



# Trestleboard

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



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## Calendar of Events

**May 1**—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner \$10/person. Widows are guests of the lodge. Family and Guests are welcome to attend the dinner and the social. 7:30 PM Meeting. Masonic Meetings are for Masons only (EA/FC/MM).

**May 2-May 4**—Masters and Wardens Retreat—Sacramento

**May 8**—2nd Degree—Bro. Robert Holguin—7:00 PM

**May 13**—District Officers' School of Instruction (OSI)—Joint DOSI between District 317 and District 319. Open to all Master Masons. Officers are required to attend. Surveyors are expected to attend. Topics: 3rd Degree 2nd Section. Other work to be determined. Arrive between 6 and 7 for a light meal compliments of Siminoff Lodge at the Masonic Home.

**May 15**—2nd Degree—Bros. Kyle Thompson and Nick Sears—7:00 PM

**May 17-May 18**—Child ID at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo

**May 18**—Sweetheart Event—11:00 Dino's / 2:00 PM San Leandro Auditorium (see details inside)

**May 22**—3rd Degree Practice—7:00 PM—Acacia Team

**May 24**—Double 3rd Degree—9:30 AM Bro. Paul Rodriguez / Bro. Adam Korbas—BBQ Steak Lunch between the degrees.

**May 27**—DMPS—7:00 PM

**May 29**—Family Potluck—5:30 PM—Lodge to provide BBQ Chicken and drinks. A-L Salad Dish / M-R Vegetable or Casserole Dish / S-Z Dessert

## JUNE PREVIEW

**June 1**—Sweetheart Event—Date and program may change. Details will be communicated to all members and Sweethearts of the lodge.

**June 5**—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner \$10/person. Widows are guests of the lodge.

**June 21**—Feast of St. John—5:30 PM

**June 28**—Double 3rd Degree—9:30 AM Bro. Steven Cook / Bro. Eric Korbas

## Appendant Bodies Meeting Schedules

- ◆ Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets @ Castro Valley Masonic Center
- ◆ Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261 Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00

some it is to serve as Master of this fantastic lodge.

"Fantastic?", you say, "How so?"

**Brotherhood**—How does one put into words the true brotherhood that exists among our members? When I see an 87 year old, in an in-depth conversation with a 27 year old, or a Buddhist sharing his beliefs about the meaning of the degrees with a Mormon, I realize that Masonry in our lodge is true to the concept of Brotherly Love. **Ritual**—Is it me, or does every degree that Crow Canyon exemplifies just seem to be a little bit better than the previous one? The officers are consistently producing outstanding ritual and the candidates are sold on our commitment to them. It is easy to see that we love what we are doing, and we care about creating the right environment for our newest Masons, and all of our members to grow and thrive.

**Family**—This lodge shows love not just for our brothers but for our families. Four great examples were our recent Reno Trip, our White Table Night, our Public Schools Night, and our upcoming Sweetheart Event. Another example is the quality of and the turn out to our Funeral services. In a very public way, our members take the time to show how deep our ties truly go.

**Community**—As a lodge we actively pursue the Child ID program that was promoted by the Grand Lodge. We have successfully increased the awareness of safety to thousands of families in the East Bay over the last 10 plus years. Additionally, many of our members go above and beyond on their own, serving at hospitals, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, as reading coaches, and in countless other ways.

**Location**—Over the last year and a half this lodge prospered in our Dining Room while our lodge room fought hard for redemption. On April 17, we passed two new Fellowcraft Masons in our beautifully restored lodge room. It is great to be home.



remember back in the 80's when desktop computing was becoming the business tool. How we talked about how much easier life and work would be. That we would work in a paperless office, and we would have more leisure time in the future. Well the future is now and we are busier than ever, using just as much, if not more, paper and life goes on pretty much the same. The important things: such as how we treat one another, how we lead our lives, our morals and values haven't changed. They are just published more to the rest of the world if you are on Twitter or Facebook. I remember the expression, "computers don't make you a smarter person if you're a dummy, just a faster dummy."

Sometimes I think that expression applies to me. I just spent about 6 hours removing a virus on my computer that, had I exercised a little bit of extra care, I wouldn't have had to deal with. I downloaded a program that many people used, but I forgot to check the address of the download site first. I ended up on a phishing site that infected my system with a very nasty virus. I was tired and in a hurry, and didn't take the time to do a quick check.

