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

MAY 2019

- 05/01-Wednesday-Officers Meeting-7:00 PM
- 05/02-Thursday-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM-Inspector's Official Visit
- 05/09-Thursday-1st Degree Practice-7:00 PM
- 05/11-Saturday-Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade-Come march with us! 8:00 AM
- 05/14-Tuesday-District Officers (DOSI) @ Siminoff-7:00 PM
- 05/16-Thursday-1st Degree Practice-7:00 PM
- 05/18-Saturday & 05/19-Sunday-Child ID Program @ Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade-9:00 AM-5:00 PM
- 05/23-Thursday-1st Degree-Mr. Ted Rucker - Light Meal 6:30 PM. Open 7:00 PM.
- 05/28-Tuesday-Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting-7:00 PM
- 05/28-Thursday-Family Potluck-6:00 PM

JUNE 2019

- 06/05-Wednesday-Officers Meeting-7:00 PM
- 06/06-Thursday-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 06/08-Saturday-Livermore Rodeo Parade - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 06/11-Tuesday-DOSI @ Siminoff (Districts 317 & 319) - 7:00 PM
- 06/13-Thursday-Practice or Degree-7:00 PM
- 06/20-Thursday-Practice or Degree-7:00 PM
- 06/22-Saturday-Feast of St. John the Baptist-Livermore
- 06/25-Tuesday-Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting-7:00 PM
- 06/27-Thursday-Practice or Degree-7:00 PM
- 06/29-Saturday-Salmon Fishing Trip - 6:00 AM - 4:00 PM Call Paul at 510-461-1071 for details and reservations.

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 Robert Eckstein, PM—Master

Brethren:

At our April Stated Meeting I announced the 2019 Hiram Award recipient: . . . Brother Pat Quinn! His award will be presented on August 10th.



We were busy in April with our Annual Public Schools Event Chaired by Brother Adam Korbas. We honored Ms. Tamara Reneau (from Jensen Ranch Elementary School) and Ms. Candice Tigerman (from Castro Valley High School) for their outstanding work in 2019. Over 85 members and guests attended. We were also entertained by members of the Castro Valley High Madrigals Choir, under the direction of Ms. Laryssa Sadoway. It was a good evening for Crow Canyon Lodge and the Castro Valley Unified School District.



Then on Saturday April 20th we honored our Lodge Sweethearts with a brunch and "Canvas and Cabernet" painting party. We saw some Sweethearts that had not visited us in quite a while. It was a fun day and enjoyed by all. Thank you Brother Perry Klahr for your thoughtful work organizing this event.

I will be out of town the first 10 days of May and our Sr. Warden, Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien, will be in the East. At the Stated Meeting, if the investigators submit their favorable reports, we will vote upon the application of Mr. Ted J. Rucker, of Castro Valley, to receive the degrees of Masonry. If elected he will receive his first degree on May 23rd. Don't forget we serve a lite dinner before the degree.



On May 11th Crow Canyon Lodge will join the rest of our Castro Valley's Masonic family (Eastern Star, DeMolay, and Rainbow Girls) in the Annual Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade. We are borrowing the Masonic Home's float so there will be lots of room if you would like to join us.

Then on May 18th and 19th we will conduct the Child ID program at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo. It is fun seeing all the family and kids and offering them a good service. We meet at the Lodge at 9AM on Saturday the 18th for Coffee and donuts before we load up all the equipment and head out to the Rodeo Grounds.

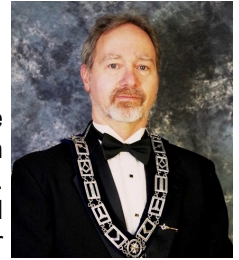
Then we will close out the month on May 30th with a Pot Luck dinner. This is always a great time to relax and visit with each other.



