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



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## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER 2019

- 11/06-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting-7:00 PM
- 11/07-Thursday-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 11/12-Tuesday-DOSI Pleasanton-Lite Dinner 6:30 PM / School 7:00 PM
- 11/14-Thursday-Degree Practice - 7:00 PM
- 11/21-Thursday-Installation Practice- 7:00 PM
- 11/26-Tuesday-Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting-7:00 PM
- 11/28-Thursday-DARK - Happy Thanksgiving!

### DECEMBER 2019

- 12/04-Wednesday-Officers' Meeting-7:00 PM
- 12/05-Thursday-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 12/07-Saturday-Annual Installation of Officers - 5:00 PM
- 12/12-Thursday-DARK
- 12/14-Saturday-Lodge Christmas Party - 11:30 AM
- 12/17-Tuesday-Hall Association - 7:00 PM
- 12/19-Thursday-DARK
- 12/26-Thursday-DARK
- 12/28-Saturday-Feast of St. John the Evangelist - 6:00 PM

## 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 Robert Eckstein, PM—Master

Brethren:

We welcome our new Entered Apprentice Mason, Brother Ted Rucker, who received his first degree on October 24th. The officers were in advanced stations and did a fine job. Brother J. Rafisura sat in the East for the first time and did very well.



The officers also attended the 170th Annual Grand Lodge Communication and represented the Lodge in helping to decide this year's legislation which may be found on line at:

<https://www.freemason.org/doc/02+2019+Legislation.pdf?id=87428>

I am proud to announce that all of our senior officers have been found proficient for their future offices. Bro. Brian qualified in September! At the October DOSI Brothers Paul Rodrigues-O'Brien, J. Rafisura, and Andrew Hawes successfully presented their work to the Inspector. Thank you, my brothers for your hard work and dedication! Your fellow lodge members and I look forward to your continued commitment to serving Crow Canyon Lodge.

This month, at the November Stated Meeting, we will hold the Annual Election of Officers, new Hall Association Board members and Lodge Trustees. If you would like to help with the Hall or become a Trustee, please let me or our Secretary know. With Thanksgiving this month there are only two open Thursdays. We will hold a practice on 11/14 and Installation rehearsal on 11/21.

Want to know what is going on? Please install the Lodge App on your phone by going to <http://ourapp.link/crow-canyon> then following the instructions. Happy Thanksgiving!

### SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

December 14th will be our annual Lodge Christmas party for the children at the CVMC beginning at 11:30 AM. Bring your young charges (kids, grandkids, etc.) and a small wrapped present for St. Nick to deliver. Food and fun for all. Come join us!

## From the West

By Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien—Senior Warden

As you recall, I brought up in my last Trestle-board article and again at our October Stated Meeting, the legislation that all 'F & AM of CA' lodges would have the opportunity to vote on.



Our four allotted lodge votes were cast by: our Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Kurt Allen, PM, HA.

### The following Grand Master Recommendations passed:

No. 1: Amends the Required Period to Constitute a New Lodge

No. 2: Allows Inspector to Approve Change of Meeting Location, Date and Time Due to Inclement Weather or Hazardous Conditions

No. 4: Authorizes Pre-Trial Mediation

No. 6: Allows Conviction in Uncontested Matters After Such Investigation as the Trial Master May Determine

No. 7: Increases the Accused's Participation in the Pre-Trial Process

### The following Carry-Over Resolutions from 2018 passed:

No. 18-04: Removes Restrictions on Holding a Tiled Meeting on a Sunday

No. 18-05: Modifies the Installation Ceremony

### The following 2019 Resolutions passed:

No. 19-01: Permits Calling Up at Stated Meetings for Masonic Education

No. 19-03: Increases Refreshment Revolving Fund

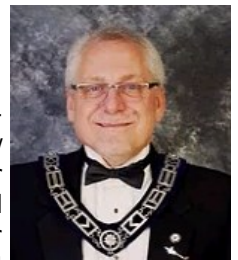
No. 19-04: Allows Option to Compensate Treasurer

As you read through this summary of the Legislation results, you may have questions as to the full meaning, implications, and how your officers voted. I would very much enjoy having this discussion with any and all interested brothers. See you soon my brothers!

