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# Trestleboard

May 2017

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



## Calendar of Events

### MAY

- 05/02 - Tuesday - Officers' Assembly - Meeting 7:00 PM
- 05/04 - Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 05/07 - Sunday - Sweetheart's Event @ CVMC - 12 noon. Call Phil @ 510-566-7019 to RSVP
- 05/09 - Tuesday - District Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI) at the Pleasanton - Dinner 6:00 PM / School 7:00 PM
- 05/11 - Thursday - Practice TBD
- 05/18 - Thursday - Practice TBD
- 05/25 - Thursday - Practice TBD
- 05/30 - Tuesday - Officer's Assembly - 7:00 PM

### JUNE

- 06/01 - Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 06/08 - Thursday - Practice TBD
- 06/13 - Tuesday - Joint District (317&319) Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI) @ Siminoff Lodge (Masonic Home) - Dinner 6:00 PM / School 7:00 PM
- 06/15 - Thursday - Practice TBD
- 06/22 - Thursday - Practice TBD
- 06/22 - Thursday - DARK

## 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 Alex Von Stade—Worshipful Master

Brethren:

Welcome to the Month of May. It is during this month we celebrate Memorial Day, a Federal holiday dedicated to the memory of the men and women who gave their lives while serving in the country's armed forces. Originally known as Decoration Day, it is observed every year on the last Monday in May. For me, it marks the day that I proudly place the American flag on the front of my house to mark the holiday. The flag that I use is the same one that I have used for nearly fifty years. Although it is old, tattered, and wrinkled, its meaning and purpose remains unchanged.

In addition to our Stated Meeting on May 4th, we will be holding the annual Sweethearts Luncheon on May 7th from noon to 4:00 pm. This event, like those in the past, will be organized by Brother Phillip Busch. Please join this event for an afternoon of fun and entertainment.

As a continuation of last month's message, I am still looking for individuals to participate in up-and-coming Third Degrees. If you are a Master Mason, and willing to attend the practices, please contact me or the Senior Warden. We need individuals who will step up and assist the Lodge officers in conducting these degrees. Any and all help would be appreciated in order to confer degrees of all three types at our Lodge.

Until next month, have a Happy May.

## From the West

By Robert Eckstein, PM—Senior Warden

Brethren:

What is Crow Canyon Lodges culture? This was a major subject in April's Master and Wardens Retreat. Starting Friday night at 7PM and concluding Sunday morning at 11AM Worshipful Alex and I attended many presentations and breakout sessions where we discussed subjects as: How to provide a successful member experience, admit friendly and enthusiastic men, establish short and long term goals, and other topics. As a relatively new member myself I do not know what the Lodge culture is. The Executive Committee is working on a method to bring this topic to you for your input. This requires every member's input.



Our Public Schools celebration was very good and well received by the teachers. The music offered by the students was amazing. Castro Valley's teacher's efforts were on display with their successful music program.

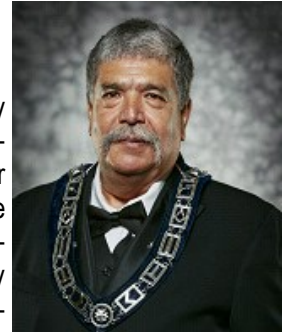
## From the South

By Alvaro Reynoso, PM—Junior Warden

What is a Masonic Lodge? It is the duly constituted body of an organized society of brothers, created by them for their mutual protection and well-being. The officers of the Lodge or the government of the Lodge is but the machinery through which mutual aid and protection are achieved.

The government of the Lodge is like a finely crafted clock and like a handcrafted timepiece it requires that every single part, regardless of its economical value, function in harmony with the rest. Likewise the Master of the lodge requires the participation of his lodge members in order for it to function properly.

As I was putting in order my books, in a pigeon-hole, in a dark corner of my walk-in closet, I found a large envelope, soiled worn and bearing a date that goes back 12 years. Printed in large letters on this envelope was the word Trestleboard. Within the envelope I discovered a series of sheets dated a month apart, and as I read some of them I noticed that in every year there are at least two of the 12 that looks like a duplicate of the other, yet they were not copies of the same Trestleboard. In each monthly article I am asking for help, especially for the degrees. It is sad to see so little participation. But I have faith and I hope that one day I will read a Trestleboard with the message of "mission accomplished."



## From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

The Grand Lodge is hosting a symposium in San Francisco on June 3rd. The subject is The Moscow Archives. Masonic records that the Russians took from Germany at the end of World War II. If you are interested, the cost is \$15.00. Lunch is available for an additional \$15.00 fee. This event will be held at the San Francisco Scottish Rite Center in San Francisco (19th & Sloat). You can register online at (<http://www.freemason.org/symposium>). This looks like it could be very interesting.

