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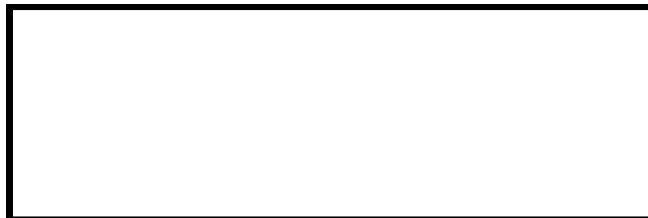
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Trestleboard

June-July 2015
Volume 11, Issue 6

**Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551
F&AM of California**
Chartered October 11, 1923



Calendar of Events

JUNE

Thu June 4—7:30 PM—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting
Sat June 6—4:30 PM—Moonlight degree at Siminoff Outdoor Degree Site.
Meet at CVMC at 4:30 PM. Set up at Masonic Home at 6:00 PM. Degree starts at 6:30 PM.
Thu June 11—Practice for 3rd Degree—6:30 PM (Practice starts at 7:00 PM)
Thu June 18—Practice for 3rd Degree—6:30 PM (Practice starts at 7:00 PM)
Tue June 23—DMPS at Hayward Ranch Restaurant—7:00 PM
Thu June 25—Degree to be determined—possibly Dark.
Sat June 27—Feast of Saint John—6:00 PM
Tue June 30—Officers meeting—6:30 PM

JULY

Thu July 2—Stated meeting —5:30 Social / 6 :15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting Fourth of July theme
Thu July 9, July 16— Dark
Sat July 18—Strawberry Feed—Masonic Home—10:30 AM @ Auditorium
Thu July 23—Dark
Sat July 25—Grand Sword Bearer Reception Fred Avery
Thu July 30—Dark

Don't Miss the Crow Canyon Lodge

FAMILY PICNIC

August 8, 2015—11:00 AM

Golden Gate Live Steamers @ Tilden Park



AUGUST (tentative)

Tue Aug 4—Officers Meeting 6:30 PM
Thu Aug 6—Stated Meeting Meeting—5:30 Social / 6 :15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting
Sat Aug 8—CCL551 Family Picnic 11:00AM At Tilden Park- Map available at goldengatels.org
Thu Aug 13—3rd Degree or Practice
Thu Aug 20—3rd Degree—Bro. Kyle Thompson—7:00 PM
Thu Aug 27th—Past Masters Night—5:30PM

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- 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

From the East

By Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Worshipful Master



Brethren,

It is with sadness that I start this Trestleboard article by announcing that our beloved Chaplain and Past Very Reverent Irwin Fershleiser has passed away. However, I am happy in the belief that he is with the Great Architect in the celestial lodge above, where he is able to share his wonderful sense of humor, wisdom, and humanity with other brothers that have passed away. He walked the rough and rugged road of life with grace and forbearance. Please keep his family in your prayers. If you receive this Trestleboard in time, his Masonic Service will be held at the Masonic Home in Union City on June 5th at 2:00 PM.

This Trestleboard will be for the months of June and July. The Lodge will be dark during July with the exception of our Stated Meeting, Strawberry Feed at the Masonic Home, and we will also be co-hosting the Reception for the Grand Sword Bearer with Pleasanton Lodge for Wor. Fred Avery at Pleasanton.

June is also going to be quite a busy month so please look at the Calendar of events for all the Lodge Activities. On June 6, in the evening, we will be having an outdoor 1st degree at the Siminoff outdoor lodge site at the Masonic Home. It should be a fun event. I hope to see you there. Wear comfortable clothing. You may want to bring a jacket just in case. The Mark Master degree that was previously published in the morning of the 6th has been cancelled. I would especially like to invite you all to the July stated meeting. Bro. Ernie Nidick has been busy arranging the program for that evening. We will be having the flag presentation by all the youth groups and the Boy Scouts. I heard a beautiful talk about what the US flag means to one of our Rainbow girls and I am so moved by it I asked her to present it to us at the July dinner. We will also be having the East Bay Banjo Band to play for us. Our July dinner will be a celebration of Americana and the founding of our country. I hope to see you there.

So what did happen on July 4, 1776? (Excerpts from the Story of the Fourth of July Constitutionfacts.com)

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

On a personal note, I will be traveling out of state after the July Stated meeting. I will be available by cell phone and Email, but there may be some delay due to reception availability. I will return any calls if you leave me a message.



From the West

By Michael Ramos—Senior Warden



I'd like to start by saying that our dear Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Irwin M. Fershleiser, will be dearly missed. I feel it a privilege that I was able to labor with him in Lodge. Irwin always welcomed you with a smile and a hug. His kind spirit, positivity and sense of humor always made it a pleasure to be around him whether we were socializing or in ritual. I'll never forget that he was sitting next to me during my first time in the East for an EA Degree. After I sat down from delivering the lecture, he grabbed my hand and congratulated me. I always knew I was in good company with him by my side. Brother, you will always be in our minds and hearts and you will always be viewed as the kind of Mason we should all aspire to be.

My article this month will be short. DMPS will be convening on Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:00 pm at The Hayward Ranch Restaurant. Wor. Bro. Ed Fentum will be taking the reins to provide an exemplification of an English Festive Board, along with papers and discussion shared by various visiting Brethren – I hope to see you there! I am happy to remind all Brethren that June brings the Feast of Saint John the Baptist. Crow Canyon Lodge will be observing this Masonic Landmark on Saturday, June 27th. Our Junior Warden, Bro. Apak, will be relating timing, pricing and attire, but I would like to encourage all Brethren who have yet to partake in this Festive Board to do so. Brotherhood and education will mingle with 7 courses of fine food and libations – do get your ticket early!

Enjoy your Summer Break with family and friends, and I look forward to seeing everyone together again come August.

From the South

By Kem Apak—Junior Warden



Brethren, we lost our beloved Chaplain. Irwin was a person beautiful both inside and out. He was what he said, and what he did. When I was an editor I read his articles, poems first with joy and sometimes tears in my eyes.

Life is so fragile, so short, but beautiful. We need to cherish every moment we have. Waste is a terrible thing especially if it is your life.

Every beginning has end, and every end has a new beginning. It is believed that our Universe was created 13.8 billion years ago, our Sun will have another 5 billion years of useful life, and even our universe will cease to exist after trillions of trillions of years. Every galaxy, star, planet will be dead and spread into the emptiness.

We, my brethren, need to understand and learn life; to appreciate the gift of life from our creator. This is the reason education is so important for Masons. We have had scientists, philosophers, mathematicians, writers and thinkers in our ranks, who changed the world for good.

For our June stated meeting our kitchen heroes are preparing tri-tip barbecue and other delicious stuff.

We are going to have our Feast of St. John on Saturday, June 27th. A table lodge with great food, drinks and Masonic papers will be shared and enjoyed. The tickets are going to be \$42.50 which includes all the food and drinks. Formal attire is required, except for the kitchen staff. You can get your tickets from Bro. Hintz.



(From the South—continued)

I want to say goodbye to our dear brother Irwin M Fershleiser with a poem:

A Mason and a Man:

Brother, Masonry means much more
Than the wearing of a pin,
Or carrying a paid up dues receipt
so the Lodge will let you in.
You can wear an emblem in your
coat,
from your finger flash a ring
But if you are not sincere at heart
this doesn't mean a thing.
It is merely an outward sign
to show the world that you belong,
To that great fraternal brotherhood
that teaches right from wrong.
What really counts lies buried deep
within the human breast,
'Til Masonic teaching brings it out
and puts it to the test.
If you practice out of Lodge
the things you learn within,
Be just and upright to yourself and to your fellow man.
Be always faithful to your trust and do the best you can,
Then you can proudly tell the world
you're a Mason and a man.



Inspiring Words

By Irwin Fershleiser—Chaplain

Editor's Note: I was blessed to have Irwin sit on my left as Chaplain during my last term as Master. Irwin was relatively young in Masonry, having been a member for just 28 years (He joined in 1986). He was Master of Lodge 669 in 1992, and served as Chaplain for the first time in 1999. He served as Chaplain in several lodges over the next 14 years, and was the Grand Chaplain of the California Grand Lodge in 2009. He received his Hiram Award in 1990. Irwin affiliated with Crow Canyon Lodge in 2011. Irwin was a resident of the Masonic Home, along with his wife Jeannie. It was Jeannie who asked us to publish the following poem as his last article.

MISS ME BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the road.
And the sun has set for me.
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me – but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take.
And each must go alone
It's all a part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.

If when you are lonely and sick of heart.
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds
Miss me – but let me go.

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



June is the month that those who have chosen not to honor their obligation and pay their dues will be suspended for non-payment. It looks like eight members will be suspended for NP. What a shame to take the time, spend the money to get part or all of your degrees only to lose your membership over a few dollars. If there is a problem paying your dues all it takes is a phone call to the Master or Secretary and something can be worked out.

On a sadder note, my good friend and brother Irwin Fershleiser entered into rest on the 15th of May. I will miss him. He was a resident of the Masonic Home in Union City and I had the honor of knowing him for over 5 years. We went to the movies every Friday night together. Will not be the same without him.

This month the bulletin will be for June and July. As we celebrate the 239th birthday of this great nation we should all stop and give thanks for the wonderful life that this country has afforded us.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July



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



Congratulations to our newest Master Mason—Nick Sears!

Masonic Family Corner

Jobs Daughters, Bethel No. 1 Dublin—cordially invites you to attend our 184th Installation of Bethel officers and Choir Saturday, June 6th, 2015 at the Pleasanton Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Rd., at 7:00 pm and we look forward to seeing you there. June 25th through the 27th we will be attending Grand Bethel in Visalia where the girls will be able to compete in different competitions such as volleyball, ritual, arts & crafts. We are looking forward to a fun summer with great activities planned for the girls to have lots of fun. The members of Bethel No. 1, Thank You for your continued support.—N. Hoback, Honored Queen-Elect.

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Sunshine and Visiting

If you know of an ailing brother or Masonic widow who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret. Here are some brethren who could use a kind word:

- Gary Frisvold
- Mark Casperson
- Corbit Ray
- Al Rodes
- Mark Castile



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2015 Committees

Appointments

Audit— Kay Dunn, Robert Logan, Arnie Weinstein, David Allen

Funeral—Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Bob Pinkerton, Mike Ramos, Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

Masonic Charity - The Master and the Wardens

Masonic Hall Association—John Smith-President, Howard Marmor, Ernie Nidick, Gerald Woergoetter, Ron Reynolds, Bill Ferrell, Hank Andreotti, Brian Ross, Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment—Robert Logan

Membership Retention – Don Schauer, Sr., Bob Pinkerton

Sunshine—Ernie Nidick, Les Blake

Events

Child ID—David Allen, Roy Tamez

Feasts of Saints John, Past Masters & Festive Boards—Charles Hintz & Kem Apak

Strawberry Feed—Ron Katz, Bill Biddell

Visitation to Columbia or Old Town Sacramento Lodge—Mike Ramos, Don Schauer

Senior Warden's Picnic at Tilden Park—Mike Ramos, Kem Apak

Hiram Award Committee Leads—Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell

Moonlight Siminoff Degree (6/5) - Mike Ramos, Alex Von Stade

Masonic Education—Mike Ramos, Kem Apak

Masonic Youth Orders

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June & July Birthdays

Robert Eckstein (06/01)
 Ace Gilbert (06/02)
 Dain Warton (06/04)
 Mark Parinas (06/08)
 Marshall Field (06/09)
 Earl Oliver (06/09)
 Jack Allen (06/12)
 Paul Rodriguez-Obrian (06/14)
 Howard Hansen (06/15)
 Benjamin Newmarker (06/15)
 Peter Amato (06/17)
 Lee White (06/17)
 Douglas Prull (06/20)
 Floyd Fawcett (06/21)

