



Trestleboard

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



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Calendar of Events

April

April 3—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner \$10/person. Widows are guests of the lodge. Family and Guests are welcome to attend the dinner and the social. 7:30 PM Meeting. Masonic Meetings are for Masons only (EA/FC/MM).

April 8—District Officers' School of Instruction (OSI)—Open to all Master Masons. Officers are required to attend. Surveyors are expected to attend. Topics: 3rd Degree, First Section. Other work to be determined. Arrive between 6 and 7 for a light meal compliments of Mosaic Lodge. 119 S. Livermore Ave, Livermore

April 10—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM

April 11-13, 2014—Reno Bus Trip—\$200/person \$300/couple includes bus for three days and two nights lodging at the Sands. Details inside.

April 17—2nd Degree—Jorge Hernandez / Hassan Tohid—7:00 PM

April 22—DMPS—7:00 PM

April 24, 2014—Public Schools Night—Social begins at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:15. At 7:15 we will be entertained by the Canyon Middle School Jazz Choir. At approximately 7:30 we will recognize a teacher from the Castro Valley elementary schools and a teacher from the Castro Valley middle schools who have been elected by the School Board. Speeches will be given and honorarium and certificates will be issued. School teachers and their families are guests of the lodge. Lodge members and their families are encouraged to attend and show their support for local public schools. Dinner is complimentary for all in attendance.

May (preview)

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May 8—2nd Degree—Roberto Holguin—7:00 PM

May 15—2nd Degree—Kyle Thompson / Nicolas Sears—7:00 PM

May 17-18—Rowell Ranch Rodeo Child ID Program

Appendant Bodies Meeting Schedules

- ◆ Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets @ Castro Valley Masonic Center
- ◆ Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 261 Hayward meets 1st & 3rd Monday (7:00 PM @ 2615 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Hayward, CA)

about the short commute I had to my work, and you had been making a long commute and thinking to yourself, “how lucky can he be?” . . . I feel for you my brother and I now understand. After losing my last position I took on an assignment with a tech company in the Silicon Valley and getting home has been a nightmare. But then, you knew that already, didn’t you?



Roof Update—Construction is moving along well in the lodge room, the parking lot, and throughout the building. While we may not have April Stated in the lodge room, we expect that our Public Schools night will celebrate there.

Reno Trip—If you have not made your reservations for our Reno Trip, the clock is ticking. If you are already coming, invite some friends from outside of the lodge to join you. Let’s fill that bus and have a super-good party.

Candidates Coaching—I want to take a moment to share with you the joys of being a candidate’s coach. Outside of being honored to serve as Master of this great lodge, one of the most valuable things I get to do each week is coach several of our brethren on their proficiency work. It keeps me grounded and keeps the ritual fresh in my mind. But more importantly, it gives me the opportunity to interact, one-on-one with some of the newest, and most excited members of our lodge. I am so proud of my brothers as they advance step-by-step through the process. They are all different and unique. But the one thing they have in common is a genuine interest and love of Freemasonry. . . . but I am often the one who comes away from the session enlightened. Would you like to coach? Contact our Senior Warden.

Degrees-A-Plenty—I am looking at the calendar and am high pleased that we will be conducting five 2nd degrees in the next two months. We are also planning double 3rd degrees in May and June.

Most Valuable Lodge Assets—The wives of our dear departed brethren our very important to us. This year we are planning another great afternoon of Brunch and Theatre to honor them. Details of the event, scheduled for June 1st will be in the next Trestleboard.

From the West

By Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Senior Warden

I am sitting here on the IDES of March, thinking about writing the monthly article for the Trestle board for April. This article is due today, and I will not have time to finish it and will have to complete it later. For some reason, I think of Julius Caesar, and am thankful that my day is not as rough as his. Being in a lodge of true brothers, I have never and will never have, a



degree practice, a double second degree, our annual Public Schools night, and our Worshipful Master’s Reno Trip. For those of you who would like to delve a little deeper into Masonry, we are also have the DMPS meeting. The times and dates for these activities are listed on the calendar.

As I mentioned, April is Public Schools Month and we are holding our Public Schools night on April 24th this year. This is our lodge event recognizing the outstanding teachers in our local area, supporting our community. They are fun, interesting and usually entertaining. Please attend and show your support for public schools and recognizing the outstanding teachers that contribute so much to our community and our children’s (or in some cases grandchildren’s) futures.

