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



## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY

Thu Jan 01, 2015 – DARK – Happy New Year!  
Tue Jan 06, 2015 - 6:30 PM - Officer's Meeting  
Thu Jan 08, 2015 - 7:30 PM - Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting  
Mon Jan 12, 2015 - 6:30 PM - 2nd Degree Practice  
Tue Jan 13, 2015 - 7:00 PM - District School of Instruction – At Masonic Home  
Thu Jan 15, 2015 - 7:00 PM - 2nd Degree - Bros. Jonke & Albanese  
Thu Jan 22, 2015 - 7:00 PM - 2nd Degree Bro. Lira Ramilo  
Mon Jan 26, 2015 - 7:00 PM - Hall Association  
Tue Jan 27, 2015 - 7:00 PM - DMPS (Masonic Education)  
Thu Jan 29, 2015 - 7:00 PM - Lodge of Instruction—*How to Do Candidate Investigations*

### FEBRUARY

Tue Feb 03, 2015 – 6:30 PM – Officer's Meeting  
Thu Feb 05, 2015 - 7:30 PM - Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting  
Tue Feb 10, 2015 - 7:00 PM - District School of Instruction – At Masonic Home  
Thu Feb 12, 2015 - 7:00 PM - 1st Degree Practice  
Thu Feb 19, 2015 - 7:00 PM - 1st Degree  
Sat Feb 21, 2015 - 6:00 PM - Crab Feed—Tickets available from the Secretary  
Mon Feb 23, 2015 - 7:00 PM - Hall Association  
Tue Feb 24, 2015 - 7:00 PM - DMPS (Masonic Education)  
Thu Feb 26, 2015 - 7:00 PM - Lodge of Instruction—*How to Conduct a Masonic Funeral/Memorial Service*  
Sat Feb 28, 2015 - 5:30 PM - 2nd Annual White Table Night—Tickets available from the Secretary

### 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

Happy New Year to one and all. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year celebration. As you know, we will be having our Stated Meeting on January 8th this year since the New Year started on our regular stated meeting night. I hope to see many of you in the lodge that night.

The first quarter is always busy due to people moving into their new positions, finishing up degrees and our regular activities. This year will be no exception. Please take a close look at the calendar for January and February since we will be having quite a few activities.

I have to put in a reminder to our various committees and boards that in February a number of reports are due. Per the CMC, these reports must be written and submitted to the secretary for inclusion with the minutes as well as read in lodge. That being stated, I want to take the



opportunity now to thank all the members who have either volunteered to be on a committee or accepted my request to be on one. I appreciate the hard work and efforts required of you. Thanks to each of you.

Each year a number of changes occur along with a change in leadership, both in grand lodge and in the

Blue Lodge. We have a number of first time line officers and they are actively supporting the lodge. In return, we have to give them our support as well. One of the things that they have requested (and me too) is a regularly scheduled officers meeting. Accordingly we will be having officers meetings on the Tuesday night prior to Stated Meetings. On that night we will set the agenda for the Stated Meeting as well as plan the calendar and activities for upcoming events. Furthermore, we intend only to conduct business on those items that are on the Stated Meeting Agenda. Only items deemed of major importance or required by Grand Lodge will be considered extemporaneously. Anything else will be ruled out of order unless it is of an emergency nature. Those items will be put on the following month's agenda. This hopefully will have two benefits. One, shorter business meetings, and two, more time to inform the lodge members, allow discussion and better decision making process. At least that is the anticipated results. If you have something that needs to be discussed, be sure to contact us before or during the officers meeting to get it on the agenda.

Another item that I am concerned about, is that we have become lax in our respect for the lodge and some of its traditions. Starting in March, it will be mandatory for all Officers to attend in dark suits (Dark jacket, Tie, Shirt, slacks and dress shoes will be permissible if you do not have a dark suit). This has been discussed with many of the officers already and they are in agreement with this. Additionally, I would like to bring back an old tradition and will ask that all officers wear white gloves while we are at labor (in accordance with the guidelines provided by Grand Lodge of course). I will personally purchase the first bulk order of gloves (not to exceed

You're never fully dressed  
without a Smile



\$100.) for this activity, so as not to burden the lodge and to put my money where my mouth is. I also request that members attending lodge wear slacks and nice shirts, (no jeans or tennis shoes) to stated meetings, with the exception of those that are working in the kitchen. I do not consider this an undue hardship. These standards (or higher) are required of our youth groups and even other concordant bodies. We should at least be an example to our youth groups.

