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



Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- 11/01 - **Tuesday** - Officers Assembly - Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11/03 - **Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM - Election of Officers
- 11/08 - **Tuesday** - District Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI) at the Castro Valley Masonic Center - Dinner 6:00 PM / School 7:00 PM
- 11/10 - **Thursday** - PM Role Call Night - Dinner 6:30 PM
- 11/17 - **Thursday** - Installation Practice 7:00 PM
- 11/22 - **DARK**
- 11/24 - **DARK** - Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 12/01 - **Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 12/03 - **Saturday** - Annual Installation of Officers - Social 5:00 PM / Ceremony 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:15 PM
- 12/17 - **Saturday** - Obs. St. John's Feast Day @ The Ranch - Open - 6:00 PM

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

Brethren and Friends,

I would like to start by thanking you for the privilege of allowing me to assume the Oriental Chair for 2016. The knowledge I have accrued during my term will serve as a deep well that I will continually draw from throughout my Masonic Journey. This experience is one I shall never forget, and I am extraordinarily grateful for your undying support and enthusiasm.

However, as much as I have enjoyed my term, I could not be more elated than in knowing that Bro. Alex Von Stade will be picking up where I left off. Through his dedication and perseverance, Bro. Von Stade has proven himself to be a most valuable member of Crow Canyon Lodge. He is a Brother of sound principles and a lover of our Institution's traditions. I am very proud to call him our incoming Master, and I hope that the entire Lodge will give him the same level of respect and friendship that you have always granted me.

Directly, I would like to thank a few of the Brethren who have made my year that much easier by their constant hard work behind the scenes. To W. Bro. Roy Tamez and his dedicated crew of Purveyors, I thank you for the splendid repast you have provided monthly. W. Bro. Ron Katz and Bro. Don Schauer, Sr., thank you both for your dedication to our Lodge's communications in both digital and print formats. To our Hall Association, I thank you all for keeping our building and grounds in wonderful order. To our Committee Heads and members (official and unofficial), I thank you for always running our Lodge programs, from beginning to end, with grace and poise. And last, but far from least, to our Officers, Officers' Coach, and Candidate Mentors; who gave of their time, knowledge, and talents to ensure that every ceremony was conducted with honor and meaning, that every Candidate learned from our teachings and helped aid in internalizing its importance, and who continually provided me with such great fellowship, pride, and joy – thank you all.

I know that there are many I have not mentioned and who deserve recognition; it is impossible to list every Brother in a Lodge made up of the very best. And it goes without saying that my heartfelt prayers remain with the families of all our dearly departed Brethren of 2016, especially those who were called upon far too young.

As many of you now know, due to new Masonic responsibilities, I will also be relinquishing my position as coordinator and lead of the Dead Masonic Poets Society (DMPS) and will not be returning to resume that position any time in the near future. To every Brother who has faithfully attended and participated, I commend you for taking the time to make a daily advancement in your Masonic knowledge as well as always being willing to share the wealth of your insights. Above all else, I believe, the memories of our meetings will always be the dearest to me.

On Thursday November 10th we will have our Past Master Role Call Banquet with a full Meat Loaf dinner and libations. The Lodge sponsors this event, so there is no dining cost. It is important to note that it is open to all Masons (EA, FC, and MM) only. Please send your reservations to our Secretary, Don Schauer, Sr., as soon as possible and please come out to enjoy an evening with our Past Masters.

On Saturday December 3rd we will have our Annual Installation of Offic-



ers. A Social with hors d'oeuvres and donated libations will be held at 5:00 pm, the Installation Ceremony will commence at 6:00 pm, with a full Prime Rib Dinner and Dessert to follow. The Lodge also sponsors this event, so there is no dining expense. Please remember that this is a special occasion; men should be in dark suit and tie, and the ladies should also dress appropriately for the evening. Please do send your reservations to our Secretary, and come out to support your 2017 Officers Line.

The Feast of Saint John the Evangelist will be held on Saturday December 17th at the Ranch Restaurant in Hayward. Please be present promptly by 6:00 pm. Each attendee will receive an individual bill, so the evening only costs based on what you order. This event is open to all Masons (EA, FC, and MM) only. Attire is dark suit and tie. The Feasts of the Saints John are Masonic Landmarks, please come and partake in an evening of good fellowship, cheer, and tradition. Please place your reservation with our incoming Senior Deacon, Bro. Paul Rodriguez.

My Brothers and friends, I leave you with eyes set towards the future, and a beautiful quote from Victor Hugo – "Change your Opinions, Keep to your Principles; Change your Leaves, Keep Intact your Roots"

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

W. Bro. Michael J. Ramos

From the West

By Alex Von Stade—Senior Warden

Brethren:

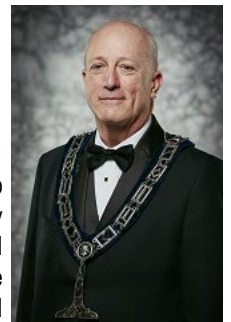
As the 2016 calendar comes to a close, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year for 2017. I would like to thank the brethren for allowing me to serve as the Senior Warden for this year. I would also like to thank my fellow officers in being supportive when required and I wish to thank Worshipful Ramos and Worshipful Allen for their support, advice, and encouragement during my term. It has been an unforgettable experience.

