

c/o Don Schauer, Sr.—Secretary
19767 Royal Ave
Hayward, CA 94541-3651

Non-Profit Org
US Postage PAID
Hayward, CA
Permit No. 484

Dated Material Enclosed
Change Service Requested



Trestleboard

May 2016
Volume 12, Issue 5

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



Calendar of Events

MAY

May 1st - Sun - Sweethearts Event - 11 AM Dino's / 2 PM Chanticleers
May 3rd—Tues—Officers' Assembly—7:00 PM
May 5th—Thurs—Stated Meeting —5:30 PM Social—6 :15 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting
May 10th—Tues—DOSI @ Masonic Home—6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM School
May 12th—Thurs—Fellowcraft Formation Night—7:00 PM Meeting
May 19th—Thurs—Master Mason Formation Night—7:00 PM Meeting
May 24th—Tues—DMPS—Examining Dermott's Ahiman Rezon—7:00 PM Meeting
May 26th—Thurs—Practice—2nd Degree—7:00 PM Open
May 31st—Tues—Officers' Assembly—7:00 PM

JUNE

June 2nd—Thurs—Stated Meeting —5:30 PM Social—6 :15 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting
June 9th—Thurs—Practice—2nd Degree—7:00 PM Open
June 14th—Tues—DOSI @ Masonic Home—6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM School
June 16th—Thurs—Practice—2nd Degree—7:00 PM Open
June 23rd—Thurs—Officer's Informational—EAs, FCs, MMs Welcome—7:00 PM Meeting
June 25th—Sat—Obs. Saints John's Feast Day—6:00 PM Open—Members only
June 28th—Tues—DMPS @ Hayward Ranch Restaurant—Masonic Expansion in the 18th Century—7:00 PM Meeting
June 30—Thurs—Family Potluck—(A-L Vegetables/Casseroles, S-Z Salads, Dessert) - 6:15 PM



Sweethearts

Crow Canyon Lodge #551 cordially invites you to
a luncheon and a play

Sunday, May 1st 2016

Luncheon at
Dino's Restaurant—11 AM
20390 Lake Chabot Road Castro Valley

The Play will be at
Chanticleers Theater—2 PM
3683 Quail Ave, Castro Valley

The play we will be seeing is

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"

Please R.S.V.P. Phillip Busch 510-566-7019



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 Michael Ramos—Worshipful Master

I hope May finds you joyful, grateful and bright.

As many of you may know, this past month has not been very kind to my health. I was stricken with bronchitis, and followed the Doctor's prescription to the letter. However, it is very clear that I did not allow ample post-recovery time. I jumped back in the saddle, of both work and masonry, far too soon. Proof being that immediately after the antibiotics had run their course my asthma began to flare up to a level that I haven't known since I was a very young child. I consider this my fault as I did not act with either prudence or reason and listen to my body – the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Repercussions being that I had to postpone Mr. Leo M. Rizzo's initiation to Saturday April 30th at 10:00 AM.

If I have learned anything from this past month it is that we all need to take as best care of ourselves as humanly possible and never take our health for granted. Albeit, I am questionably the youngest Officer in our Lodge, it goes to show that at any age we still need to know when to slow down and make priorities that are built in reality; putting our health first is paramount.

I would like to thank Bro. Eric Unti and W. Bro. Bill Ferrell for their hard work on our Public Schools Night. It is truly an inspiration to see Brothers putting in the time to coordinate such a wonderful event whereby we are privileged to honor those making a true difference in our community. Not to mention W. Bro. Roy Tamez and the Crow Canyon Purveyors who provided such a wonderful meal to accompany this truly memorable occasion.

A list of this month's events can be found in the attached Trestle Board calendar, but I will continue to call them out in my articles. Our monthly Stated Meeting will be held on Thursday the 5th – dinner at 6:15 pm, lodge opens at 7:30 pm. On Tuesday the 10th we will have our DOSI at the Masonic Home, light dinner at 6:00 pm, class starting at 7:00 pm. On Thursday the 12th we will be holding a Fellowcraft Formation Night, meeting starts at 7:00 pm – attendance required from all Fellowcrafts and Executive Committee. On Thursday the 19th we will be holding a Master Mason Formation Night, meeting starts at 7:00 pm – attendance required from all summonsed Master Masons and Executive Committee. On Tuesday the 24th DMPS will be examining Laurence Dermott's 'Ahiman Rezon' of the Antient Grand Lodge of England, meeting starts at 7:00 pm. On Thursday the 24th we will be holding a Second Degree Practice, practice starting at 7:00 pm.