Other items that we hope to do are improve our candidates experience during the degrees as much as possible. To that end, I hope to have each candidate experience his own degree in its entirety. The only time I intend to have double degrees are if it is requested by the candidates themselves. (An Example might be a pair of brothers, father /son, etc.)

I have appointed the Senior Warden as head candidates coach. No proficiencies will be scheduled to be performed in lodge, unless I receive word from him that he has heard the candidate give his proficiency and agrees that he is ready. The only time I will hear proficiency is if the Senior Warden asks me to in the case he is not available due to work or some other conflict.

We had a number of Masons pass away this year and I and the secretary are including a Memorial page listing those persons who have passed away. These people were not mentioned earlier during the last year because we were not informed of their passing until after their families received dues notice requests and informed us of their passing. Please take a moment to pay these brothers your respects. Perhaps if you were friends with them and their families, extend a kind thought to them.

Now that business is out of the way, I congratulate Aaron Bianchi on passing to the degree of Fellowcraft. I want to say, that your officers presented a very nice degree on his behalf. The Fellowcraft degree is very impressive, and I hope you can attend the Fellowcraft degrees coming up in January.

We had a very good attendance at the Christmas Party. Wor. Bill Ferrell did a great job of arranging for Santa Claus and the Magician to attend. Bros. Les Blake, David Allen and Phil Bush did a great job of setting up and preparing the food. Thank you gentlemen. This event was a success due to your efforts.

I am looking forward to this coming year because we have so many wonderful people in our lodge. I hope to see you at our upcoming meetings and events.

## From the West

By Michael Ramos—Senior Warden



I would like to start this month's article by stating the overwhelming sense of optimism that I feel as we embark upon this Masonic year at Crow Canyon.

I have learned that every year truly has an aura all its own. This aura is generally never cultivated by the year's initial agenda, but rather by actively participating in the essence of the journey until its conclusion. This year's veiled overarching theme is Instruction. This is wonderful for all the obvious surface-level reasons, but even more importantly is the fact that starting in 2016 we will have a prospective line of floor-working Officers that will not include a Past Master. In order for younger Brethren, like myself, to positively contribute to our Craft and confidently participate in leadership roles for years to come, we must start by drinking from the cup of knowledge being offered in 2015.

Numerous opportunities will be made available this year through Crow Canyon to grow and develop. For example, on Thursday, January 29th, we will be holding a Lodge of Instruction (LOI) on Investigation Practices

of Applicants. On Thursday, February 26th, we will be holding a LOI on Masonic Funeral Practices. These LOIs will be frequent, and will continually offer an opportunity to acquire knowledge from our District Inspector, Officer's Coach and select Past Masters. This is one of the many forms of true Masonic Charity (the sharing of knowledge) that Crow Canyon is offering this year.

For all Mentors, Candidates and Brethren, I want to remind you that



**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



DMPS is still as active as ever. I encourage all of you to visit on the fourth Tuesday of every month (except July and December) here at the CVMC at 7:00 pm. Masonic history, symbolism,

philosophy and related currents are discussed in a fraternal environment where ideas and papers are shared with the intent of making a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. If the venue is ever to be changed or the event canceled as a whole, we will do our absolute best to keep everyone informed in advance. If you wish to be added to the monthly email reminder, please write me at 551dmps@gmail.com

I foresee 2015 offering many "firsts" for Crow Canyon. With that being said, I am happy to make an early announcement that we have the privilege of conferring, for the first time, a Moonlight Degree at the Siminoff Outdoor Facility on Saturday June 6th. More details will be announced, as we get closer to the date.

I could go on much longer with all we have earmarked for this year, but instead I will close for now wishing you all good health, happiness and fellowship.

## From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



As we start a new year, here are some facts about our lodge.

- We mail 520 bulletins and send an additional 90 via e-mail
- 17 members passed to the other shore during 2014 and of those 13 lived into their 90's.
- We have 337 Master Masons in our lodge and their average age is 71 years old.
- We have 21 Entered Apprentice Masons in our lodge and their average age is 48.38 years old
- We have 9 Fellowcraft Masons in our lodge and their average age is 31.33 years old.
- We have a total of 367 members. The average age of our membership is 68.68 years old.
- We also have 208 widows on our rolls.
- 16 members have not paid their dues for 2014
- 248 members have already paid their dues for 2015 and 122 members have not. Are you one of them?