## From the South

By Brian Ross—Junior Warden

In 1974, my home in Kentucky was completely destroyed by an F-5 tornado. My family and I were in the basement before the twister hit and after it was all said and done – we all walked away without injury. However, our house was gone – literally the only thing left



was the basement. Obviously, though we were all physically okay – it was an emotionally traumatic incident for us (I was only 11 years old at the time). We did lose everything we had in that tornado and it took us years to recover in terms of earthly things. However, that did not matter – we were thankful that we had escaped with our lives. That was all that was truly important.



Today, the mega-fires burn our beautiful state and bring much harm to our neighbors. I pray for all who come into harm's way, but particularly to those ravaged by the fires these past three years – many of whom have, like my family, lost everything and may never fully recover. I can only imagine how many of our brothers have fallen victim to the flames. I keep them and their families in my prayers.

My point: Be thankful that you are alive and can enjoy life itself – be generous to those without – and do not fret over the small things. Happy Thanksgiving Brethren.

## From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A

We just finished October and Grand Lodge week. As soon as I find out what the new per capita tax is, I will send out the dues statements. You can rest assured that they will be going up. Included with the dues statement will be a survey asking if there have been any changes such as phone numbers etc. If there are no changes, you do not need to return the form.



Our Lodge dues have been \$60.00 since I came to Crow Canyon some nine years ago, but the per capita tax keeps increasing. I hope the benefits that Grand Lodge provides outweighs the increases in your mind. For me, I'm not so sure. Seventeen of our brothers have still not paid their 2019 dues. Many of you pay dues but never come to lodge. This results in just a few of us making all the decisions as to what the lodge is doing with our money. You must admit that we have a beautiful building, it does cost the lodge about \$60,000 a year to maintain. The restrooms have been remodeled and they really look nice. Our Hall Association members are doing a wonderful job in keeping the temple in good shape. Thank You!

I hope to see you at lodge on the first Thursday. Brother Roy Tamez, our 'Executive Chef' does a wonderful job making sure we enjoy a wonderful and satisfying meal. Please come and join us, it will be the best \$10.00 that you will ever spend. See you at lodge.

## From the Northeast

By J. Rafisura —Senior Deacon

On October 24, I had the opportunity to sit as Master in the East for the very first time. Over the past months the officers have been practicing our advanced roles, laboring under the guidance of our Master and Officers Coach. Thanks to their patience and wisdom, we were finally able to perform a quality degree for Bro. Ted Rucker. Despite a few hiccups during the initiation (as most initiations do have), I'd like to think that Bro. Ted had some precious takeaways during the ceremony.

For me, it was a wonderful and fulfilling experience being able to impart those key Masonic lessons and values. Often we may take for granted the principal tenets of freemasonry – Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Looking a few months back as I was preparing for the degree work, I now realize that I was actually learning a lot more in the process. As I studied the deeper meaning of those Masonic philosophies I began to learn to “connect the dots”. Truly, the more you impart knowledge, the more wisdom you gain. With this in mind, I look forward to having other similar experiences to the one I enjoyed that evening.

It is indeed an honor to be a part of this wonderful brotherhood. The support and encouragement that you receive from the brethren are enough to fuel you up for any challenge, whether it be memory-work or otherwise. Also this evening Bro. Tramaine Ellison did a wonderful job on his proficiency under the guidance of Wor. Ron Katz. All these things we do for the love of this ancient and honorable craft.

Masonry provides a set of moral guidelines to live by. To be able to absorb and maximize all that there is to learn, I realized that going through the three degrees as an officer and internalizing their meaning

through repetitive listening and reading is the best ways to jumpstart one's masonic education. As we work through all these valuable lessons, the dots will begin to connect, not only of the symbolic story that we portray in each degree but also the dots connecting our masonic rituals to our daily lives and actions. Only then do we realize that Masonry is not just rituals and ceremonies, but that it is a implement to enable us to both learn and spread Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth - those truly Masonic virtues which are so essentially necessary to obtaining admission into that Celestial Lodge above.

