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



Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- 08/02 - Tuesday** - Officers' Assembly 7:00 PM
- 08/04 - Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 08/10 - Wednesday** - Third Degree Practice - 1st Section - Open 7:00 PM
- 08/11 - Thursday** - Third Degree Practice - 1st Section - Open 7:00 PM
- 08/17 - Wednesday** - Third Degree Practice - 2nd Section - Open 7:00 PM
- 08/18 - Thursday** - Third Degree Practice - 2nd Section - Open 7:00 PM
- 08/20 - Saturday** - Benicia Traveling Third Degree with dinner to follow- Bro. Rafisura - Open 12:00 PM
- 08/23 - Tuesday** - DMPS - Esoteric & Mystical Aspects of the Craft in the 17th and 18th Century - Meeting 7:00 PM
- 08/25 - Thursday** - Golden Veteran's Banquet - Honoring Bro. Les Blake's 50 Years as a Mason - Social 6:00 PM / Ceremony 6:30 PM / Dinner 7:15 PM
- 08/30 - Tuesday** - Officers' Assembly 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 09/01 - Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 09/08 - Thursday** - Hiram Award Presentation - Social - 6:00 PM / Dinner - 6:30 PM - Presentation - 7:30 PM
- 09/10 - Saturday** - Lodge Picnic @ Tilden Park - Lunch - 12:00 Noon
- 09/13 - Tuesday** - District Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI) at the Masonic Home - Dinner 6:00 PM / School - 7:00 PM
- 09/15 - Thursday** - First Degree Practice - Open 7:00 PM
- 09/22 - Thursday** - First Degree Practice - Open 7:00 PM
- 09/27 - Tuesday** - DMPS - DARK
- 09/29 - Thursday** - First Degree - Mr. O Benedict - Dinner - 6:30 PM / Open - 7:30 PM

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 Michael Ramos—Worshipful Master

Brethren and Friends,

I hope the month of August finds you reinvigorated and in good spirits.

In July, my wife and I were able to visit her mother on the island of Oahu to help celebrate her 50th with family and friends. We had a terribly splendid trip filled with relaxation and sightseeing. I hope all of you were able to take a break and get away.

This month you will find your Officers busier than normal due to some shifts in our calendar. We will be holding four Master Mason practices in preparation for our traveling degree to Benicia on Saturday August 20th. Our dear Bro. Rafisura has moved through his proficiencies with diligence and enthusiasm, and I for one cannot wait to take part in his Raising. My wife and I will be heading to Benicia this coming Saturday to solidify a restaurant for the dinner following and also for a ladies activity which my wife will host while our degree commences.

Another event that we should be greatly looking forward to is Bro. Blake's Golden Veteran's Banquet on Thursday August 25th: 6:00 pm social, 6:30 pm ceremony with dinner to follow. Please do mark this date on your calendar to come celebrate this joyous occasion.

Please see the attached calendars for dates and times.

I look forward to seeing all of you this month and wish you the very best.



From the West

By Alex Von Stade—Senior Warden

I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer break from Lodge activities during the month of July. Although we were dark during most of the month of July, I really enjoyed filling in for the Worshipful Master during July's Stated Meeting. It was quite an adventure for me to sit in the East for the first time. By sitting in the East, I was able to see the Lodge from a completely different perspective. It was an experience which I will never forget.

Although there are few holidays associated with the month of August, this particular August 2016 marks the arrival of the Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Known officially as the "Games of the XXXI Olympiad," more than 200 nations will gather together in Rio for nearly two weeks from August 5th to the 21st for a variety of athletic competitions. To me, it represents a time when a variety of different individuals and cultures come together for a common purpose. The same can be said of our Lodge; we are a diverse group of individuals linked together by a common purpose- to practice and support Masonic beliefs and values.

Have a Happy August and enjoy watching the Summer Olympic Games! You will have to wait another four years if you miss this one.



From the South

By Alvaro Reynoso, PM—Junior Warden

(Editor's note: This article is a reprint from September 2006 with just some minor edits. Words are still true today!)

Brethren,

With heart in hand, let us stand as one today, determined that our future shall be worthy of our past.

In your hands, brethren, more than in mine, will rest the final success or failure of our course. To say that we are enjoying the glorious days of our Lodge is not the appropriate thing to say, because, at present, we still have the same problem, which is the lack of participation in the affairs concerning the officers of our Lodge. For our next Masonic year, we are in need of caring brethren to step forward.

I strongly urge our brethren who have not had the opportunity to be officers to take the challenge now. Grow with me in leadership as we continue to grow our lodge. It is up to you, yes YOU to prevent the dark powers of indifference unleashed by a lack of good will to engulf us in a self-destructive spiral. Let us explore what challenges unite us instead of belaboring those problems which divide us.

I do not expect that the problem to be resolved during Wor. Ramos' administration, however, let us begin now.

