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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2012:

5th—Thursday—Stated Meeting—5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge
 10th—Tuesday—7:00 PM—Officer's practice—3rd Degree, 1st section.
 12th—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—Island City Lodge, 2312 Alameda Avenue, Alameda—Officers and Surveyors mandatory—Covering Candidate Investigation procedures. Coaches must attend. Come between 6-6:30 for a complementary dinner.
 19th—Thursday—7:00 PM—Officer's practice—3rd Degree, 2nd section
 26th—Thursday—7:00 PM—3rd Degree—Bro. Geoffrey Linder
 27th—Friday—6:00 PM—Masonic Family Pizza Night sponsored by Crow Canyon Lodge

February 2012:

2nd—Thursday—Stated Meeting - 5:30 PM Social / 6:30 PM Dinner/ 7:30 PM Opening—\$13/person—Lodge Sweethearts and prospective members are guests of the lodge—
 5th—Sunday—Super Bowl Party at Oakland Scottish Rite—1:30 PM—Meet at CVMC at 12:45 to car pool.
 9th—Thursday—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—Crow Canyon Lodge—Officers and Surveyors mandatory—Covering 1st Degree and Reception of Inspector. Come between 6-6:30 for a complementary dinner.
 14th—Tuesday—7:00 PM—Officer's Practice—1st Degree
 16th—Thursday—6:30 PM—Double First Degree—Mr. Scott West / Mr. Alex Von Stade (if elected at January Stated)
 18th—Saturday—Crab Feed—Presale tickets available from the Secretary.
 23rd—Thursday—6:30 PM—Double First Degree—Mr. Stoney Glover / Mr. Michael Ramos (if both are elected at January Stated)

Castro Valley DeMolay meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)
Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM)
Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261, Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM) @ Acacia Lodge
Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday (7:00 PM) @ John Knox Church

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From the East

Thank you for the honor of being the Master Crow Canyon Lodge #551 for 2012. I am looking forward to meeting all the members, and although it will take me a while to remember names and faces and then to match them up. When I was young I could meet someone once and remember them. As I got older it took two meetings, then later three. I am somewhere between three and four now. The point is, come to lodge so we can meet, then come to Lodge frequently so I can remember your name and match it to your face. I need all the help I can get.



I would like to start the year off by thanking all the Brothers and the family members who have made this lodge the warm friendly place to visit and be a part of. The members who have contributed to the Lodge with their time, experience, hard work, and dedication, in many areas of expertise have left us with a functioning Lodge, a beautiful building to hold our meetings in, with an attitude of "Can Do, Will Do!" and "Welcome Brother". The Lodge has officers and committee members that are willing to do what is necessary to maintain and grow the Lodge.

I invite all the brothers that are physically able to attend Lodge to do so. We have a dinner hour for socializing before the meetings and a chance to meet new people one on one and/or to visit old friends. Attend the meeting and bring your ideas and suggestions to lodge where your thoughts can be heard.

I especially invite brothers to attend our stated degrees. The ones I have seen have been done well. It means a lot to an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, or MM when a goodly number of brothers are there to see him take his obligation, and it means a lot to the officers who do so much hard work. The sideliners appreciation for the work we do really gives us a boost, and drives us to do even better.

Wor. Bro. Ron Katz had a busy year, and has left us in a position to have another busy year. We will be doing a Third Degree in January, and expect to be having two double First Degrees in February. That will create a lot of follow on degrees. No doubt during the year we will have even more applicants. If we are lucky, we will leave the Senior Warden just as busy when he becomes Master. We will be having our Annual Crab Feed on February 18th. I look forward to meeting you there.

We had a wonderful turnout for the Installation of Officers. I would like to thank Wor. Jeff Wilkins, Inspector 319th Masonic District for being the Installing Officer and Wor. Sidney Cerates, P.M., H.A. for being the Master of Ceremonies. They did a masterful performance. Additionally, I would like thank those who worked hard to make the event come together. Special thanks to our Line of Officers, and the Surveyors in advance for the hard work they are doing and about to do. They did a great job on December fifteenth passing Roger Glancy to Fellowcraft Mason. Additionally, Bro. Jeff Linder did an excellent proficiency, with Wor. Ron Katz.

By the time you get this, Christmas will have passed so I wish you all had a Happy Holiday season, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Robert Pinkerton, PM

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From the West

Enjoy the pictures from our Installation. See you soon!



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See all the Installation photos at our Facebook Page:

Crow Canyon Lodge #551 F&AM

<http://tiny.cc/vm7e2>

From the South

As the Junior Warden it is my responsibility to insure that the brethren are observant of the times of rest and refreshment.

Our Stated Meeting dinner for January will be cooked by Wor. Roy Tamez and Bro. Howard Marmor and crew. The meal will consist of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, bread and a special dessert. Still just \$13/person for members and their families. Prospective members and lodge Sweethearts are guests of the lodge.

Last year's **Masonic Family Pizza Night** was such a blow out success that our new Master has sanctioned the event again this year. Clear your calendar for Friday, January 27th at 6:00 PM. Lodge members, Star Members, Youth Orders and their families are invited to stuff themselves on salad and pizza while enjoying the company of our extended family.



Finally, save February 18th for our Annual Crab Feast. We've held the price at an incredible \$35/person. Don't eat crab, you say? Come any-

way, we will fill your appetite with salad and pasta for just \$15. This event is always a lot of fun. Hope you can join us.