## The Entered Apprentice Working Tools

By Tremaine Ellison, EA

The Working tools of the Entered Apprentice are the Twenty-four Inch Gauge and the Common Gavel. The Twenty-four Inch Gauge is a measuring tool and used in calculation. Originally used by operative Masons to measure and lay out their work in ashlar, we as Free and Accepted Masons are taught that the “twenty four inches”, which make up the Gauge are representative of the hours of the day. Masonry instructs us to divide the day into three equal parts: 1) a part for the service of God and his calling to be the Light, be the change and aid a distressed brother 2) a part for one's career and the furthering of it and 3) a part for rest



These parts must be equal, a concept I am still putting into practice. So often am I burning the candle at both ends, taking on large numbers of tasks with my eyes big, wanting no doors to close while suffering from an extensive case of F.O.M.O. (Fear Of Missing Out), constantly throwing balls into the air until I have no time and no hands to catch them. This lesson, in my case, is that of organization and prioritization, because there are twenty-four hours in a day, but there are **only** twenty-four hours in a day.

The common Gavel is a tool used actively and continuously. Operative Masons used it to break off the ashlar to make a perfect stone for their use in building. We as Free and Accepted Masons are taught that **we are the ashlar** by way of our hearts and consciences and are ridding ourselves of our vices and superfluities. The sculpting symbolized by the common Gavel must be actively and continuously practiced throughout life to obtain the true purpose God has for us.

In Conclusion, operative Masons had these tools on their person during their charge. I plan to walk forever upright with mine. Thank you.

## Sunshine and Visiting

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



Mark Casperson, Woody Hibbs

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer or check our members' only website 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 [click to email](#)  
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [click to email](#)

## A History of Our Lodge

By Bill Ferrell—Assistant Secretary

Notable members of History who were members of our lodge.

Tony Martin, (Alvin Morris) singer and actor was a member of Bay View Lodge No. 401. He was a 50-year member and may be best known for being married to Cyd Charisse, Actress and Dancer.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iz5VecoSVCK>



Most Worshipful Warren J. Blomseth a Past Master of Dimond Lodge No. 603 in 1962 served as Grand Master of Masons in the State of California in 1993.

James W. Reynolds a member of Dimond Lodge No. 603 was on the flight crew with Brother Eddy Rickenbacker (33rd Degree) when their B-17 was shot down in the Pacific. He and the crew survived a 24-day ordeal on a life raft, as noted in Brother Rickenbacker's book.



Jack LaLanne was a member of Chateau Thierry lodge No. 569. He was an American fitness, exercise, and nutrition expert and motivational speaker who is sometimes referred to as the "Godfather of Fitness". He was a 50-year member and KCCH Scottish Rite, Valley of Oakland.

Brother (Major) Edwin Gordon Kenyon piloted C-46 aircraft in China during WWII.

Ashland Lodge No. 798 had a member who was a relative of Estes Kefauver, Senator from Tennessee who took an interest in the progress of the lodges development and chartering.

The Worshipful Alan D. Weisser served as a District Inspector and served two separate terms on the Grand Lodge of California floor team: one year as Grand Bible Bearer and one year as Grand Marshal.

## RIISING FROM THE ASHES

Reprinted from the California Freemason Magazine

"That was almost it for me," Nate Smith of Table Mountain Lodge No. 124 says matter-of-factly of the 2018 Camp Fire that destroyed 150,000 acres including virtually all of Smith's hometown of Paradise. A year later, the fire continues to shape Smith's life in profound—and unexpected—ways.

All that was impossible to predict on the morning of November 8, 2018. Within hours, his apartment—and practically everything else in the small Butte County town—had been completely leveled. Smith evacuated to his father's home in Chico and, like the thousands of fleeing Paradise residents, waited and prayed for the best.

A few days after the fire broke out, Smith and his friend, Miykael Goodwin, started working on a song together, playing on a donated guitar. It was titled "[One of These Days](#)," a tribute to Paradise and the victims of the fire.

You can tear these four walls down.  
You can burn this whole damn city to the ground.  
You're never going to take our home.  
One of these days we're going to see the sunset rise in Paradise.

Smith and Goodwin, calling themselves the Cold Weather Sons, debuted the song on Facebook and performed it live on Thanksgiving on Good Day Sacramento, a local television program. The song was a hit, racking up thousands of views online.