I look forward to seeing all of you this month and wish you the very best.



From the West

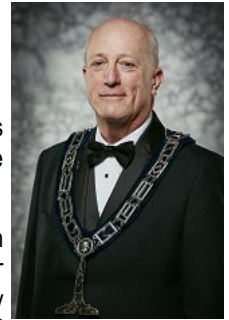
By Alex Von Stade—Senior Warden

Brethren: The month of May is now upon us and the warm days of summer will soon be here.

Last month, I spent nearly two weeks in Japan visiting relatives and sightseeing. The weather was good and I was able to see many cherry trees in full bloom throughout the countryside. I also enjoyed (with the patient help of my wife) using the elaborate railway networks and seeing the variety of automobiles that occupy the narrow streets and roadways. Despite the densely populated countryside, everyone I encountered was friendly, polite, and courteous.

During my trip, I was fortunate to visit a local blue lodge in Yokohama and attend a double Third Degree conferral. Although the ceremony was very similar to ours, it was interesting to see it conducted both in English and Japanese. Despite the language differences, it was a very moving and serious experience for both of the candidates.

Following that event, my wife and I spent a few hours in Tokyo visiting the Grand Lodge of Japan. It is located in the heart of Tokyo near the base of Tokyo Tower, a famous landmark. During our tour, we were able to see their elaborately furnished lodge room, which is shared by a number of blue lodges, as well as an adjacent spacious lodge room that is used by appendant lodge bodies such as Scottish Rite and York Rite. Although it was nearly an hour train trip to this impressive structure, it was a very memorable experience. Have a Happy May!

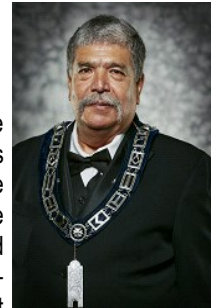


From the South

By Alvaro Reynoso, PM—Junior Warden

April is the month in which Crow Canyon Lodge honors our public schools, and April 21, 2016, is the day in which our Lodge will convene for the purpose of giving recognition to those who have dedicate their lives to educate our sons and daughter. Since it is too difficult for me to express my gratitude I will share a passage about the importance of public school by Dr. Willard E. Givens, 33:

"Our country's future is entrusted largely to our public schools. Every citizen has the responsibility of helping to strengthen and maintain them, if our country is to strengthen its leadership for the present and the future. Our public schools, when we count the number of pupils, teachers, and parents involved, are our county's largest single enterprise. Benjamin Franklin started a school in Philadelphia might be called the forerunner of our present public schools. Its purpose was to prepare students for life as well as for college. The curriculum, which he established, included agriculture, government, history, the spoken languages of the day, navigation, surveying, chemistry and physics. His schools might well be called the first American Academy and was a transition institution from the Latin grammar schools and the English grammar school to the modern present day public high school. Our government is one in which the people govern. It provides that the people should make their own laws and enforce them. Our free tax-supported public schools are basic and essential to the successful operation and progress of our Republic. Free governments are made



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



by people who have full knowledge of their rights as individuals and complete acceptance of their duties.

The place of free and universal public education in our government has never been stated with greater clarity than it was by John Adams, "The instruction of the people in every kind of knowledge that can be of use to them.....as members of society and freemen, ought to be the care of the public.....the education here intended is not merely that of the children of the rich and noble, but of every rank and class of people, down to the lowest and poorest. It is not too much to say that schools for the education of all should be placed at convenient distances and maintained at the public expense."



The next time you pass a public school pause a moment to think what that school means to humanity. Recall the long dark centuries when the masses were kept in ignorance-when greed and oppression ruled the world with an iron hand. From the very beginning of man's struggle for knowledge, self-respect, and the recognition of his inalienable rights, the public school has been his greatest ally.

We refer to the public schools as "common schools" because they belong to all of us. In them we are working together to meet at great universal need. They are relatively new. They are our country's greatest gift to civilization.