I realized that many times I am scatterbrained and in a hurry and don't always take time to think before I say something, possibly hurting a fellow brother's feelings or even those of a family member. People that know me will probably take it in stride, but how about those who don't know me? How many people have I wounded without meaning to? In Eastern Star, we close with the evening prayer: "If I have wounded any soul today, If I have

"If I have wounded any soul today, If I have caused one foot to go astray, if I have walked in my own willful way, Dear Lord Forgive."

caused one foot to go astray, if I have walked in my own willful way, Dear Lord Forgive." I know the following may sound like preaching, but this has been on my mind, and I am certainly not the best shining example of how to act, although I do want to be a better person.

It is easy to be snide and put someone else down, and build our own ego. But although it might make us feel superior, it really shows others how small we are inside. Making comments and showing intolerance about other races, personal beliefs, or politics is divisive and does not create harmony among men. Talking to one another with respect and kindness can bring understanding and changes for the better. This is not to say one shouldn't make value judgments about whom one associates with, but those decisions should be based on facts and not prejudice or emotion. I have brothers in lodge who tell and correct me gently when I put my foot in my mouth without my meaning to. Brothers I thank you. I also want to thank the many fine brothers of this lodge that set a good example for me to follow. Where else can I meet such a great bunch of men who practice and live lives of Honor, Charity and Fidelity?

We had a great time on the Reno trip. I wish more people could have made it. Let us know if this is something we want to do as an annual event. This trip worked out well and I thank Lyman Penning for the hard work he put into arranging it and WM Katz for hosting, as well as Don Schauer for handling the ticketing.

I also need to let you know that I will be in Southern California to assist my family during the better part of early May. I will miss one or two events, so thank you in advance to those who take my place.

**VISION STATEMENT**

*Through our acts of service, our dedication to high principles, and our quest for light, we are a vibrant, growing community, attracting men who want the best for their families and themselves.*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Crow Canyon Lodge, #551, F&AM is a brotherhood of committed and dedicated men who believe in a better world through action, working shoulder to shoulder to improve our communities:*

- With a strong faith in the Supreme Being*
- With a deep love for our Country*
- With a high respect for women and family*
- With a thirst for knowledge and light which is unquenchable and inextinguishable*
- With an unwavering hope for our youth and our future through free Public Education*
- Who pour out blessings to the widows, orphans and aged among us*

providing a traditional Mexican dining experience at the Stated Meeting dinner. If you plan on bringing a guest, please contact our Secretary prior to make the proper arrangements.



For the first two weeks of this month, my wife and I will be traveling abroad to London for our postponed Honeymoon. We both look forward to taking in the sites, sounds and rich history of the United Kingdom. I am very appreciative that we have the opportunity to take such a trip, and our daily schedules are thoroughly booked with places to visit, matches to attend and tours to be had. Through the graces of two Grand Lodges, and the penmanship of our own esteemed Brother Secretary, I will be spending one of the evenings at Freemasons' Hall where I will be visiting a Lodge as guest to the night's festivities. I will come bearing true Fraternal greetings in due and ancient form, and look forward to making new acquaintances while taking in the Emulation Workings of the London Metropolitan Area Masonic Jurisdiction.



As we sat making our plans for this trip, I couldn't help but notice that I was far more at ease, than I had ever been before, about traveling to so far off a destination. Why? After internal deliberation, I couldn't come to any other conclusion than that I knew Britt and I were truly never going to be "alone" on this journey. Wherever Freemasonry flourishes, I have Brothers. And in turn, my wife would always have support in the unfortunate case of an emergency, God forbid. This thought made me revisit our three principal tenets to further ponder the meaning of Brotherly

Love, Relief and Truth. Words are just words until we put the power of their meanings into operative use – and then we are reminded of our blessings and obligations. I urge all Brethren to revisit our principal tenets, pillars, virtues and teachings, and to remember the way in which we are to greet fellow travelers when they visit Crow Canyon – our actions could spark the reassurance that words, among Masons, mean much, much more!

## Masonic Family Corner

**DeMolay**— On May 3rd, Castro Valley Chapter will have their Installation of Officers at 7:30 PM. Additionally, we will be honoring Mom Michelle Noeth with the DeMolay Cross of Honor. We hope you can attend.

**Rainbow**—The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls teaches leadership skills and public speaking. It builds self-respect, confidence, poise, patriotism, fidelity, integrity and character, all while providing a fun and safe environment for girls to meet other girls their age and to build friendships that will last a lifetime.