In January, Governor Gavin Newsom invited him to perform at the "California Rises" benefit concert in Sacramento—the first of several benefit shows he's since headlined. He's opened for big-name acts like Pitbull and Travis Denning, and played small, local events like the Paradise Charter School's graduation ceremony. At each, Smith has donated the proceeds to victims of the

fire. "It's the smaller moments that mean a lot to me," Smith says. "It makes me realize that I'm doing this for something greater."

Today, Smith is actively performing and pursuing his musical career. In June, he went back on Good Day Sacramento to debut a new song, "[Wildfire](#)," which is available on Spotify and Apple Music. The track made Apple's Country Hot Tracks list on iTunes.

"You think to yourself, 'I might not have been here,'" Smith says. "It made me realize how thankful I am to be alive and that I still have a chance to go forth."



## November Birthdays

George Adams Jr. (11/01)	Elmer Seutter (11/18)
Brian Katz (11/03)	James Hooks (11/22)
Michael Gallico (11/05)	Douglas Ferreira (11/24)
Joseph Stewart (11/06)	Glen Lane (11/24)
Jack Holt (11/08)	Gary Orr (11/24)
Robert Douglas (11/11)	Ruben Vossekuil (11/24)
Stevean Allen (11/12)	Kurt Von Brauch (11/28)
Patrick Mc Cord (11/12)	William Newton (11/29)
David Stephenson (11/13)	Stanley Clifton (11/30)
Brandon Morrison (11/18)	Woody Hibbs (11/30)

## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the month of November

Stevean Allen (36)	Leland Peck (69)
Riddick Bowers (1)	Alvaro Reynoso [PM] (23)
Mark Casperson (9)	Augustine Rhee (10)
Donald Clendenen Jr. [PM] (27)	Harold Rubin (64)
Kay Dunn (16)	Glen Sears Jr. (37)
Steven Kolden (35)	Mark Simens (35)
Gregory Maier (21)	Anthony Tancredi (46)
Douglas Mc Kay (46)	Bruce Tellardin (38)
Frank Mitchell (43)	Robert Wagle (44)
William Newton (61)	

## In Memoriam

Charles Hintz  
Entered into Rest  
71 years, 9 months, 3 days  
October 4, 2019

Vernon E. Cumins  
Entered into Rest  
102 Years 11 months and 22 days  
October 10, 2019

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



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## 2019 Committees

### 2019 Appointments

**Audit:** Mick Bowers

**Charity Committee:** Master and Wardens

**Child ID:** David Allen, and Perry Klahr

**Crab Feed:** Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

**Executive Committee:** Robert Eckstein, PM, Paul Rodriguez, Brian Ross, Kurt Allen, PM, and Don Schauer

**Hiram Award Selection:** HA Committee (All HA recipients)

**Lodge App:** Robert Eckstein, PM

**Masonic Education:** TBD

**Masonic Funeral:** Kurt Allen, PM, Bill Ferrell, PM

**Masonic Hall Association:** Pat Quinn

**Masonic Homes Endowment:** Don Schauer

**Masons for Mitts:** Kurt Allen, PM

**Membership Retention:** Don Schauer & Robert B. Eckstein, PM

**Picnic:** Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

**Printing and Mailings:** Don Schauer

**Strawberry Feed:** Ron Katz, PM and Perry Klahr

**Sunshine & Visiting:** Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

**Sweethearts Committee:** Perry Klahr, Mick Bowers, and Guy Phillips

**Visitation / Traveling Degree :** Kurt & Wynn Allen, and Don Schauer

**Website and Trestleboard:** Ron Katz, PM

**White Table Night:** J Rafisura

### Masonic Youth Orders

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

**Unity Assembly No. 65**, Rainbow for Girls—Heidi Kolden - 510.693.1385  
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**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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### **WHERE IN THE WORLD?**

*Our lodge website records the location of our visitors and reports them to our Webmaster. Here are some cool locations which checked into our site this month: Palm Desert, CA; Chicago, IL; Bonneuil-sur-Marne, France; Siakot, Pakistan; San Francisco, CA*

### Monthly Trestleboard of

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## November 2019

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24	25	26 Hall Association - 7:00 PM	27	28 Dark - Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30