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# Trestleboard

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



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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**

- Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM) <http://lakechabot103oes.org/>
- 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)
- 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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# September & October 2013 AD, 6013 AL

Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thr 5 Stated Meeting	Fri 6	Sat 7
8	9 Mason's Night at AT&T Park	10 District School of Instruction	11	12 3rd Degree	13	14 Kids ID at CV Fall Festival
15 Kids ID at CV Fall Festival	16	17	18	19 Practice 1st Degree	20	21
22	23	24 DMPS	25	26 Double 1st Degree	27	28
29	30	1	2	3 Stated Meeting	4 164th Annual Communication	5 164th Annual Communication
6 164th Annual Communication	7	8	9	10 Double 1st Degree	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Practice 2nd Degree	18	19

## **Stated Meeting (September 5th & October 3rd):**

*Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:30 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend) - \$10.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.*

## **Mason's Night (September 9th):**

*5:00PM At AT&T Park. Tickets available from Secretary.*

## **District School of Instruction (September 10th):**

*Refreshments at 6:30PM, Class at 7:00PM. Officers Mandatory. 3rd degree, opening & 1st section practice. At Mosaic Lodge #218, 119 So. Livermore Ave, Livermore, 94550.*

## **3rd Degree Bro. Stephen Kinsman (September 12th):**

*7:00PM 3rd degree conferral  
All Master Masons welcome.*

## **Kids ID (September 14th & 15th):**

*10:00AM to 6:00PM at Castro Valley Fall Festival, Norbridge Avenue between Redwood Road and Castro Valley Boulevard. Volunteers are needed to help photograph and fingerprint the children. No experience necessary. Ladies and Masonic youth are especially encouraged to attend.*

## **Practice 1st Degree (September 19th):**

*7:00PM 1st degree.  
Officers Mandatory, all Masons welcome.*

## **1st Degree Mr. Adam Korbas / Mr. Eric Korbas (September 26th):**

## **1st Degree Mr. Rodriguez-Obrian / Mr. Ramilo (October 10th):**

*7:00PM First degree conferral  
All Masons welcome.*

## **Dead Masonic Poet Society (September 24th & October 28th):**

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

## **164th Annual Communication Grand Lodge (October 4th, 5th and 6th):**

*1:00PM Third degree conferral. at California Masonic Memorial Temple  
1111 California Street, San Francisco, California 94108*

## **Practice 2nd Degree (October 17th):**

*7:00PM 2nd degree. Officers Mandatory, all Fellow Craft and Master Masons welcome.*

## **2nd Degree Bro. Steven Cook / Bro. Richard Ramos (October 24th):**

*7:00PM 2nd degree conferral.*

# From the East

By Kjell Bomark-Noel, Worshipful Master

Dear Brethren: This morning August 20, 2013 finds me sitting here at 6.00 A.M. and contemplating our Fort Bragg, visiting degree, excursion. Hopefully, when you read this in the Septembers Trestle Board, you will have fond memory of the past. I truly hope that our Lodge, at that point in time will be one step closer to having the necessary repairs. It has been a long road, one beset by insurance Ruffians. Without much help up this point in time, from the Grand Lodge. But as we all know that "he who persists, will usually persevere."

I was sitting at a bar having some refreshments on a very hot day with a friend who brought up the issue of Teddy Bears, and why there seems to be no one that truly dislikes a Teddy Bear. A Teddy brings comfort to many children, and even some adults. They are always there, they always bring comfort, and they always listen.

Maybe that is it. They listen, and listen, and listen some more. When some women say that about a man, he is like a big Teddy Bear, it is a big compliment about a nice big huggable man with a smile.

In life we learn to listen more and say less, will usually bring success in most corporate structures.

We men, are brought up to be problem solvers. Thus when someone mentions or tells something in private to us, we have a tendency to take it as a problem, and immediately try to find a solution. However, sometimes it is a person who wants you to listen to the trials and travails of their daily life. Most women are better listeners than men. They face each other when talking. We men on the other hand are more comfortable sitting side by side when talking. When we smoke a cigar and have a libation, I have noticed that most men stand side by side and talk. Most of us men do not feel comfortable while standing right in front of each other when conversing. It seems that most of the women I have observed seem to find solace in looking in each others eyes as they converse. The important part is the listening, and not the



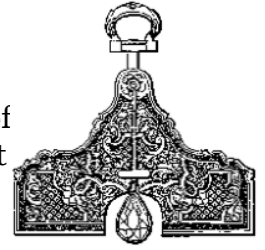
problem solving.

