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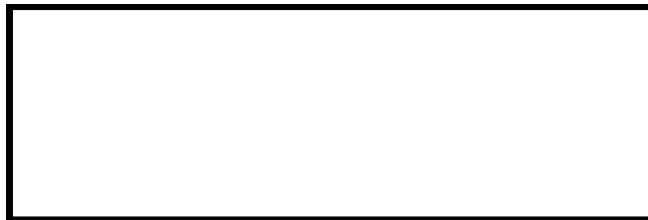
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Trestleboard

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



Calendar of Events

MARCH

- Tue Mar 03, 2015—6:30 PM—Officer's Meeting
- Thu Mar 05, 2015—7:30 PM—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting
- Tue Mar 10, 2015—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—At Masonic Home (6:00 PM Dinner preceding)
- Thu Mar 12, 2015—6:00 PM—1st degree Practice
- Fri Mar 13, 2015—Sun Mar 15, 2015—Masters and Wardens Retreat
- Thu Mar 19, 2015—6:30 PM—1st Degree—Mr. Madlock
- Mon Mar 23, 2015—7:00 PM—Hall Association
- Tue Mar 24, 2015—7:00 PM—DMPS (Masonic Education)
- Thu Mar 26, 2015—6:30 PM—Pizza Night (Youth Groups and Concordant Bodies invited also)
- Tue Mar 31, 2015—6:30 PM—Officer's Meeting

APRIL

- Thu Apr 2, 2015—7:30 PM—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner / 7:30 Meeting
- Thu Apr 9, 2015—7:00 PM—3rd Degree Practice
- Tue Apr 14, 2015—7:00 PM—District School of Instruction—At Masonic Home (6:00 PM Dinner preceding)
- Thu Apr 16, 2015—6:00 PM—3rd Degree Practice
- Thu Apr 23, 2015—7:00 PM—3rd Degree—Bro. Accurso
- Tue Apr 28, 2015—7:00 PM—DMPS (Masonic Education)
- Thu Apr 30, 2015—6:00 PM—Public Schools Night (Dinner / Entertainment / Awards)

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 Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Worshipful Master

It is funny how life sneaks up on you, and how it becomes more difficult to meet your commitments, as you get older. I think that what happens is that you are used to performing at a certain level, take on projects that you used to do simply and quickly, and then when you can no longer do all the things you used to do, it comes as a surprise. I know logically that I can no longer do the same things I used to do, but I don't feel any older than I did when I was forty, so emotionally, I still get surprised.

I just had an ear operation called a tympanomastoidectomy and am still taking prescription painkillers and trying to get over dizzy spells. This is normally an in and out procedure, but due to age related health issues, I was hospitalized overnight and had additional restrictions put on me at home as well. The main point of this rambling (blame the prescription drugs), is that I discovered that I am no longer indestructible. I have spent a lot of time lately thinking of what I used to be able to do. I am happily reflecting on those things that I did right, such as raising a family that has grown up to be independent, self-sustaining, and continue to live within the boundaries of the law and society's expectations. I am proud of my military service and the fact that I have voted in every election since my 24th birthday. I also have made mistakes in life, but I hope that I have learned from them, and will not make the same mistake over and over again.



From the West

By Michael Ramos—Senior Warden

Last year, as some of you may know, Crow Canyon Lodge twinned with Lodge of Merit 8523 in London. This is an exciting exercise in fraternalism and the first in Crow Canyon's history. This Grand Lodge sanctioned act provides a formalized bond between two Masonic Lodges that share a similar culture and appreciation of the Craft. It also offers a fruitful avenue for the sharing of ideas, customs and overall Brotherhood. When Lodges are twinned, a home away from home is created for the members of both Lodges involved, as neither side need contact their respective Grand Lodge prior to a visit, as well as Grand Lodge supervision no longer being necessary for ongoing cheerful communication between both Lodges.

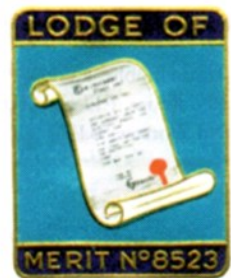


Lodge of Merit 8523 was consecrated on December 3rd 1973. Merit's first Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. Sidney Lazarus, is currently serving as the Lodge's Immediate Past Master (a few of the responsibilities of the IPM are to deliver the lectures and act as a prompter for the Master) and is the last surviving Lodge Founder.

