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Trestleboard

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**Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551**

F&AM of California
Chartered October 11, 1923

WWW.CCL551.ORG



Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- 11/02 - Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM /
Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 11/09 - Thursday** - Past Masters' Role Call Night
- 11/14 - Tuesday** - District Officers' School of Instruction -
119 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore
- 11/16 - Thursday** - Installation Practice - 7:00 PM
- 11/23 - Thursday** - DARK - Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/28 - Tuesday** - Hall Association - 7:00 PM
- 11/30 - Thursday** - Installation Practice - 7:00 PM

DECEMBER

- 12/02 - Saturday** - Annual Installation of Officers - 5:00
Social / 6:00 Installation / 7:15 Dinner
- 12/06 - Wednesday** - Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 12/07 - Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM /
Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 12/10 - Sunday** - Family Christmas Party - 11:00 AM
- 12/14 - Thursday** - DARK
- 12/21 - Thursday** - DARK
- 12/28 - Thursday** - DARK

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- ◆ San Lorenzo Chapter Eastern Star No. 103 meets @ CVMC
2nd & 4th Monday (8:00 PM)
- ◆ 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

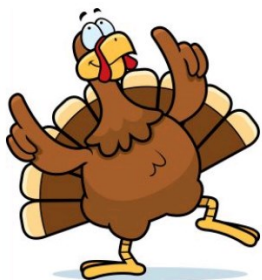
From the East

By Alex Von Stade—Worshipful Master

Brethren: Welcome to the month of November.

Every time I think of the Month of November, the first image that comes to my mind is Thanksgiving and the things associated with it . . .

the gathering of friends and family around the dinner table feasting upon turkey and all the trimmings. At the same time, I think about the “hunt” prior to the actual dinner, where crowds of individuals can be found in the grocery stores looking for the perfect bird; not too big, not too small, just right. And hopefully it will fit into the oven. Thanksgiving is also the time of the year when certain foods make their annual appearance on the dinner table. For instance, cranberry sauce and candied yams.



At this time, I would like to announce that we now have a new District Inspector, Worshipful Gary D. Sparks. On behalf of Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551, I offer a warm welcome to Worshipful Sparks and look forward to working with him in the future.

In addition to the Thanksgiving Holiday, November marks a special time in the lodge; the annual Election of Officers for the following Masonic year. It can be thought of as a time of renewal and renovation for the lodge.

After having been in the Officers' line for four consecutive years, I look forward to sitting on the sidelines as a Past Master. I would like to thank all of my officers as well as the countless individuals that have helped me during my term as Master. It has been an experience that I will never forget. Thanks to all of you...

Have a pleasant Thanksgiving Holiday!

From the West

By Robert Eckstein, PM—Senior Warden

Brethren:

I just returned from the 168th Annual Grand Lodge Communication in San Francisco where 264 of the 312 Lodges in California were represented.



There were 1,434 Master Masons registered. Various resolutions were considered and next year's Per Capita of \$48.75 was voted on and approved.

This meeting of Brothers from around the state is always eventful. The highlight for me was the Grand Oration. The theme was “Who Are We and Why Are We Here, As Masons?” This question harkens back to why we came to Masonry and why do we remain members. Masons are struggling with civility issues! Do we believe in “spreading the cement of Brotherly Love and Affection?” In today's world, it seems to me, that civility may be the most important tenant that we should carry out of the Lodge and offer to the world through our example. What do you think?

November is a full month and we could not find an open night for The Masonic Discussion Group and for the formation meeting for the Rod and Gun Club. Watch the Trestleboard for dates and times.

By the time you read this we will have initiated 2 more men into the Craft. That will make 9 new Brothers in 2017 . . . a big accomplishment for the Lodge.

From the South

By Alvaro Reynoso, PM—Junior Warden

I often say that we should always look forward, but at the same time I think that it is on the foundation of the past, over which we will be able to construct a better future. When I look at the young men who have joined our lodge this year, it reminds me of myself 20 years ago.

While I still dream about the past, I have to acknowledge that we must also move beyond our past and strive for new horizons. I hope these new members bring dedication and vigor to our craft.

