



Trestleboard

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**Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551**

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2026

10/01—**Thursday**—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner (Oktoberfest)—6:15 PM—*Masonic Outreach Presentation* / Business Meeting—7:30 PM
10/07—**Wednesday**—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
10/08—**Thursday**—DARK
10/09—10/11—**Friday-Sunday**—Annual Grand Lodge Communication
10/15—**Thursday**—Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
10/17—**Saturday**—Travel Degree to Pacific Grove. 3rd Degrees for Bros. Charles 'Ned' Herrick and Jacob Herrick. Lunch 12:00, Degree Ceremony 1:00pm, Group Dinner 6:30pm ; More details inside
10/20—**Tuesday**—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
10/22—**Thursday**—Practice or Degree—7:00 PM
10/26—**Monday**—Hall Association—7:00 PM
10/29—**Thursday**—5th Thursday Potluck—6:00 PM

NOVEMBER 2026

11/04—**Wednesday**—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
11/05—**Thursday**—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner—6:15 PM—Business Meeting—7:30 PM
11/12—**Thursday**—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
11/17—**Tuesday**—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
11/19—**Thursday**—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
11/21—**Saturday**—Breakfast with Brothers at Manor Grill, San Leandro—8:00 AM
11/23—**Monday**—Hall Association—7:00 PM
11/26—**Thursday**—Happy Thanksgiving

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, PM—Master

Brethren and Families,

The month of September brought two very important milestones as we honored individuals who have proven themselves to be true Masonic cornerstones of our Lodge.

On September 3, we had the honor of presenting the Grand Veterans Award to Wor. Kurt Allen, recognizing his 50 years of faithful service to Masonry. Kurt served as Worshipful Master of our Lodge in 1985 and, over the years, has continued his service as both a Candidates' Coach and Officers' Coach, helping guide generations of Masons along their journey.

Presiding as Master of Ceremonies for this special occasion was our own Inspector, Wor. Allen Cuenca of the 317th Masonic District, representing the Grand Lodge and helping make this a very enjoyable and memorable evening. The Grand Veterans Award was pinned to Kurt's lapel by his charming wife, Wynn.

On September 19, we gathered again, this time to present the Hiram Award to Wor. Alan Kenyon in recognition of his tireless support of Masonry and our Lodge. Alan was selected for this honor by our past Hiram Award recipients as truly such a good man as our deserving Brother, one who never turns down a request to stretch forth a helping hand to assist another Brother or his Lodge.

Alan served as Worshipful Master of our Lodge in 1987 and is a man defined by humility, devotion, and service to his country, his family, his Brethren, and his Lodge.

Our Inspector, Wor. Allen Cuenca, himself a Hiram Award recipient, acquainted us with the history and significance of the Hiram Award. The honor of reading Alan's biography was rightfully given to Wor. William Ferrell, who shared much of the same Masonic journey with Alan as they made their way toward becoming Worshipful Masters of our Lodge. Alan was presented with the Hiram Pin and Medallion by his lovely wife, Karen, and was joined for this special occasion by his daughters and son.

October will bring another important event in the Masonic journeys of two of our Brothers, father and son, Ned and Jacob Herrick, as they are raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Their double Third Degree will be held at Pacific Grove Lodge No. 331, near Monterey, on Saturday, October 17, at 1:00 PM. It is an easy and enjoyable 108-mile drive from our Lodge, so if you have the time, and the gas money, I highly recommend attending this momentous Masonic occasion in support of these two fine and well-prepared candidates.



Although we are already beginning to wrap up another Masonic year, we are also looking forward to advancing our Officers and planning next year's calendar. As always, your thoughts about the activities you would like to attend, the fellowship you would like to see, and the Masonic education you would find meaningful are foremost in our minds.

We want to continue moving our Lodge forward as an enjoyable and welcoming place where Masonry and fellowship can grow. Please always feel free to contact me or any of our Officers with your thoughts and suggestions for the benefit of Masonry in general, and this Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in particular.

I encourage each of you to attend our Stated Meetings, degree work, and social events whenever you are able. Your presence and participation are what keep our Lodge strong, and we look forward to seeing you and your families again very soon.

