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**Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551**

F&AM of California

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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER 2022

12/01—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
12/08—Thursday—DARK
12/10—Saturday—Lodge Christmas Party—11:00 AM
12/15—Thursday—DARK
12/17—Saturday—5:00 PM Installation of Officers (Practice is at 10:00 AM)
12/22—Thursday—DARK
12/27—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM

JANUARY 2023

01/04—Wednesday—Officers'/Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
01/05—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM —Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
01/10—Tuesday—DOSI—6:30 PM Location TBD
01/12—Thursday—Degree or Practice 7:00 PM
01/17—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
01/19—Thursday—Degree or Practice 7:00 PM
01/21—Saturday—Breakfast w/Brothers @ Normans CV 8:00 AM
01/26—Thursday—Degree or Practice 7:00 PM
01/31—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

Brethren, it has been a pleasure serving you in 2022. It is my sincere hope that I left the Lodge in as good a shape or better than when I first took over. My hat comes off to all of the Lodge Officers who supported me over the past few months. Without their assistance and attention I would have been lost. Finally, thanks to Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien, PM, who had to navigate the Lodge through the COVID-19 crisis and did a tremendous job by any standard of the imagination. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his work and sacrifices.

Finally, to all the family and friends who also supported me – godspeed! I love you all and I want you know that it was fulfilling, satisfying and a heck of lot of fun running Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551. Be assured that the Lodge will be in more than capable hands with Worshipful J Rafisura and his Officer corps. I'll see you next year as Chaplain of the Lodge.

Happy Holidays to you all!



From the West

By J. E. C. Rafisura — Master-Elect

My brothers, as we come closer to the end of the year, we welcome 2023 with much hope and anticipation. In the past 2-3 years, the world had been challenged by such a health crisis that has changed the world forever. Our ancient fraternity is no exception as we learned to navigate through the pandemic with all the ever-changing and evolving health protocols as imposed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the different local health agencies. Lodges went dark for a while and the future of our fraternity became uncertain. But we are still here, stronger than ever. We were able to adapt and pivot to accommodate the current crisis, just like what our brothers before us did when they had their own challenges. My heart goes to those who succumbed to the deadly virus, especially to our dearly departed brothers. Those who got affected but survived, some of them, still continue to suffer with the lingering effects of the disease ("Long Covid"). But we continue to support each other through our charity works, through the efforts of our Sunshine committee and our own individual initiatives brothers.



With the temporary shut down of lodges, it seemed as if it has created a pent-up demand for membership from the general public in our community. Also, existing members began to re-join and participate again in our activities with renewed enthusiasm and interest. There was this repressed longing to gather again and break bread with each other to share stories, jokes and experiences. 2022 had been a great year for the fraternity as we were able to gain our footing and do the things that we normally do...and more! Wor. Brian Ross, along with the officers and key members of the lodge, has certainly put us back on our feet! Kudos!

As the incoming Master of the lodge, it is an honor and a challenge to lead our lodge for the year 2023. Working with Wor. Brian Ross and the rest of the officers has been privilege as I learned a lot about our ancient craft. Being a principal officer, there is a lot more to our fraternity that just esoteric matters, dinners, rituals and meetings. Wor. Ross' stellar performance will be a hard act to follow. But with all my heart, I will try to fulfill my role for the love of the craft and knowing that my brothers are behind me. For 2023, we will continue to work on fulfilling our ancient practices and traditions, forge new worthy brothers, confer advanced degrees and, in addition, celebrate the 100th anniversary of our lodge. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of our lodge officers and committee members if you need information about lodge activities and on how you can help or participate. I invite you all to join us as we celebrate love, friendship and brotherhood in so many ways. For the month of December, we will be having our Installation of Officers on the 17th at 5 PM and Holiday Party on the 10th at 11 AM). Also, please look out for the lodge calendar for the month of January 2023. We may kick-off the year with 2nd degrees...or a double second? Stay tuned!

Lastly, I wish you and your family much love and joy during the holidays and a prosperous New Year ahead!

