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# Trestleboard

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**Crow Canyon Lodge**  
**No. 551**  
**F&AM of California**  
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## **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



### **Appendant Bodies Meeting Schedules**

- Castro Valley DeMolay meets at Castro Valley Masonic Center (CVMC) 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
- Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Tuesday (7:00 PM)
- Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM) <http://lakechabot103oes.org/>
- 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

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# July 2013 AD, 6013 AL

*\*July will be dark except the Stated Meeting on July 11th and Strawberry Feed on July 21th*

Sun 30	Mon 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thr 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
7	8	9	10	11 Stated Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Strawberry Feed	22	23 DMPS	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

**Stated Meeting (July 11th):**

*Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend) - \$13.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.*

**Strawberry Feed (July 21th):**

*10:00AM At Union City Masonic Home.  
Volunteers meet in Auditorium*

**Dead Masonic Poet Society (July 23th):**

*Meeting 7:00 PM. At the Lodge.  
All Masons welcome.*



## From the East

By Kjell Bomark-Noel, Worshipful Master

This Friday the 14th of June 2013 finds me with a few moments to ponder my disastrous practice for the 3rd Degree Practice that I had last night. Well I guess I have to hit the books again. Remember last month I wrote about a subject dear to my heart: Prayers and actions on the prayers. The old adage “the lord help those that helps themselves” is to me and many others a true statement.

We as Masons learn that before any great or important undertaking we should invoke the blessing of God which clearly implies prayer followed by action. Those of you who wonder why I seem to write about these subjects should remember the oath I took before I was installed as Master. Then again some say I take this part too close to the heart.

“Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord. They rejoice in your name all day long; they celebrate your righteousness.” (Psalm 89:15-16) Well, it is the rejoicing 24 hours a day that is the difficult part of life.

I often ponder the eternal question that seems to be too ego-central: “Is it okay to pray for a miracle?” Are our trials and tribulation a spiritual school in which we have to hone our souls? Some Buddhists maintain this belief as a fact. Perhaps it is good that we don’t get to pick our trials and tribulations, because if we were honest with ourselves, most of us simply would not voluntarily go through the adversity. Maybe when we pray for a miracle we set the stage to be open for a miracle and sublimely make preparation for a miracle to happen.

I wonder how many people prayed for the miracle to win the \$500 million Power Ball? There was a winner and I do not know if she was one of many who prayed to be the winner. Not all prayers are answered, but I believe that those prayers that require actions within your control, are usually answered and rewarded



with the result you want. Again before any great or important undertaking we should invoke the blessing of that one before whom we all should with reverence bow.

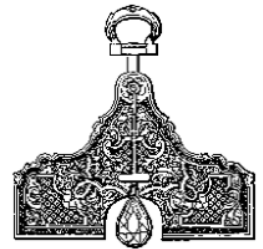
Have a productive and blessed month and a 4th of July celebration. Remember “Freedom is not free” as many paid the ultimate price to ensure our freedom.

## From the West

By Ron Katz, Senior Warden, P.M.

A bonus issue of our Trestleboard? "Why?" you ask. "Why not?" we reply. You can never get too much of a good thing. Don't you agree?

I am happy to work with such a great and highly flexible team of officers. I love this lodge. Have a happy and safe Fourth of July.



## From the South

By Robert Pinkerton, Junior Warden, P.M.

I apologize for the shortness of this article, since I am extremely pressed for time. We all have those periods in our lives where several demands are made on us and are due at the same time. I am in such a time crunch right now, so I am going to share with you something that I ran across while in search for Masonic light on the internet, or in one the several books on Masonry I have obtained over the years. One of these is the Poem by Rudyard Kipling, titled “My New-Cut Ashlar”. I have read this over and over again, since I really didn’t understand it the first time. Now each time I read it I come away with something new, a feeling of warmth and a realization that I am “only human”. I hope you enjoy this as I have:

### My New-Cut Ashlar

My New-Cut ashlar takes the light  
Where crimson-blank the windows flare.  
By my own work before the night,



Great Overseer, I make my prayer.

If there be good in that I wrought  
Thy Hand compelled it, Master, Thine--  
Where I have failed to meet Thy Thought  
I know, through Thee, the blame was mine.

The depth and dream of my desire,  
The bitter paths wherein I stray--  
Thou knowest Who hast made the Fire,  
Thou knowest Who hast made the Clay.

Who, lest all thought of Eden fade,  
Bring'st Eden to the craftsman's brain--  
Godlike to muse o'er his own Trade  
And manlike stand with God again!

One stone the more swings into place  
In that dread Temple of Thy worth.  
It is enough that, through Thy Grace,  
I saw nought common on Thy Earth.