From the West

By Alex Von Stade, PM — Sr. Warden

Brethren:

We are now in the month of October, the tenth month of the year. October's name arises from the Latin word "Octo" meaning the number eight. In the old Roman calendar, October was the eighth month of the year but was moved to the tenth when the calendar was revised in 713 BC to add the months of January and February. There is one federal holiday observed in October (Columbus Day) and this year it is celebrated on October 12th. In addition, we celebrate Halloween on October 31st. Halloween is traditionally referred to as "All Hallows' Eve" and is celebrated on the evening before the Christian holy day of All Saints Day (November 1st). The origin of Halloween can be linked to an ancient festival called "Samhain" meaning the end of summer,



which was celebrated in the British Isles by the Celts and Druids. The ancient Celts believed that the veil between the worlds of the living and dead were the thinnest during Samhain, hence the association with ghosts and graveyards; common themes that are linked with Halloween.

Until next month, have a pleasant and safe October.



From the South

By Andrew Hawes, PM — Jr. Warden

The countdown has begun! Only three monthly trestleboard articles left from yours truly, since I am shifting out of the chairs that require it each month. Looking back, I will have written a total of 48 articles, which seems like a small number, but feels at times like a Herculean task. But I digress. The purpose of my article this month is to discuss "winning" versus "losing."



It's always been my personal philosophy that there are many measurements of success. When playing a game, for example, my motto is "if everyone has had fun, then everyone has won." Its not about earning the 1st place finish for me, its about enjoying the attempt. This applies to many things in life. If you enjoy driving, that morning commute can be a plus to your day. If you like taking walks, is it a chore to walk your dog? If you get pleasure from working out (and no, i do not join you in that category!) then it doesnt matter if you can bench more than the person on the next bench.



For some people, winning is everything. This can lead to them being more succesful at many things... but are they happier about it? If they win 90% of the time, they seem to focus on the 10% of "failures" and be unhappy, striving to beat the odds. Pushing yourself to succeed doesn't, in my mind, mean always being unable to accept that you aren't the strongest, fastest, or smartest in the room. You might only provide moral support to your team, and they

might not win the competition, but they can still feel successful after the attempt, learning and growing, earning the warm glow of camraderie and shared effort, despite not being victorious.

If you make that your personal win condition, you can win,

...even when you don't.

Choose your goals to be achievable, achieve them, and be happy about it.

Masonic Family Corner

By Denise Jow—Past Grand Guardian

HAPPY FALL FROM BETHEL NO.1, DUBLIN!

October will be a very busy month for us!

The Bethel had a great Grand Guardian's Official Visit on September 20th.

We read an application for membership and our Librarian received the perpetual trophy from Grand Bethel for her Librarian's Report.

We have 4 Halloween events to promote our Bethel.

- ☾ October 11th we will be setting up our SCARECROW at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. The scarecrows will be displayed until after Halloween so drop by and vote for your favorite scarecrow.
- ☾ October 15th we are participating in a BOO FEST in Pleasanton with a corn hole game & treats.
- ☾ October 22nd is our 3rd year participating in a TRUNK OR TREAT at Los Positas College in Livermore.
- ☾ October 28th we invite all interested friends, potential members & JD to Bees to a fun HALLOWEEN PARTY.

Job's Daughters is an organization with thousands of confident young women, respecting tradition and shaping the future.

Members are 10-20 years old and younger girls can join our Bee Hive as a JD to Bee. Please contact us at bethel1@cajdi.org to attend an event and learn more about our Bethel. Thank you!



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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 (15)	Delbert Kraft (52)
Dave Baratto (31)	Glen Lane (58)
Nicholas Beardo (2)	Charles Langel (49)
Barry Bookman (37)	Paul Leiber (73)
Adam Brissey (2)	Martin Nilson (60)
Brian Brunckhorst (27)	Lyman Penning (52)
Phillip Busch (19)	Robert Pinkerton (28)
Brian Canton (1)	Russell Porter (62)
Tramaine Ellison (5)	Rowell Prosser (17)
Roger Hamilton (5)	Dale Reynolds (44)
Andrew Hawes (8)	Elmer Seutter (58)
Aaron Johnson (5)	Eric Unti (19)
Richard Keihner (48)	Alan West (39)
Brendan Korbas (1)	

Travelling 3rd Degree

By Perry Klahr, Secretary with an assist from Copilot

Brothers, we're looking forward to a wonderful weekend of fellowship as Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551 travels to Pacific Grove for our fall visitation and Third Degree. Below is your friendly overview of what to expect throughout the trip.

Friday, October 16 – Arrival & Fellowship

Our home base for the weekend will be Mariposa Inn & Suites 1386 Munras Avenue, Monterey, CA 93940 Check in begins at 4:00 p.m.

We'll ease into the evening with a 5:30 p.m. happy hour, hosted by WM Paul. Weather permitting, we'll gather at the picnic tables by the pool for drinks, snacks, and good company. Dinner will be a relaxed poolside pizza night, courtesy of the Lodge—an easy, enjoyable way to kick off the weekend together.

