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Trestleboard

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



Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

09/01 - Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM /
Open 7:30 PM
09/08 - Thursday - Hiram Award Presentation for Bro. E. Nidick - Social 6:00
PM / Dinner 6:30 PM / Presentation 7:30 PM
09/10 - Saturday - Lodge Picnic @ Tilden Park - Lunch 12:00 Noon
09/13 - Tuesday - District Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI) at the Masonic
Home - Dinner 6:00 PM / School 7:00 PM
09/15 - Thursday - First Degree Practice - Open 7:00 PM
09/22 - Thursday - First Degree Practice - Open 7:00 PM
09/27 - Tuesday - DMPS - DARK
09/28 - Wednesday - Masons for Mitts/SF Giants Game @ AT&T Park -
Ceremony 6:00 PM / Game Starts 7:30 PM
09/29 - Thursday - First Degree - Mr. O Bendict - Dinner 6:30 PM /
Open 7:30 PM

10/04 - Tuesday - Officers Assembly - Meeting 7:00 PM
10/06 - Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM /
Open 7:30 PM
10/11 - Tuesday - District Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI) at the Masonic
Home - Dinner 6:00 PM / School 7:00 PM
10/12 - Wednesday - Officer Proficiency with Inspector - Meeting 7:00 PM
10/13 - Thursday - First Degree Practice - Open 7:00 PM
10/20 - Thursday - First Degree (Candidate TBD) - Dinner 6:30 PM /
Open 7:00 PM
10/22 - Saturday - White Table Night - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:00 PM
10/25 - Tuesday - DMPS @ Hayward Ranch - Meeting 7:00 PM
10/27 - Thursday - DARK
10/28-10/30 - Friday-Sunday - Grand Lodge Communication in SF

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 hope September finds you preparing for a beautiful Autumn, with exciting plans for the Winter Holidays as they slowly approach.

I wish to congratulate our 'youngest' Master Mason, Bro. J. Emmanuel Rafisura on his recent Raising. My Brother, your Masonic Journey has only just begun. I hope you find Freemasonry to be a continual pleasure, both socially and intellectually, as you proceed down your path towards further light. The eyes of the fraternity are upon you, and I have no doubt that you will always prove to be a stellar example of our Institution's aims.



Our beloved Bro. Ernie Nidick will be honored on Thursday September 8th with the very prestigious Hiram Award. Please do come and join us, with wives and significant others by your side, for an evening of fellowship and celebration. There will be a social at 6:00 pm, dining at 6:30 pm, and ceremonial presentation at 7:30 pm. If you plan on being in attendance, please contact our Secretary, Don Schauer, Sr., and place your reservations.

A belated message of well wishes is due for Bro. Les Blake, who last month received his Golden Veterans Pin. Bro. Blake, ever since you petitioned for affiliation with Crow Canyon you have been an absolute pleasure. Your constant enthusiasm and helping hands have made all the difference. I wish you the very best in the years to come.

Our Lodge Picnic will be held Saturday September 10th at 12:00 pm at Tilden Park in Oakland. Please do bring family, friends, and perhaps someone you may know who is interested in Masonry. This is a sponsored event so there is no cost associated with attending. However, please do place a reservation with our Secretary so we know how much foodstuffs and refreshments to purchase in advance.



On Wednesday September 28th the San Francisco Giants will take on the Colorado Rockies at 7:15 pm at AT&T Park. However, more importantly, there will be a ceremony at the park that evening, roughly an hour prior to the first pitch, where our Grand Master, M. David Perry, will present a check in the total amount donated by California Masons for the 'Masons for Mitts' program. If you wish to attend



the game, please contact our Secretary who will purchase tickets after payment has been received – no exceptions.

Sadly, on August 4th our Bro. Arnie Weinstein was called to the Celestial Lodge above. Bro. Arnie's company was always an immense pleasure, and he served our Lodge with zeal as both a Junior Officer and Committee member. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Weinstein family in this time. For all those that had the privilege



to know him, Bro. Arnie will be sorely missed.

We have an Initiation for Mr. O. Bendict on Thursday, September 29th, with dining at 6:30 pm, and Lodge Opening at 7:30 pm. My wife, Brittney, and I will be in England during this ceremony, so W. Bro. Pinkerton, PM, has agreed to step in and assume the Oriental Chair in my absence. I hope all our Brethren will do their very best to be in attendance to support and congratulate our soon-to-be Brother.

While abroad, I will be visiting Lodge of Industry No. 6068 in Essex for an Installation. I plan on taking a number of photos after the ceremony has concluded and will report on my excursion in the next Trestleboard.

Please refer to the attached calendar for additional information. (Lodge officers, this means you too!)

