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From the East

By Ron Katz, P.M.—Worshipful Master

As we enter the second month of the year our calendar is filling up quickly. I am so happy to have so many great volunteers to work out the details—thank you committee members, officers, surveyors, coaches and sideliners.



February is the month of our Annual Crab Feed. Did you get your tickets from the Secretary yet?

We have several new applications for membership and several of our Entered Apprentices are advancing. Your officers, surveyors and “utility infielders” are hard at work preparing for the many degrees we will be conferring. We would love to have you come out and support our members as they pursue their masonic journey.

In March we are trying something new—a White Table Night. Bro. Ramos shares some details in his article. Sounds like a very nice time. I hope you will plan to attend.

In March we will also have a Table Lodge in honor of our Past Masters. This event is open to all masons. Lets make a great showing.

All Masons also have access to the Member Only section of the Grand Lodge Website: <http://www.freemason.org>.

If you have not yet registered, you only need your member number (which is on the mailing label of your California Freemason magazine), your date of birth, and your zip code to gain access. Click on the REGISTER NOW link to get started. Why would you want access to the Member Only section of the Grand Lodge Website? It will give you access to information you may not have access to otherwise and can aid you in your search for more light in Masonry.

Additionally, a brand new section called Candidate Learning Center provides online education and training in all three degrees, fun learning games, and an opportunity for some serious reflection and introspection through a private online journal.

These online resources: our calendar, the Member Only section of the Grand Lodge Website, and the Candidate Learning Center provide you with opportunities to continue your masonic journey.

From the West

By Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Senior Warden

“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.”



“Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.” - George Washington, 1st President of the U.S.

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on

this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal... “ - Abraham Lincoln, Nov. 19 1863, 16th President of the US

Two of the greatest Presidents of the U.S were born in the month of February; the above quotes allude to the character of each President. President Washington was known for the Integrity of his character. That character enabled him to stand firm through the difficult times of the revolutionary war, and enabled others to place their trust in his leadership and eventually led to the foundation of a new country.

“Honest Abe” was also known for his character, and in like manner, his character enabled him to keep the United States together during the rough and turbulent times of the civil war period, when the issue of slavery and states’ rights threatened to tear the country apart.

Almost everyone knows that George Washington was a Mason. Abraham Lincoln was not a Mason. He had however, petitioned Tyrian Lodge in Springfield Illinois, to become a mason in 1860, but withdrew his application due to concerns that it might be construed as a political ruse to obtain votes. He advised Tyrian Lodge that he would resubmit his application when he returned from the Presidency. Unfortunately, his assassination prevented this from occurring.

On April 17, 1865, Tyrian Lodge adapted a resolution to say “that the decision of President Lincoln to postpone his application for the honours of Freemasonry, lest his motives be misconstrued, is the highest degree honorable to his memory.”

We are taught that a person is a Mason in his heart, before he takes the degrees of Masonry.

We should all be proud to be a part of this fraternity which attracts such men. One hopes that we all endeavor to lead our lives in such a manner that these great men would be equally proud of us.

Please check the calendar for the upcoming events taking place. We have a lot of Degrees coming up. I hope to see you at those degrees and our various activities.

Save These Dates

Reno Bus Trip—April 11-13



Visitation—August 22-24—
Sonoma, CA

Sunshine and Visiting

If you know of an ailing brother or Masonic widow who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret.

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From the South

By Michael Ramos—Junior Warden



Brethren & Friends,
By the time you read this, the C.V.M.C. Family and Friends Pizza Night will have passed with the Crab Feed and White Table Night dinner dance on the way; what a socially eventful year we have planned at Crow Canyon!
Our upcoming White Table Night, on the evening of March 8th, will be a formal dinner dance for Brethren and their significant others. We will be having a hosted cocktail social with hors d'oeuvres, followed by a three-course Prime Rib dinner service with wine, specialty cake for dessert and a live DJ and dancing to follow. We are still working out the particulars. Invitations containing times, price and RSVP information will be mailed out shortly.
Currently, at 551, we are receiving a great number of applications for the Degrees of Masonry. It appears that our Craft is being sought, primarily, by many young men of my generation; a generation seeking for something deeper than the superficialities that are readily available in vast abundance by the click of a mouse or by the push of a remote control. These men are entering Masonry with high expectations. Authentic Masonic literature and documentaries are widely available; the esoteric is on the rise from the bookshelf to the classroom. They're coming for the experience, teachings and fellowship that we, as Masons, are obligated to guard from the unqualified and treat with the deepest reverence when amongst each other or when abroad in the world. Bottom line, they will have expectations of us that should be as great as the expectations we have of them! Lets always remember that each one of us needs to strive to be the Mason who makes us proud to be a Brother of this great Fraternity and of this wonderful Lodge!

