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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2023

- 11/01—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 11/02—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:00 PM / Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11/09—Thursday—DARK
- 11/14—Tuesday—DOSI @ Livermore—Installation—6:30 PM
- 11/18—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 11/21—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 11/23—Thursday—DARK—Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/28—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 11/30—Thursday—George Christensen's Golden Veteran Award—6:30 PM (tentative)

DECEMBER 2023

- 12/06—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 12/07—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:00 PM / Business Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12/09—Saturday—Installation Practice—10:00 AM / 101st Installation of Officers—1:00 PM
- 12/14—Thursday—DARK
- 12/16—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 12/16—Saturday—Holiday Party with Santa—11:30 AM
- 12/21—Thursday—DARK
- 12/26—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 12/28—Thursday—DARK

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- ◆ San Lorenzo Chapter Eastern Star No. 103 meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Monday (8:00 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 J. E. C. Rafisura — Master

"Wake me up when November comes", as the song goes. As I approach the end of my term as Crow Canyon's



Master of the Lodge, I cannot help but look back and ponder as to how we made it this far. With all the craziness of the extreme changes of my work schedule and the miles I have to travel to get to the lodge from my home, yet somehow, the lodge has continued to function as it should. Perhaps I am in overdrive mode trying to survive this brutal circumstance that I have brought myself into, dealing with some sensitive lodge issues, making tough and uncomfortable decisions, dates to remember, floor and memory work, functions to attend, traditions to observe and events to coordinate. As I continued to ponder, I realized that a leader is only as strong as his lodge members. No leader survives without the support of the membership. In the same way, the membership would be lost without the vision and direction of leadership. The lodge is not the Master, or the



President of the Hall Association, or the Past Master(s), or the Secretary. It is the collective thoughts and actions of those who actively participate and contribute to make our

house function like a well-oiled machine. Sure, curve balls and hiccups came here and there, like any other organization (even less complex than ours), but we were able to pivot and surpass them all with teamwork, dedication, resilience, and brotherhood. I cannot ask for a better team of officers and committee members than what we have right now. Having a good mix of "young ones" and "once young" officers is a perfect breeding ground for new ideas and growth while preserving our time-honored tradition and lodge culture.

WE have made it to almost the end of this year, as we continue to labor and celebrate our 100-year-anniversary every moment we get a chance. I am pretty sure, our brothers from within and outside of our lodge have noticed the prominent display of our centennial logo at every event. Its presence in our

Trestleboard, invitation cards, memorabilia (mugs, aprons, shirts, clocks, mousepads, flasks, etc.) has always been intentional to showcase how important a milestone this year is for all of us. After all, it is a once in a lifetime opportunity.



As we enjoy the bright hues of autumn, we again contemplate the near closing of this year. But for every closing, there is a new beginning with the changing of guards and leaders of our lodge. I have no doubt that for the 101st year and beyond, we will continue to grow and prosper, always ready to face the challenges that may come our way, as lodges have done in all ages before us.

From the West

By Andrew Hawes — Sr. Warden

November is an important month for our lodge, and for me, as the Senior Warden and thus "incumbent" candidate for Master of the Lodge for next year. The lodge budget needs to be prepared for submission and review by the brethren. Elections are held for the key lodge officers, who have to be prepared and willing to accept their upcoming roles. If elected as Master, I need to present a slate of appointed officers to fill out the chairs. This means finding brothers to do those jobs who are willing and able to commit to as close to 100% attendance as possible, not only to our monthly Stated Meetings, but to the many practices, officers meetings, committee meetings, special occasions, and degree conferrals that will be taking place throughout the year. A calendar has to be prepared, which means juggling many personal commitments throughout the year, determining which special events we are going to plan, when they will take place, whether they involve food (...but let's face it, when do our special events for Crow Canyon NOT involve food?) and who will prepare for it... on and on the list goes.



To me, the Master of the lodge is in an unusual position, since they at once embody an elected official and hold the responsibility to comply with the wishes of their "constituents" in the lodge- while also holding the executive authority to ultimately decide most things for their lodge. I believe that the successful Master is one who is



able to make those frequent executive decisions without delay, while keeping them in line with the best interests of the lodge, and the desires of as many of the brethren as possible. A bit of a tightrope to walk, but one which is well protected by the guardrails of our Masonic code, and securely footed in centuries of our traditions, strong enough to support even the clumsiest and least surefooted of Masters as they tread cautiously over the path that so many have tread before.

As Junior Warden, I represented the pillar of Beauty, but (thank goodness!) beauty is more than skin deep. I think a good synonym for beauty that can be applied to Masonic undertakings is Grace. Grace under pressure. The willingness to take on the organization of social events and their adornments. The grace needed to remain calm and execute them according to plan. Serenity, Grace and Beauty are all elements we need in a lodge.