On December 2nd our Lodge will have its Installation of Officers. Some of you know that I'm the Sr. Warden of a new Lodge. As a result I will not be in the officers' line for Crow Canyon. I will, however, provide my support to the newly installed officers. I hope all of you make time to attend this beautiful event and give support also.



Save the Date . . .

**CROW CANYON LODGE
ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

DECEMBER 2, 2017 - 6:00 PM

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

Last month 16 members who's Trestleboard are sent by email were returned as undeliverable. I sent 18 postcards out requesting address change. Two were returned with changes. I have deleted 16 members from the email list and place them in the bulk mailing list. PLEASE when you change your email address let me know either by email or telephone. The contact information is listed in the Trestleboard.

Dues notices have been sent out and the dues for 2018 are \$109.00. 4 Entered Apprentice's and 9 Master Masons have not paid their 2017 dues. That amounts to \$423.00 in per capita tax to the Grand Lodge that the lodge had to pay on their behalf. The per capita for 2018 is \$48.75. Please check your dues receipts and note the expiration date.

As Thanksgiving approaches please take a moment to say a prayer for the many blessing we have and for the safe return of our troops.



An Erring Brother

[Excerpt from SHORT TALK BULLETIN - Vol.IV October, 1926 No.10](#)

Next to the word Mother, no word in our language has more meaning and music in it than the word Brother. It is from above, and it reaches to the deep places of the heart. It is religion on its human side; and in it lies the hope of humanity. The highest dream of the prophets is of a time when men shall be Brothers.

When used Masonically, the word Brother has a depth and tenderness all its own, unique and is beautiful beyond words. It tells of a tie, mystical but mighty, which Masonry spins and weaves between man and man, which no one can define and few can resist. In time of sorrow it is a tether of sympathy and a link of loyalty.

Of course, like all other words, it is common enough, and may be glibly used without regard to its real meaning. Like the word God, it may be a coin worn smooth, or a flower faded. But when its meaning is actually and fully felt, no other word is needed among us, except on occasions of high Masonic Ceremony, when we add the word Worshipful, or some other term of title or rank.

No other word has a finer import or a more ample echo, expressive of the highest relationship in which dignity and devotion unite. If we are really Brothers, all the rest may go by the board, save for sake of ceremony. If we are not truly Brothers, all titles are empty and of no avail. For that reason, to omit the word Brother when speaking Masonically is not only a lack of courtesy, but shows a want of fineness of feeling.

What does the word Brother mean, Masonically? It means the adoption of a man into an inner circle of friendship, by a moral and spiritual tie as close and binding as the tie of common birth and blood between two brothers in a family. Nothing else, nothing less; and this implies a different attitude the one to the other - related not distant, united not opposed, natural and unrestrained - wherein are revealed what the old writers used to call The Happy and Beneficial Effects of our Ancient and Honorable Institution.



Since this is so, surely we ought to exercise as much caution and judgment in bringing a new member into the Lodge as we do in inviting an outsider into the family circle. Carelessness here is the cause of most of our Masonic ills, frictions and griefs. Unless we are assured beyond all reasonable doubt that a man is a brotherly man to whom Masonry will appeal, and who will justify our choice, we ought not to propose his name or admit him to our fellowship.



Still, no man is perfect; and the Lodge is a moral workshop in which the rough Ashlar is to be polished for use and beauty. If the Lodge had been too exacting, none of us would have gained admission. At best we must live together in the Lodge, as elsewhere, by Faith, Hope and Charity; else Masonry will be a failure. The Brotherly Life may be difficult, but it is none the less needful. Our faith in another way may be repelled, or even shattered - what then? [\(Click here to read the rest of the article\)](#)

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Stevean Allen (34)	Joseph Pedroni Jr. (54)
Richard Burgard (58)	Alvaro Reynoso [PM] (21)
Donald Clendenen Jr. [PM] (25)	Augustine "Austin" Rhee (8)
Kay Dunn (14)	Harold Rubin (62)
Steven Kolden (33)	Glen Sears Jr. [] (35)
Gregory Maier (19)	Mark Simens (33)
Douglas Mc Kay (44)	Anthony Tancredi (44)
Frank Mitchell (41)	Bruce Tellardin (36)
William Newton (59)	Robert Wagle (42)
Leland Peck (67)	Leslie Yeffa (55)

Celebrate

November Birthdays

George Adams Jr. (11/01)	Brandon Morrison (11/18)
Brian Katz (11/03)	Elmer Seutter (11/18)
Michael Gallico (11/05)	James Hooks (11/22)
Gabe Amaral (11/06)	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 Vossekuiil (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)



REMINDER: Out-of-state member benefits

If you're a California Mason in good standing, or his spouse or widow, you are entitled to the following support services - even if you live out-of-state.