Rainbow also teaches girls to be a part of a team, to successfully communicate with each other and to trust members. We want our

return on May 3rd. This means that I will miss the May Stated Meeting. I am not happy about missing that meeting, but this was the only time that this trip was available. If you need anything during my absents, you can contact Bill Ferrell at 510-258-0654. If you want to e-mail Bill use the lodge e-mail address [crowcanyon551@att.net](mailto:crowcanyon551@att.net). At the May Stated meeting, 8 members are going to be suspended for non-payment of dues. ARE YOU ONE OF THE EIGHT? Check your dues receipts. Several of you have requested that I send the life membership fees again. Here they are:

Age 49 and under	21 times the dues
50 to 54	19 times the dues
55 to 59	17 times the dues
60 to 64	14 times the dues
65 and over	11 time the dues



## Inspiring Words

By Irwin Fershleiser—Chaplain



*My Home on the Hill*

*“You ask where I live?  
Well, I’ll tell you with pride,  
I live in a Home on a lovely hillside.  
The drive up the hill is a beautiful sight,  
It’s scenic in daytime; romantic at night.  
When I entered the door of this wonderful Home,  
I immediately lost all desire to roam.  
It looks like a castle of medieval days  
But it’s more than a castle in so many ways.  
It’s rest for the weary; relief for the ill,  
It’s hard to envision all needs that it fills.  
There’s so much to do there, Time passes so fast,  
You’re apt to believe you’ve found Heaven at last.  
Thank God for the Masons and all they stand for,  
When I needed a Home, they opened the door,  
And so, at Thanksgiving, and by God’s holy will  
I’ll continue to live in My Home on the Hill.”*

- Lillian E. Shields

*Think about it.*



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Go to <http://www.freemason.org> and log in as a member. Now go to [Member Center > Crow Canyon No. 551](#). Under *Lodge Fea-*

**Funeral**—Bob Pinkerton, Ron Katz, Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez, Kay Dunn, Eugene Moore, Charles Hintz, David Allen, Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

**Masonic Charity** - The Master and the Wardens

**Masonic Hall Association**—John Smith-President

**Masonic Homes Endowment**—Robert Logan

**Membership Retention** – Don Schauer, Sr.

**Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick / Les Blake

#### Event Committees

**Kids ID** (5/17-5/18/14, 9/13-9/14/14) - David Allen– Chairman / Sammy Tamez / Roy Tamez / Jerry Garcia

**Sweetheart Event** (6/1/14) - Phil Busch/Alex Von Stade

**Feast of St. John** (6/21/14, 9/20/14) - Michael Ramos / Charles Hintz / Stephen Kinsman

**Strawberry Feed** (7/27/14) –Brian Ross/ Jerry Garcia/ David Allen

**Visitation** (8/22-8/24/14)— Lyman Penning / Eugene Moore

#### Masonic Youth Orders

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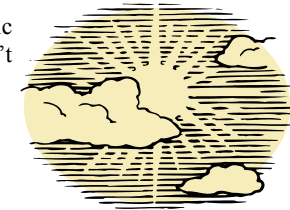
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## May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Stated Meeting— 7:30 PM	<b>2</b> Masters and Wardens Retreat	<b>3</b> Masters and Wardens Ret
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	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> DOSI @ Masonic Home—7:00 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 2nd Degree—Bros. Thompson and Sears	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Child ID @ R Ranch Rodeo
	<b>19</b> D @ Rowell Rodeo Heart Event	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 3rd Degree Practice—7:00 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 3rd Degree—E Rodriguez / Br am Korbas—9
	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> DMPS—7:00 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Family Potluck— 5:30 PM	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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## June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
2		3	4	5 Stated Meeting— 7:30 PM	6	7
9		10 DOSI @ Masonic Home—7:00 PM	11	12 Degree or Practice —7:00 PM	13	14
16		17	18	19 Degree or Practice —7:00 PM	20	21 Feast of St.
23		24 DPMS—7:00 PM	25	26 Degree or Practice —7:00 PM	27	28 3rd Degree— Cook and E Korbas—9:3
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# SWEETHEART EVENT

Sunday, May 18, 2014  
11:00 AM Breakfast Buffet  
2:00 PM Theatre Performance

Meet at Dino's at 11 AM for a scrumptious breakfast buffet.

The ladies (belonging to Crow Canyon or widows from another lodge) are free.

The cost for everyone else is just \$17.00/person (includes tax and tip)



Dino's Restaurant  
3600 Castro Valley Blvd  
Castro Valley, CA 94546  
(510) 537-1454

The San Leandro Auditorium opens its doors at 1:30 PM and the play starts at 2:00 PM.

The play is "An Evening in the Golden Age of Radio".

"Come join us for an afternoon of classic adventure, comedy, and mystery from the Golden Age of Radio! Return with us to a time when the family gathered in the parlor, front room, or kitchen for an evening of radio, and imaginations took flight!"



The ladies (belonging to Crow Canyon or widows from another lodge) are free.

The play tickets are \$10.00 each for everyone else

San Leandro Auditorium  
320 West Estudillo Ave.  
San Leandro, CA 94577