As Senior Warden, I represent the pillar of Strength, not physical strength, but: **strength of will** and commitment to the principals of the lodge; the **strength to carry out the Master's plans** and support him in his role; the **strength of character** to hold to my ideals, commit to Masonry, and fulfil my obligations in a public way, setting the example for our brethren.

Wisdom is the pillar that supports the Worshipful Master, and which in turn is represented by him. Wisdom is something we all seek, but which is sometimes hard to find, and even harder to wield- even when we think we know how.

As Master, I will need to rely on others to provide Beauty and Strength as my Wardens, but need to retain a measure of them myself. I will need to try to embody the Wisdom of the lodge, to ensure that the decisions I am called upon to make are the best ones that I can, and serve all of our interests as far as possible. This is no small undertaking, but I plan to try my best if I am elected to serve.

As I may in fact be entering upon a great AND important undertaking soon, I will close this month's article with a prayer. It is one that I find to be useful frequently in life, that I have slightly modified for these Masonic purposes:

"God grant me the Grace to accept the things I cannot change,

The Strength to change the things I can,

And the Wisdom to know the difference."



From the South

By Lyman Penning — Jr. Warden



Our Stated Meeting dinner in November will be Roast Turkey. If you did not sign up in October and want to enjoy turkey, please contact Perry Klahr at (925) 425-3360 or myself and let us know.

Our Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 1:00 PM. The luncheon will be Italian-style. I will have the sign up sheets for the Installation luncheon as well as the December Stated Meeting dinner. Please sign the sheets or contact Perry or myself as the Installation luncheon is one event that we want to have enough food for everyone in attendance.

For those of you who missed the Annual Communications, I will let everyone know if I won the Final Round in the Ritual Competition.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving.



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

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| Steven Allen (40) | Derek Pope (15) |
| Mark Casperson (13) | Alvaro Reynoso [PM] (27) |
| Donald Clendenen [PM] (31) | Augustine Rhee (14) |
| Kay Dunn (20) | Harold Rubin (68) |
| Steven Kolden (39) | Mark Simens (39) |
| Gregory Maier (25) | Anthony Tancredi (50) |
| Douglas Mc Kay (50) | Bruce Tellardin (42) |
| Frank Mitchell (47) | Robert Wagle (48) |
| Ahmad Nasri (15) | George Wheatley (1) |
| Leland Peck (73) | |

Hiram Award

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)	Logan, Robert (2006)
Amaral, Gabriel (1996)	Manov, Anthony* (1974)
Andreotti, Henry (2021)	Marmor, Howard (2014)
Barham, Edward* (1994)	Matraia, Edward (1989)
Basham, James* (2001)	Mc Guire, Max* (1993)
Beaman, Roger* (1994)	Miller, Henry* (1992)
Beeman, Floyd* (1975)	Morris, Donald* (1990)
Benko, Mickey (2009)	Mullins, James* (1980)
Biddell, William (2005)	Mumford, Emory* (1988)
Bishop, Charles* (2003)	Nelson, Roy* (1990)
Blake, Les (2018)	Nidick, Ernie (2016)
Blisard, William* (1991)	Palmeri, John* (2000)
Busch, Phillip (2015)	Patterson, George* (1986)
Castona, Donald* (1990)	Penning, Lyman (2013)
Cerates, Sidney* (2011)	Perryman, Arthur* (1980)
Clough, Eugene* (1992)	Peters, Robert (1997)
De Bruyn, Gordon* (1988)	Petersen, James* (2002)
De Poe, John* (1993)	Pinto, Arthur* (1996)
Ferrell, William (1999)	Quinn, Pat (2019)
Fershleiser, Irwin (1990)	Reynolds, Ron (2017)
Fisher, Merle* (1994)	Reynoso, Alvaro (2012)
Folck, Billy* (1980)	Brian Ross (2023)
Frisvold, Gary (1988)	Rowe, Thomas* (2002)
Gill, Robert* (1982)	Salomon, Wayne* (1989)
Giovannelli, Silvano* (1985)	Sanders, Chester* (1979)
Golden, Daniel* (1995)	Schauer Sr., Donald (1990)
Gotelli, Lawrence* (1996)	Smith, John (2010)
Gravier, Andre* (1991)	Sneep, Adrianus* (1987)
Haines, Carson (1995)	Sotelo, Prudencio (1984)
Hanna, Franklin* (2004)	Stedinger, Russell* (1994)
Hansen, Robert* (2008)	Tamez, Roy (2007)
Hansford, John* (1990)	Tamez, Sammy (1999)
Harrell, Wallace* (1988)	Tilden, Charles* (1989)
Hernandez, Jose* (1997)	Townsend, Jack* (1989)
Jaeckel, Kurt (1993)	Tucker, Charles* (1989)
Katz, Ron (2020)	Turpeinen, Ray* (1990)
Keller, Harold* (1997)	Watson, Audus* (1998)
Kenyon, Edwin (1987)	Weisser, Allen (1983)
Keshishian, Albert (2007)	Werner, Robert* (2001)
Ketels, Irving* (1994)	Worthing, William* (2000)
Koontz, Everett* (1981)	Yetter, Harry* (1984)
Krause, Paul (1993)	
Locklear, Gorden* (1988)	