Our dues for 2015 are \$99.50. I plan to introduce a bylaw change next year to allow the dues plus per capita tax to be rounded off to the next highest dollar amount

Brother Roy Tamez, our chef, is having a hard time buying the right amount of food for our Stated Meeting. He has requested that we start a new "regulars" list of those who will always attend and that those who attend only occasionally should call the Secretary at least two days before the meeting and let him know how many will be in your party.

## Masonic Family Corner

**Bethel 1, Dublin, Jobs Daughters**—This month we initiated Fallon into our Bethel and we are excited to get to know her better. Also, in the past few weeks we had a few Line Officer projects like a holiday boutique, a pancake breakfast, and gift wrapping. We would like to extend to your lodge a very happy holiday and new year. The girls of Bethel No.1 are eagerly waiting for our Bethel's Installation on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 7 pm at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. We hope to see as many Masons there that can attend. Thank you!

H. Cottrell, Marshal



## Inspiring Words

By Irwin Fershleiser—Chaplain

This month is the start of a new year. Out goes the old – in comes the new. A new beginning and Hope for the future. Yes, in so much I read, in many things I see on T. V., in what I hear on conversations; there seems to be an undeniable fear of our well being in the year to come. Words like our fraternity is declining, that the economy in this country is bleak, etc. So at this time I would like to share with you the following – at the lowest point in my life, I thought that all was lost. A brother sent me the following words and with my faith in the Supreme Architect of the Universe and these words helped me cope.

*When things go wrong,  
As they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seem all up hill,  
When the funds are low and debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit –  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.*

**Fall seven times, stand up eight.** —japanese proverb

*Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a fellow turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out.  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow –  
You may succeed with another blow.*

*Often the goal is nearer than  
It seems to a faint and faltering man  
Often the struggler has given up  
When he might have captured the victor's cup;  
And he learned too late when the night came down  
How close he was to the golden crown.*

**DONT QUIT**

*Success is failure turned inside out –  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems afar;*

*So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit  
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.*



So my brethren keep the faith and never quit.

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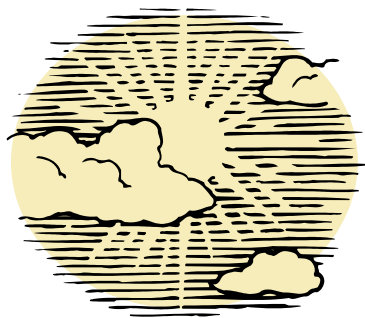
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## Sunshine and Visiting

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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## 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

**Pizza Night** (4/30) - Ron Katz

**Crab Feed** (2/21) - Don Schauer, Roy Tamez

**White Table Night** (2/28) - Kem Apak, Mike Ramos

**Public Schools Night** (April) - Eric Unti, Bill Ferrell

**Child ID**—David Allen, Roy Tamez

**Sweethearts' Event**—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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# *In Memoriam*

**Herman O. Armstrong**

Entered into rest on Jan 28,2014  
at the age of  
95 years, 2 months and 14 days

**Harold W. Bolesworth**

Entered into rest on Oct 14,2014  
at the age of  
95 years,5 months and 5 days

**Robert C. Burns**

Entered into rest on June 18,2014  
at the age of  
93 years, 1 months and 7 days

**William A. Charles**

Entered into rest on June 18, 2014  
at the age of  
92 years,7 months and 27 days

**Barney M. Elmore, Jr**

Entered into rest on April 16, 2014  
at the age of  
93 years, 1 months and 7 days

**Andre Gravier**

Entered into rest on Jan 22,2014  
at the age of  
86 years,6 months and 3 days

**John F. Hardesty**

Entered into rest on May 28, 2014  
at the age of  
72 years,3 months and 30 days

**Milton L. Jones**

Entered into rest on Jan 27,2014  
at the age of  
93 years,4 months and 5 days

**Edwin G. Kenyon**

Entered into rest on Oct 5, 2014  
at the age of  
95 years,5 months and 16 days

**Bertram Z. Mutnick**

Entered into rest on Aug 5, 2014  
at the age of  
94 years, 1 months and 8 days

**Franklin F. Rees**

Entered into rest on July 10,2014  
at the age of  
94 years,5 months and 21 days