Enjoy your month and I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

From the West

By Alex Von Stade—Senior Warden

Brethren

September 2016 is now upon us and the cool days of Autumn are here. The Summer Olympic Games of 2016 are completed and this event will not appear again for another four years. Although the Olympic flame has been extinguished, the spirit of the games will continue. That unending spirit will inspire new individuals to take up Olympic challenge in future years. In sum, the torch has been passed!



Gardening tasks of planting, cultivating, and harvesting are about over for this year. The tools of planting such as the shovel and the hoe are now replaced by one in particular- the leaf rake. Although Autumn brings with it a variety of pleasing scenes with brilliant Fall colors, it also brings with it the seemingly unending task of leaf raking. It always seems that as soon as one is done with the task, more and more leaves appear as if out of nowhere! As such, one has to start all over again. I am sure my leaf rake will work overtime in the near future!

Both of the events that I have just outlined have a common theme- the ideas of change, work, and moving forward. For the Lodge Officers, such as myself, September signals the time when we have to "prove up" to advance and continue in the line. Although we are only in October and the 2016 Officers' line is complete, we need to look to the future, as the 2017 calendar year is just around the corner. I, as well as others, have been working diligently on the required ritual tasks to pass the tests scheduled in October 2016.

Holding a Lodge office is not always easy, but it is a rewarding endeavor and allows one to give back to the Lodge and to Masonry in general. Without the necessary officers, we could not perform the tasks and ritual activities required in a working Masonic Lodge. I would strongly encourage any Master Mason, who wishes to support the craft and who would like to join me and others in the 2017 Officers' line, to please contact me. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you. The challenge is upon us and the torch needs to be passed in the near future.

Until next time, have a Happy September and enjoy a relaxing Labor Day Holiday!

From the South

By Alvaro Reynoso, PM—Junior Warden

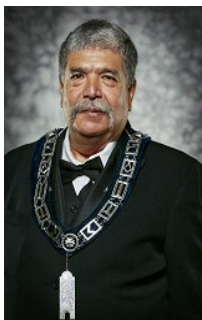
Our Masonic year is near its end, and I just want to say that it has been a great pleasure to have had the opportunity to serve our lodge as a Junior Warden.

I have been a member of Crow Canyon Lodge for 20 years, and this is the first time that for 2 consecutive years we have a Master that has never led the lodge from the Oriental Chair. In 2007, I had the privilege to serve as a Master and I know what is like to serve, I came with all kind of expectations and no experience. But thanks to all the help I received from all the brethren I survived and was able to accomplish many of my goals.

It has been a great honor to be asked to help and I intend to serve our next Master in any capacity he believes I can best perform, with the consent of the members.

I just want to finish by asking the readers of the Trestleboard that if you haven't been to a meeting recently please find a way to attend at your respective lodge. The officers will appreciate your support and it might serve to remind you of the day you were raised as a Master Mason .

Thank you!

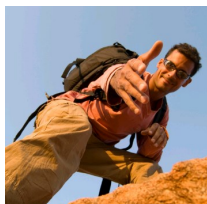


From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

The men below, were members of our lodge until recently, when they failed to pay their dues for two years in a row, and did not respond to our requests to assist them if they needed help:

A Gauthier (EA); J Howard (EA); P Morrison (EA); M Norcup (EA); C Reynolds (EA); M Sahota (EA); S Cook (FC); J Dorrance (FC); S Glover (FC); J Gordon (MM); R Graham (MM); L Petsas (MM); S Shiflett (MM); R Toy (MM); D Whitting (MM); C Worley (MM)



If you know how to contact any of these men, or if you have any information to share with the Secretary about any of them, it would be great. We have a simple way for these men to be reinstated to our fraternity.

These men must have joined our fraternity for a specific reason. If they failed to renew in error, we want to insure they are made aware of the opportunity to rejoin their brothers in fellowship.



From the Assistant Secretary's Table

By William Ferrell, P.M., H.A.

California Masonic Code: Duty to attend 804.855

"It is the duty of every member to attend the funeral of a deceased member of this lodge or any other Master Mason residing in the vicinity of his Lodge at the time of death, if he can do so without great inconvenience."

One of the most difficult ceremonies to present is that of the Masonic Funeral service. Brothers Kurt Allen, Roy Tamez and I have many times presented the Masonic Ritual for families and sometimes without the presence of Brother Masons. We will continue to do this because it is the right thing to do. Near the beginning of the ritual it is said "at the request of a departed brother or his family". We do this because of our obligation to our brother and to the craft. Something to consider; is to let your family or loved ones know if you wish to have the Masonic Rites.

If you do not live near our lodge "beyond the length of your cabletow" then find a lodge nearby. If you do not know of one my email is kb6xa@att.net or my telephone number is 510-886-2288 and I will assist you in finding one. I am sure that no matter where you live that the brethren in that lodge will be happy to meet and have fellowship with you.

