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No. 551

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER 2022

09/01—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM—
09/03—Saturday—Lodge Picnic at Tilden Park (Golden Gate Steamers) - 11:30 AM
09/08—Thursday—Practice or Degree 7:00 PM
09/10—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV. 8:00 AM
09/13—Tuesday—DOSI @ CVMC—3rd Degree to Lecture— 6:30 PM
09/20—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering 7:00 PM
09/23-9/25—Friday-Sunday—Lodge Visitation to Volcano
09/27—Tuesday—Hall Association 7:00 PM
09/22—Thursday—Lodge Potluck

OCTOBER 2022

10/06—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM—
10/11—Tuesday—DOSI @ CVMC—3rd Degree to Lecture— 6:30 PM
10/13—Thursday—Past Masters' Roll Call
10/15—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV. 8:00 AM
10/20—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering 7:00 PM
10/21—10/23—Friday-Sunday—Grand Lodge Communication
10/27—Tuesday—Hall Association 7:00 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 Brian Ross — Master

By the time you read this we will have conferred a third degree for Brother Jesse Bridgeman. What a wonderful young man to add to our ranks! I look forward to watching him take his unique journey in Masonry in the coming years.



We have our Lodge Picnic on September 3rd at the Golden Gate Live Steamers in Orinda and our traveling degree on September 24th in Volcano where we will confer a Second Degree on Bro. Xander Hawes - I know I will see you all there in support of this fine young man.

Things slow a bit for the Lodge as we move to October - however the officers will be preparing for their proficiencies in their respective advanced chairs. Also Annual Communication rolls around from October 21st-23rd for those who wish to attend. Thus is always an important meeting as the fraternity plots it's future course.

From the West

By J. E. C. Rafisura — Sr. Warden

Greetings, brethren. It is a pleasure to be back in the States after being away for 5 weeks. While in the Philippines, I had the chance to connect with a few brothers, some I knew for a long time as friends, and others, newly-minted masons. It's wonderful to know that wherever we go, as Masons, we are never short of friends. In my case, it required strict discipline to limit nightly invitations for masonic fellowships! For those who have never travelled abroad, I encourage you to travel at least once, and try to connect with our brothers in the area of your destination. For sure, not only it would open up your perspective of the world, but also of our ancient fraternity.



Also, I had a chance to seek extended cable-tows as we were trying to facilitate important paperwork related to the passing of my father-in-law. I thank our brothers on the other side of the globe for their help. No doubt, Freemasonry in the Philippines is very much active and alive. It's a pleasure to see brotherly love in action! I also thank other non-masonic friends and petitioners (applicants) who quickly volunteered to donate 300 high quality decals for our 100 years anniversary logo.

As we are now in the middle of the third quarter, our lodge had been busy preparing for degree conferrals, including the one to be held at Volcano Lodge. I realized, third quarter is crucial for preparations for next year's new officers role, along with the pre-qualification process with our Inspector. I myself had been occupied learning my part for next year's role, and at the same time, learning my third degree ceremony role as current Senior Warden. I could literally feel my brain getting "pretzeled" every time I switch between roles. I have high respect to those before me, being able to gracefully manage what I am going through at the moment. I can feel that the other upcoming officers have also been working hard on their part. To the non-officers and

sideliners, I encourage you to support and continue to give encouragements to our officers who had been laboring in order to preserve the ancient craft of Masonry and give the candidates quality degrees. We are in this together and we support each other!

For the month of September, I will share a synopsis report of the proposed amendments of the California Masonic Code as well as the carry-over proposals from last year, to be voted upon during our Annual Communication in October. Also, at the moment, your Centennial Committee is preparing to draw a budget to be proposed during our Stated Meeting either in September or October. This will start the ball rolling for the necessary preparations for next year's 100th anniversary. As usual, we will continue to monitor the progress of our brothers trying to seek further light. Suitable assistance had been provided and I have no doubt that we will continue to have degree conferrals in the years to come.

I hope to see you in the next Social and Stated Meeting! Keep Safe!

From the South

By Andrew Hawes — Jr. Warden

"Time flies." It is a saying we have all heard. "Where did the time go?" We ask ourselves, and "Wow. That went by quickly!" is frequently heard expressed, especially after a vacation or long weekend. Well, we are only given a certain measure of time to pass on this earth, it is up to us to spend it wisely... or squander it foolishly. I think it is important that we focus on experiencing our time as it passes. Don't look always ahead, planning what to do with that next big raise, or when the next vacation comes. Definitely don't look always behind, reminiscing about all the things that nearly happened, or could have gone differently. Remember the past, but do not dwell in it. Anticipate



the future- but do not live only for it. Live in the now. Today may be the last one you get. Honor it. Embrace it. Maybe it won't be all that special of a today, maybe it won't pass with a fanfare of trumpets or a crash of symbols... maybe it will just

pass- but you will still have lived it. Perhaps it will be your worst day ever, or seem so at the time, but remember that the light is only meaningful when created from darkness, and what does not kill us, makes us wiser. If you can, make time in your day to spend with those you love. Make yourself recognize the passing minutes and hours as moments to be lived, not just to exist in.

Death will eventually come for us all, and there is no stopping that. Do not race towards that moment, do not try to flee from it. Accept the truth of a mortal life, and make yours the best you can, while you can.

