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Trestleboard

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Crow Canyon Lodge
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Calendar of Events

JUNE

JULY

06/07 - Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
06/09 - Saturday - Rod & Gun Club 10:00 AM
06/12 - Tuesday - District Officers School of Instruction - Siminoff-Dinner 6:00 PM / School 7:00 PM
06/14 - Thursday - 50 Year Pin - Leonard Ambrose, PM - 6:00 PM
06/21 - Thursday - 1st Degree Practice - 7:00 PM
06/23 - Saturday - Hosting of Division 3 Lodge Outreach Breakfast/ Meeting @ CVMC - 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM
06/23 - Saturday - Feast of St. John the Baptist (Masons only) - 5:30 PM
06/26 - Tuesday - Hall Association - 6:30 PM
06/28 - Thursday - 1st Degree Practice - 7:00 PM

07/05 - Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
07/10 - Tuesday - DARK
07/12 - Thursday - DARK
07/14 - Saturday - Rod & Gun Club 10:00 AM
07/19 - Thursday - DARK
07/22 - Sunday - Annual Strawberry Feed at the Masonic Home - Meet 10:30 AM at the Auditorium for preparation.
07/26 - Thursday - DARK
07/31 - Tuesday - Hall Association - 6:30 PM

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- ◆ San Lorenzo Chapter Eastern Star No. 103 meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Monday (8:00 PM)
- ◆ 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 Robert Eckstein, PM—Master

June has the Summer Solstice, the day with the longest daylight of the year, typically on June 21st, which is also World Peace & Prayer Day. The month of July is named after Julius Caesar by a decision of the Roman Senate in 44 BC as July was the month of his birth. Although six months have passed, July 1 is not the mid-point of the year. The exact halfway point comes at 1pm BST (British Summer Time) on July 3rd in a non-leap year.

Congratulations to our new Fellowcraft Brothers: Andrew Hawes and Nick Bowers.

We should also be voting on two new gentlemen to receive the degrees of Masonry in our Lodge at the June Stated Meeting, Mr. Nickolas J Nelson and Mr. Tramaine Ellison.



From the West

By Frederick Kao, PM—Senior Warden-elect

I share the following quote attributed to President Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt - “Give the brethren a chance to do something, anything, no matter how small or unimportant. A brother convinced that he is helpful is enthusiastic.”

I believe what Bro. Roosevelt was trying to share here was the importance of activity of every member of the lodge. If you get involved, even if it is just a little involved, it adds up to a great lodge and a wonderful Masonic experience. See you soon!



From the South

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Junior Warden

Brethren and Families:

In our last Trestleboard, our Worshipful Master offered a free dinner at the May Stated meeting for any lodge brother that displayed the installed “Lodge App” on their smartphone. I’m pleased to announce that 18 brothers took us up on the offer and indeed enjoyed a fine meal prepared by Uncle Roy and his ‘Galloping Gourmets’.

May 12th had our Masonic Family on Parade down Castro Valley Blvd.. Leading the caravan were the DeMolay, followed by Job’s Daughters, Eastern Star, and then the Masons. It was great fun to display our Masonic presence to the community that we all belong to and support. A big ‘Thank You’ to Castro Valley DeMolay for all your hard work setting this up, and to Uncle Roy for the last minute use of your covered wagon!

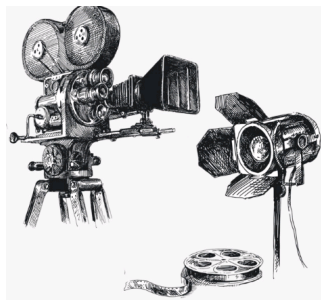
June will see two very important Masonic events:

6/14/2018 (Flag Day) at 6:00 PM - The presentation of the 50 year pin for Leonard Ambrose PM. This is a free dinner and free event for all. Please RSVP to me so that we can get a proper headcount. Please plan on attending to display your brotherly love and appreciation.

6/23/2018 at 5:30 PM – Feast of St. John the Baptist (Masons Only). This will be held at our lodge, and will include a 7-course meal prepared by our own celebrated chefs. This will be a suit or tux event and will, as



always, be an event to look forward to. Please RSVP to me so we can get a proper headcount for this as well. Cost for this event will be the crazy low price of \$25.00! (continued)



I am pleased to announce Bro. Kay Dunn, our Chaplain, has accepted the appointment as Chairman of the Lodge Video History Committee. We would like to have a visual/oral record of the six lodges that made Crow Canyon and other interesting stories. We will start with Wor. Bill Ferrell and his presentation on how the Lodge

building was built at its current address. This, and all the videos, will be uploaded to our Lodge website (www.CCL551.org) for all to view. We are asking all members who know about Crow Canyon’s history to offer your reflections and recollections for inclusion in our archive. Please contact Bro. Dunn to discuss a place and time for your interview.

