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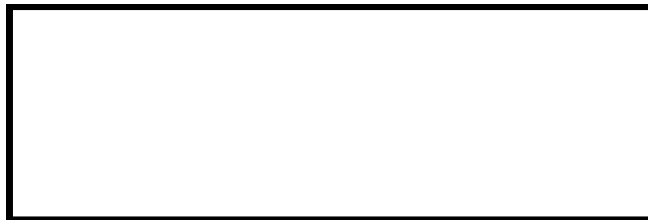
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# Trestleboard

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**Crow Canyon Lodge  
No. 551  
F&AM of California**  
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## Calendar of Events

### OCTOBER

Oct 1st—Thu—Stated Meeting —5:30 PM Social—6 :15 Dinner—7:30 Meeting  
Oct 2nd—Oct 4th—Visitation to Columbia Lodge (see details—>)  
Oct 8th—Thu—DARK due to Grand Lodge Communication  
Oct 9th—11th—Grand Lodge Communication  
Oct 15th—Thu—3rd Degree Practice—6:30 PM  
Oct 17th—Sat—Child ID at Del Rey Elementary School  
Oct 22nd—Thu—3rd Degree—Bro. Jonke—7:00 PM  
Oct 29th—Thu—Family Potluck (A-L Veggie Casserole, M-R Dessert, S-Z Salad)

### NOVEMBER

Nov 3rd—Tue—Officers' meeting—7:00 PM  
Nov 5th—Thu—Stated Meeting —5:30 PM Social—6 :15 Dinner—7:30 Meeting  
Nov 12th—Thu—Past Masters' Night Role call and Stag Dinner—6:15 PM—All Masons welcome. RSVP to the Secretary.  
Nov 18th—Nov 21st—14th World Conference of Masons at California

Don't miss our Annual Visitation . . .

Friday, October 2—Sunday, October 4

Columbia State Park—Historic Masonic Lodge

**Featuring 1st Degree for Mr. Frank Sepulveda**  
Saturday, October 3 @ 1:00 PM

Dinner Friday Night (optional)

**Dinner Saturday Night**

Brunch Sunday Morning (optional)

*Join us for a great weekend of fellowship*

Grand Lodge. Register in advance at Grand Lodge Website:

[www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org)

Nov 19th—Thu—Degree practice

Nov 24th—Thu—No DPMS

Nov 26th—Thu—DARK—Happy Thanksgiving!

### 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 Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Worshipful Master



This has been a very busy month. As many of you know, Phil Busch received the Hiram award on September 10. As usual, Roy and his kitchen crew fixed a great prime rib dinner. Congratulations to Phil, and thanks and appreciation go to Roy's gang; the Rainbow girls of Unity 65 for serving; and to the previous Hiram award recipients that made the evening a success (Bill Ferrell, Don Schauer, Kurt Allen, Howard Marmor and probably a few others as well). My only regret regarding the Hiram award is that we can only give one each year, we have many other deserving people that go above and beyond the norm in serving the lodge.

Other events included, in no particular order, the Kids ID at Castro Valley Fall Festival also supported by the Rainbow girls, Masons for Mitts Night, a third degree for Johnnie Albnese, (Congratulations Johnnie), our monthly DMPS meeting.

When you see those people that regularly attend and support or lead our events, let them know they are appreciated.

Everything we do is posted in the Trestleboard calendar each month. We have plenty of activities coming up this month as well, and your Senior Warden and Junior Warden, and Senior Deacon are working diligently to prepare for the upcoming year too. We need to give them our support in the future as well as our good wishes.

If you would like to be more involved with the Lodge activities, all you have to do is step forward. I can tell you, we truly appreciate your presence. We can always use help in the hall association improving and maintaining the lodge. Roy can always use a little more help in the kitchen, and we would love to see you at the degrees. When we get together, we have a great time, primarily because we are with great people.

Please read the Trestleboard completely. We discussed raising the Fees for new candidates at our last Stated meeting. We are publishing the proposal notice of the bylaw change in this month's Trestleboard. It will also be formally submitted in written form at the October Meeting and we will be balloting on it in November.

