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



## Calendar of Events

### JANUARY

Jan 5th—Tues—Officers' Assembly—6:30 PM  
Jan 7th—Thurs—Stated Meeting —5:30 PM Social—6 :15 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting  
Jan 12th—Tues—DOSI @ Masonic Home—6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM School  
Jan 14th—Thurs—Practice MM Degree—7:00 PM Open  
Jan 21st—Thurs—Practice MM Degree—7:00 PM Open  
Jan 26th—Tues—DMPS—7:00 PM Meeting—Topic: AASR First Degree Reading  
Jan 28th—Thurs—Third Degree—Bro. Aaron Bianchi—6:30 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Open

### FEBRUARY

Feb 2nd—Tues—Officers' Assembly—6:30 PM  
Feb 4th—Thurs—Stated Meeting —5:30 PM Social—6 :15 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting  
Feb 9th—Tues—DOSI @ Masonic Home—6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM School  
Feb 11th—Thurs—Practice (TBD) - 7:00 PM Open  
Feb 18th—Thurs—Practice (TBD) - 7:00 PM Open  
Feb 23rd—Tues—DMPS—7:00 PM Meeting—Topic: AASR 2nd Degree Reading (Fellowcrafts & Master Masons only)  
Feb 25th—Thurs—Lodge of Instruction (LOI) - 7:00 PM Open—Topic: Mentoring  
Feb 27th—Sat—Annual "Henry Miller" Crab Feed—5:00 PM Dinner

### Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets @ Castro Valley Masonic Center (CVMC) 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM) <http://www.lakechabot103oes.org>
- 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 Michael Ramos—Worshipful Master



With a heavy heart I start my first article as Master of Crow Canyon Lodge. Our dear Brother and beloved Marshal, Eugene Moore, has been called to serve in the Celestial Lodge above where the GAOTU presides. Bro. Moore was always quick with a hearty handshake and a smile. His presence brought a kindness and gentleness to our Lodge that will be sorely missed. Gene, until we meet again, you will always be in our hearts and minds, my Brother.

I would like to say that I am equally humbled and honored in the Brethren's faith and trust in my abilities to ascend to the Oriental Chair. I look forward to what I believe will be a very exciting and fulfilling year at Crow Canyon Lodge. I hope to get to know those Brethren that I have yet had the pleasure to meet, while also gaining greater camaraderie with those of whom I have known for the past four years. I look forward to learning, laboring and sharing in fellowship with you all.

I hope that all our Brethren were able to enjoy this past Holiday Season with their family and friends. I pray this New Year brings you good health, happiness and wealth.

To all those who were able to attend our Annual Installation of Officers, I thank you greatly. You honored not only the Officers whom were installed, but also our Lodge and Craft as a whole. Masonic Installations, in the State of California, are one of the few opportunities where guests are invited into our Temple Room to observe a piece of our sacred rituals. Installations in some countries still entail public parades and other outward signs of pride in our fraternity, which, when carried out with dignity, can be a very pleasant and memorable experience for all.

Our Children's Holiday Party and our Observance of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist were both equally enjoyed, but I do request that Brethren share good word of mouth as to hopefully boost attendance at both events in the future. I thank all who partook in making these three recent events come to life, particularly W.B. Roy Tamez and his crew of Purveyors – we are indebted to your hard work and care, my Brothers.

One of my initiatives for 2016, as Master of Crow Canyon, is to bring back focus to the reality of Freemasonry being an initiatic society. The Candidate's, and Brethren's, experience must be at the forefront of all our actions in order that we might impart our teachings through life changing ceremonies in an ancient fashion and impactful atmosphere; provide meaningful and educational mentor to candidate experiences while supporting beneficial sociality where true fellowship and good cheer may be shared. I believe you will find my year's theme, 'For the Benefit of the Craft', to be a fairly clear-cut guide to my vision.