The Sportsman's Club is taking reservations for a Salmon Fishing Trip on June 29th. Contact Sr. Warden Paul for details and reservations. There will be signup sheets at our May and June Stated Meeting dinners

From the West

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Senior Warden



There are certain subjects which, by a wise consensus, we refrain from discussing within the Lodge; religion is one, politics is another. In not having politics or religion discussed inside the Lodge, we are creating a better atmosphere of harmony and inclusivity by avoiding the divisive nature of both subjects. However, some might ask why or when this was originally implemented?

Historically, such discussions were banned in England because they didn't want to be seen as conspiratorial against the Crown or against the Church. This policy was followed within our Lodges as well to keep the Lodges impartial to both entities, and to assure their neutrality from any 'Cowans and Eavesdroppers'.

When Freemasonry started on a formal basis in 1717, it was said, "Here's a group of men that agree that God is central in their lives, they can even agree that God compels them to do good in the community". That was a radical concept; that men could get together and agree on that fundamental level, and then get on with their lives.

Our Fraternity is open to all men of all religions who believe in the existence of God. Our opening and closing prayers are nonsectarian so that they can be applied to any of the major monotheistic religions. Many of the morals and tenets taught in the Bible are mirrored by the teachings of the Fraternity as well. Concepts we strive towards as Freemasons like 'Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth', are some of the same concepts our churches are lovingly preaching every week. The Fraternity gives us the opportunity to further apply those same principles and goals in support of our core beliefs, both in our personal lives and together as Brothers.

Furthermore, there have been 14 US Presidents (From Washington to Ford) who were Masons, 25 Masonic Signers of the Constitution, and 9 of our Founding Fathers were also our Brothers. Masons and Masonry played an important part in the Revolutionary War and an even more important part in the Constitutional Convention and the debates surrounding the ratification of the Bill of Rights. Within our US Constitution we have the 'freedom of religion'. That concept originated in our Masonic Lodges. In fact, there were a few concepts in addition to religious freedom that were borrowed from Freemasonry by our Founding Fathers during the drafting the United States Constitution. The nature of the declaration is consistent with the ideas of Freemasonry, in that the ideas of the freedom, independence, liberty, and equality were at hand in its creation and continue to be an important part of our Fraternity today.

Remember, Freemasonry of yesterday as well as the Freemasonry of today respects ALL religions, for ALL Americans have the right to worship as they wish.

However, keep in mind that forbidding the discussion of religion and politics within the Lodge ('among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble emulation of who can best work or best agree'), will never detract from the importance of serving within our community, our growth of moral character, or realizing that Masonry is a powerful tool that can help a us in our quest to become more spiritual within our own beliefs.

From the South

By Brian Ross—Junior Warden

I want to congratulate Brother Pat Quinn on earning the Hiram Award. Since I have been a member of this Lodge, Pat has always been one of those hardworking, behind-the-scenes guys who keeps our lodge facility in good order. Furthermore, he is a key member (treasurer) of the Lodge Hall Association (Temple Board) who volunteered – yes volunteered – to take on the difficult job of “event coordinator” when no one else would step up the plate. On top of the time he spends tending to our facility, Pat is also very involved in and devotes much time to our DeMolay. Congratulations Pat!



By the time you read this our Public Schools Night (April 18) and Sweethearts Event (April 20) will have taken place. Thanks to Brother Adam Korbas for his work in putting on the Public Schools Night and to Perry Klahr for his work in putting on the Sweethearts Event (this year wine and painting).

May is a busy month. At our stated meeting on May 2 Roy will be serving Cinco de Mayo fare. On May 11 the Lodge will participate with the concordant bodies in the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade in Castro Valley (in Masonic regalia). The Masonic Home’s parade float will be used during the parade. On May 18-19 the lodge will provide “Child ID” services at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo. On May 18, our lodge volunteers – under the direction of Uncle Roy - will assist in the “Buckaroos” event at the rodeo designed for special needs children. Volunteers are needed for the entire weekend – I have participated at some point every year for the past 4 years and can verify the rewards of helping out – especially with the Buckaroos (oh the smiles we put on those kids faces). To close out the month, on May 23 we have a first Degree for Mr. Ted Rucker and on May 30 we have our potluck and suggest attendees bring the following based on the first letter of their last name: A-H – Salad or Appetizer; I-Q – Main Course; P-Z - Dessert. Cheers!