We will also be holding elections for our elected line officers for this coming year in November. You have plenty of time to fit it into your schedule, so I hope to see you there too.

Grand Lodge is holding the Annual Communications October 9-11. All Master Masons in good standing are invited to attend. If you have the chance to go and you haven't been to one yet, it is quite the experience and can be educational regarding Grand Lodge procedures. The 2015 legislation has been published online and you can download the 2015 resolutions by logging into the Member Center at freemason.org, and navigating to Forms > 166th Annual Communication. If you have not set up your freemason.org account, email me and I can forward the documents to you. It may take a day or two as I only check my email twice a day—in the morning and in the evening. Your officers will be representing you. Let us know if you feel strongly

about a particular piece of legislation. We desire to serve you, and to do what is best for the lodge. Additionally, the PM's get a collective vote represented by one of the Past Masters they elect. If you want him to represent you at the lodge let him know your collective desires. If we do not get your input to consider, we will vote our conscience in what we think is best for the fraternity and our lodge's future.

I invite you to the 1st degree we are holding for Mr. Frank Sepulveda on our visitation to Columbia Historic lodge. Some of us will be spending Saturday night there and returning on Sunday, but Columbia is close enough that those who just want to make a day trip can attend the degree, see a little bit of the historic town of Columbia, sample a bit of wine and still return on the same day. It will be fun to welcome a new made brother into the fraternity at this unique site.

I know that Halloween is considered a pagan holiday by many, but it is one of the most fun holidays I had growing up. I intend to go out with my grandkids and visit friends and neighbors that I trust to keep this tradition alive in my family, though it will be much watered down compared to what it was when I was a kid. (so sad) I saw this blurb on the internet and thought I would include it at the end of my article this month: HALLOWEEN—"Evolving from the ancient Celtic holiday of Samhain, modern Halloween has become less about literal ghosts and ghouls and more about costumes and candy. The Celts used the day to mark the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter, and also believed that this transition between the seasons was a bridge to the world of the dead. Over the millennia the holiday transitioned from a somber pagan ritual to a day of merriment, costumes, parades and sweet treats for children and adults." I hope you all have a great October and perhaps a little fun on Halloween too.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon you and your families. Until we meet again.



## From the West

By Michael Ramos—Senior Warden



By the time this article has been published, we likely will have returned from our visitation to Columbia's Masonic Temple. Brother Frank Sepulveda, I congratulate you on your initiation into our ancient institution, and I hope your Masonic journey will be one filled with personal discovery, true enlightenment and sincere fellowship.

A few words on Columbia's Masonic Temple per our Grand Lodge website "This lodge building in Columbia...was built in 1855 as the meeting place for Columbia Lodge No. 28. In 1949, the Grand Lodge of California restored the building, which some lodges continue to use for degree ceremonies. The building includes a replica lodge room on the ground floor that shows what Masonic lodges looked like in the 19th century."

Further information from the Columbia State Park website states

that "In the mid-nineteenth century there were several wooden structures constructed on the lot where the Masonic Temple now stands. In 1853 Charles Cardinell purchased a three story frame building that was on the property. Cardinell ran the Saint Charles Restaurant on the first floor and the Saint Charles Hotel on the other two floors. After the building was destroyed in the great fire of 1854, a three-story brick structure was built on the lot. The Masons used the upper floor of this building. In 1863 the Masons bought the lower floor. In 1890 the brick building was torn down and the land was mined. The bricks were then used in the Rawhide mine. In 1947 the Columbia Historic Park Association bought the lot from the estate of Tom Conlin and then sold it to the State for \$1.00. In 1950 the present building was constructed by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California, and was given to the State in exchange for a fifty-year lease."

For those interested in the ever compelling topic of Freemasonry and the Gold Rush (Gold Country), please see "Gold Dust And Trowels: Nuggets of Freemasonry" by Granville Kimball Frisbie.

### From the South

By *Kem Apak—Junior Warden*

Brethren,  
Still traveling for work. I really miss you all.  
See you soon.