Saturday, October 17 – Lodge Day

Start your morning with the Inn's complimentary "Healthy Beginnings" continental breakfast, available from 7:00–9:30 a.m. Brothers are also welcome to explore local breakfast spots if they prefer.

At 12:00 p.m., we'll meet at Pacific Grove Lodge No. 331 680 Central Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 Please arrive in tuxedos or suits for lunch and the opening of Lodge. A simple lunch of sandwiches, chips, and drinks from Jersey Mike's Subs will be provided.

The Third Degree for Brothers Ned and Jacob Herrick will begin at 1:00 p.m. and is expected to conclude around 3:30 p.m. This will be a meaningful and memorable part of the weekend—your presence and support are appreciated.

Saturday Evening – Group Dinner

We'll gather for dinner at Vivolo's Chowder House at 6:30 p.m. 127 Central Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 Menu available at: vivoloschowderhouse.com

A reservation has been made for 25 attendees. Please note that each Brother will receive an individual check, as dinner is not Lodge-funded. Carpooling from the hotel is recommended due to limited parking in the area.



October Birthdays

Gerald Woergoetter (10/04)	Jimmy Burns (10/17)
Scotty Stroup (10/05)	Patrick Quinn (10/17)
Johnnie Albanese (10/07)	Larry Russell (10/19)
Allen Weisser (10/07)	James Luque (10/21)
Areo Comonal (10/10)	Ildjer Baron (10/25)
Robert Wagle (10/10)	Jonathan Prestage (10/25)
Ronald Meissner (10/12)	Daniel Lee (10/26)
Jacob Andreotti (10/15)	Augustine Rhee (10/29)

Sunshine and Visiting

The Sunshine Committee shares encouragement and support with members and their families during difficult times—whether through cards, visits, or a helping hand. Likewise, our Visiting Committee ensures that brothers who are ill or unable to attend meetings remain connected to the lodge. Together, these committees reflect our Masonic commitment to brotherhood and compassion.



If you know a brother who could use some Sunshine or a Visit, please contact our chairman, Wor. Alan Kenyon, at 510-520-7672 or Alan.Kenyon@comcast.net



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Committees

2026 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Justin Ortiz, Andrew Hawes

Breakfast with Brothers: Brian Ross, Bill Biddell, Phil Busch

Masonic Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Community Outreach: Aaron Johnson, Paul Rodriguez

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross

Executive Committee: Paul Rodriguez, Alexander Von Stade, Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr

FOSJ: Bill Biddell

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Masonic Funeral: Lyman Penning, Roy Tamez, Pat Quinn, Bill Biddell.

Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn—President

Membership Retention: Paul Rodriguez, Perry Klahr

Picnic: Roy Tamez, Perry Klahr, Bill Biddell, Brian Ross,

Printing and Mailing: Bill Biddell

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas, Brendan Korbas, Roy Tamez

Sportsman Club: Brian Ross, Phil Busch.

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Robert Johnson, Brian Canton

Sunshine and Visiting: Alan Kenyon

Sweethearts Committee: Aaron Johnson, Jacob Herrick, Tramaine Ellison

Trustees: Robert Logan, Brian Ross, Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, Hank Andreotti, Adam Korbas

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz

Welcome: Adam Brissey

White Table Night: Perry Klahr, Brian Ross, Pat Quinn, Bill Biddell

Youth Orders Liaisons: Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn

Masonic Youth Orders

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

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Where in the World

Each month we log visitors to our website. This month we were pleased to have guests from: Research Triangle, NC; Istanbul, Turkey; Bacoar, Philippines; Seattle, WA; Somerville, MA; Phoenix, AZ; Seoul, S. Korea; Stamford, CT; Santa Clara, CA; General Trias, Philippines; Singapore



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October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Stated Meeting— 6:15 PM—Dinner 7:30 PM—Business	2	3
4	5	6	7 Officer's Meeting 7:00 PM	8 DARK	9 Annual Grand Lodge Communica- tion	10 Annual Grand Lodge Communica- tion
11 Annual Grand Lodge Communica- tion	12	13	14	15 Practice or De- gree—7:00 PM	16 Travel Degree to Pacific Grove	17 Travel Degree to Pacific Grove. Raising of Bros. Ned and Jacob Herrick 1:00 PM
18 Travel Degree to Pacific Grove	19	20 Zoom Social— 7:00 PM	21	22 Practice or De- gree—7:00 PM	23	24
25	26 Hall Associa- tion—7:00 PM	27	28	29 5th Thursday Potluck—6:00 PM	30	31