I look forward to serving as Master of the Lodge in 2017. For the second year in a row, the Lodge will have a Master sitting in the East for the first time. The office of Master means a variety of things to a variety of individuals. To some, it means a mentor; to others, a ritualist; and to still others; an administrator. To me, it means all of this, as well as being a caretaker of the lodge and its many resources and functions, including the physical lodge and its finances. We should strive to have a balance between lodge and social activities.



During this year, Worshipful Ramos, Worshipful Eckstein, and myself attended the annual Masters and Wardens Retreat. Each of us came away with ideas about member engagement and membership retention. As a result, the Formation Nights were developed. As Master, I will continue to be supportive of those events. I also hope to maintain many of the traditional lodge functions and events that have been held in the past. I look forward to 2017 and hope that each of you will join me in supporting the success of our Lodge.

Until next time, Happy Holiday



From the South

By Alvaro Reynoso, PM—Junior Warden

October is the month of Constitutional Observance, and among the several resolutions it was stipulated on June 14th 1777 that the flag of the United States will consist of thirteen red and white stripes and thirteen stars. This particular and original design was for the first time used in January 1, 1776 in the battle between George Washington and the British Army and ever since that time the flag of the United States has been continually modified.



November is the month of elections and I want to invite on the brethren to attend the November Stated Meeting and express your support for our new elected officers

In conclusion, Happy Thanksgiving to all the members and family of Crow Canyon Lodge. I am particularly thankful to Wor. Michael Ramos for his leadership and to our officer's coach, Kurt Allen, whose coaching goes beyond the ritual and whose behavior inspires anyone to be a better man. To Roy Tamez and our Secretary Don Schauer, I am thankful for support throughout this year in fulfilling the duties that belong to me. Without Roy or Don, I would not be able to function as the Jr. Warden.

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

Wow ! November already. This combined bulletin of Nov and Dec will be the last one for 2016. A new core of officers. It starts all over again. Due to the fact that the Grand Lodge Communication is so late in the month of October, if reelected as your Secretary, I will be mailing the dues statements out the second week in November. I will not be able to tell you for sure what the dues will be at this time until the budget is passed at the Grand Lodge Communication for 2017. The lodge dues will still be \$60.00 per year and if the Grand Lodge budget passes the Per Capita tax will be \$47.00 for a total of \$107.00



November and December have a bunch of holidays. Most important is for each of you to vote for our next president on Nov 8th followed by Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. December holds the first day of Winter on the 21st followed by Christmas and New Year's day. (2017 already.)

I wish each of you and your families a wonderful and safe holiday seasons.

A Tri-centennial Adventure

In 2017, we'll be recognizing 300 years of our great fraternity! Celebrate with the adventure of a lifetime to the places where Freemasonry began: England, Ireland, and Scotland.

This exclusive tour, created especially for California Masons, will bring you to the most scenic and popular cultural locations in each country, as well as storied Masonic landmarks. Get ready to explore: *(continued)*



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10TH AT CVMC
6:30 PM DINNER AND PROCEEDINGS

MASONS OF ALL DEGREES WELCOME

* CASUAL ATTIRE REQUIRED! *

* NO COST TO ATTEND! *

* COME AND CELEBRATE OUR PMS! *

PLEASE PLACE RESERVATIONS
WITH OUR SECRETARY BY 11/08

November/December Birthdays

George Adams (11/01)	Michael Ramos (12/04)
John Tomaso (11/01)	Eric Unti (12/04)
Brian Katz (11/03)	Verl Rothlisberger (12/05)
Michael Gallico (11/05)	Dave Baratto (12/06)
Gabe Amaral (11/06)	Dan Baca (12/10)
Joseph Stewart (11/06)	Charles Goodwin (12/10)
Jack Holt (11/08)	Thomas Robertson (12/11)
Robert Douglas (11/11)	Kurt Jaeckel (12/12)
Stevean Allen (11/12)	Gil Brownfield (12/13)
Patrick Mc Cord (11/12)	Erik Hoffmann (12/13)
David Stephenson (11/13)	Angelo Limnios (12/18)
Brandon Morrison (11/18)	Ron Castia (12/19)
Elmer Seutter (11/18)	Freddie Wilson (12/19)
James Hooks (11/22)	Norvalle May (12/22)
Douglas Ferreira (11/24)	Clarence Teeters (12/22)
Glen Lane (11/24)	J Rafisura (12/24)
Gary Orr (11/24)	Kristoffer DeMesa (12/25)
Ruben Vossekui (11/24)	Alex Von Stade (12/27)
Kurt von Brauch (11/28)	Kanti Patel (12/29)
William Newton (11/29)	Jose Zamora (12/29)
Stanley Clifton (11/30)	David Middleton (12/30)
Woody Hibbs (11/30)	Alfred Orzell (12/31)
Bill Biddell (12/03)	