### From the Secretary's Table

By *Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.*

Notice of Bylaw Change Proposal:

At the Stated meeting of September 2015 a proposal was made that the application fees be raised from \$175.00 for each new member to \$300.00. The proposal will be voted on at our November Stated meeting. If the proposal passes a lodge vote, the amendment will be forwarded to the Grand Master for his approval. If he approves the change, it will go into effect on January 1, 2016 or on the month following his approval. This change will only affect new members. The application fees shall be applied to each degree in the same ratio as is currently in the bylaws. Total fees will be the sum of this fee increase being balloted upon plus such additional fees required by the Grand Lodge and the required donation to the Masonic Homes.

The publishing of this bylaw proposal in this month's Trestleboard meets the requirement that all Members receive a written notice of the proposed legislation.

**Proposed by Bylaw change: Article III-Section 1. The table of fees for this Lodge shall be as follows:**

- A. For the degrees, the sum of \$300.00 ;
- B. For the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, when the Entered Apprentice degree has been received in another

- Lodge, the sum of \$125.00 \$214.00 ;
- C. For the degree of Master Mason, when the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees have been received in another Lodge, the sum of \$128.00; and
- D. For affiliation the sum of \$35.00. Exceptions: The affiliation fee shall be \$ 0 if the Demit accompanying the application is issued by this Lodge, or a Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

### Article IV-Section 1. AMENDMENTS

Those portions of these Bylaws relating to the day and time of Stated Meetings and the amount of fees and dues may be amended at any Stated Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present who are in good standing. All proposed amendments must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must be given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed amendment and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. It shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master. The Secretary of the Lodge shall note in the minutes of the Lodge the notice of the proposed amendments when made. When transmitting an amendment for approval, he shall forward a certificate, under seal, showing that the law has been complied with and that the amendment has received the required vote.

[Amended: 2007; 2010; 2012; 2014.] [Source: Sections 16100 and 19040 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

Some of you have been asking about the cost of life membership. Below is the schedule. A sum of money equal to the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member's age in the following schedule:

- Age 49 and under, 21 times annual dues;
- 50 to 54 inclusive, 19 times annual dues;
- 55 to 59 inclusive, 17 times annual dues;
- 60 to 64 inclusive, 14 times annual dues; and
- 65 and over, 11 times annual dues.



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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. Here are some brethren who could use a kind word:

- Gary Frisvold
- Mark Caspersen
- Corbit Ray
- Al Rhodes
- Mark Castile



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## 2015 Committees

### Appointments

**Audit** – Kay Dunn, Robert Logan, Arnie Weinstein, David Allen

**Funeral** –Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Bob Pinkerton, Mike Ramos, Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

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

**Masonic Hall Association**—John Smith-President, Howard Marmor, Ernie Nidick, Gerald Woergoetter, Ron Reynolds, Bill Ferrell, Hank Andreotti, Brian Ross, Pat Quinn

**Masonic Homes Endowment**—Robert Logan

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

**Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick, Les Blake

### Events

**Child ID**—David Allen, Roy Tamez

**Feasts of Saints John, Past Masters & Festive Boards**—Charles Hintz & Kem Apak

**Visitation to Columbia Lodge**—Mike Ramos, Don Schauer

**Masonic Education**—Mike Ramos, Kem Apak

### Masonic Youth Orders

**Castro Valley DeMolay**—Pat Quinn—510.755.7891 [pdq551@att.net](mailto:pdq551@att.net)

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### 3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