From the South

*By Andrew Hawes — Sr. Warden—
Elect*

December is both a month of endings, and of beginnings. It marks the end of the calendar year, of course, and the end of many financial periods. It's

also the end of our term as officers – Brian Ross has completed his year as Worshipful Master, and will be stepping down, and the rest of us have come to the end of our current term – but that leads us to the other side of endings, since Worshipful Brian will become our Jr. Past Master, and Chaplain, and we will start our centennial year with a new Worshipful – J will lead us into our



100th year! Christmas, one of the best known holidays in December, is a celebration of beginnings – all of Christianity can be said to have begun with the birth of Christ, after all. While most beginnings are less impactful on the course of history, it's important that we have them in our lives. "Stuck in a rut" "same old, same old" "running on the hamster wheel" – we've all heard an expression or two about life moving forward in the same way, day after day – it's important that we all make an effort to keep our lives from getting too monotonous! Trying new things, learning new skills, meeting new people – there are far too many new things in the world for us to know them all or do them all – but that's no reason to stop learning and experiencing them! I'm looking forward to beginning my time as Senior Warden for Crow Canyon Lodge, and acting as best I can as J's right hand as we travel through the new experiences of our 100th year as a lodge, while planning for the following year, when I will hopefully be elected as Master, ending my year while starting a new one, yet again.

Whatever your holiday traditions, however you expect to end this year and start the new one, I wish you the best in them.

From the Northeast

By Lyman Penning — Jr. Warden-Elect

I hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving as we prepare for 2023. There are a few activities that I would like to call to everyone's attention.



First, make sure that you have reservations for the Stated Meeting dinner and for the Prime Rib dinner following the Installation. If you have not done so, please call Perry Klahr at (925) 425-3360 to let us know that you will be attending and that we will have enough food for everyone. The Stated Meeting is on Thursday, December 1, 2022 (6:30 PM for dinner) and the Installation is Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM (dinner will follow the Installation).

Second, please make a reservation if you plan to attend the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Let us know how many children you will be bringing to the party. The starting time is 11:00 AM.

With that I will see you at lodge and everyone have a joyful Holiday Season.



A Blast from the Past into the Future

By William M. Ferrell

Lakeshore

Lakeshore Lodge No. 551 of Oakland is a "neighborhood Lodge" in every sense of the word. As its historian, Past Master Joseph A. Sullivan, noted, it "was established to serve the fast-growing district north and east of Lake Merritt." Most of its founders were homeowners and commuters, "a closely-knit group, readily amalgamated in fellowship that gave the lodge an excellent start."

Lakeshore traces its history back to its first preliminary meeting held on February 8, 1923. This meeting, top heavy with official aid, was attended by four Inspectors of the East Bay District, whose advice undoubtedly gave the brethren the impetus they needed to complete all their organizational work in quick order. With Arthur Woodby Baker as their first Master, Joseph Augustine Sullivan as Senior Warden, and William Elbert Pitcher as Junior Warden, they received their Dispensation from Grand Master Sherman on March 27, 1923. Their charter followed seven months later, on October 11, 1923.

Lakeshore Lodge first met in the Community Center Hall at 712 Grand Avenue, where it was instituted on April 6, 1923. Then it met at the Brooklyn Masonic Temple that was at 807 East 14thst. Oakland.

For the first few years, Lakeshore's membership kept pace with the growth of the surrounding neighborhood, increasing from 37 in 1923 to 208 in 1930. But during the Depression years, it was not as unaffected as some of its sister Lodges across the bay. It slowly declined to 172 in 1938, after which it started upward – slowly at first, then picking up speed till it reached 257 members by 1949.

On July 1, 1980, Lakeshore Lodge reached an agreement with Diamond Lodge No. 603 and Lake Chabot Lodge No. 770, and they combined to become Tri-square No. 551. The newly consolidated lodge met at Hayward's "B" St temple.

Reminder: If you have any additional information about Lakeshore Lodge, please email me at: kb6xa@att.net

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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Editor's Note:

While we mourn the loss of every brother in Crow Canyon Lodge, "Coach" Gary Frisvold was an inspiration as a master candidate's coach for decades. I learned a lot from Gary and anyone I coached benefited from my observation of his dedication to the craft. Until we meet again, my brother.