This month's agenda can be seen laid out in the accompanying calendar. We will be having our Monthly Stated Meeting on Thursday the 7th – dinner at 6:00 pm, lodge opens at 7:30 pm. We will have a DOSI at the Masonic Home on Tuesday the 12th – light dinner at 6:00 pm, class starting at 7:00 pm. We will be having a Third Degree practice on both Thursday the 14th and 21st – no dinner will be provided, practice starts at 7:00 pm. DMPS will be reviewing the AASR First Degree Ritual on Tuesday the 26th – meeting starts at 7:00 pm at the CVMC. And last but far from least, we will be Raising Bro. Aaron Bianchi on Thursday the 28th – dinner at 6:30 pm, Degree Ceremony at 7:30 pm. Brethren, please do attend Lodge and show support to your newly Raised Brother.

## From the West

By Alex Von Stade, Jr.—Senior Warden

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday. It's now the first month of the New Year. To me, January represents a new beginning and a new journey with new challenges. The same can be said of the Lodge as well. This January of 2016, we have a new line of officers. While some are seasoned veterans of the Craft, others like myself, are new to their position. Regardless of our years of seniority as Masons, we are all here to serve the Brethren and make the Lodge the best that it can be. I will do my best to serve the Lodge as your Senior Warden and will attempt to uphold the trust that you have all placed in me by electing me to this honorable place in the West. Many activities are planned for 2016 here at the Lodge. Please join them whenever possible and support the Lodge. Whether it is a degree conferral, or a social activity, your presence is always welcomed and appreciated.

## From the South

By Alvaro Reynoso, PM—Junior Warden

This month at our Stated Meeting we will be having Parmesan Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, Tossed Green Salad and Dessert. And as always, if you plan on bringing guests, please contact our Secretary to make reservations.



# DMPS

Dead Masonic Poet Society

## Share, learn and discuss:

Masonic history & mysteries  
Our Craft's ever-evolving practices  
Our true operative roots  
Our positive effect on society; personally and otherwise

### Every 4th Tuesday!

Open to all degrees!  
7:00PM



## From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

Our 92nd installation of officers is now safely deposited in the archives of the lodge as our new officers are preparing for a new year.

There are, however, 96 members who will not be in good standing as of January 1, 2016. Check your dues receipts and make sure that you are not one of the 96 members who have not paid your 2016 dues. As of this December 31st we have 314 members with the average age of 69.26 years

Nineteen members have been raised to that blissful lodge above in 2015 which no time can close. They are Brother Gerald Benatar, Brother John Boysen, Brother Claude Chambers, Brother Robert Christopher, Brother Guy Davenport, Brother Irwin Fershleiser PM, Brother George Hess, Brother Robert Hudson PM, Brother Carl Kimmuich, Brother William McHugh, Brother Eugene Moore Jr., Brother Albert Peebles, Brother Walter Price, Brother David Rodger PM, Brother Roy Stegall, Brother Richard Sullivan, Brother Glenn Valenzuela, Brother James Watson and Brother David Wysock.

There are seven of our brothers who will receive their golden veteran's award in 2016 in recognition of 50 years of service to their lodge.

They are Brother James Hooks, Brother Leslie Blake, Brother Ronald Garcia, Brother LeRoy Swanson, Brother Mark Kalm, Brother Martin Nelson Jr. and Brother William Stephenson.

The lodge has raised four members and we have had four affiliates.

Welcome to our newest affiliate, Brother Ted Santel.



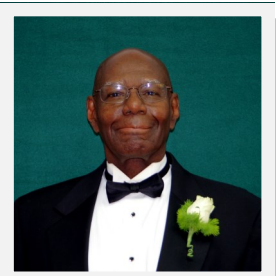
## January Birthdays

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Charles Hintz (01/01)    | Arthur Hinds (01/20)     |
| William Warnecke (01/01) | Paul Makela (01/20)      |
| Frank Thrall (01/03)     | W. Glen Salmon (01/20)   |
| Keith Dilliplane (01/05) | Jack Tornio (01/20)      |
| Justin King (01/08)      | Theodore Moehnke (01/22) |
| Martin Nilson (01/08)    | Fred Kao (01/23)         |
| Greg Rapp (01/08)        | Billy Martens (01/25)    |
| Albert Bolli (01/09)     | Daniel Stewart (01/25)   |
| Randy Daniels (01/12)    | Kem Apak (01/26)         |
| Jerry Garcia (01/12)     | James Johnston (01/27)   |
| Jorge Hernandez (01/13)  | Louie Garcia (01/28)     |
| Mark Kahn (01/13)        | John Laney (01/28)       |
| Albert Thomas (01/13)    | John Davenport (01/29)   |
| Leonidas Petsas (01/14)  | Delbert Kraft (01/29)    |
| Travis Harris (01/15)    | Gene Tague (01/29)       |
| Geoff Linder (01/15)     | Ronald Nobriga (01/30)   |
| David Stevenson (01/17)  | Gary Frisvold (01/31)    |
| Kurt Allen (01/18)       | Arnie Weinstein (01/31)  |