So let us go forth in life and listen more, and talk less. Have a blessed Masonic month.

# From the West

By Ron Katz, Senior Warden, P.M.

It was great to spend time out of the country at a Mexican Resort (although it rained the last two days) and now it is time to get back to work.



By the time you read this we will have raised three new Master Masons. Congratulations to Bro. Wilkerson, Bro. Lee, and Bro. Gordon.

As you may have noticed, this month we will be very busy with creating new Entered Apprentice Masons. We are also squeezing in one more 3rd Degree on September 12. Next month we will pass Bro. Cook and Bro. Ramos to Fellowcraft.

Grand Lodge is coming up quickly and there are several resolutions on the table. I will be attending the Business Sessions with your Master and Junior Warden and we would love your input on how we should vote on the 34 resolutions before us. Anyone who would like to provide input can email me directly at [rstephen94545@yahoo.com](mailto:rstephen94545@yahoo.com) and I will share your comments with the other officers. Complete text of the resolutions is available, I would be happy to email you a PDF.

Some resolutions that are interesting to me include:

(13-02) Including time as entered apprentice and fellowcraft toward Golden Veteran (50 year) and Diamond Jubilee (75 year) awards.

(13-04) Permitting officer's coach to use the Cipher in a Tiled meeting.

(13-10) Creating an award for 25 Years of Membership (Silver Veteran).

(13-18) Allowing Lodges to send Meeting Minutes to members by email.

I would love to hear your feelings about these and other resolutions we will be voting on.

Candidate's Coaching - If you are an Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft Mason and are not

advancing as fast as you would like to please contact me so that we can discuss your situation. I am happy to assign a new coach, or talk to your current coach on your behalf so that you can advance through the degrees at the pace you desire. It is never too late to make the decision to advance in Masonry.

## From the South

*By Robert Pinkerton, Junior Warden, P.M.*

I am back in the thick of things it seems. I had a wonderful June and July attending two family weddings and going on an extended vacation with Bro. Lee which was still too short. Now I am helping my son in law with a start up business and everything is coming up in a rush. For those who have tried to contact me and I may have missed your calls I was traveling in wilderness areas without cell service and was unable to return your calls in a timely manner. You have my apologies. During this trip, I was able to visit Yellowstone National park, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, the north rim of the Grand Canyon, and the Craters of the Moon National Monument. All of these parks show some of the natural beauty of this country, and the awe and feeling of the grandeur of nature observed during this trip has left me feeling closer to beauty of Gods creations and closer to Him. I also went back to visit a friend, Doug, who lives in Deming, New Mexico, and is a brother Mason. I attended his lodge, and it turned out to be a major highlight of the trip as well. He belongs to Deming Lodge #12, which is a fairly small lodge. What made this special for me, was the kindness and warmth of welcome, shown to me, and to Danny Lee. Deming Lodge is Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry (AF&AM) and they open on the third degree. Their ritual is quite different than ours in the words they use, but follows the same general outline that we do, and has the same meanings, and is a bit more formal and deeper in depth in some areas. They meet on the 3rd degree of Masonry. Danny being a Fellow Craft, of course, could not come in and was expecting to be entertained in the Lobby by the Tiler for the



evening. After examining us, verifying we were in good standing and checking our lodge was not clandestine, the Master of Deming Lodge, opened on the third degree, then immediately called down to the second degree, and invited Danny into the Lodge, introduced him, and then did lodge business, excused all Fellow Crafts from the lodge, called back up to third degree, and closed Lodge. This was all done on short notice, and went well beyond what we expected. Prior to lodge, every brother came up to us, introduced themselves to us, and made us welcome.

I bring this up, because it reinforced how simple courtesy, a little extra effort, can go a long way to making a great impression. I will NEVER forget the kindness they showed Danny and myself, and hope to emulate them in my personal actions in the future. I am proud of our lodge, I consider us very friendly, and have found no faults with our Lodge. I do think we get busy, sometimes, and forget, as individuals, that we, each and every one of us, make up the lodge. I want to encourage each member who is attending our lodge, if you see a strange face, or see someone you don't know, or a brother who has not been to lodge in a long time, to approach that person, introduce yourself, and make them welcome. Perhaps you will make a new friend, perhaps not, but you will make a favorable impression of our Lodge.