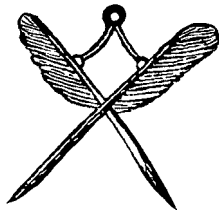
Take not that vision from my ken--  
Oh whatsoe'er may spoil or speed.  
Help me to need no aid from men  
That I may help such men as need

Rudyard Kipling

## From the Secretary's Desk

*By Don Schauer, Sr., Secretary, H.A.*

64, that's the number of members that have not paid their dues. At the end of the month, the Master will read the names of the members that are being suspended for non-payment of dues. Check your dues receipt and make sure that it is good thought 2013. If it is not please remit your dues ASAP. My mailing address is in this Trestleboard. The post office box is no longer being used. As of the 1st of June the box has been closed. Please send all mail to the lodge at 4521 Crow Canyon Road Castro Valley, CA 94552-4803 or to my mailing address 19767 Royal Avenue Hayward, CA 94541-3651. I am leaving for Ohio on July 9th and will return on the 18th of July, If you need anything, please contact Brother Bill Ferrell. Have a wonderful summer.



## Inspiring Words

*By Irwin M Fershleiser, Caplain, P.M., H.A.*



“One nation under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and  
justice for all”

This month (on July 4th) we celebrate the 236th birthday of this nation. An idea conceived by men (many of them Masons) who believed in, fought for, and died for the right to stand as men and women free – to worship as we please, and to live ones life in a nation “of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

We pledge our allegiance to this idea many times - in our schools, in our lodges, at sporting events, at public gatherings, etc. We recite these words standing as free men and women with our hands over our hearts.

We speak the words, we hear them said, but unless we live them – believe in what they stand for – understand that it is not for us alone but all mankind – then they are just words.

When you next stand to pledge your allegiance to this idea born two hundred and thirty two years ago, stand with pride – recite the words not only with your voice, but with all your heart. Most of all believe and understand what is behind those words.

For unless we (all of us) keep that pledge to our god, our flag, and each other – yes, even to ourselves – “This nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all” could become once again just a dream.



## From the Assistant Secretary's Desk

By William M. Ferrell, Assistant Secretary, P.M., H.A.

It has been a difficult time trying to recover from being “hacked” by an unknown source. The Lodge email address book was stolen and we are not able to restore it. We are no longer using crowcanyon551@sbcglobal.net for our Lodge. If you wish to continue to receive the Trestle Board and other information from the lodge Secretary please send an email to crowcanyon551@att.net and request to be added to the new email address book, or if you wish to be removed from the Lodge email mailings.



## From the Editor's Desk

By Kem Apak, Senior Steward, Editor in Training.

Brethren, July 4th is not only a day important for Americans but all humanity. This is the day when Masonic principles; freedom of speech, freedom of religion, equality, justice and democracy became the foundation of a nation. This new nation was not governed by a king, prince or a potentate but governed by the people for the people.

I invite all of you to our second home, to our second family, to our Lodge, to our Temple. Come and join us to celebrate this solemn event together with all the brethren at our Stated meeting on July 11th.

## *In Memoriam*

**Floyd Morey**

*84 years, 9 months and 17 days  
Entered Into Rest June 13, 2013.*



*Almighty Father, Great Architect of the Universe, into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear departed brother*

## A Quick Masonic History Lesson

By Mike Ramos, Junior Deacon

Tracing boards have been a key element to the Speculative Freemason's symbolic education for at least the last 280 years. Tracing boards were created as an aid to degree education and Masonic lectures, and at the earliest stages of their development, the symbolism attached was solely unique to the individual Lodge that commissioned them.

But first, quite often in Freemasonry we get tracing boards and trestle boards confused. Lets start by clarifying the difference.

**Tracing Board:** a board that contains fixed drawings of symbols relating to a specific Masonic degree or lecture.

**Trestle Board:** A board that rests on a trestle, where upon the Master of a Lodge draws his designs.

It might seem arbitrary to some, but for our purposes it must be clarified.

The Tracing board has a far more speculative resonance than the trestle board, and the chances of one of us seeing a true trestle board in our day and age is slim to none since the term is a lingering antiquity from the day's of when Operative Lodges were beginning to admit Speculative brethren who witnessed the Trestle Board's use in Operative form.

In the beginning of Operative Freemasonry down to the submergence of purely organized Speculative Freemasonry, the Lodge was drawn on the floor with chalk or charcoal by aid of tape, tacks and stencils. And when I say drawn, I mean it literally. In the early 18th century, most of our Speculative forbearers were meeting in pubs, restaurant banquet rooms, hotel banquet rooms and private homes. The idea of physical Lodge furniture was not only absurd but considered innovative and untraditional. This was a school of symbolism, where the ideas associated with a

symbol were far superior to the wood or tin that it's physical representation would have been constructed.

The first recorded account of a physical tracing board, in the form of a floor cloth, comes from the inventory records of The Old Kings Arms Lodge No. 28 of London in the year 1733 AD – this is not to say this practice had not already caught on else where, this just happens to be the first we can prove without question. These carpets and floor cloths began to replace the practice of drawing the Lodge, each being representative of a specific degree setting or lecture.

As time progressed and well heeled Lodge's started to acquire physical furniture and began meeting at constructed Masonic Halls, the use of the floor cloths and carpets gave way to actual boards which housed the various symbols for the degrees practiced in that Lodge. Later on, there was even a practice of projecting beautiful slides on a wall by use of the magic lantern projection systems of the Victorian era.