From the Internet, I obtained the following items related to Masons and Education and thought to share them with you. (This is a partial list due to space limitation –google on internet to see G. L. article)

1740-1750 Grand Master Benjamin Franklin urged the adoption of a public school system in Pennsylvania and helped organize the U. of Pennsylvania.

1793 A group of Masons laid the cornerstone for the U. of North Carolina, the first state funded college in the country.

1840-60 United States Grand Lodges founded 88 public colleges in 11 states, often offering free tuition to deserving students. They were the first universities to accept students regardless of religious affiliation.

1862 John Swett, Mason and San Francisco school principal, was elected California superintendent of public instruction. He went on to organize teachers’ institutes, established a teacher certification system, won support for school taxes, wrote a revised school law, and provided for textbooks for California public schools. Swett is now referred to as the father of the California public school system.

1892 Francis Bellamy, a Mason, wrote the Pledge of Allegiance for a celebration honoring patriotism and public schools. In a speech for that same program, Bellamy referred to public schools as the “great American institution that united the nation.”

1920 Public Schools Month began when Charles Adams, a San Francisco attorney and Grand Master who was passionate about California schools, proclaimed Public Schools Week. During that week, Masonic lodges led community meetings to respond to the state’s critical teacher shortage. Each succeeding Grand Master in California has continued the observance of Public Schools Week, now Public Schools Month.

1969 The California Masonic Foundation was established to further the education of young people, from kindergarten through college. Today, more than \$1 million in scholarships is awarded by the Foundation every year, and lodges and other Masonic organizations contribute additional hundreds of thousands of dollars.

2011 The California Masonic Foundation launches a statewide initiative to support public education in three critical areas: school-based programs for elementary-age literacy; support for advancing instruction in middle school algebra; and expanding the Foundation scholarship program to include students for whom a college education has not been a choice. The strategic objective is to make a profound difference for California public schools.

be observing Passover Seder with delectable appetizers, matzo ball soup and a beef brisket, potato and vegetable main course. Always remember, if you plan on bringing guests please contact our Secretary prior to make arrangements.



For all those who served at our White Table and Past Master's Night, I give you well-deserved thanks. I hope all who attended enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and plan on attending next year.

The term "Mystic Tie" has been associated with Speculative Freemasonry since the 18th century. Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry defines the Mystic Tie as, "That sacred and inviolable bond which unites men of the most discordant opinions into one band of brothers, which gives but one language to men of all nations and one altar to men of all religions, from the mysterious influence it exerts, denominated the Mystic Tie; and Freemasons, because they alone are under its influence, or enjoy its benefits, are called "Brethren of the Mystic Tie."

As Brethren of the Mystic Tie, we have a responsibility to act as men worthy of its benefits. Solemnity at our degree ceremonies is of the utmost importance. We are partially a social fraternity, but that socialness is meant for when we are neither at labor nor free from restraint, but at refreshment. The degrees of our Craft are solemn and inspiring events where silence and attention is key.

As we close this quarter of the Masonic year, I'd like to quote the famed poet, songwriter and Brother, Robert Burns, "Adieu! A heart-warm, fond adieu! Dear Brothers of the Mystic Tie! Ye favored, ye enlightened few, Companions of my social joy!"

As always, thank you for the privilege of being your Junior Warden, my Brothers.

Inspiring Words

By Irwin Fershleiser—Chaplain

How many times have you heard the words, "It's a miracle that he (or she) survived!", or, "It must be a miracle that this (or that) happened!"?



There are some who don't believe in miracles. Yet they live with and experience one many times in their lifetime. It's "the miracle of friendship".

*There's a miracle called Friendship
That dwells within the heart
And you don't know how it happens
Or when it gets its start
But the happiness it brings you
Always gives a special lift*

about the collection of dues. It saddens me to inform you that I am forced to suspend 13 of our members for non-payment of dues. What a shame! There are 85 members who have not paid their 2014 dues to date. Please do not find yourself listed as one who has been suspended for non-payment of dues. As I have written before, this is the very best insurance you can buy. I know that a lot of you have just overlooked paying your dues. Write a check today in the amount of \$92.00 made out to Crow Canyon 551 and drop it in the mail addressed to me at 19767 Royal Avenue, Hayward, CA 94541-3651



On a lighter note it is wonderful to see so many younger men applying for membership. We are doing a lot of first degrees. If you have not signed the Information Release Form, please do so and get it back to me. We cannot publish your name for anything (birthdays, degrees dates, anniversaries, etc.) in the lodge trestleboard without that release. If you don't have the form, let me know and I will see to it that you get one.

