

c/o Don Schauer, Sr.—Secretary
19767 Royal Ave
Hayward, CA 94541-3651

Non-Profit Org
US Postage PAID
Hayward, CA
Permit No. 484



Trestleboard

September 2020
Volume 16, Issue 8

Dated Material Enclosed
Change Service Requested

Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551

F&AM of California

Chartered October 11, 1923

WWW.CCL551.ORG



Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2020

09/02-Wednesday-Officers' Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM
09/03-Thursday-DARK
09/10-Thursday-"Lodge Zoom Night"-Details inside.
09/17-Thursday-DARK
09/24-Thursday-DARK
09/29-Tuesday-Hall Association 7:00 PM

OCTOBER 2020

10/01-Thursday-"Lodge Zoom Night"-Details inside.
10/08-Thursday-DARK
10/15-Thursday-DARK
10/22-Thursday-DARK
10/27-Tuesday-Hall Association 7:00 PM
10/29-Thursday-Zoom Hiram Award - Ron Katz, PM - Zoom Meeting ID: 618-797-9982

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 Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Master



Brethren and Families,

I'd like to start by saying that it was fantastic to see many of your faces in our "Lodge Zoom Night" on August 20th. It was well attended by 24 of our brothers, and thanks to the virtual nature of this meeting, several members from out of state and many others who might not have been able to attend due to physical limitations was able to attend this virtual meeting.

The format of the event was similar in structure to a regular lodge meeting, using our time together as a way to catch everyone up on how the lodge has been running, being maintained, new and old business, and discussions regarding next year. We also heard a very interesting paper by Bill Ferrell on our lodge history, mergers, and inherited customs from the many lodges that we owe our roots and pride, and which was instrumental to us becoming the great lodge we are today. Our final speaker was that of our own Inspector, Allen Cuenca, who masterly side-stepped a barrage of questions on Grand Lodge rumors, decisions, speculations, suppositions, and precognitions. Well done Worshipful Inspector!



Some take-away's from the event are that this could be an excellent way to reconnect with our Brothers who are not able to make it into the lodge due to physical conditions, transportation, or distance. Although being a non-tiled Masonic gathering, there are obvious limitations as to what we can accomplish. With that in mind, I'm looking for ways

that this medium can be used to reach even more of our shut-in Brethren. I would greatly welcome any discussion on how we can accomplish this. Please reach out to me!

I am now planning our next "Lodge Zoom Night" for September 10th, and another on October 1st. We will again utilize the same format as this last one, but we can easily adjust depending on how the flow of the event progresses. We plan on some Lodge news, maybe some research papers, as well as possibly having open floor topics to discuss important matters that you feel need addressing.

The Zoom meeting ID for the Sept 10th meeting will be: 618-797-9982

Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, and know you are a valuable part of our Masonry family. We are here to help and support you anyway we can. Just reach out and call us. Our phone numbers and email address are easily found within this Trestleboard.

From the West

By Brian Ross—Senior Warden



Brethren:

I have had a wonderful time contacting widows and many brothers we haven't seen in a while. It's interesting speaking to you all about how you are coping with the pandemic, fires, etc. I am happy to report that each widow and brother I have spoken to has been in high spirits without much complaint. If any of you need assistance from the lodge - just call and ask - we will do what we can.

I hope all of you have availed yourselves to the great series of historical and reflective video seminars offered by the Grand Lodge. I thoroughly enjoyed the recent historical perspectives on the Masonic influence upon our American Revolution and the Gold Rush. I strongly urge that you peruse the offerings - you will find subjects to your liking I guarantee it.

Finally, on a more important note - I want to encourage all candidates to continue mastering their work to advance in the degrees. At some point t we will get the green light to open and your Lodge officers want to accommodate you as expediently permitted.

From the West - stay safe and well.



Keep in Touch!

From the South

By J. Rafisura—Junior Warden

It's great to see you all during our last virtual meeting. Thanks to the power of technology that currently allows us to connect with each other. I can't hardly imagine how our ancient brothers connected with each other during the times of crisis, how often they communicate and meet and in what setting or circumstances. Masonry has gone through a lot of challenges and what makes it the greatest fraternity in the world is that it has stood the test of time.

Year 2020 is no fun for the Brotherhood. But, sure, it has brought the best (and maybe some worst) throughout the organization. If we are to write books about the Evolution of Masonry, this one will be worthy of a chapter or two. As this year's Jr. Warden, I miss planning for refreshments and what meal to serve for our monthly social and stated meetings. I miss the thundering voice of Uncle Roy echoing throughout the kitchen as he conveys his marching orders to his crew. It's been a while since I heard the echoing bang of the master's gavel prompting the membership to stand in unison and do what we do best.

While Grand Lodge still prohibits us to meet and confer degrees, it's a privilege that the officers and some key members of CCL 551 are taking initiatives for us to meet and greet virtually. To thrive in times of darkness is what we are known for as a fraternity. Therefore, innovation and adaptability are among our greatest strengths in keeping our organization alive.