By the time this is published and you read this, we will have raised three brothers to the degree of Master Mason, and I would like to congratulate, Bro. Tony Wilkinson, Bro. Daniel Lee, and Bro John Gordon on the hard work they have done in getting their proficiencies done in preparation to receiving their degrees and on becoming Master Masons. Welcome and congratulations my brothers.  
Fraternally.



# In Memoriam

**James L. Watson**

*92 years, 9 months 22 days*

*Entered Into Rest August 9, 2013.*

*Almighty Father, Great Architect of the*

*Universe, into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear departed brother.*



## From the Secretary's Desk

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

Many of you have come to me asking for a new name tag as you have lost or misplaced it. The lodge furnishes your first name tag free when you become a member.

The cost of a replacement is \$9.00 which is what the lodge is charged by our engraver. The same hold true with the trowel that is given to you when you are raised,

Next month is Grand Lodge Week here are some of the proposals. Changing the ritual, implementing the Pledge of Allegiance at meetings. Changes in rights of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons. Adoption of a 25 year membership award. Increase in fees for degrees and minimum dues. Grand Lodge this year

will be held on October 4th, 5 and 6th.

We have a few new candidates Brother Glen Sears a member of Bay City Lodge No. 337 has made an application for affiliation. Mr. Edward Ramilo a member

of the US Navy has presented an application for membership in our lodge. There are still 56 members who have not paid their 2013 dues. **YOU ARE NOT IN GOOD STANDING.**

I still have 42 tickets for the Masons4mits baseball game on September 9th at 7:15 PM. the SF Giants vs Colorado Rockies. The cost is \$20.00. Hope to see many of you at our visitation in Ft. Bragg.



## Freemasonry in South Africa

*By Mike Ramos, Junior Deacon*

The Cape of Good Hope became a trading station in the mid-seventeenth century by the Dutch East India Company with the prime objective to

provide ship repairs, fresh produce, beef, mutton and other various supplies to the company's ships traveling to the East Indies. As time progressed to the mid-eighteenth century, many of the Dutch colonist and sailors who worked and settled this relatively new trading post were already initiated Freemasons due to Masonry's flourish throughout the Netherlands. These men met irregularly on ships and at pubs, and quite often made Masons without any form of dispensation or charter.

This was obviously illegal. These Masons were not operating for any specific Lodge or Grand Lodge, and this left all the Masons they initiated without a Mother Lodge. Beyond Craft Masonry, these illegal Lodges would initiate Brethren into degrees as vast as the Chapter Rose Croix; it seemed they had a method of asking the Brothers present, "Who has the highest degree here?" And then in the same breathe, "Good, good! Now you will initiate all of us into it as well!"

This irregular practice did not stay the norm for very long because in 1772 specific Brethren were authorized to setup a District Grand Lodge under the auspices of The Grand East of the Netherlands. The first Lodge formed under this banner was the Lodge De Goede Hoop No. 12 (Lodge of Good Hope). This lodge attracted many high-ranking officials, and to this day, is considered a very prominent Lodge to belong to.

As diamonds and gold were discovered in



various areas of South Africa, Freemasonry flourished and moved with the people. As more foreigners arrived in South Africa, so did their Masonic Constitutions. It should be noted that this never caused a known riff between Brethren and on occasion these Brethren would help each other out by filling in as Officers when needed – this is an example of true Masonry at work! English speaking Lodge's promoted and helped develop Afrikaan speaking Lodge's because the Brethren felt that all men were entitled to the beauties of Freemasonry in their own native tongue. Today, all the working constitutions contribute and maintain a co-operative "Masonic Home" for the elderly.

The dichotomy of the above actions will be explained here in brief. The practice of purchasing slaves as "movable pieces of Lodge inventory" was the norm until 1818. I will not develop on this subject further, but as anyone who knows their history is aware, it took quite some time and vast changes for the South African government to see the errors of their ways and to start allowing multi-cultural equality.