David Allen (4)	Delbert Kraft (41)	Robert Saks (63)
William Bain (59)	John Kresge [PM] (55)	Michael Schaffer [PM] (40)
Dave Baratto (20)	Glen Lane (47)	Elmer Seutter (47)
Barry Bookman (26)	Royle Langton (61)	William Stephenson (49)
Harold Brooke [PM] (53)	Paul Leiber Jr. (61)	David Stevenson (48)
Brian Brunckhorst (16)	Bruce Lobree (33)	William Strain (60)
Phillip Busch (8)	Donald Mc Evers (60)	Leonard Suokko (56)
Carson Haines [PM] (44)	Henry Miller Sr. [PM] (46)	Gene Tague Jr. (28)
Charles Hicks Sr. [PM] (31)	Martin Nilson Jr. (49)	Richard Thomas (36)
Charles Hintz (16)	Lyman Penning [PM] (41)	Eric Unti (8)
Warren Hintz (52)	Robert Pinkerton [PM] (17)	Arnold Weinstein (9)
Charles Johnson (46)	Russell Porter (51)	Alan West [PM] (28)
Richard Keihner (37)	Rowell Prosser (6)	Jack York (69)
Gordon Kolsch (47)	Dale Reynolds (33)	

### Birthdays

- Herbert Freeman (10/03)
- David Whittling (10/04)
- Gerald Woergoetter (10/04)
- Billy Bryant (10/05)
- Donnald Moring (10/05)
- Scotty Stroup (10/05)
- Johnnie Albnese (10/07)
- Kevin Gray (10/07)
- Al Weisser (10/07)
- Warren Hintz (10/10)
- Bob Wagle (10/10)
- Charles Johnson (10/11)
- Victor VandenBerghe (10/11)
- Ronald Meissner (10/12)
- Roger Lemon (10/14)
- Jimmy Burns (10/17)
- Merle Lyerla (10/17)
- Pat Quinn (10/17)
- Charles Hicks (10/18)
- Vernon Cumins (10/19)
- Larry Russell (10/19)
- Michael Schaffer (10/19)
- James Luque (10/21)
- Albert Keshishian (10/23)
- Albert Peebles (10/23)
- Douglas Vorpahl (10/24)
- Jonathan Prestage (10/25)
- Daniel Lee (10/26)
- Sandy Kahn (10/27)
- Jack Plummer (10/28)
- Austin Rhee (10/29)
- Victor Smalley (10/31)



### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you've ever wondered what it's like to be a Mason in Indiana or India; Vancouver or Venezuela; Rome or Romania – don't miss your chance to ask one! The XIV World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges will bring Masons throughout the world to the California Masonic Memorial Temple in San Francisco. Join us for this unprecedented opportunity for global Masonic fellowship – right in our own backyard. Events and activities will be going on all week in San Francisco, and you have the opportunity to be part of the team hosting them. Brethren who volunteer eight hours or more will earn free conference registration (special events, travel, and lodging are not included).

Sign up to volunteer by October 1 to take advantage of this special offer. Opportunities include: greeting visiting dignitaries at airports and hotels, providing support at special events, and assisting with conference operations, such as registration. Learn more and sign up. (<http://tiny.cc/worldconf>)

### In Memoriam

Claude Chambers  
Entered into Rest

80 years, 11 months and 15 days  
September 6, 2015

David R Rodger  
Entered into Rest

89 Years, 5 months and 23 days  
September 5, 2015



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

### Masonic Family Corner

**Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1, Dublin**—We just recently went our Mystery Trip to Santa Cruz and had lots of fun. Some of our upcoming events in October are: Rainbow Leadership Camp, Initiation and our second meeting of the month in October will be up in Columbia (just like you). We are having a fun term so far and looking forward more. If you know of a young lady who might like to join us, please contact our Bethel Guardian.- Nicole H., Honored Queen



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## *October 2015*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Stated Meeting — 7:30 PM— Dinner 6:15 PM	2 Visitation to Columbia Lodge (optional first night)	3 Visitation to Columbia Lodge—1:00 PM—1st Degree— Mr. Frank Sepulveda
4 Visitation to Columbia Lodge (optional final morning)	5	6	7	8 Dark due to Annual Grand Lodge Communication	9 Annual Grand Lodge Communication	10 Annual Grand Lodge Communication
11 Annual Grand Lodge Communication	12	13	14	15 Officer's and Acacia Team Practice—3rd Degree—6:30 PM	16	17 Child ID at Del Rey Elementary School—11 PM
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				29 Masonic Family Potluck—6:15 PM	30	31
25	26	27	28			