Inspiring Words

By Irwin Fershleiser—Chaplin



February 14th Valentine's Day, is the day set aside to celebrate, honor, or remember love . . . or a loved one.

Is it not ironic that the symbol used to depict love is the heart? The heart is one of the most important organs in all living things. For when it stops working, life as we know it ends. How many times have we used or heard these words?

"I love you with all my heart."

"Take my heart . . . it is yours."

"I give my heart to you."

Are we then saying,

"I love you with all life," or

"I give my life to you?"

If the beating of our heart sustains life, maybe love in its many forms and ways is a strong helping hand.

With this thought I implore you to ---

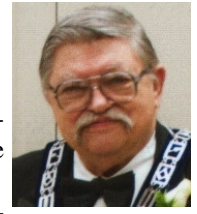
Love one another with all your heart.

Think of each other, with the goodness of your brain.

And last but not least, Have faith with all your being!

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



Three new application for membership, one request for reinstatement and one affiliation were read at our last Stated Meeting.

As I told you in the last edition of our Trestleboard we have 85 life members. 23 of them chose to send the lodge a donation for their per capita tax. A big THANKS, even though they are not required to do this, they did and its really helps the lodge

Crow Canyon has set a trend, new and younger members. Just what the lodge needs. Let continue to grow.

Interesting New Challenge—This issue of the Trestleboard will be a little sparse, mostly because of a Resolution that was passed at the 164th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California. The delegates adopted **Resolution 12-18** which amends Sections 810.040 and 810.050 of the California Masonic Code.

"Effective immediately, **Resolution 12-18** requires that no personally identified information about your members be disclosed publicly without the member's affirmative written consent. "Personally identified information" which is also referred to as Personal Information or personally identifiable information, includes, by way of example, a member's picture or likeness, his name, address(es), email address(es), telephone number(s), occupation, birthday, spouse's name, and such other information which specifically identifies or traces to the member. "Public disclosure" means using or disclosing the member's personally identified information in any press release, public statement, ad or newsletter, in any form or format, or posting such personally identified information on a website without password or other protection from public disclosure.

Enclosed with this Trestleboard is a copy of the consent form to be signed by every member before his personally identified information can appear or be used in any Public Disclosure. The Lodge is responsible for maintaining the records of the signed consent. The Lodge may record receipt of the signed consent forms in iMember and will provide copies and/or records of the signed consent to Grand Lodge upon request. The member may revoke his consent after the Lodge actually receives a written revocation signed by the member and notes such receipt of the revocation in the Lodge records. Any questions regarding this memo or the accompanying consent form can be addressed to Member Services at 415.776.7000."

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Birthdays

Res.12-18 prevents us from listing birthdays of any brothers who have not turned in the required release.

If your birthday is in February, the lodge wishes you the happiest of Birthdays! If we get release forms this month, we will publish names for February and March in the March issue.

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3rd Degree Anniversaries

Res.12-18 prevents us from listing 3rd Degree Anniversary dates of any brothers who have not turned in the required release. If we receive release forms this month, we will publish February and March 3rd Degree Anniversaries next month. Happy Anniversary brethren from your Lodge.

2014 Committees

Appointments

Audit – Kay Dunn, RL **Res. 12-18** , Arnie Weinstein

Funeral –Bob Pinkerton, Ron Katz, Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez, Kay Dunn, Eugene Moore, Charles Hintz, DA **Res. 12-18** , Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

Masonic Charity - The Master and the Wardens

Masonic Hall Association—JS **Res. 12-18** -President

Masonic Homes Endowment—RL **Res. 12-18**

Membership Retention – Don Schauer, Sr.

Sunshine—Ernie Nidick / Les Blake

Event Committees

Pizza Night (1/30/14)—Michael Ramos

Crab Feed (2/8/14)- HM **Res.12-18**

Dinner/Dance (3/8/14)– Michael Ramos

Public Schools Night (April TBA) - EU **Res.12-18**

Reno Trip (4/11-4/13/14) – Lyman Penning

Kids ID (5/17-5/18/14, 9/13-9/14/14) - Sammy Tamez / Roy Tamez / JG **Res. 12-18**

Sweetheart Event (6/1/14) - PB **Res. 12-18** /Alex Von Stade

Feast of St. John (12/21/13, 3/15/14, 6/21/14, 9/20/14) - Michael Ramos / Charles Hintz / SK **Res. 12-18**

Strawberry Feed (7/20/14) –Brian Ross/ Jerry Garcia/ DA **Res. 12-18**

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

Masonic Youth Orders

Castro Valley DeMolay—Pat Quinn—510-755-7891 pdq551@att.net

Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—DA **Res.12-18**

Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261—Laurel M. 559-696-0746

Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—RO **Res.12-18**



DMPS
Dead Masonic Poet Society

Share, learn and discuss:

Masonic history & mysteries
Our Craft's ever-evolving practices
Our true operative roots
Our positive effect on society, personally and otherwise

Every 4th Tuesday!
Open to all degrees!
7:00PM



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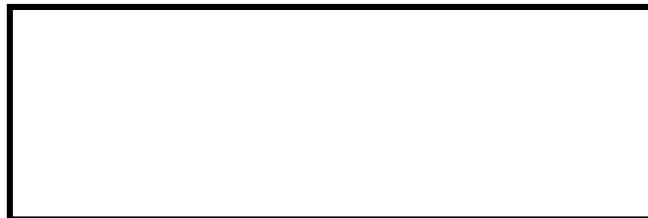
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Calendar of Events

February

February 06, 2014 Stated Meeting 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 PM Meeting. Family and Guests are welcome to attend the dinner and the social. Meetings are for Masons only (EA/FC/MM)

February 08, 2014 Crab Feed on 5:00 PM - Open to Members of Crow Canyon Lodge, their families and guests. Tickets available from the Secretary. Non-crab option is available.

February 11, 2014 Officers School of Instruction (OSI) 7:00 PM at Crow Canyon Lodge—Open to all Masons (EA, FC, MM). Officers are required to attend. Surveyors are expected to attend. Topics: 1st Degree and Reception of Inspector. Candidate Investigation procedures. Other work to be determined. Arrive between 6 and 7 for a light meal compliments of Crow Canyon Lodge.

February 13, 2014 1st Degree 7:00 PM -Dress code is shirt & tie or business suit. Officers in Tux. Light meal preceding degree beginning at 6:15 PM. Dining ends and lodge set up begins at 6:45 PM. Lodge opens at 7:00 PM sharp.

February 20, 2014 2nd Degree - 7:00 PM - Dress code is shirt & tie or business suit. Officers in Tux. Light meal preceding degree beginning at 6:15 PM. Dining ends and lodge set up begins at 6:45 PM. Lodge opens at 7:00 PM sharp.

February 25, 2014 DMPS—7:00 PM -Masonic education open to all Masons. Light refreshments will be served.

February 27, 2014 2nd Degree—7:00 PM—Dress code is shirt & tie or business suit. Officers in Tux. Light meal preceding degree beginning at 6:15 PM. Dining ends and lodge set up begins at 6:45 PM. Lodge opens at 7:00 PM sharp.

March (preview)

March 06, 2014 Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 PM Meeting. Family and Guests are welcome to attend the dinner and the social. Meetings are for Masons only (EA/FC/MM)

March 08, 2014 White Table Night - Dinner/Dance 5:30 PM—Tickets Available from the Secretary at February Stated

March 15, 2014 Past Master's Night" 5:00 PM—A Table Lodge for all members—Recognizing all of our Living Past Masters

Appendant Bodies Meeting Schedules

- ◆ 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

Crow Canyon Lodge

February 2014

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2	3	4	5	6 Stated Meeting 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting	7	8 Annual Crab Feed 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner Tickets avail from Secretary
9	10	11 Officer's School of Instruction (OSI) @ Castro Valley Masonic Center—7:00 PM	12	13 1st Degree—7:00 PM Mr. Alexander P Gauthier	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 2nd Degree—7:00 PM Bro. Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien	21	22
23	24	25 DMPS—7:00 PM Masonic Education for All Masons	26	27 2nd Degree—7:00 PM Bros. Adam & Eric Korbas	28	

Crow Canyon Lodge March 2014

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9	10	11 Officer's School of Instruction (OSI) @ Pleasanton Masonic Center—7:00 PM	12	13 1st Degree—7:00 PM Mr. Roger Accuros	14	15 Past Masters' Night 5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner Tickets avail. from Secretary
16	17	18	19	20 1st Degree—7:00 PM Mr. Johnnie Albnese / Mr. Aaron Bianchi	21	22
23	24	25 DMPS—7:00 PM Masonic Education for All Masons	26	27 3rd Degree-7:00 PM Bro. Richard Ramos	28	



CROW CANYON LODGE, No.551, F. & A.M.
Castro Valley, California



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- When I disclose my likeness or Personally Identifiable Information by using the Lodge and/or Masons of California Website, accessing or using services available through the Websites, applying for membership, a scholarship or employment, acting as an officer or board member, making a contribution or responding to a survey my written affirmative consent to use the Personally Identifiable Information I provide is permitted in accordance with this Privacy Policy posted at www.freemason.org.
- When I appear publicly as a Mason, I am voluntarily revealing my Masonic affiliation.
- This Consent is not intended to change, limit or restrict the use and disclosure of my Personally Identified Information within the Masonic family.

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Printed name of subject

Signature of subject

Date