A History of Our Lodge

By Bill Ferrell—Assistant Secretary

As pointed out last issue, Crow Canyon #551 is the result of the merger of eight lodges. Last month we looked at Fremont No. 497.

Lakeshore Lodge No. 551 of Oakland is a “neighborhood Lodge” in every sense of the word. As its historian, Past Master Joseph A. Sullivan, noted, it “was instituted to serve the fast growing district north and east of Lake Merritt.” Most of its founders were home owners and commuters, “a closely-knit group readily amalgamated in fellowship that gave the lodge an excellent start.”

Lakeshore traces its history back to its first preliminary meeting held on February 8, 1923. This meeting, top heavy with official aid, was attended by four Inspectors of the East Bay District, whose advice undoubtedly gave the brethren the impetus they needed to complete all their organizational work in quick order. With Arthur Woodby Baker as their first Master, Joseph Augustine Sullivan as Senior Warden, and William Elbert Pitcher as Junior Warden, they received their Dispensation from Grand Master Sherman on March 27, 1923. Their charter followed seven months later, on October 11, 1923.

Lakeshore Lodge first met in the Community Center Hall at 712 Grand

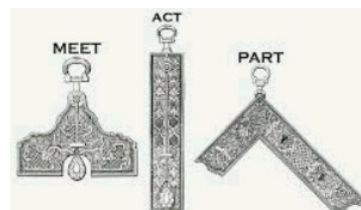
Avenue, where it was instituted on April 6, 1923. Then it met at the Brooklyn Masonic Temple that was at 807 East 14th Street, Oakland.

For the first few years, Lakeshore’s membership kept pace with the growth of the surrounding neighborhood, increasing from 37 in 1923 to 208 in 1930. But during the depression years, it was not as unaffected as some of its sister Lodges across the bay. It slowly declined to 172 in 1938, after which it started upward – slowly at first, then picking up speed till it reached 257 members by 1949.

July 1, 1980 Lakeshore Lodge went in to an agreement with Dimond Lodge No. 603 and Lake Chabot Lodge No. 770 to become Tri-Square no. 551.

Brother Pat Quinn has placed a bookshelf in our lobby near the entrance to the lodge room. The books there are for our members to borrow. There is a three volume set “The First 100 years of Masonry in California” in which I have gotten most of my information.

If you were a member of Lake Chabot Lodge No. 770 and would like to share information about the lodge and the Brethren, please contact me. I have little or no history about that group.



MASONIC FAMILY CORNER

Hello! My name is Sophia A., Junior Princess of Bethel No.1 Dublin.

We have been having lots of fun this term from our most recent mystery trip at a local escape room where the adults and daughters battled each other to see who could escape the room the fastest using teamwork and our leadership skills to work together and the girls escaped before the adults. Following the mystery trip, after taking a pit stop to have some lunch, we did a donation walk around the local businesses. We were hoping that they could help us fill our beautiful baskets for our upcoming Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction Friday May 10, 2019 at the Livermore Shrine Event Center at 6pm to 9pm. Adult tickets are being sold for \$10.00 while kids tickets are being sold for \$7.00. If you can’t make our Spaghetti Feed don’t worry! We have a Hawaiian Luau Barbeque Dinner also coming up at the Castro Valley Masonic Center at 6pm. Come enjoy a Hawaiian-style dinner with entertainment. Tickets will be sold for \$20.00. Our Bethel would love to see everyone there, we love and appreciate your support!

We have recently initiated 5 new members into our Bethel. Wow! We invite you come join us at one of our meeting and welcome our new members. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday the John Knox Church in Dublin at 7pm.