Did you bring your kids or grandkids to the Christmas Party? We all had a fantastic time. About 40 people (kids and adults) were entertained by Roy the Magician, had a great appetizer buffet, and got to share their wish-list with Santa (and an Elf named Will Ferrell).

Question: *When is a Freemason not a Freemason?*

Answer: *When advancing to the East in the Fellowcraft degree, he turns into a winding staircase.*

Sorry that was a bad one.

Question: *What do you get when you cross a Freemason with an elephant?*

Answer: *A big Brother who never forgets his ritual.*

On that equally silly note I wish you fraternal joy until next time.

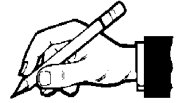
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From the Secretary's Desk

All Things Proper to be Written



Some of you who have not paid the annual dues of \$95.00. After January 1st you are considered delinquent. Please let the Master or me know if you are not able to pay. There are provisions in the CMC that may apply to your situation. Requests are kept in the strictest of confidence. WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE YOU. The average age of our lodge is 72.39 years. Eleven members have not paid their 2010 dues. The lodge has paid their 2010 per capita tax in order to maintain their membership. I believe that these Brothers do not want to be a burden to the Lodge, however if we do not hear from them they will be suspended for non-payment of their dues and all privileges will be denied! If you are one of these Brethren, PLEASE contact me to let me know your intentions. We assume that you have just neglected to pay. If you want to terminate your membership, YOU MUST TELL ME.

We are all proud to be members of this lodge, where many fine friendships have been formed. If you haven't attended Lodge for a while please make a "New Year's Resolution" to attend at least one Stated Meeting or better yet one of the degrees. Worshipful Robert Pinkerton has planned a very full year of activities to encourage fellowship, Ladies included. Remember at our Stated Meeting dinners, as always, widows eat free.

Many of you were willing to give your e-mail addresses. Having the e-mail addresses allows your lodge officers to communicate information quickly. If you are not receiving e-mail notices from crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net and would like to, please e-mail me at that address and I will add you to the list.

Looks like a busy year ahead for our lodge, you might not want to miss the fun. If you are beyond the cable tow, remember there may be a lodge close to you and, believe me, the Brethren in those lodges would like for you to attend. If you are not sure where a local lodge is, contact me and I will put you in contact with those Brethren.

If you are a first or second degree and haven't been working on the proficiency...its 2012 already! Suitable assistance will be furnished to help you with the proficiency. If anyone tells you that Stated Meetings are boring, they haven't attended a Crow Canyon business meeting. Ask anyone who is a regular attendee. See you soon.

Fraternally

Bill Ferrell, Your Grump Secretary

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Masonic Family Corner

Dublin Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1—will hold their Semi-Annual Installation of Officers at the Castro Valley Masonic Center January 7, 2012 at 7:30 pm. Nicole Anthony, Honored Queen Elect. Jessica Anthony, Retiring Honored Queen. Both are Bill Ferrell's granddaughters. Refreshments and Dance following the Ceremony.

Hayward Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261 will hold their Semi-Annual Installation of Officers on January 13, 2012 at the Hayward Masonic Center at 7:30 pm.



In Memoriam

John Simon Mac Donald 76 years, 8 months and 14 days
Entered into Rest October 10, 2011

Donald Russell Roberts 84 years, 2 months and 6 days
Entered into Rest October 12, 2011

Almighty Father, Great Architect of the Universe, into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear departed brothers

3rd Degree Anniversaries

Amato, Peter (53) ; Bitter Jr., Henry (48) ; Cole, Clement [PM] (56) ; Erman, John (22) ; Ferrell, William [PM] (30) ; Field, Marshall (46) ; George, Craig (30) ; Gottardi, Joseph (47) ; Hamilton, Roger (35) ; Hansen, Howard (63) ; Hibbs, Forrest [PM] (59) ; Hinds, Arthur (15) ; Jaeckel, Kurt [PM] (52) ; King, Justin (3) ; Newman, Raymond (21) ; Orr, Gary (26) ; Orzell, Alfred (57) ; Parinas, Mark (2) ; Rodger, David [PM] (62) ; Russell Jr., Frank (30) ; Samelson, Jerome (25) ; Smith Jr., Charles (58) ; Smith, John (9) ; Tamez, Sammy [PM] (31) ; Teixeira, John (12) ; Zamora, Jose [PM] (35)

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Sr. Steward—Surveyors

Jr. Steward—Surveyors

Surveyors

The Surveyors are "Officers-in-Training" who commit to attend as many meetings, practices and schools of instruction as they can during their year of office. They learn the work and fill the stations of the Junior Deacon & the Stewards.

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2012 Committees

Appointments

Audit – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein

Funeral – Kurt Allen, Kjell Bomark-Noel, Kay Dunn, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez

Hiram Award Selection – Sid Cerates, John Smith, Roy Tamez

Masonic Charity - The Master and the Wardens

Masonic Hall Association—John Smith

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Membership Retention – Bill Ferrell

Sunshine—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

Lodge Events

Crab Feed—Henry Miller, Dale Reynolds

Feast of Saints John – Ron Katz, Charles Hintz

Kid's ID—Roy Nelson, Roy Tamez, Sammy Tamez

Pizza Night—Ron Katz

Public Schools—Eric Unti— (510) 537-1530/erunti@earthlink.net

Strawberry Feed—Ron Katz, Ernie Nidick, Gerald Woergoeter

Sweethearts Brunch/Theatre—Phillip Busch—(925) 292-8018/teresa.busch@kp.org

Visitation—Kurt Allen (and Wynn), Lyman Penning

Masonic Family

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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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