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Trestleboard

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Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551
F&AM of California
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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

September 4—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner \$10/person 7:30 PM Stated Meeting. Widows are guests of the lodge.
September 9—Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI)—7:00 PM—Mosaic Lodge, Livermore—Open to all Fellow Craft and Master Masons. Officers are required to attend. Surveyors are expected to attend. Topics: 2nd Degree and Middle Chamber Lecture. Other work to be determined. Arrive between 6 and 7 for a light meal compliments of Mosaic Lodge.
September 10—Mason's Night at AT&T Park—Giants vs. Rockies—6:15 PM—First Pitch 7:15 PM
September 11—1st Degree Practice—7:00 PM
September 13-14—Castro Valley Fall Festival—Child ID Booth—Meet at CVMC at 8:30 AM for set up
September 18—1st Degree—Mr. Perry Klahr—7:00 PM
September 20—Table Lodge in Honor of our Committee Chairmen—All Masons Invited—6:00 PM
September 23—DMPS—Masonic Education / Masonic Discussion—7:00 PM
September 24—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM
September 25—2nd Degree—Bro. Aaron Bianchi / Bro. Edwin Lira Ramilo—7:00 PM

OCTOBER

October 2—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner \$10/person 7:30 PM Stated Meeting. Widows are guests of the lodge.
October 4—Hiram Award Presentation and Dinner Honoring Bro. Howard Marmor—6:15 PM Dinner / 7:30 Presentation
October 9—3rd Degree Practice—7:00 PM
October 10-12—Grand Lodge Communication
October 14—Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI)—7:00 PM—Crow Canyon Lodge—Open to all Master Masons. Officers are required to attend. Surveyors are expected to attend. Topics: 3rd Degree 1st Section. Other work to be determined. Arrive between 6 and 7 for a light meal compliments of Crow Canyon Lodge.
October 16—3rd Degree—Bro. Nicolas Sears—7:00 PM
October 23—3rd Degree—Bro. Kyle Thompson—7:00 PM
October 28—DMPS—Masonic Education / Masonic Discussion—7:00 PM
October 30—Masonic Family Potluck—Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM—Lodge provides sodas & meat. A-L Vegetable or Casserole Dish / M-R Dessert / S-Z Salad Dish

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

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| • Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets @ Castro Valley Masonic Center (CVMC) 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM) http://www.lakechabot103oes.org | • Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261 Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Hayward Masonic Center |
| • Alchor White Shrine meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Friday (7:00 PM) | • Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1 Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church |
| • Castro Valley DeMolay meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM) | |
| • Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets @ CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM) | |

From the East

By Ron Katz, P.M.—Worshipful Master

We are heading to the Grand Lodge Communication in October and there are several carry-over resolutions from last year as well as new resolutions to be voted on. Voting members of Grand Lodge include the Masters and Wardens of all California Lodges, as well as the Grand Lodge Officers, and one vote per lodge for all Past Masters of that Lodge. Here are some of the main resolutions we will be addressing:

Resolution No. 13-04: Permits the Officers Coach To Use the Cipher in a Tiled Meeting. If passed, the Officers Coach or his designate could have an open Cipher Ritual in a Tiled Meeting to prompt officers in their work.

Resolution No. 13-09: Requires the Warden Columns to Remain In Place While Lodge Is Free From Restraint. If passed, when the Master declares, "the brethren may consider themselves free from restraint" the columns on the Junior and Senior Warden's pedestals would not be moved as they currently are.

Resolution No. 13-11: Creates Guidelines for Life Membership Installment Payments. If passed, this resolution would allow people to make installment payments toward a life membership.

Resolution No. 13-12: Modifies the Payment Structure of Life Membership Plans. This changes the formulas used to calculate how much a life membership costs someone based on their age.

Resolution No. 13-27/13-28: Modifies Minimum Dues/Fees for Degrees. These two resolutions seek to raise the minimum dues/fees to levels higher than 1946 levels.

Resolution No. 14-03: Allows Dues Based on the Lodge's Budget. If passed, this would allow a lodge to operate more like Grand Lodge with regard to dues. The budget would be created first, then all paying members would get a bill for their percentage.

Resolution No. 14-06: Standardizes Candidates Coaching Program. If passed, this would make it the specific responsibility of the Sr. Warden to oversee candidates coaching. This is currently a custom in many lodges but not a requirement.

Resolution No. 14-07: Modifies Rules on Personally Identifying Information. This resolution seeks to flip the requirements for allowing us to publish personally identifying information on our members. Instead of having to sign a form to allow, you would have to ask in writing not to have your information published. To me this just makes sense.

Resolution No. 14-09/14-10: Expands Permitted Fund Raising By Masonic Organizations. These resolutions hope to expand fundraising efforts to the general public and to allow lotteries, bingo, and raffles as well.

If you have any opinions on how your officers should vote, please speak with one of us directly.

This has been a great Masonic year and the future of this lodge looks to me to be extremely bright!



From the West

By Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Senior Warden

This article will be very short this month. As some of you may know, I have been ill with pneumonia and while past the danger stage, I am still in recovery mode. I expect to be fully recovered by the time you read this. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank the brothers who took the time to call or send cards with kind thoughts and best wishes to a return to good health. I can't express how much it cheered me up. Thank you.

September is rapidly approaching as I write this and by the time you receive it, we will have had our visitation to Mariposa and have raised Bro. Jorge Hernandez. Congratulations.

One of the subjects that I have been contemplating is what makes Masonry different from any other Fraternity. Many fraternities, such as the Lions, Moose, Elks, Eagles, etc. (some times referred to as the animal lodges) or college fraternities (Greek alphabet lodges) get together for social events and fraternal activities as well as doing community service. Please do not mistake my sense of humor regarding these lodges for disrespect. I think highly of many of them. It is that they are community oriented whereas Masonry is concerned with humanity by improving the individual. In my opinion, Masonry not only has those activities, but what separates us from those organizations are two additional things, a history of traditions, ceremonies and ritual handed down throughout the centuries, and a mission to develop each Mason into a better man.

In that regard, I was very pleased to see our Jr. Wardens article regarding the processional march in last month's Trestleboard. I would like to explore in the coming year, what traditions we have lost, that would have meaning, and provide continuance if practiced on occasion in a lodge today. Just food for thought. What is your opinion? What would you like to see in our lodge?



Famous Freemasons

THE COWBOY CODE

1. The cowboy must never shoot first, hit a smaller man, or take unfair advantage.
2. He must never go back on his word, or a trust confided in him.
3. He must always tell the truth.
4. He must be gentle with children, the elderly, and animals.
5. He must not advocate or possess racially or religiously intolerant ideas.
6. He must help people in distress.
7. He must be a good worker.
8. He must keep himself clean in thought, speech, action, and personal habits.
9. He must respect women, parents, and his nation's laws.
10. The Cowboy is a patriot.

— Bro. Gene Autry, 33°

From the South

By Michael Ramos—Junior Warden

Brethren & Friends,

For the month of September we will be serving Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and all the fixings. As always, if you plan on bringing guests, please do contact our Secretary prior to place reservations.

I am pleased to see that we are embarking upon another Festive Board come Saturday September 20th. We will open on the First Degree at 6:30 pm followed by the customary seven-course dinner with toasts and papers; tickets will be \$30.00 per person, please do contact Charles Hintz or myself for reservations and payment by Thursday September 18th. As always, please do come attired in coat and tie, for this is not only the customary dress when attending Lodge for a Business Meeting or Ceremony but also for all Festive Boards. I look forward to sharing fellowship with all Brethren who attend.

We are coming to that point in the Masonic year where those who are planning to advance stations begin to prove with proficiency. I want to humbly remind everyone planning to do so that if they are in need of assistance in any form that you need to reach out to our Officers Coach, Wor. Bro. Kurt Allen, or another Senior Brother who has the knowledge and authority to help you reach your goal. If you are struggling or feeling unsure about any matter in the Lodge, whether it be ritual related or not, please do voice this to a Brother Officer. We are all here to support each other, but none of us are mind readers, so we must hear about it in order to address it. Always know that all Officers have an open door policy when it comes to helping a Brother in need.

Masonic Family Corner

By Jennifer Gallagher, Senior Princess, Bethel No. 1, Dublin

Hello everyone!

Bethel 1 has had a great summer! In the beginning of June, we had our installation of officers and bethel choir, when Molly Anderson was installed as Honored Queen. At the end of June, we went to our annual convention in Visalia for 5 days. We competed in competitions like ritual, arts and crafts, music, and the Miss California Job's Daughter pageant! We are excited to have the opportunity of having a grand bethel officer this year. We saw her receive her office and get installed as Grand Bethel Marshal. We have had several other fun activities and fundraisers over the summer, but our bethel is currently dark until our meetings start again in August.



Inspiring Words

By Irwin Fershleiser—Chaplain

TAKE TIME

Take time to think

It is the source of power.

Take time to read

It is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play

It is the secret of staying young

Take time to be quiet!

It is the chance to seek God.

Take time to be aware

It is the chance to help others.

Take time to love and be loved

It is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh

It is the music of the soul.

Take time to be friendly

It is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream

It is what the future is made of

Take time to pray

It is the greatest power on earth

And take time for charity . . . it is the key to heaven

The California Grand Lodge Is Online

California Grand Lodge offers a variety of online and mobile communications tools to help you stay connected with brethren throughout the state - no matter where you are in the world.

MOBILE MAGAZINE

California Freemason magazine app

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California Freemason Online

California Freemason Online enables users to read, download, and print past issues of California Freemason magazine - from 2002 to present day. These digital editions of our bi-monthly membership publication include special "Web extra" content.

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2014 Committees

Appointments

Audit—Kay Dunn, Robert Logan, Arnie Weinstein

Funeral—Bob Pinkerton, Ron Katz, Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez, Kay Dunn, Eugene Moore, Charles Hintz, David Allen, Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

Masonic Charity - The Master and the Wardens

Masonic Hall Association—John Smith-President

Masonic Homes Endowment—Robert Logan

Membership Retention—Don Schauer, Sr.

Sunshine—Ernie Nidick / Les Blake

Event Committees

Kids ID (9/13-9/14/14) - David Allen—Chairman / Sammy Tamez / Roy Tamez / Jerry Garcia

Feast of St. John (9/20/14) - Michael Ramos / Charles Hintz / Stephen Kinsman

Masonic Youth Orders

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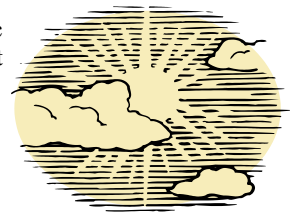
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Sunshine and Visiting

If you know of an ailing brother or Masonic widow who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret.

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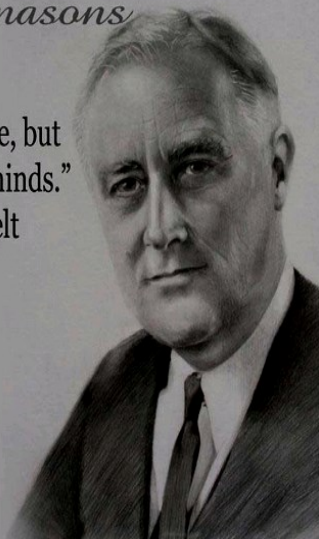
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Famous Freemasons

"Men are not prisoners of fate, but
only prisoners of their own minds."
— Bro. Franklin D. Roosevelt



Crow Canyon Lodge #551 F&AM September 2014

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