Last week I had the unfortunate duty of sending out 11 certified letters notifying some of our brothers that they are in danger of being suspending for not payment of dues for 2016. It is really a shame to loose these brothers after what they had to do to get to



this point. I don't think that they realize what their membership is worth to them.

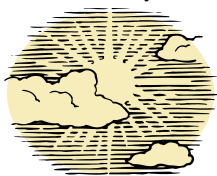
As we get older, life becomes a little more difficult. Information and resource about California Masonry can be found online. The Masonic Outreach Services are a program available to you or your sweetheart if you are struggling to handle a complex life challenge such as Veteran's benefits, in home care, retirement community and Medicare/Medi-Cal questions. This information and much more is available to all masons of a California lodge along with their family members at (888) 466-3642. You must be a Master Mason in a California lodge in good standing for 5 years. If you are suspended for any reason your tenure ends and if you decide to return to the craft your time starts all over again. PLEASE let your spouse know what is available to her in the event of your passing.

If you have any questions I will be more than happy to try and finds the answers.

## Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson, Howard Marmor and Jack Allen



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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Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [cherlois@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cherlois@sbcglobal.net)

## Masonic Family Corner

**Castro Valley DeMolay** - Castro Valley Chapter, Order of DeMolay is rebuilding and could use any help or assistance you might provide. DeMolay is open to any young man between the ages of 12 and 21. Relation to a Mason is not a requirement for membership. Please contact our new Chapter Dad - Steven Kolden at 510.409.6118 or email [papakolden@gmail.com](mailto:papakolden@gmail.com).

### Learn more about Masonic Youth Orders

#### DeMolay

DeMolay International - [www.demolay.org](http://www.demolay.org)

Northern California DeMolay - [www.norcaldemolay.com](http://www.norcaldemolay.com)

#### Job's Daughters

Job's Daughters International- [www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org](http://www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org)

International Order of Job's Daughters, California - [www.caioid.org](http://www.caioid.org)

#### Rainbow for Girls

Rainbow for Girls Supreme Assembly - [www.gorainbow.org](http://www.gorainbow.org)

Rainbow for Girls California Grand Assembly - [www.caiorg.org](http://www.caiorg.org)

Learn more at [Masons4Youth.org](http://Masons4Youth.org)

## May Birthdays

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bob Pinkerton (05/04)    | David Weaver (05/13)     |
| Anthony Tancredi (05/04) | Clarence Herron (05/14)  |
| Myles Madlock (05/05)    | Edmund Hempel (05/15)    |
| Greg Maier (05/06)       | Charles Cammerer (05/18) |
| Jose Rodriguez (05/06)   | Douglas Mc Kay (05/18)   |
| John Hinkley (05/08)     | Harold Lassle (05/24)    |
| Paul Krause (05/08)      | Rex Toltschin (05/25)    |
| David Wipf (05/09)       | Robert Albritton (05/28) |
| James Brown (05/12)      | Gary Hughes (05/28)      |
| Leonard Ambrose (05/13)  | Lynn Reed (05/28)        |
| Robert Keller (05/13)    | Frank Mitchell (05/29)   |
| James Stanford (05/13)   | Joseph Gottardi (05/30)  |

## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

*The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the months of May.*

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Steven Aracne (11)        | Gregory Rapp [PM] (30)    |
| Daniel Baca (61)          | Ronald Reynolds (32)      |
| Chris Bokamper (20)       | Howard Roberts (47)       |
| Hedley Bourke (54)        | Thomas Robertson (70)     |
| George Christensen (44)   | Alvin Rodes (51)          |
| William Christensen (36)  | Paul Rodriguez-Obrian (3) |
| Dewayne Clark (39)        | Brian Ross (6)            |
| Stanley Clifton [PM] (48) | Nicholas Sears (2)        |
| Frank Densmore (31)       | Norman Shrader (52)       |
| Jack Holt (49)            | Robert Steen [PM] (47)    |
| Donald Johnson (52)       | David Stephenson (19)     |
| Ronald Katz [PM] (33)     | Le Roy Swanson (51)       |
| Adam Korbas (3)           | Jack Tornio (36)          |
| Paul Krause (55)          | Lee White (54)            |
| Ronald Meissner (52)      |                           |

## In Memoriam

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



|                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Jeffery D. Kahn    | 60 Years, 8 and 28 Days       |
| Entered into rest  | March 22, 2017                |
| Andrew Kinicki     | 90 years, 6 months and 4 days |
| Entered into rest  | December 26, 2018             |
| Charles G. Goodwin | 97 years, 4 months and 5 days |
| Entered into rest  | April 15, 2017                |