Merit is the Daughter Lodge of Thalia Lodge 5177, which was formed in 1930. Thalia was originally formed as an "Actors Lodge", and was extremely popular in the early 1970's with a very long line for membership and progression. This brought about the need for another Lodge to be formed from within, and this action gave birth to Lodge of Merit 8523.

Lodge of Merit regularly meets at Freemasons' Hall in London and treats their visiting guests with open arms and true brotherly love. I am proud to say that I became a member of Merit this past December and I look forward to returning to London this year to pay a visit. I would highly suggest that if you find yourself traveling abroad in the United Kingdom that you reach out to their secretary, Wor. Bro. Ken Shutt, to see if a meeting will be occurring during your stay.

And as always, if there be a mentor or candidate in need of assistance, please feel free to reach out to me via phone or email.



Save the Date

May 3rd, 2015 will be our annual Sweetheart Event.

As usual, the day will include a lovely brunch and a play. This year we will be seeing a presentation of "The Nerd"



Please contact Phil Busch for more information 510-566-7019



I am especially proud of being a Mason, for I have made new friends that reaffirm my lifestyle, met new people that make me think about things I normally would not, and have kept me from becoming "fossilized". (If you can't find the word you're thinking of, make one up.)

For all of you who take the time to share your time and life with me thank you. If I was to give any advice to young people today, I think it would be to live life to the fullest, with honor, and do not be afraid to explore the many options that life has to offer. Just choose those options carefully. I have found, that the only limitations I have had, were limitations that I placed on myself. Don't limit yourself. You will find your natural limits without any help. I fully intend to continue to explore new things thanks to my Masonic Brothers.

I want to thank our Senior Warden for putting on the Lodge of Instruction for candidates investigations at the end of January. He did a great job. By the end of February, we will also have had a class on Masonic Funerals put on by our Junior Warden Elect. We had to shift our schedule around for degrees due to my operation and our JW being out of the country on business for two weeks. We can usually handle one officer being missing, but two of the top officers makes it difficult. Please look at the calendar section of the Trestleboard for upcoming events.



From the South

By Kem Apak—Junior Warden



Brethren, I am writing this article from St. Petersburg, Russia; a place very different than our own in most ways possible, particularly when it comes to customs and culture

We are told that there are no terrestrial borders in Freemasonry because as humans we share the same planet, the same spirit, the same purpose and the same almighty parent.

With that being said, there are two ways we can view each other; first, we can concentrate on our differences or second, on our similarities. As Masons we are taught to practice the second way because Masonry unites men of different countries, religions and even opinions under its philosophy. Masonry nourishes true brotherly love and sincere fellowship. It enables friendships to be created between people with very different origins and beliefs.

There are three core values each man should have before they can be (or should be) made a Mason. A strong belief in G.A.O.T.U, a beautiful heart and a beautiful mind. Without these you will never be capable of making a positive difference whether it be in or out of the Lodge, or within or external to your self. I strongly believe less is always more! I do not believe in mega Lodges, but small Lodges that the bond between its members are the strongest.

So as a very traditional person and a Mason, I ask myself and you my brothers: "What are the values you want to share? What is the knowledge you want to pass on?"

Tolerance, acceptance and respect are what makes us so unique and dangerous to the ignorant. Yes we should take the world over and control it! Not by force but with our values and beliefs: Freedom of speech, freedom of religion and an opportunity to pursue happiness.



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



Masonic Family Corner

Jobs Daughters, Bethel No. 1 Dublin—Bethel No. 1 is looking forward to an active March. Please join us at the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Festival. We will have an information booth the 14th and 15th, please stop by and say hello. And if you know of a young lady who is 9 years old or older bring them by to see us. Also we will be in the parade on the 14th. We are getting ready for a visit from our Grand Guardian on the 23rd, the reception will be held at the San Leandro, Masonic Center, 116 W. Joaquin at 7:00 pm. We are planning an "open" meeting on the 25th. This would be a great way to see us in action. We will be answering questions about the order and hopefully we will get new members. We really like to see Masons at our meetings.