We had fun at last months Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade in Castro Valley. We joined the DeMolay, Rainbow, and Easter Star representing the Masonic Family in Castro Valley.

In June our big event will be Wor. Leonard Ambrose, PM, reception of his 50 Year Pin on Thursday June 14th. Please make reservations for this dinner and presentation.



July, as usual, will be dark after the July Stated Meeting, with one exception. The Annual Strawberry Feed at the Masonic Home on Sunday July 22nd starting at 10AM. Crow Canyon serves fresh Strawberry Shortcake to all the residence of the home. This is great fun and deserves your support. Let Chairman Wor. Ron Katz know that you plan to attend!

A thought: If you have received the Light and you do not participate, then you are still in darkness!

(Junior Warden continued) Now for an update on the 'Rod and Gun Club'.

This June Stated Meeting, we are looking for solid commitments for the 'Deep Sea Salmon Fishing trip' scheduled for July 14th. If you would like to attend this event, please bring a check for \$100, or a portion thereof to hold your place on the boat. Please call me or Phil Bush with any questions.



On the weekend of June 9-10th, we will host a "Hunter Safety" course from 9:00 am – 2:00 PM. Everyone who fully attends the two day course will receive the certificate of safety. This event is open to all Masonic coordinate bodies and family members! The cost of the course will be \$20.



In closing, my Brothers, take a moment to give a fellow brother that you may not have heard from in a while a phone call to see how they are doing. Let them know that you care, as we all wish to feel the same upon us.

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



It happened again. A widow called me asking for information for admission to the Masonic Home in Union City. I found the brother's record only to find out that he had been suspended for nonpayment of dues two years ago. Thus, making his widow ineligible for any kind of assistance. This has happened several times during my tour as a lodge secretary. How do you tell a widow she will not get any help from the outreach program after her husband was a member for many years. If you are a member and cannot pay your dues a simple phone call to the Master or Secretary can help you. The lodge is going to suspend 5 members for non-payment of dues.

We will be getting our annual per-capita tax bill from the Grand Lodge at the end of June, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$12,000.00. We have to carry a member for two years before we can suspend them. That means that you and I must pay for each member who chooses not to pay their dues after the second years. We still have 24 members who have not paid their 2018 dues that means the lodge will have to pay a total of \$1,127.00 for those who have failed to honor their obligation. Check your dues receipt and verify that it expires December 31, 2018.

Public Schools Month Recap

Teachers Krista Samboy of Chabot Elementary School and Kelly Abbott of Redwood High School were recognized for their outstanding efforts in the classroom during this year's Public Schools Night! Hearty Congratulations!

3rd Degree Anniversaries

The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the months of June/July

Leonard Ambrose [PM] (50)	Ronald Selvey (39)
Jared Andreotti (18)	Edgar Smith (38)
Edward Auguadro [PM] (41)	Joseph Stewart (24)
Gilbert Brownfield (31)	Scotty Stroup (48)
Jimmy Burns (36)	Gene Tague Sr. (32)
Vernon Cumins (68)	Roy Tamez [PM] (33)
John Davenport Jr. [PM] (59)	Clarence Teeters (46)
Joseph Elleard [PM] (62)	Frank Thrall Jr. (21)
Herbert Freeman (45)	Gary Tucker (28)
Mark Kahn (52)	Ronald Vandenberghe (53)
Frederick Kao [PM] (36)	Victor Vandenberghe (42)
Eric Korbas (4)	Kurt Von Brauch (39)
Earl Kresge (39)	David Weaver (36)
Jeffery Lantz (50)	David Wipf (41)
Robert Logan [PM] (25)	
John Mc Carthy (49)	JULY
Raymond Michardi (36)	Kevin Hulme (19)
Henry Miller Jr. [PM] (45)	Clyde Lyerla (61)
Edgar O'Hara (31)	Ernest Nidick Jr. (58)
Robert Peters [PM] (55)	James Stanford (19)
Jonathan Prestage (6)	Gordon Warder [PM] (20)
Larry Richardson [PM] (53)	
Jose Rodriguez Jr. (61)	



June Birthdays

Robert Eckstein (06/01)	Lee White (06/17)
Ace Gilbert (06/02)	Leo Rizzo (06/18)
Dain Warton (06/04)	Leland Peck (06/23)
Dewayne Clark (06/08)	Lester Bridge (06/24)
Mark Parinas (06/08)	Harold Dias (06/24)
Marshall Field (06/09)	Raymond Michardi (06/24)
Jack Allen (06/12)	Jason Deitschman (06/27)
Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien (06/14)	Howard Marmor (06/27)
Orrin Benedict Jr. (06/15)	John Mc Carthy (06/27)
Benjamin Newmarker (06/15)	Donald Schauer Sr. (06/27)
Peter Amato (06/17)	John Freestone (06/30)

