our country, and take the opportunity to reflect on what they gave up that we may have the freedoms we do in our country.

Lastly I hope that your wives and Mothers have a great Mother's Day.

## From the West

By Michael Ramos—Senior Warden



"The closest thing we can relate to God's love is a Mother's love." I recently came across this saying, and oddly enough, so close to Mother's Day. Masonry claims it makes good men better. The keywords in that claim are "good men", and the foundation for being a good person starts at home. Good parents, generally, provide the foundation for a child's success in life, whereby values and principles are usually passed on through a type of osmosis. If the parents were patient, understanding, compassionate and loving, you will usually find children, prone to mimicry, practicing these traits as they grow. If the parents were also accepting, tolerant and charitable, we just might have the early makings of a Mason. I urge all of you to reach out on Mother's Day to tell Mom how much she means to you, and thank her for helping instill in you what it means to be a good person. And for those whose dear Mother's have passed, spend a little time with pleasant memories and prayer. For those with children, remember how important those relationships between Mother and Child are for overall development and happiness – and thank her for all the hard work and caring she provides to help foster in your children those ideals of what is really important in life. To end on a quote from Bro. Rudyard Kipling, "God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made Mothers."

## From the South

By Kem Apak—Junior Warden



Brethren, when you receive our Trestleboard this month I will be again in St. Petersburg, Russia. Hopefully I will be back for our Stated meeting and see you all at our Lodge. We will have our famous Cinco de Mayo dinner prepared by our kitchen super heroes. I am already hungry and looking forward for our feast!

In most of the world and traditional Masonry brethren have their Stated meeting first and then celebrate their fellowship with a feast, which called is agape. This is a great motivation to finish Stated meetings quickly and enjoy great food, libations and fellowship with scholarly talks.

Working crazy hours, as well as trying to serve my Lodge is not easy. I do not know how I would perform my duties without the help from Roy, Les, Howard, Danny; without the support of our Worshipful Master Bob Pinkerton, our Senior Warden Mike Ramos our Officers Coach Kurt Allen; without the love, and patience of my wife and son.

I wish my mother, wife and all of mothers and spouses of my brethren happy Mother's Day, without you we would not be able to do what we love, practice Masonry. Cheers

## Building a Brotherhood Against All Odds

From the California Grand Lodge, F&AM

Royal Arch Lodge No. 183, a military lodge attached to the Ninth Regiment of Foot of the British Army, received its traveling warrant from the Antients Grand Lodge in England on February 19, 1803. This lodge was free to perform not only the degrees of craft Masonry, but also those of the Royal Arch and Knights Templar.

During the latter part of 1805, members of the First Battalion of the Ninth Regiment were shipwrecked off the coast of France. The battalion headquarters (staff officers and 262 soldiers) were captured by Napoleonic troops and made prisoners of war. They remained in custody in Valenciennes until January, 1814.

Even while imprisoned, members of Royal Arch Lodge utilized their warrant to meet, and continued to initiate other war prisoners. Although the lodge was originally for non-commissioned officers of the regiment, during imprisonment they allowed other gentlemen – officers from other regiments, navy, merchant seamen, and one “Peer of the Realm” (Lord Viscount Barrington) – to join their ranks.

The lodge’s minutes and by-laws are catalogued within the archive of the United Grand Lodge of England and reveal, during captivity, a roster of more than 120 members.

One of these non-regimental prisoner-of-war members was John Blade, whose 1806 craft, Royal Arch, and Knight Templar certificates are housed in the archives of the Henry Wilson Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry in San Francisco.

After the 1813 union of the Antients and Premiere grand lodges, Royal Arch Lodge No. 183 was renumbered upon the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England as 221. It was erased in 1829.

Access more archival photographs and records relating to early California Freemasonry by visiting the Henry Wilson Coil Library and Museum of Freemasonry online at [masonicheritage.org](http://masonicheritage.org).

## Masonic Family Corner

**Jobs Daughters, Bethel No. 1 Dublin**—So far this 2015 spring term has been a lot of fun! Just recently we attended the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Dublin on Saturday, March 15th. We even had the honor of having Jo Bee walk with us in the parade! With the parade, we also worked both days of the St. Patrick’s Day Festival in Dublin on Saturday and Sunday. This year we also had a promotional booth at the Festival. We had lots of people come by and learn more about Job’s Daughters International. —We just held our 20th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction on Friday, April 24th at the Livermore Shrine Event Center. The silent auction was a great success and the proceeds from this event will help our Bethel Daughters attend Grand Bethel later this year. The bethel always works very hard and it is always a super fun event so we really appreciate everyone’s support!

Our bethel meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00pm at John Knox Church in Dublin and we really appreciate the support of our visitors! - Julie M.—Marshal



## From the Secretary’s Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



On the 15th of May I will be sending out 13 notices of suspension if the dues for 2014 and 2015 are not paid by the June Stated Meeting There are 5 Entered Apprentices, 4 Fellowcrafts and 4 Master Masons who will receive letters informing them that they are in arrears. Additionally we have 32 members who have not yet paid their 2015 dues. Please check your dues receipt. It should look like this:

Free & Accepted Masons of California  
Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551  
Castro Valley

YOUR NAME HERE

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Member No. 101835

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Donald M. Schauer, Sr., Secretary

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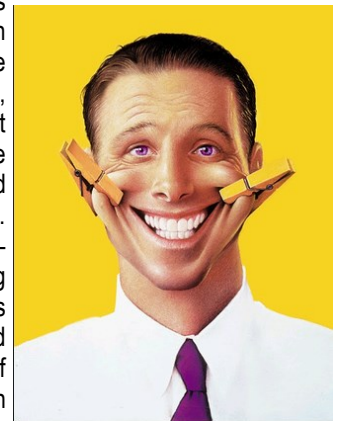
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## Inspiring Words

By Irwin Fershleiser—Chaplain

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature’s best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.