**Leonard Reisfselt**

Entered into rest on Aug 23, 2014  
at the age of  
92 years,7 months and 15 day

**Ira V. Renner**

Entered into rest on Feb 5, 2014  
at the age of  
93 years, 10 months and 25 days

**Ruben A. Rodriguez**

Entered into rest on Sept 12, 2014  
at the age of  
67 years,3 months and 23 days

**George G. Sharpe, Jr.**

Entered into rest on Oct 20,2014  
at the age of  
74 years, 11 months and 24 days

**David E. Sonnichsen**

Entered into rest on Oct 10,2014  
at the age of  
96 years, 11 months and 4 days

**Fred Schaffer**

Entered into rest Nov 20,2014  
At the age of  
91 years, 5 months and 6 days



### California Masonic Foundation: Partnerships for Profound Change

Masons have championed many great causes throughout history, but perhaps none as far-reaching, or as personal, as public education. Masons started some of the first public schools in America and advocated for legislation to help make education accessible to everyone.

In addition, California Masons are committed to making a profound difference in our communities. By partnering with respected organizations, the California Masonic Foundation provides meaningful support where there is a critical need. These partnerships touch the lives of thousands of Californians each year.

The Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation's *Firefighters in Safety Education (F.I.S.E.)* offers California Masons the unique opportunity to partner with a statewide nonprofit organization making profound change in communities throughout California through a public burn prevention education program. The *Firefighters in Safety Education* provides free burn prevention education and materials to thousands of elementary school students every year. The goal is to bring burn prevention education to "each child, each year" in California schools. The program is a 30-minute presentation taught by active firefighters who volunteer to be trained and to bring lifesaving information to their communities.

### A Statewide Partner – Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation

The Masons of California have established a partnership with the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation (AARBF), a California based non-profit organization founded in 1971 after the tragic death of Alisa Ann, an 8 year old girl who died in a fire-related accident.

AARBF has been widely recognized for its accomplishments:

- In 1972, AARBF created the Stop, Drop and Roll marketing campaign, now a life-saving technique taught in schools worldwide;
- In the early 1980s, AARBF introduced the largest residential summer camp in California for burn impacted children, called Champ Camp;
- In 2009, the Federal Emergency Management Agency recognized AARBF nationally for its scald prevention campaign, Hot Liquids Burn Like Fire; and,
- In April 2012, the American Burn Association's Journal of Burn Care and Research published an abstract describing the Firefighters in Safety Education (SFFISE) program.

### Understanding Our Unique Opportunity

- There are 2.9 million students in California and this project targets 70,783 low income students throughout California.
- Lodges can raise funds to bring FISE to schools in their community so we can provide FISE materials, training, and guidance.
- AARBF will help interested lodges reach out to their local schools to set up presentations and recruit local firefighters to make the presentations.
- AARBF will provide the FISE materials and train both Masons and firefighters. This option increases the sustainability of the FISE expansion and furthers our goal of presenting FISE to every K-5 school in California that desires to teach its students burn prevention skills.

### How Our Partnership Will Work

- Lodges throughout California will raise funds to provide vital burn prevention education to low income students throughout the state of California.
- The cost to provide burn prevention education through the *Firefighters in Safety Education* program is approximately \$1.00 per child. The goal is to reach 70,783 students every year for three years.
- AARBF will establish relationships with the local fire department(s) to adopt the *Firefighters in Safety Education* program.
- Utilizing lodges and Masons throughout California, AARBF will set up and conduct multiple training sessions, set goals with individual departments, train the trainers, prepare the materials for distribution, create tool kits for each department, and establish reporting procedures.
- Lodges may be used as training sites for firefighters.
- AARBF will provide Masons with life-saving burn prevention materials to distribute to children in their communities.
- Masons alongside local firefighters will conduct FISE presentations that coincide with schools' schedules.
- AARBF will collect data throughout the school year for project evaluation.



# *Crow Canyon Lodge #551 F&AM*

## *January 2015*

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		District Officers' School of Instruction —7:00 PM		2nd Degree Bros. Jonke & Albanese— 7:00 PM			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
				2nd Degree Bro. Lira-Ramillo— 7:00 PM			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
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15	16	17	18	19 1st Degree — 7:00 PM	20	21 Crab Feed—6:00 PM
22	23 Hall Association—7:00 PM	24 DMPS (Masonic Education)—7:00 PM	25	26 Lodge of Instruction—Funeral Service—7:00 PM	27	28 2nd Annual White Table Night—5:30 PM