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Fred Avery (38)

Scott West (10)

James Hooks (57)



December Birthdays

William Biddell (12/03)

Ronnie Castia (12/19)

Eric Unti (12/04)

Clarence Teeters (12/22)

Verl Rothlisberger (12/05)

John Gordon (12/24)

Dave Baratto (12/06)

J Rafisura (12/24)

Jesse Bridgeman (12/07)

Alexander Von Stade II (12/27)

Robert Deleon (12/12)

Kanti Patel (12/29)

Gilbert Brownfield (12/13)

Jose Zamora (12/29)

Blain Deaton (12/14)

David Middleton (12/30)

Jacob Herrick (12/15)

In Memoriam

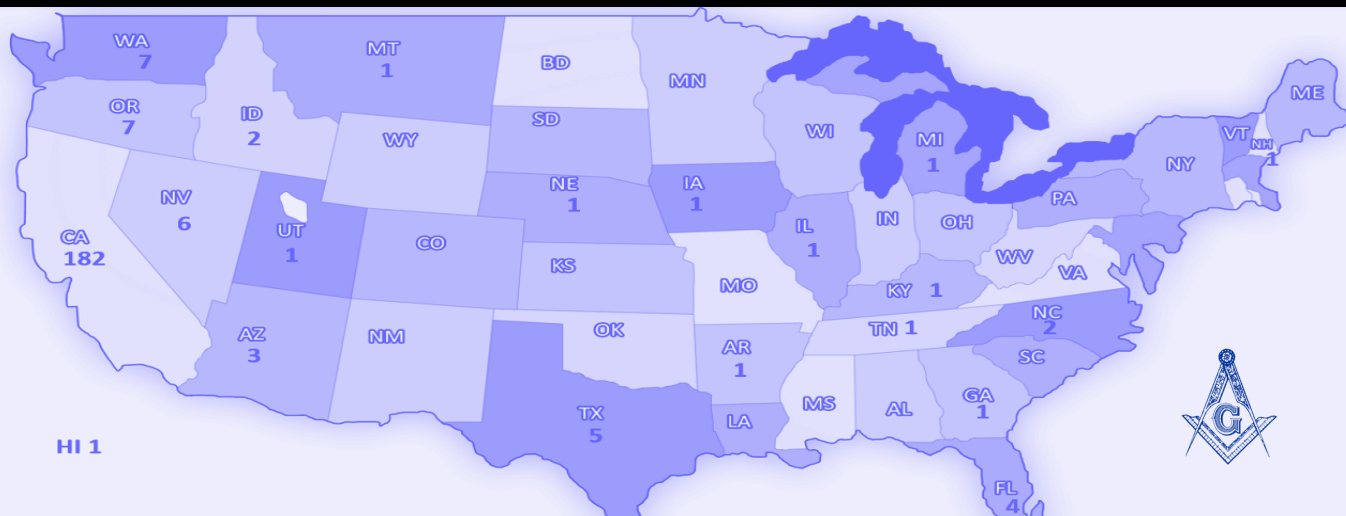
Gary R. Frisvold
Entered into Rest

80 years, 9 months and 4 days
November 26, 2022

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



While most of our membership is (of course) in California, we have members in 21 others states.



Crow Canyon Lodge Across America

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Committees

2023 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn HA, Aaron Johnson, Andrew Hawes

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez PM HA, Perry Klahr, Tramaine Ellison, Phil Busch HA

Executive Committee: J. Rafisura, Andrew Hawes, Lyman Penning PM HA, Perry Klahr

FOSJ and White Table Night: Lyman Penning PM HA, Aaron Johnson, Jerry Garcia

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Inter-lodge Relations: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Robert Pinkerton PM

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

Masons for Mitts: Brian Ross PM, Ozzie Ghani

Membership Retention: Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross PM

Picnic: Roy Tamez PM HA, Perry Klahr, Lyman Penning PM HA

Printing and Mailing: Don Schauer Sr.

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbass

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton, Lyman Penning PM HA

Sunshine and Visiting: Ernie Nidick, Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Roy Tamez PM HA

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

Trustees: Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, PM HA

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM HA

Welcome: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Jesse Bridgeman, Lyman Penning

Youth Orders Liaisons: Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn HA

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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: Flint, TX; Great Malvern UK; Las Vegas, NV; Auburn, ME; Pleasantville, NJ; Vienna, Austria; Kolkata, India; Cagayan de Oro, Philippines; Rochester, NY; Berea, KY; Nairobi, Kenya; Melbourne, Australia; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; Surrey BC, Canada; Saint Leonards-on-Sea, UK; Kingston, NY; McKinney, TX; Toronto, Canada; Bucaramanga, Colombia; Albans, UK; Crawley, UK; Cabanatuan City, Philippines.



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December 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Stated Meeting So- cial 5:15 / Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30 PM	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 DARK	9	10 Xmas Party— 11:00 AM
11	12	13	14	15 DARK	16	17 Installation of Officers—5:00 PM
18	19	20	21	22 DARK	23	24
25	26	27 Hall Association 7:00 PM	28	29 DARK	30	31