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**Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551**

F&AM of California
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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 01/03 - **Wednesday** - Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 01/04 - **Thursday** - Stated Meeting & 25 Year Pin Presentations - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 01/11 - **Thursday** - District Officers School of Instruction @ CVMC - 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 School
- 01/18 - **Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM
- 01/25 - **Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM
- 01/30 - **Tuesday** - Hall Association Meeting - 6:30 PM
- 01/31 - **Wednesday** - Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY

- 02/01 - **Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 02/07 - **Wednesday** - Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 02/08 - **Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM
- 02/13 - **Tuesday** - District Officers School of Instruction - Pleasanton - 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 School
- 02/15 - **Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM
- 02/19 - **Monday** - LAST DAY TO GET CRAB FEED TICKETS
- 02/22 - **Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM
- 02/24 - **Saturday** - Annual Crab Feed - 6:00 PM
- 02/27 - **Tuesday** - Hall Association Meeting - 6:30 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

Happy 2018 Brethren!

We were very pleased to see a full lodge room for the Installation of Officers. I think 2017 concluded on a fun note with a well-attended Family Christmas Party. Santa presented every child with a gift and many grins were seen on everyone's faces. We are looking forward to a fun and active 2018.



So let's begin the New Year with a celebration! Please join us at the January Stated meeting to Honor Robert W. Logan, PM, George R. Lumm, PM, and Gerald R. Woergoetter, PM, as they mark 25 years as a Mason!!

Our new District Inspector Wor. Gary D Sparks has selected Crow Canyon Lodge to host the year's first District Officers School of Instruction. All Master Masons are welcome. We will start the evening of 01/11/2018 at 6:30PM with a light dinner with the school to follow. Stop by to enjoy the meal and say "Hi!" even if you cannot stay for the school.

Next month will see the Officers conferring the first 3rd Degree late in February. Look at next month's Trestleboard for the date and Brother who will become a new Master Mason.

Don't forget our Annual Crab Feed in February, which is always a sellout. Please refer to the Jr. Warden's message for details.

From the West

By Frederick Kao, PM—Senior Warden-elect

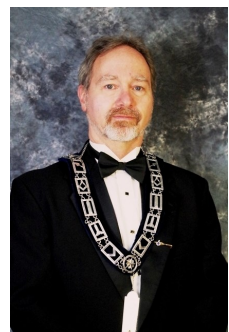
A Hopeful Year - I have entered a portal through which I was visiting but wanting to make a contribution, in terms of filling in an essential Officer's station. I am seeking to be qualified and installed in the near future to act in official capacity as your Sr. Warden. In retrospect, I have not been in this seat for 30 years and much time has passed. Our lodge deserves to have time for the purpose of renewal and rebuilding this year. It is my hope that we all take the time to contribute to such a good and noble cause. See you in the West.

From the South

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Junior Warden

First, I take pleasure in wishing a "Happy Holidays" to all my Brethren and their loved ones.

The word "holiday" comes from an Old English word, which translated as "Holy and Day" and referred to special religious days. To me, this eludes to



the beautiful reasons for the season. IE: Advent, Twelve-tide or Christmastide, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Epiphany.

Unfortunately, our lodge was unable to break bread among the brethren for the "Feast of Saint John the Evangelist," traditionally celebrated on the first Sunday of Advent. However, have heart my brothers. I assure you, as Junior Warden, that we will come together for this particular feast next December 15th or 22nd, 2018.

Has anyone seen Roy??? - For the 48 attendees who came to the December Stated Dinner, you may have noticed the absence of "Uncle Roy". Unfortunately, the previous day, that old cowboy was in the back of a moving truck looking to pitch alfalfa to livestock and instead found himself lying on his back looking up at the confused brown eyes of his intended diners. He then discovered that he had been rewarded with a broken collarbone for his efforts. Let's keep him close to our hearts and pray for his continuing recovery.

Last but not least! **What's for Dinner for the January Stated?**

Roy was brave enough to ask what I would suggest for our meal. My suggestion was for simple flavors to ease our bodies from all the rich foods of December. Salad, Breaded Chicken with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, and Green Beans. For desert, Peach Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream.