Sunshine and Visiting

We would like to remind you of a valuable link in the support of our Lodge; the 'Sunshine Committee'.



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NOTE: Last month we listed members with 3rd degree anniversaries but we pulled the wrong column from the spreadsheet so the number of years as a Master Mason were incorrect. Here is the correct information. Sorry Brothers—Ron

David Allen (12)	Charles Langel [PM] (46)
Dave Baratto (28)	Paul Leiber (69)
Barry Bookman (34)	Martin Nilson (57)
Brian Brunckhorst (24)	Lyman Penning [PM] (49)
Phillip Busch (16)	Dominick Piegaro (16)
Robert Deleon (6)	Robert Pinkerton [PM] (25)
Tramaine Ellison (2)	Russell Porter (59)
Robert Ficken (17)	Rowell Prosser (14)
Osman Ghani (2)	Dale Reynolds (41)
Roger Hamilton (2)	Ted Rucker (4)
Andrew Hawes (5)	Michael Schaffer [PM] (48)
Aaron Johnson (2)	Frank Sepulveda (8)
Richard Keihner (45)	Elmer Seutter (55)
Delbert Kraft (49)	Eric Unti (16)
Glen Lane (55)	Alan West [PM] (36)

November Birthdays

Brian Katz (11/3)	Elmer Seutter (11/18)
Michael Gallico (11/5)	Alexander Hawes (11/20)
Gabriel Amaral (11/6)	James Hooks (11/22)
Steven Dorough (11/6)	Glen Lane (11/24)
Joseph Stewart (11/6)	Felipe Castellanos (11/24)
Ahmad Nasri (11/7)	Gary Orr (11/24)
Steven Allen (11/12)	Ruben Vossekul (11/24)
Patrick Mc Cord (11/12)	Kurt Von Brauch (11/28)
David Stephenson (11/13)	Stanley Clifton (11/30)
Brandon Morrison (11/18)	

In Memoriam

Marc S. Carpenter 74 years and 3 months
Entered into Rest August 05, 2023

David A. Middleton 71 years, 5 months and 2 days
Entered into Rest June 15, 2022

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



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Where in the World

Each month we log visitors to our website. This month we were pleased to have guests from: Las Vegas, NV; San Francisco, CA; Inverness, UK; New Delhi, India; Saint-Lin-Laurentides, Canada; Antioch, CA; Pelzer, SC; Fontana, CA



Committees

2023 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn HA, Aaron Johnson, Andrew Hawes

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez PM HA, Perry Klahr, Tramaine Ellison, Phil Busch HA

Executive Committee: J. Rafisura, Andrew Hawes, Lyman Penning PM HA, Perry Klahr

FOSJ and White Table Night: Lyman Penning PM HA, Aaron Johnson, Jerry Garcia

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Inter-lodge Relations: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Robert Pinkerton PM

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell PM HA, Roy Tamez PM HA, Pat Quinn HA

Masonic Education: Bob Pinkerton PM

Masonic Hall Association: Brian Ross PM

Masons for Mitts: Brian Ross PM, Ozzie Ghani

Membership Retention: Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross PM

Picnic: Roy Tamez PM HA, Perry Klahr, Lyman Penning PM HA

Printing and Mailing: Bill Biddell, H.A.

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton, Lyman Penning PM HA

Sunshine and Visiting: Ernie Nidick, Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Roy Tamez PM HA

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch HA, Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison

Trustees: Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, PM HA

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM HA

Welcome: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Jesse Bridgeman, Lyman Penning

Youth Orders Liaisons: Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn HA

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November 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Officer's Meeting— 7:00 PM	2 Stated Meeting Dinner/Social—6:00 PM Business Mtg—7:00 PM	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 DARK	10	11 Veteran's Day
12	13	14 DOSI— Livermore—6:30 PM	15	16 DARK	17	18 Breakfast w/ Brothers @ Norman's CV – 8:00 AM
19	20	21 Zoom Social— 7:00 PM		23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28 Hall Association— 7:00 PM	29	30 Golden Veteran Award (50 Years) - Bro. George Christensen—6:30 PM (tentative)		