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



At our March Stated Meeting we will be voting on a by-law change. The change will allow the lodge to round up annual dues of \$60 plus the per capita tax, to the nearest whole dollar. Examples, the dues this year are \$99.50. The dues would increase to \$100.00 starting with the dues that are collected for 2016, a .50¢ increase.

There are still 59 members who have not paid their 2015 dues. Of those 59 members 15 have not paid their 2014 dues. Come June the lodge will be suspending those 15 members unless you notify us that you are not able to pay your dues because of hardship. If that is the case, please contact the Master or myself and the lodge will remit your dues.

Brethren, I will be on vacation from March 15th to the 23rd. If you have any questions or need assistance please call Brother Bill Ferrell at 510-258-0654

See you at lodge!

Inspiring Words

By Irwin Fershleiser—Chaplain

"In like a lion, out like a lamb." How often I heard this phrase as a child referring to the month of March. The first time I heard it, I asked, "What does it mean?" "It refers to the weather of March", I was told. In the early weeks of March there may be storms, much rain, etc. But as we get closer to the end of March, the weather leans more toward spring than winter.

"How does this apply to our life?" you may wonder! In many situations we approach each other with the roar of the lion. The anger of the beast within us. We may say and do things that hurt feelings, ego's and pride. But if we remember the teachings of what we stand for, what we are as Masons, and "God fearing", understanding men and women, we would turn from the beast within us and bring out the lamb of love and kindness.

Please remember the lion can lay down with the lamb when the understanding light of the Great Architect shines within us.



March Birthdays

Max Morris (03/12)
 William Stephenson (03/12)
 George Christensen (03/13)
 David Rodger (03/13)
 Jerry Walter (03/13)
 Partick Morrison (03/14)
 Alan Kenyon (03/16)
 Russell Porter (03/16)
 Roger Accurso (03/17)
 Kishore Gidvani (03/17)
 Frank Russell (03/17)
 Jerome Samelson (03/17)
 Ronald Baker (03/18)
 Gene Tague (03/20)
 Roger Hamilton (03/21)
 Jeffery Lantz (03/21)
 Edward Matraia (03/21)
 Alvaro Reynoso (03/21)
 Roberto Holguin (03/22)
 Henry Andreotti (03/23)
 Steven Aracne (03/27)
 Robert Saks (03/28)
 Roy Eddy (03/30)
 Mark Leite (03/30)
 Donald McEvers (03/30)
 Ronald Reynolds (03/30)
 Steven Stark (03/30)
 George George (03/31)
 Kevin Hulme (03/31)



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Adams Jr., George [PM] (53)
 Albritton, Robert [PM] (38)
 Allen, Jack (26)
 Alston, Gilbert (45)
 Amaral, Gabriel [PM] (28)
 Christopher, Robert (61)
 Ellis, Howard (10)
 Fabel, Robert (32)
 Frisvold, Gary (45)
 Hallmeyer, Wesley (65)
 Hempel, Edmund (56)
 Hudson, Robert [PM] (47)
 Korr, Irving (58)
 Lassle, Harold (26)
 Leavitt, Leonard (40)
 Martens, Billy [PM] (32)
 Mason, Jeffrey (30)
 Matraia Jr., Edward [PM] (42)
 Morrison, Brandon (8)
 Ramos D.D.S., Richard (1)
 Robinson, Thomas (48)
 Salmon Jr., Wilfred (35)
 Soule III, Robert (19)
 Tangen, Craig (42)
 Toltschin Jr., Rex (47)
 Whitting, David (31)

Hiram Award Recipients

The following members-in-good-standing of Crow Canyon Lodge have received the Hiram Award. "+" denotes that the member received the award from another lodge. "" denotes that the member has transitioned to the "Celestial Lodge on High"*