Again, brethren, in your hands, more than in mine, will rest the final success or failure of our course.

In conclusion, I would like to quote to you the words of Margaret Truman Daniel, the only child of President Harry and Bess Truman: "When as a child you walk beside a good and warm-hearted man, and find comfort, love and protection in his embrace, you never think of him as a great man. He is just your dad, and you love him."

From the Secretary's Table

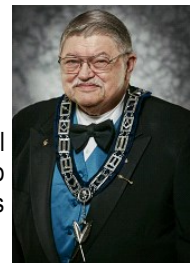
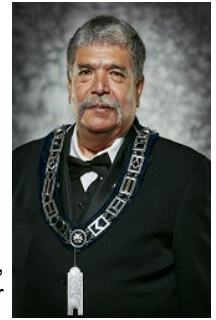
By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

The men below, were members of our lodge until recently, when they failed to pay their dues for two years in a row, and did not respond to our requests to assist them if they needed help:

A Gauthier (EA); J Howard (EA); P Morrison (EA); M Norcup (EA); C Reynolds (EA); M Sahota (EA); S Cook (FC); J Dorrance (FC); S Glover (FC); J Gordon (MM); R Graham (MM); L Petsas (MM); S Shifflett (MM); R Toy (MM); D Whitting (MM); C Worley (MM)

If you know how to contact any of these men, or if you have any information to share with the Secretary about any of them, it would be great. We have a simple way for these men to be reinstated to our fraternity.

These men must have joined our fraternity for a specific reason. If they failed to renew in error, we want to insure they are made aware of the opportunity to rejoin their brothers in fellowship.



Travel Degree

Come by Car, Motorcycle, Bike or . . .



But get to the Benicia Masonic Center

Saturday, August 20th, by 12 noon

For the Master Mason Degree of

Bro. Rafisura

Ladies' Activity while we work.

With dinner to follow



Join us for Masons Night
San Francisco: at AT&T Park on Wednesday, September 28
BRINGING BASEBALL TO CALIFORNIA KIDS
ONE MITT AT A TIME

CROW CANYON LODGE #551

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR LODGE PICNIC

RESERVE THIS DATE: SEPTEMBER 10TH

LOCATION: TILDEN PARK - GOLDEN GATE LIVE STEAMERS

HAVE FUN RIDING THE RAILS. ONCE AGAIN, ALL HONORARY HOBOS, TRAMPS AND BUMS, AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM CROW CANYON LODGE (INCLUDING YOUTH GROUPS AND CONCORDANT BODIES AT CVMC) ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE LODGE PICNIC AND RIDE THE RAILS AT THE GOLDEN GATE LIVE STEAMERS RAILROAD LOCATED IN TILDEN PARK



MORE INFO TO FOLLOW IN NEXT MONTH'S TRESTLEBOARD

Please Join Us on September 8, 2016 as we honor

BRO. ERNIE NIDICK

*with the Hiram Award
for distinguished Masonic service*

6:00 PM Social
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Presentation

Open to All
Castro Valley Masonic Center
4521 Crow Canyon Road

Reserve a Seat with Our Secretary



In Memoriam

Ronald W. Stuart Entered into Rest	80 years, 11 months and 19 days June 17, 2016
John W. Wagle Entered into Rest	97 Years, 2 Months and 6 Days May 17, 2016
Albert R. Bolli Entered into Rest	98 years, 3 months and 6 days April 15, 2016
Douglas S. Prull Entered into Rest	73 Year, 11 Months and 4 Days May 24, 2016

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

August Birthdays

William Quintel (08/01)	Peter Dinos (08/15)
John Kresge (08/02)	Le Roy Swanson (08/17)
Joe Ilmberger (08/04)	Gregory Cooper (08/18)
Edgar O'Hara (08/04)	Howard Ellis (08/18)
Iain Sherwood (08/06)	Lyman Penning (08/18)
Craig Tangen (08/06)	Paul Leiber (08/19)
Scott West (08/06)	Donald Johnson (08/21)
Stanley Gresick (08/07)	Theodore Santel (08/21)
Edwin Ramilo (08/07)	Harold Brooke (08/23)
Dale Reynolds (08/07)	Chris Bokamper (08/24)
Mark Castile (08/09)	Royle Langton (08/25)
John Kralovansky (08/10)	Danny Mrdja (08/25)
Howard Roberts (08/10)	Bruce Lobree (08/30)
Gordon Mac Donald (08/12)	Corbit Ray (08/30)
Kay Dunn (08/13)	Norman Shrader (08/30)
Thomas Robinson (08/14)	Carson Haines (08/31)

3rd Degree Anniversaries

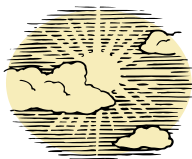
The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the month of August