As always, please remember that a good meal sits even better when you give it time to rest, so stay for the Stated Meeting, and support your elected officers in exemplifying ritual and conducting the business of our lodge.

From the Secretary's Table

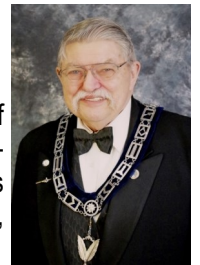
By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

As we start a new year with a new group of officers I am looking forward to a very productive year. I have process 190 members' dues cards. That number includes our life member, dues remission and brother who pay their due. Off to a good start. The one thing that bothers me it that we only have about 30 members attend the stated meeting. Those 30 members are making the decision for all of us. I know this is like our government we elect people to rule and govern over us. But what do we do when we disagree? Get involved. It's only once a month and the dinners are outstanding.

The board of directors for the Hall Association are doing an outstanding job. The building is something we can be proud of.



I am so looking forward to our annual crab feed. I have the tickets. Like last year, they are \$40.00 per person and for those that do not eat crab, pasta is available at just \$15.00 per person. Saturday, February 24th at 6:00 PM in the lodge dining room. Space is limited to 150.



Freemasonry Squared



dues card may make you a member, but it's showing up to lodge, using your working tools and extending your cable-tow to all, even when you disagree with their opinions that makes you a **FREEMASON**

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

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| Peter Amato (59) | Raymond Newman (27) |
| John Erman (28) | Gary Orr (32) |
| William Ferrell [PM] (36) | Mark Parinas (8) |
| Marshall Field (52) | Frank Russell, Jr. (36) |
| Craig George (36) | Jerome Samelson (31) |
| Joseph Gottardi (53) | John Smith (15) |
| Roger Hamilton (41) | Sammy Tamez [PM] (37) |
| Forrest Hibbs [PM] (65) | John Teixeira (18) |
| Arthur Hinds (21) | Dain Warton (13) |
| Geoffrey Linder (5) | Jose Zamora [PM] (41) |

Celebrate

January Birthdays

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Charles Hintz (01/01) | Arthur Hinds (01/20) |
| William Warnecke (01/01) | Paul Makela (01/20) |
| Frank Thrall (01/03) | Wilfred Salmon (01/20) |
| Andrew Hawes (01/06) | Jack Tornio (01/20) |
| Martin Nilson (01/08) | Theodore Moehnke (01/22) |
| Gregory Rapp (01/08) | Frederick Kao (01/23) |
| Charles Daniels (01/12) | Billy Martens (01/25) |
| Gerald Garcia (01/12) | James Johnston (01/27) |
| Riddick Bowers (01/13) | Louie Garcia (01/28) |
| Jorge Hernandez (01/13) | Johnnie Laney (01/28) |
| Mark Kahn (01/13) | John Davenport (01/29) |
| Albert Thomas (01/13) | Delbert Kraft (01/29) |
| Geoffrey Linder (01/15) | Gene Tague (01/29) |
| David Stevenson (01/17) | Ronald Nobriga (01/30) |
| Kurt Allen (01/18) | Gary Frisvold (01/31) |

Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551 presents it's

ANNUAL CRAB FEED

February 24th 2018 at 5:00P.M

4521 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley



\$40.00 per person



Non-crab eaters many enjoy all-you-can-eat pasta for \$15.00 per person.

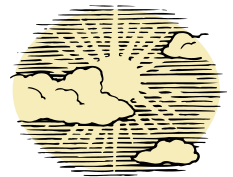
Seating is limited to the first 150 guests - Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are available from the Lodge Secretary.

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, Bob Pinkerton, 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.

Ernie Nidick —Sunshine Chairman 925.828.6993 [email](#)
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [email](#)

Masonic Family Corner

DeMolay - Castro Valley Chapter will have a Pancake Breakfast on January 20 from 7 AM - 11 AM at CVMC. \$10/adult - \$5/kids under 10.

