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



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Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 03/01 - Thursday** - Stated Meeting/Official Visit - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 03/02-03/04 - Friday-Sunday** - Master's & Warden's Retreat
- 03/08 - Thursday** - 3rd Degree Bro. Klahr - Dinner 6:00 PM / Degree 7:00 PM
- 03/13 - Tuesday** - District Officers School of Instruction - Pleasanton - Dinner 6:30 PM / School 7:30 PM
- 03/15 - Thursday** - Practice 2nd Degree - 7:00 PM
- 03/22 - Thursday** - 50 Year Pin - Bro. Anthony Lloyd - Dinner 6:00 PM / Presentation 7:00 PM
- 03/27 - Tuesday** - Hall Association Meeting - 6:30 PM
- 03/29 - Thursday** - Family Potluck - (A-H Dessert, I-N Casserole Dish, O-Z Vegetable or Salad) - 6:15 PM

APRIL

- 04/05 - Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 04/12 - Thursday** - District Officers School of Instruction - CVMC - Dinner 6:30 PM / School 7:30 PM
- 04/19 - Thursday** - Public School's Night - Social 6:00 PM / Dinner 6:30 PM / Presentation 7:30 PM
- 04/22 - Sunday** - Sweetheart Brunch & Theatre - Brunch @ CVMC 11:30 PM / Theatre @ Chanticleers 3683 Quail Avenue, Castro Valley 2:00 PM
- 04/24 - Tuesday** - Hall Association Meeting - 6:30 PM
- 04/26 - Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- ◆ San Lorenzo Chapter Eastern Star No. 103 meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Monday (8:00 PM)
- ◆ 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 Robert Eckstein, PM—Master

March became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar. The death of Caesar made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman history as one of the events that marked the transition from the historical period known as the Roman Republic to the Roman Empire.

Crow Canyon will mark the month of March as an uplifting and busy month. Our Stated Meeting is marked for the official visit by our Worshipful Inspector Gary Sparks. Then your senior officers will spend March 2, 3, and 4 at the Master and Wardens Retreat working and attending seminars, meeting officers from other Lodges to discuss the betterment of our Lodges and Masonry in general. We return for our second 3rd Degree for Brother Perry Klahr on March 8, starting with a light dinner at 6PM. On March 15 we will begin practicing to confer 2nd degrees. On March 22 we will celebrate Brother Anthony Lloyd's 50th Anniversary as a Master Mason. Then we conclude the month with our first pot luck.

Of special note: On March 10 at 10AM will be our first meeting of the Crow Canyon Rod and Gun Club. Coffee, donuts, and bagels will be served. Bring your ideas. What shall we do? Gun safety, range safety, how to clean a gun, shooting competition, how to fish, fishing trips, or all of the above. Show up and plan the Clubs future.

Welcome Brother Orrin Benedict as a new Master Mason. Brother Orrin was our first degree to be conferred in 2018 which was well attended. We had many visitors from Siminoff Lodge and Worshipful Lyman Penning delivered an excellent lecture! Our Annual Crab Feed was another success. Thank you Worshipful Roy Tamez and Brother Donald Schauer for chairing this event.

On Saturday March 17 our own Worshipful Fred Avery will receive Pleasanton Lodge's Hiram Award at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. If you would like to attend the dinner contact Pleasanton's Secretary, Wor. Jeff Renholts at 925-462-3774 or at jrenholts@mac.com.

We are busy and having a lot of fun at Crow Canyon so plan on attending! Masonry works best when shared with your Brethren!



From the West

By Frederick Kao, PM—Senior Warden-elect

Brethren, I share this short poem:

*Have love. Not love alone for one,
But man as man thy brother call;
And scatter like the circling sun
Thy charities on all. - Johann von Schiller*

As tax time approaches, remember our many Masonic Charities: the [Masonic Homes](#), Masonic Outreach Services for [Seniors](#), [Youth & Families](#), The [Raising-A-Reader Program](#), our [Masonic Youth Orders](#), The [Scottish Rite Language Clinics](#), The [Shriner's Hospitals for Children](#).

Invest in the success of these programs. Rejoice in the ability to share your good fortune with others. Together we can and we are truly making a difference!

From the South

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Junior Warden

I am pleased to introduce our newest Master Mason, Orrin Benedict. Orrin was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Feb. 22, 2018. His ceremony was attended by many distinguished Brethren and Past Masters from our neighboring Simonov Lodge. It was an honor to have been a part of his raising.

This March is turning out to be a month to remember as we have another chance to be a part of the raising of a fellow brother, so please plan on helping us raise Bro. Perry Klahr, on March 8 at 7:00 PM.

Along with this raising, March brings another milestone within our Masonic journey. On March 22 at 7:00 PM, we will be blessed to have the opportunity to present to Bro. Anthony Lloyd his 50 year Pin. It will be a must attend event, so please RSVP, and I hope to see you all there!

Now from Labor to Refreshments...