Masonry is a path we have chosen to tread while we travel down this level of time, "from whose bourne no traveler returns", and we should take many useful and important lessons from it. Love your brothers. Care about their successes, and celebrate their prosperity. Be truthful, with yourself and with others. Help your fellow humans to make their best life happen, and rejoice in their

happiness. We are all a part of this vast machine crafted by the same divine hand, and framed by the same divine artist. We need to participate in the workings of this vast machine, and not just let it move around us. Be part of our world.

Make your life well-lived, no matter how much time it takes to live it.

A Blast from the Past into the Future

By William M. Ferrell

The centennial committee has started to gather information for our 100 year celebration. As a part of that I was asked to write a history of our lodge. To give a good accounting I needed to start at the beginning of each of the eight lodges that comprise Crow Canyon No. 551. The oldest being Bay View No. 401, as we journey through the Grand Lodge communications and the four volumes of "One hundred Years of Freemasonry in California" we find a unique brotherhood of friendships and common interest and possible discourses that might have been at the beginning of these lodges. In some cases there is a detailed accounting of the lodge formation and others there is only what I can find in the Grand Lodge communications. I will be showcasing each lodge monthly. This is where I will need your help. If you have a story of significant interest or an antidote about your home lodge, please send it to me at: kb6xa@att.net

100 YEARS
1,200 MONTHS
36,524 DAYS
876,581 HOURS
52,594,876 MINUTES
3,155,692,599 SECONDS
OF BEING AWESOME

So, here we go, I hope you find information useful to share with everyone. Our plan is to publish a booklet with each lodge's information to be handed out during this once in a lifetime event.

Sunshine and Visiting



We would like to remind you of a valuable link in the support of our Lodge; the 'Sunshine Committee'.

The function of the Sunshine committee is to comfort and provide guidance and assistance that you and other lodge Brothers can call on in your time of need. They have access to resources (and the Worshipful's ear) in tackling whatever obstacles may lie in a Brothers path.

Their contact information can be found here in the Trestleboard and on our website.

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3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Johnnie Albanese (7)
 Kurt Allen (46)
 Denis Beaman (42)
 Robert Eckstein (37)
 John Freestone (52)
 Gerald Garcia (10)
 Donald Jensen (39)
 Johnnie Laney (51)
 Ralph Larsen (58)

Mark Leite (35)
 James Luque (50)
 Patrick Mc Cord (43)
 David Middleton (27)
 Verl Rothlisberger (36)
 Larry Russell (57)
 Victor Smalley (54)
 Albert Thomas (43)
 Mark Warzyniak (13)



September Birthdays

Michael Barnhart (09/01)
 Robert Marshall (09/03)
 Gordon Warder (09/04)
 Phillip Busch (09/05)
 Roger Glancy (09/05)
 Robert Logan (09/06)
 Leonard Leavitt (09/07)
 Sammy Tamez (09/07)
 Douglas Howe (09/11)
 Roy Tamez (09/11)
 Lelend Allen (09/12)
 Mickey Benko (09/12)
 Larry Richardson (09/13)

Jared Andreotti (09/16)
 Mark Casperson (09/17)
 Richard Ramos D.D.S. (09/17)
 Brian Ross (09/17)
 Rowell Prosser (09/20)
 Mark Simens (09/22)
 Adam Korbas (09/23)
 Robert Soule III (09/25)
 Gilbert Alston (09/26)
 David Bode (09/28)
 David Allen (09/29)
 Gary Tucker (09/30)

In Memoriam

Norvalle D. May
 Entered into Rest

90 Years, 6 Month and 18 Days
 August 3, 2022

Roger 'Rod' H. Hamilton
 Entered into Rest

81 Years, 5 Months and 6 Days
 August 27, 2022

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



1st Annual Car Show



See more

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Where in the World

Each month we log visitors to our website. This month we were pleased to have guests from: Nico-sia, Cyprus; London, UK; New York, NY; Amsterdam, Netherlands; Al-pharetta, GA; Naples, FL; Clonee, Ireland; Vancouver, WA; Norwich, UK; Sydney, Australia; Surry, BC Canada; Ashburn, VA; Mexico City, MX; Crofton, MD; Longmont, CO; Olean, NY; St. Louis, MO; Tucson, AZ; Copperas Cove, TX; Kelowna, Canada; Edmund, OK; Ports-mouth, UK; Whittier, NC; Georgetown, Guyana; Plainfield, NJ



Committees

2022 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn, Aaron Johnson

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez, Don Schauer Sr., Perry Klahr, Tramaine El-lison

Executive Committee: Brian Ross, J. Rafisura, Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr

FOSJ and White Table Night: Andrew Hawes

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Masonic Education: Paul Rodriguez O'Brien, PM

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell, PM HA, Roy Tamez PM HA, Pat Quinn HA

Masonic Hall Association: Paul Rodriguez, O'Brien PM

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer Sr.

Masons for Mitts: Ozzie Ghani

Membership Retention: J. Rafisura

Picnic: Roy Tamez, PM HA, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross

Printing and Mailing: Don Schauer Sr.

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton, Paul Rodriguez O'Brien, PM

Sunshine and Visiting: Ernie Nidick, Les Blake, Ozzie Ghani, Aaron Johnson

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch, Aaron Johnson, Paul Rodriguez O'Brien, PM

Trustees: Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, PM HA

Visiting /Traveling Degree: Jerry Garcia, Lyman Penning, PM HA.

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM HA

Welcome: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton

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September 2022

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