## Crow Canyon 551 Lodge App is Ready!

We have the new Lodge App from Grand Lodge. With it you can do several things from your smart phone:

Post and comment on messages and pictures in a Facebook-like news feed

- View calendar information
- Receive notifications of events directly to your smartphones
- RSVP to events straight from your smartphone
- Browse member contact information; email and call other members with ease.
- Create smaller messaging groups on specific topics, or send a private message to a single person
- Members with email addresses will all receive a digest of the news within the

app every 3 weeks, so members without smart phones are able to see activity within the app

- All activity is private to the members of the app only; message and post to only members on the app

To install the app on your smartphone:

1. Enter this link in your web browser:

<http://ourapp.link/crow-canyon>

It will recognize your OS and present you with install instructions.

2. As this app is not coming from the Apple App Store or the Google Store you will need to tell the OS it is OK to accept the app. Those instructions are also shown on the download screen.

3. When you launch the app it will ask for your name and email address. That generates a request to the Lodge for access. Once we know the user is a valid Lodge member, they will be accepted and will receive an email granting access to the app. This may take a day or so after you make the request.



## SWEETHEART'S LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH - NOON TO 4 PM

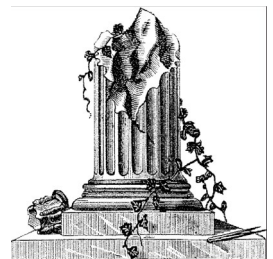
Join us for a fantastic lunch, followed by Bingo and topped off with a fun movie with popcorn.

Our annual Sweetheart's Luncheon will be held at the Lodge this year, 4521 Crow Canyon Rd.

Sweethearts are free, Masons and Friends \$10.

Please RSVP to Phil at 510-566-7019.

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP



## 2017 Officers

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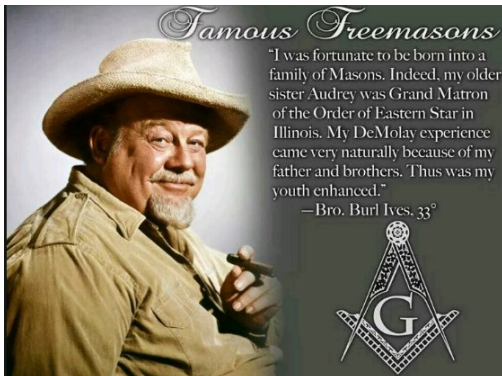
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### Candidate Coaches

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Ron Katz — Fremont-Hayward — 510.375.3137 cell

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## 2017 Committees

### Appointments

**Executive Committee:** Alex Von Stade, Robert Eckstein, Alvaro Reynoso, Kurt Allen, Don Schauer

**Masonic Charity:** Three Principle Officers

**Sunshine:** Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

**Masonic Hall Association:** Pat Quinn

**Masonic Homes Endowment:** Don Schauer

**Membership Retention:** Don Schauer & Alex Von Stade

**Audit:** Bob Pinkerton

**Masonic Funeral:** Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell & All Officers

### Events

**White Table Night:** Alex Von Stade & Robert Eckstein

**Hiram Award Festivities:** Robert Eckstein & Alex Von Stade

**Festive Boards & Feasts:** Paul Rodriguez-O'Brian & Glenn Sears

**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 & Robert Eckstein

**Masonic Formation and Education:** Robert Eckstein & Alex Von Stade

### Masonic Youth Orders

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# Crow Canyon No. 551

May 2017 

| Sun   | Mon | Tue   | Wed | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|---|-----|--|-----|-----|
|   | 1   | 2<br><u>Officers' Assembly</u><br>Meeting - 7:00 pm<br>*installed officers only                                 | 3   | 4<br><u>Stated Meeting</u><br>Dinner - 6:00 PM<br>Open - 7:30 PM | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br><u>Sweetheart's Event @</u><br><u>CVMC</u><br>Lunch - 12 noon<br>With Bingo and a Movie!<br>RSVP Phil @ 510-566-7019 | 8   | 9<br><u>DOSI @ Sminoff - Districts</u><br><u>317 &amp; 319 Combined</u><br>Dinner - 6:00 PM<br>School - 7:00 PM | 10  | 11<br><u>Practice - Work TBD</u><br>Open - 7:00 PM               | 12  | 13  |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18<br><u>Practice - Work TBD</u><br>Open - 7:00 PM               | 19  | 20  |
| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25<br><u>Practice - Work TBD</u><br>Open - 7:30 PM               | 26  | 27  |
| 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |  |     |     |