The 'Annual Crab Feed' on Feb. 24 was well attended, and all looked to have enjoyed the food and companionship. I must admit, it was my first ever 'Crab Feed' dinner, and I was surprised to see all the home-brought tools, butter clarifier's, and crab dipping sauces. Obviously, I was a rookie in a league of crab aficionados. Next year I plan on stepping up my game!

Lastly, on the continued theme of March Milestones; the month will have five Thursdays and rumor has it that on the fifth Thursday of a month, there must be a celebratory Potluck to display all of our family's treasured culinary morsels. So please bring your signature dish and prepare to hand out those recipes (with some vital ingredients omitted of course) to the lodge on March 29th.



SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 10, 2018 - 10:00 AM

Crow Canyon Rod and Gun Club inaugural meeting.

Bring your ideas on what you want to do or learn and plan the Club's future

Coffee, donuts, and bagels will be served.



From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

March is upon us and daylight savings time starts on the 11th. Along with the start of the time change, I will be sending out notices of intent to suspend members who have not paid their 2017 dues. Please pay your dues, I hate to suspend members for a few dollars. If paying your dues creates a hardship please let me or the Master know and we will take care of you and no one else need ever know anything about it. There are eleven of you who are at risk, so pcheck your dues receipt and make sure you are current.



The lodge financial report was read at the our February Stated Meeting along with the report of our investments. It's a good thing we have a fairly strong investment account.

Looking forward to Roy's famous corned beef and cabbage for our March Stated Meeting (St Patrick's day) dinner. Hope to see you all there.

In Memoriam



Roger L. Lemon
Entered into rest

95 Years, 10 Months and 9 Days
Aug 23, 2017

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

Masonic Family Corner

DeMolay International - www.demolay.org
Northern California DeMolay - www.norcaldemolay.com

Job's Daughters International- www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org
International Order of Job's Daughters, California - www.caijod.org

Rainbow for Girls Supreme Assembly - www.gorainbow.org
Rainbow for Girls California Grand Assembly - www.caiorg.org

Learn more at Masons4Youth.org



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

George Adams Jr. [PM] (56)	Harold Lassle (29)
Robert Albritton [PM] (41)	Leonard Leavitt (43)
Jack Allen (29)	Billy Martens [PM] (35)
Gilbert Alston (48)	Edward Matraia Jr. [PM] (45)
Gabriel Amaral [PM] (31)	Brandon Morrison (11)
Howard Ellis (13)	Richard Ramos D.D.S. (4)
Robert Fabel (35)	Wilfred Salmon Jr. (38)
Gary Frisvold (48)	Robert Soule III (22)
Wesley Hallmeyer (68)	Craig Tangen (45)
Edmund Hempel (59)	Rex Toltschin Jr. (50)

Celebrate

March Birthdays

Ralph Larsen (03/03)	Roger Hamilton (03/21)
Bob Lee (03/08)	Jeffery Lantz (03/21)
Bryan Salby (03/09)	Edward Matraia Jr. (03/21)
Raymond Newman (03/11)	Alvaro Reynoso (03/21)
Max Morris (03/12)	Berto Holguin Jr. (03/22)
George Christensen (03/13)	Henry Andreotti (03/23)
Jerry Walter (03/13)	Frank Sepulveda (03/25)
Alan Kenyon (03/16)	Steven Aracne (03/27)
Russell Porter (03/16)	Robert Saks (03/28)
Russell Accurso (03/17)	Roy Eddy (03/30)
Kishore Gidvani (03/17)	Mark Leite (03/30)
Frank Russell Jr. (03/17)	Ronald Reynolds (03/30)
Jerome Samelson (03/17)	Steven Stark (03/30)
Ronald Baker (03/18)	Kevin Hulme (03/31)
Gene Tague Sr. (03/20)	

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Our Sr. Steward will have a signup sheet at Stated Meeting or contact our Secretary.

Order early and don't miss out!!

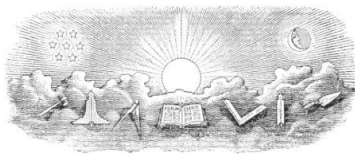
Past Hiram Award Recipients

Masonry recognizes members who go above and beyond to serve the lodge and the community. Each year, the lodge has the opportunity to present a special award, called "The Hiram Award", to honor a member. Below is a list of all Hiram Award Recipients since the inception of our lodge and the date of their honor:



Allen, Kurt (2005)
 Amaral, Gabriel (1996)
 Barham, Edward* (1994)
 Basham, James* (2001)
 Beaman, Roger* (1994)
 Beeman, Floyd* (1975)
 Benko, Mickey (2009)
 Biddell, William (2005)
 Bishop, Charles* (2003)
 Blisard, William* (1991)
 Busch, Phillip (2015)
 Castona, Donald* (1990)
 Cerates, Sidney* (2011)
 Clough, Eugene* (1992)
 De Bruyn, Gordon* (1988)
 De Poe, John* (1993)
 Ferrell, William (1999)
 Fershleiser, Irwin (1990)
 Fisher, Merle* (1994)
 Folck, Billy* (1980)
 Frisvold, Gary (1988)
 Gill, Robert* (1982)
 Giovannelli, Silvano* (1985)
 Golden, Daniel* (1995)
 Gotelli, Lawrence* (1996)
 Gravier, Andre* (1991)
 Haines, Carson (1995)
 Hanna, Franklin* (2004)
 Hansen, Robert* (2008)
 Hansford, John* (1990)
 Harrell, Wallace* (1988)
 Hernandez, Jose* (1997)
 Jaeckel, Kurt (1993)
 Keller, Harold* (1997)
 Kenyon, Edwin (1987)
 Keshishian, Albert (2007)
 Ketels, Irving* (1994)
 Koontz, Everett* (1981)
 Krause, Paul (1993)
 Locklear, Gorden* (1988)

Logan, Robert (2006)
 Manov, Anthony* (1974)
 Marmor, Howard (2014)
 Matraia, Edward (1989)
 Mc Guire, Max* (1993)
 Miller, Henry (1992)
 Morris, Donald* (1990)
 Mullins, James* (1980)
 Mumford, Emory* (1988)
 Nelson, Roy* (1990)
 Nidick, Ernie (2016)
 Palmeri, John* (2000)
 Patterson, George* (1986)
 Penning, Lyman (2013)
 Perryman, Arthur* (1980)
 Peters, Robert (1997)
 Petersen, James* (2002)
 Pinto, Arthur* (1996)
 Reynolds, Ron (2017)
 Reynoso, Alvaro (2012)
 Rowe, Thomas* (2002)
 Salomon, Wayne* (1989)
 Sanders, Chester* (1979)
 Schauer, Donald (1990)
 Smith, John (2010)
 Sneep, Adrianus* (1987)
 Sotelo, Prudencio (1984)
 Stedinger, Russell* (1994)
 Tamez, Roy (2007)
 Tamez, Sammy (1999)
 Tilden, Charles* (1989)
 Townsend, Jack* (1989)
 Tucker, Charles* (1989)
 Turpeinen, Ray* (1990)
 Watson, Audus* (1998)
 Weissner, Allen (1983)
 Werner, Robert* (2001)
 Worthing, William* (2000)
 Yetter, Harry* (1984)



Practicing the Masonic ABCs

By [Gerald Edgar, MPS](#)

At an early age all of us learned our "ABC's" as the foundation or building blocks of our education. Without that foundation, learning in any language is stymied. Similarly I respectfully suggest that we, as Masons, relearn our Masonic ABC's: Always Boosting Civil discourse.

Recently, whether in society at large or even in a tiled Lodge we experience true extended civil discourse about as often as we do a winning lottery ticket. Shouldn't Masons, of all people, be able to adhere to their Masonic ABC's when discussing Masonry with each other? You and I both cringe, I'm sure, when we read insults and innuendo being tossed about in Masonic blogs and other online communities, in "Letters to the Editor" of Masonic publications and even when meeting as Masons at Masonic gatherings. This is due to many shortcomings on our part: Failure to listen twice before speaking or writing once; not showing respect for others; or allowing Brothers to denigrate others rather than whispering wise counsel to them; and even by not practicing the Golden Rule.

We can all become overwrought in the heat of a moment. Even well educated, mature Masons in a Masonic gathering still manage to violate our precepts. The true Mason will seek to eliminate these errors and if he makes one, correct himself. The creators of our fraternity ritual anticipated this and created a safety net by making one of the duties of the Junior Warden to insure that all leave meetings harmoniously. Do Masonic officers at all levels as well as the rank-and-file make errors or even fall prey to their baser nature? Certainly! None of us are totally smooth ashlar. However, as would be critics of such perceived errors, do we practice our Masonic ABC's? Do we seek light or do we seek to tear down? Are we builders carefully arranging the misplaced blocks and realigning the deviations found by our plumb or are we ruffians? Please, may we ever seek to always boost civil discourse! "Be civil to all, sociable to many, familiar with few, friend to one, enemy to none." Bro. Benjamin Franklin.

Bro. Gerald Edgar, MPS, is a member of Mosaic Lodge No. 125 of Dubuque, Iowa. He is also a Past Master of both Bethel Lodge No. 319 in Garner, Iowa, and Amity Lodge No. 472 of West Chicago, Illinois.

Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson, Charles Hintz, Howard Marmor, George Christensen, Corbit Ray

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer for their respective phone numbers.

If you know of a brother who is ill and could use some cheer please call Ernie or Les.



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2018 Committees

2018 Appointments

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:

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: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Sweethearts Committee: Glenn Sears, Guy Phillips, Perry Klahr

Visitation / Traveling Degree : Kurt & Wynn Allen, and Don Schauer

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM

White Table Night: J Rafisura

Masonic Youth Orders

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Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—Helen J. Zidek [click to email](#)

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March 2018

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