July Birthdays

John Teixeira (07/01)	Jody Juracich (07/11)
Ronald Vandenberghe (07/01)	Paul Amato (07/13)
Richard Wilkinson (07/01)	Leslie Blake (07/14)
Barry Bookman (07/02)	Glen Sears (07/15)
Donald Clendenen (07/05)	William Ferrell (07/17)
Hedley Bourke (07/06)	Phil Action (07/22)
Joseph Elleard (07/06)	Nicholas Sears (07/22)
Glen Barth (07/07)	Ronald Garcia (07/23)
Harold Burk (07/07)	Robert Ficken (07/25)
Fred Avery (07/08)	Eric Korbas (07/26)
William Strain (07/08)	Earl Kresge (07/26)
Denis Beaman (07/09)	Earl Woodson (07/29)
Donald Jensen (07/09)	Perry Klahr (07/31)

In Memoriam



Albert Keshishian 90 Years 5 Months and 2 days
Entered into rest March 25, 2018

John S. Elman 61 Years 8 Months and 24 Days
Entered into rest March 17, 2018

Soft and safe to thee, my brothers, be thy resting place! Bright and glorious be thy rising from it! Fragrant be the acacia sprig that there shall flourish! May the earliest buds of spring unfold their beauties o'er thy resting place, and there may the sweetness of the summer's last rose linger longest!

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

The Masons Who Built California

Freemasons' role in the creation of the United States Constitution is a familiar one, but fewer people are aware of the role that Masons played in the creation of the first California Constitution in 1849. During this year's California Masonic Symposium – taking place June 9 in San Francisco and June 10 in Long Beach – Past Grand Master John L. Cooper III, a noted Masonic scholar, will explore three Freemasons' influence in shaping California's government.

The principles of Freemasonry, including a foundational respect for the rights of others, were well represented at the convention by these devoted brothers:

- Myron Norton of California Lodge No. 1 in San Francisco
- Lansford Warren Hastings of Tehama Lodge No. 3 in Sacramento
- Robert Semple of Benicia Lodge No. 5 – president of the California Constitutional Convention

Among their accomplishments were helping ensure that the constitution protected freedom of religion and that it provided legal representation for economically disadvantaged citizens. Their efforts laid the groundwork for the free and open society that Californians still enjoy.

Join us to explore this pivotal time in our state's formation! Symposium registration is just \$20 per person. Add a delicious catered lunch for just \$15 more.

Members of the public are welcomed.

Go to: <http://www.cvent.com/events/18th-annual-california-masonic-symposium/event-summary-ff27ad7f9f9d494c9d9f74f838e90a82.aspx> to register or click this button.

REGISTER NOW

Masonic Family Corner

By A. Broussard, Sr. Princess, Dublin Jobs Daughters

Konnichiwa Masonic Friends, (That's Japanese for hello!)

It has been such a wonderful term full of 'Hakuna Matata' love which was led by Honored Queen E. Keene. As we start our new term, our Bethel plans to promote 'Namaste.' After all the years of true dedication, I have been elected as our next Honored Queen.

We cordially invite you to our 190th Installation of Officers on June 9th at 7:30pm to be held at the Castro Valley Masonic Center (you know where that is, right?). Our Bethel really hopes to see you.

After installation our Bethel will go to Grand Bethel. It will be in late June in Visalia. Then a few of us will be heading to Jobs Daughter Supreme Sessions in Layton, Utah in late July. Our Bethel will resume regular business meetings in September. We wish you a wonderful summer full of health and happiness.

"Namaste to all", Masonic Friends. We are one!

Learn more at Masons4Youth.org



Baseball Time Again!

Dust off those gloves and get ready to knock one out of the park for your team: The 2018 Masons4Mitts season is now underway!

California Masons are once again stepping up to the plate in support of local kids. Every \$20 gift puts a high-quality leather baseball mitt – embossed with the Masons of California logo – into the hands of a child in need.



Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson, Charles Hintz,
Howard Marmor, George Christensen,
Corbit Ray

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer 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](#)
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2018 Committees

2018 Appointments

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:

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: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Sweethearts Committee: Glenn Sears, Guy Phillips, Perry Klahr

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—Helen J. Zidek [click to email](#)

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

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To Reserve the Building

Sorry the building is not currently available for rental.

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June / July 2018

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