On the other hand, this 'chapter' of our brotherhood also seems to be an opportunity for us to look beyond the organization and be reminded to focus on the things that matters most. And what matters most is not the outward aspects of

the fraternity, its shiny ornaments, the elaborate rituals and lively socialization. They are merely multiple arenas and settings being set-up as means to an end. What matters most is for us to be able to look within our inner self, reflect on the desires of our hearts and contemplate on our transformation as we prepare ourselves to be admitted to the



celestial lodge above. It is when we are alone, outside of a Masonic lodge and living out our day to day lives and doing what seems to be mundane tasks, that we truly are being tested as to how well we are living as a Mason. How much of a Mason are we? How are we living and honoring our sacred obligations? What choices do we make and what decisions do we take and where do we base our decisions upon?

Where were you first made a Mason? Maybe now is the time to revisit that place, in our solitude and in the comfort (or discomfort) of our "alone-ness." And maybe...just maybe, after all this craziness, we will come out significantly better and stronger than ever as an individual and as a fraternity. I'm still looking forward to those in-person socialization. I miss you all, brothers. Hope to see you sooner.

celebrate!

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Johnnie Albanese (5)	James Luque (48)
Kurt Allen [PM] (44)	Patrick McCord (41)
Denis Beaman (40)	David Middleton (25)
Billy Bryant [PM] (61)	Verl Rothlisberger [PM] (34)
Robert Eckstein [PM] (35)	Larry Russell (55)
John Freestone (50)	Theodore Santel (43)
Gerald Garcia (8)	Victor Smalley (32)
Donald Jensen (37)	Albert Thomas (41)
Johnnie Laney (49)	Mark Warzyniak (11)
Ralph Larsen (56)	Freddie Wilson [PM] (47)
Mark Leite (33)	

September Birthdays

Mike Barnhart (09/01)	Red Prosser (09/20)
Robert Marshall (09/03)	Edgar Smith (09/20)
Bud Warder (09/04)	Mark Simens (09/22)
Phil Busch (09/05)	Adam Korbas (09/23)
Roger Glancy (09/05)	Robert Soule (09/25)
Bob Logan (09/06)	Gilbert Alston (09/26)
Leonard Leavitt (09/07)	David Bode (09/28)
Sammy Tamez (09/07)	David Allen (09/29)
Roy Tamez (09/11)	Roger Moore (09/30)
Leland Allen (09/12)	Gary Tucker (09/30)
Mickey Benko (09/12)	
Larry Richardson (09/13)	
Jared Andreotti (09/16)	
Mark Casperson (09/17)	
Richard Ramos (09/17)	
Brian Ross (09/17)	



2020 Officers

Master — Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien
510.461.1071 [click to email](#)

Senior Warden — Brian Ross
510.331.6935 [click to email](#)

Junior Warden— J. Rafisura
516.519.1151 [click to email](#)

Treasurer—George R. Lumm, P.M.
510.791.0753 / 510.604.8513 cell [click to email](#)

Secretary—Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.
510.258.0654 donschauersr@gmail.com

Assist. Secretary—Perry Klahr
925.925.3360 [click to email](#)

Chaplain—Robert Eckstein, P.M.
510.449.7944 [click to email](#)

Marshal—Steve Kolden
510.409.6118 / [click to email](#)

Senior Deacon—Andrew Hawes
510.886.7131 [click to email](#)

Junior Deacon—Phil Busch
510.566.7019 [click to email](#)

Sr. Steward—Orrin Benedict, Jr.
510.512.6999 [click to email](#)

Jr. Steward— Anthony Tancredi
510.476.4819 [click to email](#)

Tiler—Bill Biddell, H.A.
510.582.6207 / 510.589.0878 cell [click to email](#)

Officer's Coach—Kurt R. Allen, P.M., H.A.
925.735.1233 [click to email](#)

Candidate Coaches

Robert Eckstein - 510.744.1717
Bill Ferrell - 510.520.7242 cell
Ron Katz - Fremont-Hayward—510.375.3137 cell
Eric Korbas - Castro Valley 510.823.6334
Roy Tamez - Hayward 510.537.1077 / 510.684.3047 cell

Inspector of the 317th Masonic District

Wor. Allen Cuenca 916.390.1003
allencuenca@sbcglobal.net

2020 Committees

2020 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—Joy Molina 510.754.4983 [click to email](#)

Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—Katie Bardwell 925.918.1675 [click to email](#)

NOTE: if you are not able to “click to email” send an email to info@CCL551.org to the attention of the person you are trying to reach

Where in the World

Each month we log visitors to our website. This month we were pleased to have guests from Makassar, Indonesia; Avon, OH; Quito, Ecuador; Farnham, UK; Spring, TX; Nugegoda, Sri Lanka; Schereville, IN; Mexico City, Mexico; Pasig, Phillippines; Bronx, NY; Coranado, CA; Christchurch, NZ; Eastleigh, UK; Chicago, IL; Vancouver, BC; Seoule, S Korea.



Monthly Trestleboard of Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551

Free and Accepted Masons
4521 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552
510.274.0725 (lobby, kitchen)

Find us on the Web: <http://www.CCL551.org>

Editor: Ron Katz, PM 510.375.3137
info@CCL551.org

Secretary: Don Schauer, Sr. H.A. 510.258.0654
donschauersr@gmail.com

To Reserve the Building
Pat Quinn - 510.755.7891 cell