LEARN MORE ABOUT MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

DeMolay - demolay.org

Jobs Daughters - jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls - gorainbow.org

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May Birthdays

Bob Pinkerton (05/04)	David Weaver (05/13)
Anthony Tancredi (05/04)	Edmund Hempel (05/15)
Myles Madlock (05/05)	Charles Cammerer (05/18)
Gregory Maier (05/06)	Douglas Mc Kay \$ (05/18)
Jose Rodriguez (05/06)	Harold Lassle (05/24)
John Hinkley (05/08)	Rex Toltschin (05/25)
Paul Krause (05/08)	Robert Albritton (05/28)
David Wipf (05/09)	Gary Hughes (05/28)
James Brown (05/12)	Lynn Reed (05/28)
Leonard Ambrose (05/13)	Frank Mitchell (05/29)
James Stanford (05/13)	Joseph Gottardi (05/30)

FOR OUTSTANDING MASONIC SERVICE



Congratulations, Bro. Pat Quinn for being the 2019 Designee. Please join us on August 10, 2019 to celebrate his dedication to our lodge, and our Masonic Youth Orders.

The Hiram Award may be awarded up to one time per year by a lodge to recognize outstanding Masonic Service.

You can view a list of all of our recipients on our website at: <https://www.ccl551.org/recognition>.



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Steven Aracne (13)	Ronald Reynolds (34)
Chris Bokamper (22)	Howard Roberts (49)
Hedley Bourke (56)	Thomas Robertson (72)
George Christensen (46)	Alvin Rodes (53)
William Christensen (38)	Paul Rodriguez-Obrien (5)
Dewayne Clark (41)	Brian Ross (8)
Stanley Clifton [PM] (50)	Nicholas Sears (4)
Jack Holt (51)	Norman Shrader (54)
Donald Johnson (54)	Robert Steen [PM] (49)
Ronald Katz [PM] (35)	David Stephenson (21)
Adam Korbas (5)	Le Roy Swanson (53)
Paul Krause (57)	Jack Tornio (38)
Ronald Meissner (54)	Lee White (56)
Gregory Rapp [PM] (32)	

SAVE THE DATE

Lodge Visitation to Carmel - Saturday-Sunday - October 12-13



Details to Come!

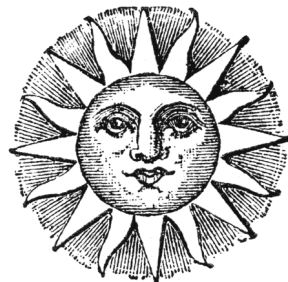
Sunshine and Visiting

These Brothers would love a phone call or e-mail from you to help cheer them up:

Mark Casperson, George Christensen, Gary Frisvold, Charles Hintz, Woody Hibbs

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer or check our members' only website for their respective phone numbers. If you know of a brother who is ill and could use some cheer please call Ernie or Les.

Ernie Nidick —Sunshine Chairman 925.828.6993 [click to email](#)
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [click to email](#)



In Memoriam

Walter H. Nieman Jr. 85 years, 3 months and 27 days
Entered into rest October 26, 2016

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



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2019 Committees

2019 Appointments

Audit: Mick Bowers

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Child ID: David Allen, and Perry Klahr

Crab Feed: Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

Executive Committee: Robert Eckstein, PM, Paul Rodriguez, Brian Ross, Kurt Allen, PM, and Don Schauer

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Lodge App: Robert Eckstein, PM

Masonic Education: TBD

Masonic Funeral: Kurt Allen, PM, Bill Ferrell, PM

Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer

Masons for Mitts: Kurt Allen, PM

Membership Retention: Don Schauer & Robert B. Eckstein, PM

Picnic: Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

Printing and Mailings: Don Schauer

Strawberry Feed: Ron Katz, PM and Perry Klahr

Sunshine & Visiting: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Sweethearts Committee: Perry Klahr, Mick Bowers, and Guy Phillips

Visitation / Traveling Degree : Kurt & Wynn Allen, and Don Schauer

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM

White Table Night: J Rafisura

Masonic Youth Orders

Castro Valley DeMolay—Steve Kolden—510.409.6118 [click to email](#)

Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—Heidi Kolden - 510.693.1385
[click to email](#)

Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261—Laurel M. 559.696.0746 [click to email](#)

Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—Jessica Keene 510.755.6312 [click to email](#)

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