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.caioid.org

Rainbow for Girls

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

Learn more at Masons4Youth.org



The Symbolism of the Working Tools of the Entered Apprentice Mason

By Andrew Hawes, E.A.

We are each given a measured amount of time to live our lives, and we don't know how much of it we have in our allotment. It is a finite resource, yet we have no choice but to spend it at a constant rate throughout our lives, so it is important to ensure that we don't waste it. Spending too much of our time on the wrong things can leave us without time left to do things that should or must be done. No-one wants to come to the end of their lives



full of regrets about how their time was spent. The 24-inch Gauge is symbolic of our need to manage our time to ensure that we use it wisely and spend it well.

Most of us would rather sit and watch a sporting event than go to church, or help someone in need- it's human nature to seek out those things which give the most reward for the least effort, and things which are rewarding in some way for no effort at all can easily become far too large a part of how our time passes. The measure and allotment of our time in proper proportion to those pursuits which are essential to the improvement of our minds and souls, and those of the others around us, helps us to ensure that we are not wasteful of the time we have been given, and do not get distracted from dedicating time to making ourselves and our world better.

Tools do not do their own work, and many tasks are impossible to accomplish for a man without tools. We all have bad habits, vices, pursuits and preferences that we wish we could change, but forcing ourselves to change those things can be like trying to shape a rock with your fingers. I am not a strongly self-motivated person, and find bad habits very difficult to change in myself. The Common Gavel represents how becoming a mason provides us with a tool to help mold ourselves into the sort of person we want to become. Having the right tool for the job can change that job from impossible, to simple -- or at least into something to which a successful completion can be envisioned.



Masonry provides a way to help us invest some of our time in worthy and honorable pursuits, helping others and honoring God - but in recognition that we are men, not saints, allows that our baser needs must also be met - keeping bread on the table, and enjoying ourselves in tasks which serve no other purpose but enjoyment, are also essential for our lives to be full and happy ones. It provides the tools we need to shape ourselves into better men, and improve the world around us.

Changes

by William R. Fischer - <http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodg181/SHORT40.HTM>

We live in a country where change is a way of life. The United States is based on change.

A change from a Monarchy

A change from oppression

A change from one president to the next

A change from the 19th century technology to the 20th, and then to the 21st century. All in the same century, actually all in a 30 year period.

Our forefathers agreed that we should be able to change the constitution to meet the needs and situations of the future. That is why amendments can be added.

Everything changes; transportation, homes, energy, government, environment, food, religion, and even families. We talk about dysfunctional families, common law spouse, living together, living apart, living alone, and just plain living. Some of us think that this is unsatisfactory, but it's only change.

Even the Holy Scripture makes reference to change, for if we do not change we stagnate.

We must make changes to meet this new and ever changing world. Those who say "The old ways are the best ways" better look again, THEY ARE NOT WORKING! The saying "If it ain't

Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by CHANGE.

~ Jim Rohn

broke don't fix it" only works for machines, and at the rate our membership is dropping, it's broke.

Masonry, like the United States, the constitution, religion, and our families will always keep their core values, ideas and ideals but we must change to meet the future.

Forty years ago Lipton Tea had little saying on the paper tag attached to their tea bags, on one of those tags was printed these words; "The best way to cope with change is to help make it."

We now have an opportunity to move Masonry into the future, to make the changes. We must make Freemasonry desirable for the young men looking for fellowship. The only way we can do this, is through change to meet the needs of these young men.

The word change was used 19 times in this short talk. How many times did you say it in Lodge last year, and then act on it?

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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

Castro Valley DeMolay—Steve Kolden—510.409.6118 [click to email](#)

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

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To Reserve the Building

Sorry the building is not currently available for rental.

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January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			3 Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM	4 Stated Meeting & 25 Year Pin Presentation Social 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM		
			10	11 District Officers' School of Instruction (DOSI) - Dinner 6:00 PM - Opening 7:00 PM		
7	8	9			12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Degree or Practice (TBD) - 7:00 PM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Degree or Practice (TBD) - 7:00 PM	26	27
28	29	30 Hall Association - 6:30 PM	31 Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM			