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Trestleboard

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Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551
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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 09/05 - Tuesday - Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 09/07 - Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 09/09 - Saturday - Castro Valley Fall Festival Child ID Booth
- 09/10 - Sunday - Castro Valley Fall Festival Child ID Booth
- 09/11 - Monday - Masons Night at AT&T.
- 09/12 - Tuesday - District Officers' School of Instruction
- 09/14 - Thursday - Degree or Practice - 7:00 PM
- 09/16 - Saturday - Lodge Picnic at Golden Gate Live Steamers, Tilden Park
- 09/21 - Thursday - Degree or Practice - 7:00 PM
- 09/28 - Thursday - Degree or Practice - 7:00 PM

OCTOBER

- 10/03 - Tuesday - Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 10/05 - Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 10/10 - Tuesday - District Officers' School of Instruction
- 10/12 - Thursday - Degree or Practice - 7:00 PM
- 10/19 - Thursday - Degree or Practice - 7:00 PM
- 10/26 - Thursday - Degree or Practice - 7:00 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 Alex Von Stade—Worshipful Master

Welcome to the month of September. As the warm days of summer come to an end, we need to begin preparing for the holiday season. It will not be long before we start thinking of pumpkins, turkeys, and evergreen trees. This is also the time when the current officers need to start preparing to advance to new stations within the line if they wish to do so. In addition, it is the time of year when qualified brothers can enter the line if they would like to participate in ritual activities. I encourage all Masons, whether they be an Entered Apprentice, a Fellowcraft, or a Master Mason, to take an active role in the workings of the Lodge. Whether it be a Stated Meeting, a Degree conferral, or a Lodge ceremony, the Lodge can always use your help.

During last month, the Lodge was quite busy. We made three new Entered Apprentice Masons. (Guy Phillips, Bryan Salby & Aero Comonal). I hope that they have pleasant experiences on their Masonic journey. We hosted the annual Hiram Award for Brother Ron Reynolds and we held a Seventy-Five-Year-pin ceremony for Brother Glen Barth. In addition I, along with three Lodge Officers (Worshipful Bill Ferrell, Worshipful Kurt Allen & Brother Don Schauer), presented a Fifty-year-pin to Brother John Hinkley at his home in Castro Valley. I wish to thank all of the Officers, Past Masters, and individual brothers that helped and participated in the events I just described. Without your assistance, none of these events would have taken place.

As a further note, I will be away on vacation during the first half of this month. I will be spending time with my relatives in Nebraska. During my absence, Worshipful Eckstein will be filling in for me. After having worked with him during the last few months, I know the lodge will be in capable hands. Until next month, have a happy September.

From the West

By Robert Eckstein, PM—Senior Warden

Brethren:

Here Ye! Here Ye! We called ALL members to the August 5, 2017 Membership Meeting! Every member was sent a personal letter and if you did not respond as requested one of the officers called you. IF you did not get the letter OR did not receive a phone call then our records need updating so please email or call the Secretary. The officers received very positive feedback from every member that we called and spoke to.



Our meeting was very successful. There were more than 50 members present and we had a good discussion. Several items were repeated:

1. **Members want more opportunities to meet with each other.** One idea was suggested to form a couple of Special Interest Clubs. The first one we will form is a Rod & Gun Club. Please watch for more information.
2. **Masonic discussion meetings were requested.** These would be meetings to discuss topics like “What can I tell a non mason about the Craft?” “What meetings or events can I attend?”
3. **What can we do in the community?** Many of those present did not know about our child ID events or our support of public schools. We can do more but we need more member input.
4. **The community support discussion made it clear we need better communication with the membership.** We publish a monthly Trestleboard, we have a good website, and we have a Lodge App for your cell phone. But we need to do more.

The attendees wanted another meeting to begin working on the above and we met on Monday August 21. At the time of this article the meeting had not yet been held. I will have more information next month and at the September Stated Meeting.

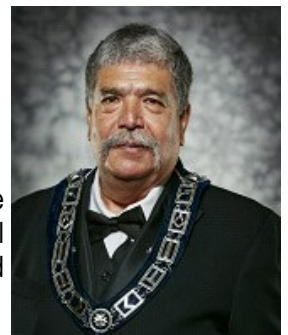
We held three more Entered Apprentice degrees in August and those new Brothers have begun their coaching. There were many brothers that attended those degrees which is great for a new member to see. Uncle Roy prepared some delicious light meals before the degrees. Please plan to attend the next degree in September. That is six new members and another application was received in August. The Lodge is moving forward!

From the South

By Alvaro Reynoso, PM—Junior Warden

Brethren & Ladies:

Uncle Roy tells me that we will be having Chicken Cordon Bleu with all the fixings at the September Stated Meeting.



**WHEN WE MEET
WE EAT!
and WE EAT GOOD!**

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

September is Back-to-School-Month, so be careful driving and look out for the rug-rats. The lodge has been getting a lot of the bulletins back that we pay to mail (return to sender, attempted – not known, unable to deliver). There is another way. If you would like to receive your Trestleboard electronically we can do that. Just send me your e-mail address and I will add you to our e-mail list. Send your e-mail address to DonRL7@pacbell.net.

We still have two candidates that will get their first degree plus we have an application in the works for next month. We are keeping busy.

We still have 20 members who have not paid their 2017 dues, I will be sending reminders the first week in September.

I am just starting to feel like I have successfully “trained” our current Master and now it is almost time for us to elect and install our next Master. This is the never ending task of the Secretary.

If our Senior Warden, Wor. Robert Eckstein is elected our next Master, this will be the third time that I will serve as his Secretary; once at Foothill Lodge, once at Alameda Lodge and now at Crow Canyon. In both of his previous terms as Master he did a wonderful job. He has a lot of good ideas to help Crow Canyon.

Everyone keep safe, see you at lodge.

Child ID Program

Bro. Phil Busch arranged for a Child-ID Opportunity on August 19 and the Store Manager was so pleased, he want us to do it quarterly.

Our next Child ID event will be September 9 & 10 at the Castro Valley Fall Festival. Any Mason or family member can help out. No experience necessary! Contact David Allen with your questions. (925)-895-7192 [click to email](#)



Masonic Family Corner

Learn more about Masonic Youth Orders

DeMolay

DeMolay International - www.demolay.org

Northern California DeMolay - www.norcaldemolay.com

Job's Daughters

Job's Daughters International- www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org

International Order of Job's Daughters, California - www.caijod.org

Rainbow for Girls

Rainbow for Girls Supreme Assembly - www.gorainbow.org

Rainbow for Girls California Grand Assembly - www.caiorg.org

Learn more at Masons4Youth.org

Our New Home on the Web

CCL551.org

With over 300 visits so far, our new website is off to a great start.

This dynamic new website is being regularly updated and improved. Besides doing simple things, like checking a calendar, or reading the latest Trestleboard you can also:

- View pictures from recent and past events
- Read archived Trestleboards back to 2005
- See recent posts to our Facebook page
- Link to pages and information about other organizations in our Masonic family
- Reviewing the names of Past Masters & Hiram Award recipients. In the future, many of these names will link to digital photographs.



Recently we have added a **members only section** to the site which includes a forum for: sickness & distress; sharing ideas about membership, fundraising, community service; posting your digital business cards to offer services to other members; building affinity groups; volunteering and more.

We are also considering posting meeting minutes and lodge budget information to this secured area as well as being able to pay lodge dues through PayPal.

Members can gain access to this secured area of the website by clicking on the “Login/Sign-up” link at the top of the first page of the website. You can create a new username and password or login with your Yahoo! Or Google accounts. Your request will be reviewed and granted if you are a member in good standing according to the Grand Lodge website.

We hope you find this new communication tool helpful!



In Memoriam



Thomas Robinson 77 years, 1 months and 18 days
Entered into Rest Oct 1, 2016

Clarence Heron 80 years, and 18 days
Entered into Rest June 1, 2017

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

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Johnnie Albanese (2)	Robert Lorenzini (14)
Kurt Allen [PM] (41)	James Luque (45)
Denis Beaman (37)	Patrick Mc Cord (38)
Billy Bryant [PM] (58)	David Middleton (22)
Harold Dias (55)	Verl Rothlisberger [PM] (31)
Robert Eckstein [PM] (32)	Larry Russell (52)
John Freestone (47)	Theodore Santel (40)
Gerald Garcia (5)	Victor Smalley (49)
Donald Jensen (34)	Albert Thomas (38)
Stephen Kinsman (4)	Douglas Vorpahl (54)
Johnnie Laney (46)	Jerry Walter (47)
Ralph Larsen (53)	Mark Warzyniak (8)
Robert Lee (9)	Freddie Wilson [PM] (44)
Mark Leite (30)	