Henry Andreotti (26)	Daniel Lee (3)
Kem Apak (4)	Gordon Mac Donald (10)
Ronald Baker (47)	Theodore Moehnke (53)
Michael Barnhart (14)	Donnald Moring [PM] (31)
Mickey Benko [PM] (27)	Benjamin Newmarker (51)
William Biddell (53)	Kanti Patel (31)
Lester Bridge (55)	Jack Plummer (74)
Charles Daniels (35)	Patrick Quinn (6)
Douglas Ferreira (33)	William Quintel (37)
John Fischer (12)	Michael Ramos (4)
George George (54)	Corbit Ray (27)
Ace Gilbert (39)	Lynn Reed (38)
Roger Glancy (4)	Steven Stark (35)
Stanley Gresick Jr. (64)	Kyle Thompson (1)
John Groff [PM] (43)	Alexander Von Stade II (4)
Jorge Hernandez (2)	Ruben Vossekuil (36)
John Hinkley (49)	William Warnecke (39)
Roberto Holguin Jr. (2)	Vinson White (57)
Harvey Kass (42)	Richard Wilkinson (3)
Brian Katz (10)	Earl Woodson (20)
Robert Keller (54)	

Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Castile, Mark Caspersen, Arnie Weinstein, Henry Miller, Charles Hintz. Please contact Secretary Don Schauer for their respective phone numbers.



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2016 Committees

Appointments

Executive Committee: Mike Ramos, Alex Von Stade, Robert Eckstein, Kurt Allen, Don Schauer, Sr.

Masonic Charity: Three Principle Officers

Sunshine: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer Sr.

Membership Retention: Don Schauer Sr. & Mike Ramos

Audit: Bill Biddell, Arnie Weinstein & Bob Pinkerton

Masonic Funeral: Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell & All Officers

Web Master: Ron Katz

Events

White Table Night: Alex Von Stade & Mike Ramos

Hiram Award Festivities: Alex Von Stade & Mike Ramos

Festive Boards & Feasts: Jonathan Prestage & Mike Ramos

Crab & Pasta Feed: Don Schauer & Roy Tamez

Strawberry Feed: Ron Katz

Public Schools Night: Eric Unti & Bill Ferrell

Child ID: David Allen & Roy Tamez

Sweetheart Events: Phil Busch & Kurt Allen

Visitation: Don Schauer, Kurt Allen & Mike Ramos

Masonic Formation and Education: Jonathan Prestage & Mike Ramos

Children's Holiday Party: Bill Ferrell & Mike Ramos

Masonic Youth Orders

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DMPS
Dead Masonic Poet Society

Share, learn and discuss:

Masonic history & mysteries
Our Craft's ever-evolving practices
Our true operative roots
Our positive effect on society; personally and otherwise

Every 4th Tuesday!

Open to all degrees!
7:00PM



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A Short Lesson on Time

One of the hidden, or "covered" symbols of Freemasonry is found in the many references to time.

The Entered Apprentice with a twenty-four inch gauge as is taught to divide it wisely. The Fellowcraft is reminded the function of geometry as to time is emphasized; "by it, also, the astronomer is enabled to make his observations and the fix the duration of time and seasons, years and cycles." As a Master Mason we are reminded of the passage of time in the reading from Ecclesiastes; "the days of thy youth" to that hour when "shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

The hour glass, an instrument used for the measurement of time, is one of the symbols discussed in the lecture of the Sublime Degree. "The Scythe is an emblem of time, which cuts the brittle thread of life and launches us into eternity.

Crow Canyon No. 551 August 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <u>Officers' Assembly Meeting - 7:00 PM</u> * Installed Officers Only	3	4 <u>Stated Meeting</u> Dinner - 6:00 PM Open - 7:30 PM	5	6
7	8	9	10 <u>Third Degree Practice (First Section)</u> Open - 7:00 PM	11 <u>Third Degree Practice (First Section)</u> Open - 7:00 PM	12	13
14	15	16 <u>DOSI # the Masonic Home</u> Dinner - 6:00 PM School - 7:00 PM	17 <u>Third Degree Practice (Second Section)</u> Open - 7:00 PM	18 <u>Third Degree Practice (Second Section)</u> Open - 7:00 PM	19	20 <u>Benicia Travel Degree - Third - Bro. Rafisura</u> Open - 12:00 noon Ladle's activity to coincide with dinner to follow .
21	22	23 <u>DMPs</u> <u>Esoteric & Mystical Aspects of the Craft in the 17th and 18th Century</u> Meeting - 7:00 PM	24	25 <u>Golden Veteran Banquet</u> Honoring Bro. Blake's 50 years as a Mason. Social - 6:00 PM Ceremony - 6:30 PM Dinner - 7:15 PM	26	27
28	29	30 <u>Officers' Assembly Meeting - 7:00 PM</u> * Installed Officers Only	31			

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*All degree conferrals, practices, and LOIs will **not** include dinner service unless otherwise noted in the calendar made by the Master.