Fortitude

By Austin Rhee

Fortitude is usually defined as the ability to courageously face adversity or the strength to endure it.

Fortitude is another key masonic virtue. It actually helps provides the inner strength required to display genuine temperance. It is a sign of emotional and spiritual maturity to face life's adversities with courage. People often look to leaders who possess fortitude for their calmness and direction in times of distress.

During times of difficulty, sometimes a friendly visit, call, or prayers of support can go a long way to help strengthen another. As Freemasons we are called to the virtue of fortitude as we can strengthen one another by our brotherly love within the fraternity. Our ability to face adversity is strengthened when we know that we are not alone. A Brother or Fellow is never alone in a lodge, but close to a helping or supporting hand of a Brother.

Fortitude: strength of mind that enables a person to encounter danger or bear pain or adversity with courage.

Masonic Family Corner

By Jennifer Gallagher—Junior Princess, Bethel 1 Dublin JDI

As Junior Princess of Bethel 1 Dublin of Job's Daughters I am pleased to share with you some of our recent activities. In February, our Bethel went on a snow trip to Pinecrest, CA. It was a lot of fun and we all had a blast! We went ice skating, played board games and watched movies. In the month of March we will be in the St. Pat-

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Get More Information Online

Members of Crow Canyon Lodge can: get **Sunshine** contact information; view the **Birthdays** of our members; and view **Third Degree Anniversaries** on the secured section of the Grand Lodge Website. Please see the Master's article for details.

Go to <http://www.freemason.org> and log in as a member. Now go to [Member Center > Crow Canyon No. 551](#). Under *Lodge Fea-*

Funeral—Bob Pinkerton, Ron Katz, Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez, Kay Dunn, Eugene Moore, Charles Hintz, David Allen, Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

Masonic Charity - The Master and the Wardens

Masonic Hall Association—John Smith-President

Masonic Homes Endowment—Robert Logan

Membership Retention – Don Schauer, Sr.

Sunshine—Ernie Nidick / Les Blake

Event Committees

White Table Night Dinner/Dance (3/8/14)– Michael Ramos

Public Schools Night (4/24/14) - Eric Unti

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 / Jerry Garcia

Sweetheart Event (6/1/14) - Phil Busch/Alex Von Stade

Feast of St. John (12/21/13, 3/15/14, 6/21/14, 9/20/14) - Michael Ramos / Charles Hintz / Stephen Kinsman

Strawberry Feed (7/20/14) –Brian Ross/ Jerry Garcia/ David Allen

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

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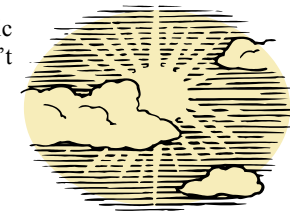
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Sunshine and Visiting

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

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6	7	8 Officer's School of In- struction (OSI) @ Mosaic Masonic Center (Livermore)—7:00 PM	9	10 2nd Degree Practice— 7:00 PM	11 Reno Bus Trip Meet CVMC at 10:30 AM. Bus Leaves at 11 Sharpl	Reno b
13 Bus Trip	14	15	16	17 2nd Degree—7:00 PM Bros. Jeorge Herman- dez / Hassan Tolid	18	
20	21	22 DMPs—7:00 PM Masonic Education for All Masons	23	24 Public Schools Night— Social 5:30 / Dinner 6:15 / Live Entertain- ment and Program	25	
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		Officer's School of In- struction (OSI) @ 7:00 PM		2nd Degree—7:00 PM Bros. Kyle Thompson / Nicholas Sears	Rowell Ranch Child ID p	
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ch Rodeo program				Practice 3rd Degree— 7:00 PM	Double 3rd De Paul Rodriguez- / Steve	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		DMPs—7:00 PM Masonic Education for All Masons		Masonic Family Potluck—6:15 PM		

CROW CANYON LODGE TRIP TO



RENO



APRIL 11-13, 2014

\$300 per couple / \$200 per single (own room)

Reservations due to the Secretary by April 3 Stated Meeting

OPEN TO ALL FRIENDS OF CROW CANYON LODGE

The details: Meet Castro Valley Masonic Center on Friday the 11th at 10:30 AM. Bus leaves promptly at 11 AM. Arrive in Reno early evening and check into Sands Regency. 6 PM hosted hospitality. Free night. Saturday morning we will load the bus and head to 2-4 casinos, receiving cash back and coupons at each one. 5 PM hosted hospitality. Dinner on your own