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Johnnie Albanese (1)	Mark Leite (29)
Kurt Allen [PM] (40)	Robert Lorenzini (13)
Denis Beaman (36)	James Luque (44)
Billy Bryant [PM] (57)	Patrick Mc Cord (37)
Mark Castile (29)	David Middleton (21)
Harold Dias (54)	Verl Rothlisberger [PM] (30)
Robert Eckstein [PM] (31)	Larry Russell (51)
John Freestone (46)	Theodore Santel (39)
Gerald Garcia (4)	Herman Schulack (65)
Donald Jensen (33)	Victor Smalley (48)
Jeffrey Kahn (31)	Albert Thomas (37)
Andrew Kinicki (57)	Douglas Vorpahl (53)
Stephen Kinsman (3)	Jerry Walter (46)
Johnnie Laney (45)	Mark Warzyniak (7)
Ralph Larsen (52)	Freddie Wilson [PM] (43)
Robert Lee (8)	

Masonic Family Corner

- OES is having a Fashion Show on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. We will open the doors at 11:00 and lunch will be served at 11:30. The fashions will be by J.Jill. There will be a silent auction and door prizes. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Please contact Wynn Allen at 925-735-1233 for more information.
- Our youth groups are always looking for more good kids who want the opportunity to learn about leadership, project management, public speaking and to have FUN! Find contact information in the Committees section of this Trestleboard.

Please Join Us on September 8, 2016 as we honor

BRO. ERNIE NIDICK

*with the Hiram Award
for distinguished Masonic service*

6:00 PM Social
6:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Presentation

Open to All
Castro Valley Masonic Center
4521 Crow Canyon Road

Reserve a Seat with Our Secretary



Lodge Picnic

On September 10, 2016, bring your family and extended family to the Crow Canyon Lodge #551 Picnic. We will, once again meet at the Tilden Park - Golden Gate Live Steamers. Enjoy great BBQ and ride the rails on the small scale steamer trains. Fun for the whole family.

This event is open to members of the lodge and their families, as well as members of CVMC youth groups and Concordant Bodies.

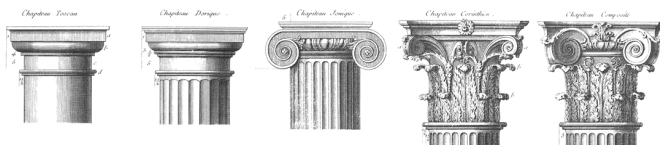
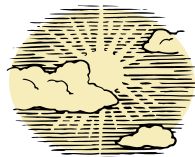


Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Castile, Mark Casperson, Henry Miller, Howard Marmar. Please contact Secretary Don Schauer for their respective phone numbers.

Ernie Nidick—Sunshine Chairman 925.828.6993 bev2ern@comcast.net
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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, personality and otherwise

Every 4th Tuesday!
Open to all degrees!
7:00PM



In Memoriam

Prudencio "Pete" Sotelo 94 years, 2 months and 23 days.
Entered into rest August 11, 2016.

Arnold M. Weinstein 59 years, 6 months, 4 days
Entered into rest August 4, 2016

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

September Birthdays

Michael Barnhart (09/01)	Richard Ramos (09/17)
Robert Marshall (09/03)	Brian Ross (09/17)
Bud Warder (09/04)	Red Prosser (09/20)
Phil Busch (09/05)	Edgar Smith (09/20)
Roger Glancy (09/05)	Richard Thomas (09/21)
Gordon Kolsch (09/06)	Hassan Tohid (09/21)
Bob Logan (09/06)	Mark Simens (09/22)
William Bain (09/07)	Adam Korbas (09/23)
Leonard Leavitt (09/07)	Robert Soule (09/25)
Sammy Tamez (09/07)	Gilbert Alston (09/26)
Roy Tamez (09/11)	David Bode (09/28)
Melend Allen (09/12)	Jeffrey Mason (09/28)
Mickey Benko (09/12)	David Allen (09/29)
Larry Richardson (09/13)	Roger Moore (09/30)
Vinson White (09/14)	Robert Rix (09/30)
Jared Andreotti (09/16)	Gary Tucker (09/30)
Mark Casperson (09/17)	

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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

Masonic Youth Orders

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

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Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261 — Laurel M. 559.696.0746

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



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Join us for Masons Night
San Francisco: at AT&T Park on Wednesday, September 28
BRINGING BASEBALL TO CALIFORNIA KIDS
ONE MITT AT A TIME

Crow Canyon No. 551 September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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*All degree conferrals, practices, and LOIs will not include dinner service unless otherwise noted in the calendar made by the Master.