Masonic Family Outreach: For California Masons of any age, and their families

- **Any degree level.** Get information, referrals, and if needed, care management services.
- **Master Mason in good standing for five consecutive years** in some cases may qualify for one-time financial assistance.

Masonic Senior Outreach: For California Masons age 60 or older (age 55 or older, if permanently disabled), and spouses or widows

- **Any degree level.** Get information, referrals, and care management services
- **Master Mason in good standing for five consecutive years.** May qualify for ongoing financial assistance. May be eligible for admission to the Masonic Home of California.

For more information and support, call (888) 466-3642, or visit us online at masonichome.org.

Masonic Family Corner

Eastern Star - San Lorenzo Chapter Order of Eastern Star will hold their Installation of Officers on November 18th, 2017 @ 7:00 PM.

DeMolay

DeMolay International - www.demolay.org
Northern California DeMolay - www.norcaldemolay.com

Job's Daughters

An organization for young girls between the ages of 10-20. Teaches public speaking, leadership, and event planning while using the story of Job as his deep belief in God as a foundation.

Job's Daughters International- www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org
International Order of Job's Daughters, California - www.caiojd.org

Rainbow for Girls

Rainbow for Girls Supreme Assembly - www.gorainbow.org
Rainbow for Girls California Grand Assembly - www.caiorg.org

Learn more at Masons4Youth.org



168th Annual Communication

The following resolutions were passed by the Grand Lodge at the 168th Annual Communication:

Resolution No. 16-04: Which allows additional exception to ballot secrecy.

Resolution No. 17-07: Which cleans up and clarifies portions of the California Masonic code

Three other resolutions did not pass, but had enough votes to be carried over to next Annual Communication for further consideration.

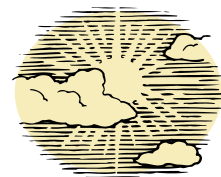
Wor. Bruce R. Galloway was elected and installed as the new Grand Master of the State of California for the 2017-2018 Masonic Year.

Sunshine and Visiting

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

Charles Hintz, Howard Marmor, Mark Casperson, Corbit Ray

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer 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 [email](mailto:ernie@sunshine.org)
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [email](mailto:les@visiting.org)

In Memoriam



Please note: We made an error in the last Trestleboard, Wor. Earl L. Kresge did not pass away on 9/2/2017. It was his father.

John R. Kresge 88 years, 1 month and 7 Days
Entered in to Rest September 2, 2017

Floyd L. Fawcett 81 years, 2 months, 10 days
Entered into Rest August 31, 2017

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

2017 Officers

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2017 Committees

Appointments

Executive Committee: Alex Von Stade, Robert Eckstein, Alvaro Reynoso, Kurt Allen, Don Schauer

Masonic Charity: Three Principle Officers

Sunshine: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer

Membership Retention: Don Schauer & Alex Von Stade

Audit: Bob Pinkerton

Masonic Funeral: Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell & All Officers

Events

White Table Night: Alex Von Stade & Robert Eckstein

Hiram Award Festivities: Robert Eckstein & Alex Von Stade

Festive Boards & Feasts: Paul Rodriguez-O'Brian & Glenn Sears

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 & Robert Eckstein

Masonic Formation and Education: Robert Eckstein & Alex Von Stade

Masonic Youth Orders

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

Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—Helen J. Zidek [click to email](#)

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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To Reserve the Building
Sorry the building is not currently available for rental.

Crow Canyon Lodge #551

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1			1	2 Stated Meeting Social 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Opening 7:30 PM	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Past Masters' Role Call Night - Freemasons Only	10	11
12	13	14 District Officers School of Instruction @ Livermore 7:00 PM. Light meal 6:00 PM	15	16 Installation Practice - 7:00 PM	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 DARK - Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Installation Practice - 7:00 PM		