Andrew Kinicki (06/22)
 John Erman (06/23)
 Leland Peck (06/23)
 Lester Bridge (06/24)
 Harold Dias (06/24)
 Jeffrey Kahn (06/24)
 Ray Michardi (06/24)
 Howard Marmor (06/27)
 John Mc Carthy (06/27)
 Donald Schauer (06/27)
 Ronald Stuart (06/28)
 Walter Nieman (06/29)
 John Freestone (06/30)
 John Teixeira (07/01)

Ronald Vandenberghe (07/01)
 Tony Wilkinson (07/01)
 Barry Bookman (07/02)
 Donald Clendenen (07/05)
 Gregory Egelston (07/05)
 Hedley Bourke (07/06)
 Joseph Elleard (07/06)
 Glen Barth (07/07)
 Harold Burk (07/07)
 Fred Avery (07/08)
 William Strain (07/08)
 Denis Beaman (07/09)
 Donald Jensen (07/09)
 Jody Juracich (07/11)

Paul Amato (07/13)
 Les Blake (07/14)
 Glen Sears (07/15)
 George Hess (07/16)
 William Ferrell (07/17)
 Nick Sears (07/22)
 Ronald Garcia (07/23)
 Alex Gauthier (07/23)
 Bob Ficken (07/25)
 Eric Korbas (07/26)
 Earl Kresge (07/26)
 Carl Worley (07/26)
 Earl Woodson (07/29)
 Pery Klahr (07/31)

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

JUNE

Leonard Ambrose [PM] (47)
 Jared Andreotti (15)
 Edward Auguadro [PM] (38)
 Gilbert Brownfield (28)
 Jimmy Burns (33)
 Vernon Cumins (65)
 John Davenport, Jr. [PM] (56)
 Gregory Egelston (37)
 Joseph Elleard [PM] (59)
 Herbert Freeman (42)
 Kevin Gray (27)
 Erik Hoffmann (1)
 Mark Kahn (49)
 Frederick Kao [PM] (33)
 Albert Keshishian (61)
 Eric Korbas (1)
 Earl Kresge (36)
 Jeffery Lantz (47)
 Roger Lemon (63)
 Robert Logan [PM] (22)
 Charles Martin (65)
 John Mc Carthy (46)
 Raymond Michardi (33)
 Henry Miller, Jr. [PM] (42)
 Eugene Moore, Jr. (6)
 Edgar O'Hara (28)
 Robert Peters [PM] (52)
 Douglas Prull (51)
 Larry Richardson [PM] (50)
 Jose Rodriguez, Jr. (58)
 Ronald Selvey (36)
 Edgar Smith (35)
 Joseph Stewart (21)

Scotty Stroup (45)
 Gene Tague, Sr. (29)
 Roy Tamez [PM] (30)
 Clarence Teeters (43)
 Frank Thrall, Jr. (18)
 Gary Tucker (25)
 Ronald Vandenberghe (50)
 Victor Vandenberghe (39)
 Kurt von Brauch (36)
 David Weaver (33)
 David Wipf (38)

JULY

Kevin Hulme (16)
 Clyde Lyerla (58)
 Ernest Nidick, Jr. (55)
 James Stanford (16)
 Bud Warder [PM] (17)



In Memoriam

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| John Boysen Entered into Rest | 78 years, 5 months, 5 days January 29, 2015 |
| Irwin Fershleiser Entered into Rest | 86 years, 1 month, 10 days May 15, 2015 |
| Robert Hudson Entered into Rest | 84 years, 3 months, 11 days March 21, 2015 |
| William McHugh Entered into Rest | 92 years, 1 month, 29 days April 8, 2015 |
| Frederick Schaffer Entered into Rest | 91 years, 5 months, 7 days November 30, 2014 |
| Roy Stegall Entered into Rest | 82 years, 6 months, 17 days February 13, 2015 |
| Glenn Valenzuela Entered into Rest | 92 years, 8 months, 11 days March 13, 2015 |

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

Crow Canyon Lodge #551 F&AM June 2015

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