Depending on the degree structure of the Lodge these Tracing Boards could contain an array of symbols, which today in our jurisdiction would seem totally out of place for a Craft Lodge education. All Lodges, at the very least, conferred the two ancient degrees of masonry – Entered Prentice and Fellow of Craft, and by the middle of the 18th century, particularly in England, the degree of Master Mason was taking hold as the pinnacle in Speculative Freemasonry. Yet some Lodge's had been expounding on this structure from very early on. Around the same time period in various areas of England, Ireland and Scotland the degrees of Mark Man and Mark Master Mason were already in what they were proud to consider "Time Immemorial" usage. The degrees of Royal Arch and Scots Master were being conferred in Craft Lodges as well as early offshoots to what would later become the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Royal Ark Mariner and Templar system.

With this eclectic mix of degrees, the symbolism that can be found on Floor Clothes and Tracing Boards can be quite interesting. Beyond the

issue of degree offerings comes the use of lecturing from one of the various Old Charges. The Old Charges for those who aren't aware were the legends of how Masonry aka Geometry came to be passed down from God to Adam, down the line to how they were preserved after the deluge, further passed down to the great thinkers and holy men of Egypt and Jerusalem and how the noble science eventually made it's way into Europe and England. These legends were extremely lengthy and mostly contained unfounded scenarios involving various figures from the old and new testament's support of the mason's trade and its initiatory practices.

Depending on what section of the Old Charges the Lodge liked most, or depending on what version of the Old Charges the Lodge was familiar with, they often picked elements from various it's various stories and attached those symbols to their Lodge's teachings and tracing boards. After the unionization of the Modern and Antient Grand Lodge's in 1813 AD, and later after Craft ritual and its degree offerings becoming more or less standardized and universally familiar in the mid-19th century, the boards became primarily uniformed.

Today, the use of the tracing board in Masonic ritual is far and few between. Some Lodge's have come to rely on PowerPoint presentations, while most others depend on the candidate's eagerness (or confusion) to drive him towards the bookstore, Internet or Research Lodge for further instruction. What was once a necessary aid to impress upon the candidates mind the significance of these rich illustrated symbols, have primarily turned into pieces of décor (that is, if they are displayed at all).

If nothing else, this ever-evolving innovation on a wonderful tool for Masonic education has provided our Brotherhood with some outstanding pieces of art that represent our symbolic heritage, beautifully.



# Travelling Degree

August 31 at 1:00PM

**Fort Bragg  
428 N. Main St**

FORT BRAGG MOTEL 6  
400 South Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA. 95437  
(707) 964-4761 / gm@motel6fortbragg.com



We have a block of 30 rooms which consists of 20 Queens and 10 Kings. The block covers 3 nights (Friday, August 30 thru Sunday, September 1, 2013). However, everyone has the choice of booking either one night, two nights, or all three nights.

Simply call (707) 964-4761 and say that you are with Crow Canyon 551. The block rate will be \$100.00 per night (\$89.99 base rate plus tax). Omie Behrns the manager, will be holding the block for us until August 23, 2013. So don't delay, call today.

Lyman C. Penning P.M. (650) 967-0699

# Masons 4 Mitts

On September 9  
Masons Night at AT&T Park!

**Buy a Mitt and Make a Difference!**

Northern California lodges are teaming up with the Giants Community Fund to provide baseball mitts for at-risk youth who participate in the Junior Giants program. With more than half of Junior Giants participants not owning a baseball glove, California Masons can make a difference!



***Talk to your lodge officers about tickets!***

## *Masonic Quotes*

"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

*Benjamin Franklin*

"Life's Tragedy is that we get old to soon and wise too late."

*Benjamin Franklin*

Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

*George Washington*

To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.

*Winston Churchill*

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**Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick—(925) 828-6993

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**Strawberry Feed (7/21)** – Frank Thrall, Jr. / Bob Pinkerton

**Visitation to Fort Bragg**—(8/30-9/1) – Lyman Penning

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## *Sunshine and Visiting*

Brothers Mark Casperson, Mark Castile and Roy Nelson all could use a cheer-up phone call, a card or a home visit.

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

**Ernie Nidick, Committee Chairman (925) 828-6993**

## **3rd Degree Aniversaries**

Kevin R. Hulme (14), Clyde M. Lyerla (56), Ernest J. Nidick Jr. (53), James M. Stanford (14), Gordon G. Warder PM (15)

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John E. Teixeira (1), Ronald G. Vandenberghe (1), Richard T. Wilkinson (1), Barry L. Bookman (2), Glenn W. Valenzuela (2), Donald Clendenen Jr. (5), Gregory K. Egelston (5), Hedley J. Bourke (6), Joseph E. Elleard (6), Glen A. Barth (7), Harold S. Burk Jr. (7), Fred L. Avery (8), William E. Strain (8), Denis H. Beaman (9), Donald R. Jensen (9), Jody V. Juracich (11), Michael C. Carter (12), Paul Amato (13), George A. Hess (16), William M. Ferrell (17), Andre Gravier (19), Josef A. Kohlmann (20), Ronald J. Garcia (23), Robert H. Ficken Jr. (25), Earl L. Kresge (26), Carl E. Worley (26), Roy D. Stegall (28), Earl F. Woodson (29)