Throughout the world, among upward struggling peoples, wherever parents share in the aspirations of their children, the American public school is being copied. Let us keep our public schools strong and free. "

Masonic Family Corner

Castro Valley DeMolay—We are an organization for young men between 12 and 21. We teach leadership, public speaking and budgeting all while having a great time traveling throughout the Bay Area and Northern California. We are seeking adult leadership. Masons or other men or women of character are encouraged to find out more by calling Pat Quinn at 510.755.7891

Jobs Daughters, Bethel 1, Dublin—We have many things happening in May. On May 6th we have our Annual Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction at the Aahmes Shrine Event Center in Livermore, if you haven't gotten your tickets yet it's not too late you can contact me, any girl in the Bethel, or our Associate Bethel Guardian Mr. Ferrell at 510-886-2288. We would like to see you there and invite you to attend. May 11th we have a Bethel meeting at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Dublin. May 14th we have a Dedication of "Job's Daughter's Lane at the Masonic Home. May 25 we have our Farewell Bethel Meeting at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Dublin. Please consider attending one of our Bethel meetings, we would like to see you there. For the address please call our Bethel Guardian or Associate Bethel Guardian.—Ainsley—Guide Bethel 1



From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



Our lodge by the numbers:

	Average Age
Entered Apprentice (EA)	50.71
Fellow Craft (FC)	39.5
Master Mason (MM)	70.7

	Members	Percent
Entered Apprentice (EA)	21	6.21%
Fellow Craft (FC)	6	1.78%
Master Mason (MM)	311	92.01%
Grand Total	338	100.00%

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Steven Aracne (10)	Ronald Reynolds (31)
Daniel Baca (60)	Howard Roberts (46)
Chris Bokamper (19)	Thomas Robertson (69)
Hedley Bourke (53)	Alvin Rodes (50)
George Christensen (43)	Paul Rodriguez-Obrian (2)
William Christensen (35)	Brian Ross (5)
Stanley Clifton [PM] (47)	Nicholas Sears (1)
Frank Densmore (30)	Norman Shrader (51)
Jack Holt (48)	Robert Steen [PM] (46)
Donald Johnson (51)	David Stephenson (18)
Ronald Katz [PM] (32)	Le Roy Swanson (50)
Adam Korbas (2)	Jack Tornio (35)
Paul Krause (54)	John Wagle (63)
Ronald Meissner (51)	Lee White (53)
Gregory Rapp [PM] (29)	



May Birthdays

Robert Pinkerton (05/04)	Edmund Hempel (05/15)
Myles Madlock (05/05)	Charles Cammerer (05/18)
Greg Maier (05/06)	Douglas Mc Kay (05/18)
Jose Rodriguez (05/06)	Pete Sotelo (05/19)
John Hinkley (05/08)	Aaron Bianchi (05/23)
Paul Krause (05/08)	Harold Lassle (05/24)
David Wipf (05/09)	Rex Toltschin (05/25)
James Brown (05/12)	Robert Albritton (05/28)
Leonard Ambrose (05/13)	Gary Hughes (05/28)
Robert Keller (05/13)	Lynn Reed (05/28)
James Stanford (05/13)	Frank Mitchell (05/29)
David Weaver (05/13)	Joseph Gottardi (05/30)
Clarence Herron (05/14)	

2016 Officers

Master — Michael Ramos
510.208.1441 / 510.287.6366 cell 551dmps@gmail.com

Senior Warden — Alex Von Stade
510.483.9574 avstade@gmail.com

Junior Warden — Alvaro Reynoso, P.M.
510.490.2192 / 510.364.7073 alreynoso@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer — George R. Lumm, P.M.
510.791.0753 / 510.604.8513 cell grlumm@pacbell.net

Secretary — Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.
510.258.0654 DonRL7@pacbell.net

Assist. Secretary — William M. Ferrell, P.M., H.A.
510.886.2288 / 510.520.7242 cell kb6xa@att.net

Chaplain — Robert Pinkerton, P.M.
510.851.6794 r-pinkerton@sbcglobal.net

Marshal — Robert Eckstein, P.M.
510.744.1717 / robert_eckstein@ca9.uscourts.gov

Senior Deacon — Mark Warzyniak
510.377.1594

Junior Deacon — Paul Rodriguez-O'Brian
510.461.1071 / cell 510.881.0570 hal2pro@sbcglobal.net

Sr. Steward — Jonathan Prestage
415.710.9347 jonathan.prestage@gmail.com

Jr. Steward — Arnold Weinstein
925.275.9217 weinst01@sbcglobal.net

Tiler — Bill Biddell, H.A.
510.582.6207 / 510.589.0878 cell wbiddell@gmail.com

Officer's Coach — Kurt R. Allen, P.M., H.A.
925.735.1233 kurtrallen@sbcglobal.net

Candidate Coaches

Roy Tamez - Hayward 510.537.1077 / 510.684.3047 cell
Mike Ramos — S. Leandro-Hayward — 510.287.6366 cell
Ron Katz — Fremont-Hayward — 510.375.3137 cell

Inspector of the 319th Masonic District

Tom Kavishi, P.M.
925.407.5954 kavishi@comcast.net

In Memoriam

Ronald James Rourk
Entered into Rest

67 years and 4 days
February 25, 2016

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

2016 Committees

Appointments

Executive Committee: Mike Ramos, Alex Von Stade, Robert Eckstein,
Kurt Allen, Don Schauer, Sr.