## 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 (57)        | Geoffrey Linder (3)  |
| John Erman (26)         | Raymond Newman (25)  |
| William Ferrell PM (34) | Gary Orr (30)        |
| Marshall Field (50)     | Alfred Orzell (61)   |
| Craig George (34)       | Mark Parinas (6)     |
| Joseph Gottardi (51)    | Frank Russell (34)   |
| Roger Hamilton (39)     | Jerome Samelson (29) |
| Howard Hansen (67)      | Charles Smith (62)   |
| Clarence Herron (47)    | John Smith (13)      |
| Forrest Hibbs PM (63)   | Sammy Tamez PM (35)  |
| Arthur Hinds (19)       | John Teixeira (16)   |
| Kurt Jaeckel PM (56)    | Dain Warton (11)     |
| Justin King (7)         | Jose Zamora PM (39)  |



*Bro. Gene Moore was initiated on November 20, 2008 and served as the lodge Marshal from 2010 until his passing to the Celestial Lodge above on December 8, 2015 (just 3 days after he was installed in office for this Masonic year.) Always a soft spoken gentleman, he was a retired Navy Officer. He will be deeply missed.*

# In Memoriam

Gerald J. Benatar*	79 years, 1 month, 20 days
Entered into Rest	October 30, 2015
Eugene Moore, Jr.	81 years, 7 months, 10 days
Entered into Rest	December 8, 2015

\*A 50-year member

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

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cheering up, don't keep it a secret.



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## 2016 Committees

### Appointments

**Masonic Charity:** Three Principle Officers

**Sunshine:** Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

**Masonic Hall Association:** Pat Quinn

**Masonic Homes Endowment:** Don Schauer Sr.

**Membership Retention:** Don Schauer Sr. & Mike Ramos

**Audit:** Bill Biddell, Arnie Weinstein & Bob Pinkerton

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

**Web Master:** Ron Katz

### Events

**White Table Night:** Alex Von Stade & Mike Ramos

**Hiram Award Festivities:** Alex Von Stade & Mike Ramos

**Festive Boards & Feasts:** Jonathan Prestage & Mike Ramos

**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 & Mike Ramos

**Masonic Formation and Education:** Jonathan Prestage & Mike Ramos

**Children's Holiday Party:** Bill Ferrell & Mike Ramos

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# Crow Canyon No. 551 January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Officer's Assembly Meeting—6:30 PM *Installed officers only	6	7 Stated Meeting Dinner—6:00 pm Open—7:30 pm	8	9
10	11	12 DOSI @ Masonic Home Dinner—6:00 pm School—7:00 pm	13	14 MM Practice Open—7:00 pm	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 MM Practice Open—7:00 pm	22	23
24	25	26 DMPS—AASR First Degree Reading Meeting—7:00 pm	27	28 Third Degree—Bro. A Blanchi Dinner 6:30 pm Open—7:30 pm	29	30
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# Crow Canyon No. 551 February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Officer's Assembly Meeting—7:00 PM *Installed officers only	3	4 Stated Meeting Dinner—6:00 pm Open—7:30 pm	5	6
7	8	9 DOSI @ Masonic Home Dinner—6:00 pm School—7:00 pm	10	11 Practice (TBD) Open—7:00 pm	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Practice (TBD) Open—7:00 pm	19	20
21	22	23 DMPs—AASR Second Degree Reading Meeting—7:00 pm *FCs & MMs Only	24	25 Lodge of Instruction (LOI)—Mentoring Open—7:00 pm	26	27 Annual "Henry Miller" Crab Feed Dinner—5:00 pm
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