In 1961 the formation of the Grand Lodge of South Africa commenced with the consent of the Irish, English and Grand Lodge of the Netherlands. Currently, there are still four separate Grand Lodge constitutions working in South Africa – English Emulation, Scottish, Irish and South African. There have been few and far between discussions regarding the consolidation of all constitutions to work under the South African banner, but for now, they choose to remain independent while recognizing each other as Brethren.

## From the Assistant Secretary's Desk

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

Whence came you? And weather are you going?

The average age of our lodge is 73 years old. The oldest member is 97 years old the youngest is 24 years old. The Master Mason with the most seniority has 71 years as a Mason.



## Inspiring Words

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



### Masonic Muse

Find room in your heart for a stranger, your friends are already there. There are many others who need your help and concern

That you can surely spare.

Make room in your heart for the weary, For the lost and lonely too.

You know – but for the grace of God- One of them could be you!

Each good deed becomes a seed you plant along life's way. And it is said – They return Tenfold to you some future day.

So scatter the seed of the deeds you sow – As God would have you do.

Remember Life's tasks still left undone The Choice is up to you.

So Mote It Be



## From the Editor's Desk

*By Kem Apak, Senior Steward, Editor in Training.*

The most important aspect of men that differs him from animals is his conciseness. Running all our actions, decisions through our minds and hearts. Before we join our craft the first question we were asked was if this was of our own free will and accord. In our short journey in this earth, we are blessed by G.A.O.T.U. whose gave us the conciseness to guide our free will. As Masons we are constantly educated in our craft how to use our conciseness to do good. Following strictly our ancient traditions and teachings will help us to understand ourselves and our creator better, and maybe gave us the answer to the big question "what is the meaning of life?".

It is never too late to start to learn and share. I invite you to DMPS for a joyful and enlightening evening.

## Masonic Quotes

"The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

*George Washington*

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."

*Harry S. Truman*

"Good judgment comes from from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

*Will Rogers*

"We have all the light we need, we just need to put it in practice."

*Albert Pike*



## Help our Lodge

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**This coasts our Lodge a lot!**

**What can you do?**

**If you have a computer or a tablet email the editor to get your copy by email!**

***Our goal is to print only 100 copies per month!***

*Thank you in advance for all your support.*

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## Masons 4 Mitts

**On September 9  
Masons Night at AT&T Park!**

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

[www.Masons4Mitts.org](http://www.Masons4Mitts.org)



**\$20 per ticket talk to Bro. Secretary!**

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## Birthdays

Michael W. Barnhart (01), Robert A. Marshall (03), Richard J. Sullivan (04), Gordon G. Warder **PM** (04), Phillip M. Busch (05), Roger F. Glancy (05), Sorrell Shiflett (05), Gordon Kolsch (06), Robert W. Logan **PM** (06), William J. Bain (07), Leonard L. Leavitt (07), Sammy Tamez **PM** (07), Gerald J. Benatar (10), Roy A. Tamez **PM** (11), Mickey L. Benko **PM** (12), Larry C. Richardson **PM** (13), Vinson J. White (14), Jared M. Andreotti (16), Mark S. Casperson (17), Richard Ramos (17), Brian K. Ross (17), Rowell P. Prosser (20), Edgar G. Smith (20), Claude L. Chambers (21), Walter E. Price (21), Richard M. Thomas (21), Milton L. Jones (22), Mark F. Simens (22), Douglas A. Ellard (25), Gilbert L. Alston (26), David P. Bode (28), Jeffrey B. Mason (28), David W. Allen (29), Burton A. Pearce (29), Roger A. Moore (30), Robert G. Rix **PM** (30), Gary T. Tucker (30)

# 2013 Committees

## Appointments

**Audit** – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein

**Funeral** – Kjell Bomark–Noel, Bob Pinkerton, Ron Katz, Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez, Kay Dunn, Eugene Moore, Charles Hintz, David Allen, Kem Apak, Alex Von Stade

**Masonic Charity** – The Master and the Wardens

**Masonic Hall Association**—John Smith–President

**Masonic Homes Endowment**—Robert Logan—(925) 737–0430 / [rlogan8198@cs.com](mailto:rlogan8198@cs.com)

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

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## *Sunshine and Visiting*

Brothers Mark Casperson and Mark Castile 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**