Masonic Charity: Three Principle Officers

Sunshine: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer Sr.

Membership Retention: Don Schauer Sr. & Mike Ramos

Audit: Bill Biddell, Arnie Weinstein & Bob Pinkerton

Masonic Funeral: Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell & All Officers

Web Master: Ron Katz

Events

White Table Night: Alex Von Stade & Mike Ramos

Hiram Award Festivities: Alex Von Stade & Mike Ramos

Festive Boards & Feasts: Jonathan Prestage & Mike Ramos

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 & Mike Ramos

Masonic Formation and Education: Jonathan Prestage & Mike Ramos

Children's Holiday Party: Bill Ferrell & Mike Ramos

Masonic Youth Orders

Castro Valley DeMolay — Pat Quinn — 510.755.7891 pdq551@att.net

Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls — Helen J. Zidek

HelenJ.Zidek@comcast.net

Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261 — Laurel M. 559.696.0746

Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1 — Mrs. Donna Anthony, 510.537.6726

Monthly Trestleboard of
Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551 Free and Accepted Masons
4521 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552
510.274.0725 (lobby, kitchen)

Secretary: Don Schauer, Sr. H.A. 510.258.0654 DonRL7@pacbell.net
Editor: Ron Katz, PM 510.375.3137 rstephen94345@yahoo.com

To Reserve the Building
please call 510.258.0654
Email crowcanyon551@att.net
Or go to <http://tiny.cc/rentCVMC>

More Useful Links

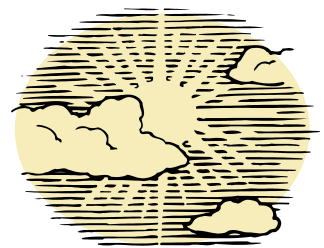
Read the Trestleboard online — <http://tiny.cc/551news>
Our Website — <http://www.calodges.org/no551>
Read the Trestleboard on your Device — <http://ccletbd.blogspot.com>
Subscribe to our calendar — <http://tiny.cc/551subcal>

Sunshine and Visiting

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

Ernie Nidick — Sunshine Chairman
925.828.6993 bev2ern@comcast.net

Les Blake — Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497
cherlois@sbcglobal.net



Crow Canyon No. 551 May 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>Sweethearts Event</u> Luncheon—Dino's 11 AM Chanticleers - 2 PM	2	3 <u>Officer's Assembly</u> Meeting—7:00 PM *Installed Officers Only	4	5 <u>Stated Meeting</u> Dinner—6:00 PM Open 7:30 PM	6	7
8	9	10 <u>DOSI @ Masonic Home</u> Dinner—6:00 PM School 7:00 PM	11	12 <u>FC Formation Night</u> Meeting—7:00 PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <u>MM Formation Night</u> Open—7:00 PM	20	21
22	23	24 <u>DMPs</u> Examining Dermott's Ahiman Rezou Meeting—7:00 PM	25	26 <u>Practice—2nd Degree</u> Open—7:00 PM	27	28 <u>NOTE:</u> 3rd Annual White Table Night has been moved to OCTOBER 22nd, 2016
29	30	31 <u>Officer's Assembly</u> Meeting 7:00 PM *Installed Officers Only				

WAZM's Michael J. Ramos: 510-287-6366 (Mobile) / 510-208-1441 (Office) / 551dmps@gmail.com (Email)

*All degree conferrals, practices, and LOIs will **not** include dinner service unless otherwise noted in the calendar made by the Master.

*Crow Canyon Lodge N° 551
Cordially Invites You To Our*

Feast of Saint John the Baptist



7-Course Festive Board with Libations for Toasting

Saturday, June 25th at 6:00 pm

∴ Guest Speakers in Attendance ∴

\$35.00 Per Person – Masons Only

33 Guests Maximum ∴ Dark Suit and Dark Tie

**Castro Valley Masonic Center
4521 Crow Canyon Place, Castro Valley, CA 94552**

Please Contact Don Schauer Sr. for Ticket Purchases by 6/22

510-258-0654 / DonRL7@pacbell.net