September Birthdays

Mike Barnhart (09/01)	Richard Ramos (09/17)
Robert Marshall (09/03)	Brian Ross (09/17)
Bud Warder (09/04)	Red Prosser (09/20)
Phil Busch (09/05)	Edgar Smith (09/20)
Roger Glancy (09/05)	Hassan Tohid (09/21)
Bob Logan (09/06)	Mark Simens (09/22)
William Bain (09/07)	Adam Korbas (09/23)
Leonard Leavitt (09/07)	Robert Soule (09/25)
Sammy Tamez (09/07)	Gilbert Alston (09/26)
Roy Tamez (09/11)	David Bode (09/28)
Leland Allen (09/12)	David Allen (09/29)
Mickey Benko (09/12)	Roger Moore (09/30)
Larry Richardson (09/13)	Robert Rix (09/30)
Vinson White (09/14)	Gary Tucker (09/30)
Jared Andreotti (09/16)	



MASON'S NIGHT @ AT&T
Monday, 9/11/17 Giants vs. Dodgers
Junior Giants check presentation
will be around 6 PM.

SAVE THE DATE! - SEPTEMBER 16, 2017



**CROW CANYON LODGE
FAMILY PICNIC
@ TILDEN PARK
GOLDEN GATE LIVE
STEAMERS**

12 NOON

50 Years A Member



Brother John Hinkley being presented with his 50-year pin and certificate at his home in Castro Valley by Wor. Alex Von Stade. Present also were Kurt Allen, PM, Don Schauer, and Bill Ferrell, PM.

75 Years A Member

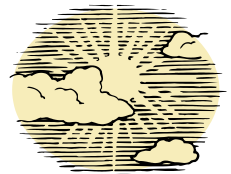


Brother Glen Barth (accompanied by his wife Noreen) being presented with his 75-year pin and certificate by Wor. Van Stade on August 24th at the Lodge. Glen joined Masonry at 21, when his father was Master of the Lodge in his small town. Miraculously, his father was able to coordinate Glen's degrees and proficiencies within a 10 day period from election to raising as a Master Mason.

Sunshine and Visiting

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

Howard Marmor, Sandy Kahn, Mark Casperson, Kjell Bomark-Noel



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 [email](mailto:Ernie@sunshine.org)
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [email](mailto:Les@sunshine.org)

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Roy Tamez - Hayward 510.537.1077 / 510.684.3047 cell

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Fred L. Avery, P.M.
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2017 Committees

Appointments

Executive Committee: Alex Von Stade, Robert Eckstein, Alvaro Reynoso, Kurt Allen, Don Schauer

Masonic Charity: Three Principle Officers

Sunshine: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer

Membership Retention: Don Schauer & Alex Von Stade

Audit: Bob Pinkerton

Masonic Funeral: Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell & All Officers

Events

White Table Night: Alex Von Stade & Robert Eckstein

Hiram Award Festivities: Robert Eckstein & Alex Von Stade

Festive Boards & Feasts: Paul Rodriguez-O'Brian & Glenn Sears

Crab & Pasta Feed: Don Schauer & Roy Tamez

Strawberry Feed: Ron Katz

Public Schools Night: Eric Unti & Bill Ferrell

Child ID: David Allen & Roy Tamez

Sweetheart Events: Phil Busch & Kurt Allen

Visitation: Don Schauer, Kurt Allen & Robert Eckstein

Masonic Formation and Education: Robert Eckstein & Alex Von Stade

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](#)

Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261—Laurel M. 559.696.0746 [click to email](#)

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.

Crow Canyon Lodge #551 September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Officer's Meeting - 7:00 PM	6	7 Stated Meeting Social 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Opening 7:30 PM	8	9 Child ID @ Castro Valley Fall Festival
10 Child ID @ Castro Valley Fall Festival	11 Mason's Night @ AT&T Giants vs. Dodgers	12 District Officers School of Instruction @ Pleasanton - 7:00 PM. Light meal 6:00 pm	13	14 Practice or Degree	15	16 Lodge Picnic & BBQ at Golden Gate Live Steam- ers, Tilden Park - 12 noon
17	18	19	20	21 Practice or Degree	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Practice or Degree	29	30