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## Sunshine and Visiting

If you know of an ailing brother or Masonic widow who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret. Here are some brethren who could use a kind word:

- Gary Frisvold
- Mark Caspersen
- Irwin Freshleisher
- Corbit Ray
- Al Rodes
- Mark Castile



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## 2015 Committees

### Appointments

**Audit** – Kay Dunn, Robert Logan, Arnie Weinstein, David Allen

**Funeral**—Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Bob Pinkerton, Mike Ramos, Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

**Masonic Charity** - The Master and the Wardens

**Masonic Hall Association**—John Smith-President, Howard Marmor, Ernie Nidick, Gerald Woergoetter, Ron Reynolds, Bill Ferrell, Hank Andreotti, Brian Ross, Pat Quinn

**Masonic Homes Endowment**—Robert Logan

**Membership Retention** – Don Schauer, Sr., Bob Pinkerton

**Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick, Les Blake

### Events

**Child ID**—David Allen, Roy Tamez

**Sweethearts' Event (5/3)** - Phil Busch, Alex Van Stade

**Feasts of Saints John, Past Masters & Festive Boards**—Charles Hintz & Kem Apak

**Strawberry Feed**—Ron Katz, Bill Biddell

**Visitation to Columbia or Old Town Sacramento Lodge**—Mike Ramos, Don Schauer

**Senior Warden's Picnic at Kennedy Park**—Mike Ramos, Kem Apak

**Hiram Award Committee Leads**—Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell

**Moonlight Siminoff Degree (6/5)** - Mike Ramos, Alex Von Stade

**Masonic Education**—Mike Ramos, Kem Apak

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## May Birthdays

Bob Pinkerton [PM] (05/04)	Russell Toy (05/15)
Myles Madlock (05/05)	Charles Cammerer (05/18)
Greg Maier (05/06)	Douglas Mc Kay (05/18)
Dr. Jose Rodriguez, Jr. (05/06)	Pete Sotelo (05/19)
John Hinkley (05/08)	Aaron Bianchi (05/23)
Paul Krause (05/08)	Harold Lassle (05/24)
David Wipf (05/09)	Rex Toltschin (05/25)
James Brown (05/12)	Robert Albritton [PM] (05/28)
Leonard Ambrose [PM] (05/13)	Gary Hughes [PM] (05/28)
Robert Keller (05/13)	Lynn Reed (05/28)
Clarence Herron (05/14)	Frank Mitchell (05/29)
Edmund Hempel (05/15)	Joe Gottardi (05/30)



## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Steven Aracne (9 years)  
 Daniel Baca (59 years)  
 Chris Bokamper (18 years)  
 Hedley Bourke (52 years)  
 George Christensen (42 years)  
 William Christensen (34 years)  
 Stanley Clifton [PM] (46 years)  
 Guy Davenport (55 years)  
 Frank Densmore (29 years)  
 Jack Holt (47 years)  
 Donald Johnson (50 years)  
 Ron Katz [PM<sup>3</sup>] (31 years)  
 Adam Korbas (1 years)  
 Paul Krause (53 years)  
 William Mc Hugh (68 years)  
 Ronald Meissner (50 years)  
 Albert Peebles (63 years)  
 Gregory Rapp [PM] (28 years)  
 Ronald Reynolds (30 years)  
 Howard Roberts (45 years)  
 Thomas Robertson (68 years)  
 Alvin Rodes (49 years)  
 Paul Rodriguez-Obrian (1 years)  
 Brian Ross (4 years)  
 Norman Shrader (50 years)  
 Robert Steen [PM] (45 years)  
 David Stephenson (17 years)  
 Le Roy Swanson (49 years)  
 Jack Tornio (34 years)  
 John Wagle (62 years)  
 Lee White (52 years)  
 David Wysock (14 years)

## Annual Sweetheart Event

We love our sweethearts (the wives of our dear departed brethren) and on Sunday, May 3rd we are going to once again honor them. Meet us at Dino's Restaurant, Castro Valley for a delicious brunch at 11:30 AM. Widows are guests of the lodge. Brethren and their significant others can join us for just \$20/person.

If you would like to spend more time with our lovely guests, join us at 1:30 PM at Chanticleers Theatre (3683 Quail Avenue, Castro Valley) for a matinee performance of "The Nerd". The show description reads "What happens when someone who saves your life shows up for a visit and turns out to be a total nerd? That the situation created in this madcap comedy. See how Willum, the main character, resolves his moral dilemma with resounding hilarity." Tickets are just \$13/person. To join us for either one or both events, simply call Phil at 510-566-7019 to save your spot. Checks should be made out to the "Crow Canyon Lodge" and will be collected by Brother Busch at the door of each event.



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## In Memoriam

Walter E. Price Entered Into Rest	84 years, 6 months and 25 days. April 16, 2015
Frank A. Johnson, Entered into Rest	88 years and 11 months. November 3, 2014
John M. Boyd Entered into Rest	78 years, 5 months and 4 days January 29, 2015
Douglas W. Clark Jr. Entered into Rest	87 Years, 9 months and 14 days December 3, 2014



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

*Crow Canyon Lodge F&AM*  
**May 2015**

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