10/20/1974 - Anthony Manov*	11/14/1993 - Paul Krause+
01/08/1975 - Floyd Beeman*	02/18/1994 - Edward Barham+*
05/22/1979 - Chester Sanders*	04/18/1994 - Russell Stedinger+*
06/24/1980 - James Mullins*	05/10/1994 - Irving Ketels*
07/01/1980 - Arthur Perryman*	06/23/1994 - Merle Fisher*
10/08/1980 - Billy Folck*	08/25/1994 - Roger Beaman*
01/01/1981 - Everett Koontz*	02/23/1995 - Daniel Golden*
01/01/1982 - Robert Gill*	05/02/1995 - Carson Haines
07/01/1983 - Allen Weisser	02/06/1996 - Lawrence Gotelli*
07/01/1984 - Prudencio Sotelo	06/25/1996 - Gabriel Amaral+
08/01/1984 - Harry Yetter*	08/27/1996 - Arthur Pinto*
07/01/1985 - Silvano Giovannelli*	03/27/1997 - Jose Hernandez*
08/01/1986 - George Patterson*	08/30/1997 - Robert Peters
06/25/1987 - Adrianus Sneep*	09/16/1997 - Harold Keller+*
09/09/1987 - Edwin Kenyon*	06/11/1998 - Audus Watson*
02/17/1988 - Wallace Harrell*	05/13/1999 - William Ferrell
03/23/1988 - Gordon De Bruyn*	05/19/1999 - Sammy Tamez+
08/11/1988 - Emory Mumford*	09/14/1999 - Julius Kahn+
09/08/1988 - Gordon Locklear*	03/16/2000 - John Palmeri*
09/20/1988 - Gary Frisvold+	03/25/2000 - William Worthing+*
02/22/1989 - Charles Tucker*	03/17/2001 - James Basham*
05/18/1989 - Wayne Salomon*	03/24/2001 - Robert Werner+*
07/01/1989 - Edward Matraia	03/21/2002 - Thomas Rowe*
08/12/1989 - Charles Tilden*	06/27/2002 - James Petersen+*
11/14/1989 - Jack Townsend*	04/24/2003 - Charles Bishop*
01/18/1990 - Donald Schauer+	06/19/2004 - Franklin Hanna*
03/24/1990 - Irwin Fershleiser+	05/19/2005 - Kurt Allen
03/27/1990 - Roy Nelson*	12/08/2005 - William Biddell+
05/24/1990 - Donald Morris*	10/05/2006 - Robert Logan
08/24/1990 - Donald Castona*	09/15/2007 - Roy Tamez
09/18/1990 - John Hansford+*	10/27/2007 - Albert Keshishian+
09/20/1990 - Ray Turpeinen*	05/22/2008 - Robert Hansen*
06/25/1991 - William Blisard*	08/13/2009 - Mickey Benko
08/15/1991 - Andre Gravier*	10/07/2010 - John Smith
02/25/1992 - Henry Miller	11/10/2011 - Sidney Cerates*
09/29/1992 - Eugene Clough+*	03/24/2012 - Alvaro Reynoso
05/11/1993 - Kurt Jaeckel	10/20/2012 - Billy Martens+
06/29/1993 - Max Mc Guire+*	06/15/2013 - Lyman Penning
08/19/1993 - John De Poe*	10/04/2014 - Howard Marmor

In Memoriam

Carl P. Kimmich 92 years, 8 months, 7 days
 Entered into Rest February 16, 2015

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



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2015 Committees

Appointments

Audit – Kay Dunn, Robert Logan, Arnie Weinstein, David Allen

Funeral—Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Bob Pinkerton, Mike Ramos, Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

Masonic Charity - The Master and the Wardens

Masonic Hall Association—John Smith-President, Howard Marmor, Ernie Nidick, Gerald Woergoetter, Ron Reynolds, Bill Ferrell, Hank Andreotti, Brian Ross, Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment—Robert Logan

Membership Retention – Don Schauer, Sr., Bob Pinkerton

Sunshine—Ernie Nidick, Les Blake

Events

Pizza Night (3/26) - Ron Katz

Crab Feed (2/21) - Don Schauer, Roy Tamez

White Table Night (2/28) - Kem Apak, Mike Ramos

Public Schools Night (4/30) - Eric Unti, Bill Ferrell

Child ID—David Allen, Roy Tamez

Sweethearts' Event (5/3) - Phil Busch, Alex Van Stade

Feasts of Saints John, Past Masters & Festive Boards—Charles Hintz & Kem Apak

Strawberry Feed—Ron Katz, Bill Biddell

Visitation to Columbia or Old Town Sacramento Lodge—Mike Ramos, Don Schauer

Senior Warden's Picnic at Kennedy Park—Mike Ramos, Kem Apak

Hiram Award Committee Leads—Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell

Moonlight Siminoff Degree (6/5) - Mike Ramos, Alex Von Stade

Masonic Education—Mike Ramos, Kem Apak

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