In Memoriam

Mark Castile	64 years, 2 months and 6 days
Entered into rest	October 15, 2016
Herman I Schulack	87 years, 8 months and 3 days
Entered into rest	July 25, 2012
Henry E. Miller Sr.	93 years, 7 months and 19 days
Entered into rest	Oct 9, 2016

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

3rd Degree Anniversaries

The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the months of November/December

NOVEMBER

Stevean Allen (33)
Richard Burgard (57)
Mark Casperson (6)
Donald Clendenen Jr.[PM] (24)
Kay Dunn (13)
Floyd Fawcett (27)
Steven Kolden (32)
Gregory Maier (18)
Douglas Mc Kay (43)
Frank Mitchell (40)
William Newton (58)
Walter Nieman Jr.[] (62)
Leland Peck (66)
Joseph Pedroni Jr.[] (53)

Alvaro Reynoso [PM] (20)
Augustine Rhee (7)
Harold Rubin (61)
Glen Sears Jr.[] (34)
Mark Simens (32)
Anthony Tancredi (43)
Bruce Tellardin (35)
Robert Wagle (41)
Leslie Yeffa (54)

DECEMBER

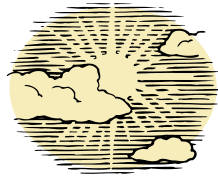
Fred Avery [PM] (32)
Peter Dinos (46)
James Hooks (51)
Scott West (4)

Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson, Howard Marmor.

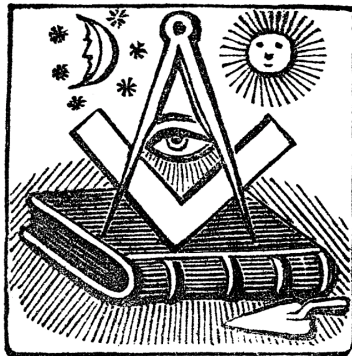
Please contact Secretary Don Schauer for their respective phone numbers.



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Mike and W. Bro. Steve Edwards PM SLGR



Mike with W. Bro. Ted Fairbrass PM SLGR

Crow Canyon Visits the UK

By Michael J. Ramos

In late September, my wife, Britt, and I spent a much-needed two-week holiday in Europe. We had the opportunity of visiting Dublin and Paris, with the majority of our stay being with friends in a suburb of London.

During our visit I had the privilege of attending Lodge of Industry No. 6068 at the Upminster Masonic Center, in the Province of Essex, for their annual Installation of Officers where I witnessed my friend, W. Bro. Steve Edwards PM SLGR, take the Chair for the second time in his substantial Masonic journey, as well as my friends, Bro. Andy Gooding and Bro. Tom Edwards – Steve's son, be installed as Junior Deacon and Inner Guard on their way up the line.

The evening was a true success and all had a wonderful time. Come the Festive Board I was able to make a presentation to Worshipful Steve and his Wardens on behalf of Crow Canyon Lodge. Our dear Bro. Tiler, Bill Biddell, crafted three exquisite gavels and sounding blocks – which included a design of Lodge of Industry's standard on the gavel heads and personalized presentation information inside the sounding block cavities. Needless to say, Bro. Bill's craftsmanship floored the Lodge and their thanks were immense. I was treated as family from the moment I walked into the Hall, and the lasting impression of this evening will be one I hope never to forget.

Later in our trip I attended a meeting of Essex Quadrant Chapter Rose Croix No. 501 where I was able to witness the English 18° and partake in a splendid Festive Board with superb fellowship. In England, unlike in North America, when one enters the 'Ancient & Accepted Rite' you do not receive the 32° immediately. Degrees beyond the 18th (all prior conferred by name only) are obtained by promotion via dedication to the Order. This, as you can imagine, is a vast difference in our Jurisdictions as it made an elder Brother and myself the highest-ranking Masons in the room! Embarrassing on my end and a pure curiosity for all others in attendance.

Overall, our trip was spectacular and my Masonic Visits were truly splendid.



Wor. Ramos and the Lodge of Industry 6068



Wor. Ramos and Wise Sovereign Daniel Field and Essex Quadrant Chapter 501

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Job's Daughters

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.caio.org



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 & 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

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		1 Officers Assembly Meeting 7:00 pm *installed officers only	2	3 Stated Meeting Dinner - 6:00 PM Open - 7:30 PM	4	5
6	7	8 POST @ CVMC Dinner - 6:00 PM School - 7:00 PM	9	10 Past Master Roll Call Night Dinner - 6:30 PM	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Installation Practice Open - 7:00 PM	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 DARK Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30	12/1 Stated Meeting Dinner - 6:00 PM Open - 7:30 PM	2	3 Annual Installation Social - 5:00 PM Ceremony - 6:00 PM Dinner - 7:15 PM
4	5	6	7	8 DARK	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 DARK	16	17 Obs. St John's Feast @ the Ranch Open - 6:00 PM Masons only

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