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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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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- 12/02 - Saturday** - Annual Installation of Officers - 5:00 Social / 6:00 Installation / 7:15 Dinner
- 12/06 - Wednesday** - Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 12/07 - Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 12/14 - Thursday** - DARK
- 12/21 - Thursday** - DARK
- 12/23 - Saturday** - Family Christmas Party - 1:00-5:00 PM - *RSVP to the Secretary for your child(ren) & Santa will have a gift for them.*
- 12/28 - Thursday** - DARK

JANUARY

- 01/03 - Wednesday** - Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 01/04 - Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 01/11 - Thursday** - District Officers School of Instruction @ CVMC - 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 School
- 01/18 - Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM
- 01/25 - Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM
- 01/30 - Tuesday** - Hall Association Meeting - 6:30 PM
- 01/31 - Wednesday** - Officers' Meeting - 7:00 PM

Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- ◆ San Lorenzo Chapter Eastern Star No. 103 meets @ CVMC 2nd & 4th Monday (8:00 PM)
- ◆ 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 Robert Eckstein, PM—Master

Brethren:

Thank you for electing me Master. I sincerely appreciate the confidence you have placed in me to guide the Lodge in the coming year.

This year I have had many requests to bring back some old events; we will begin with the Lodge Family Christmas Party on Saturday December 23rd from 1PM to 5PM. There will be food, beverages, surprise events and Santa will make an appearance!



There will be gifts for all the kids whose parents make a reservation with our Secretary. Sorry, no reservation, no gift. Please call the Secretary. We don't want any disappointed kids.

Please bring your Lady to the December Stated Meeting Dinner and there will be something for her to do while we are in Lodge.

We have a new District Inspector Wor. Gary D Sparks. We met him at the November District Officers School of Instruction. We are looking forward to working with him.

There are more returning events coming up in 2018. Please look at the January Trestleboard for a full list.

Merry Christmas!

From the West

By Frederick Kao, PM—Senior Warden-elect

Editor's note: A Past Master of San Leandro 113, Fred lives in San Leandro with his wife, Anna. With a background in construction, Fred has been a Mason for more than 35 years. He has been a member in good standing with Crow Canyon Lodge since 2006 and has served the Grand Lodge on their Taxation & Temple Properties Committee (1992-2001). Fred is working hard to prove his proficiency to the Inspector, and will be installed officially at a later date.

From the South

By Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien—Junior Warden

Brethren and Families:

As the start of a New Year approaches, it's time again for musical chairs at the Lodge.

A bit about myself; In May of 2014,



I was raised to Master Mason here at Crow Canyon Lodge 551, which is also my father's lodge. He is a Master Mason of 61 years. Go Dad!

I've since been progressing up the line, and I'm honored to have been asked to fill the Junior Warden's Station for 2018!

I can tell you that we have many fun activities planned for the year, and as always, great times are to be had breaking bread together and continued fellowship. Stay tuned for upcoming information on the resurrected 'after lodge dinner activities' for our beautiful supporting Ladies.

Now from Labor to Refreshments...

I have it on good authority by brothers more reputable than myself that 'Uncle Roy and his Galloping Gourmets' menu for the December Stated dinner will consist of the flavors that most have come to enjoy and identify as part of this holiday season. That is of course: Ham and scalloped potatoes, Soup or Salad, and warm rolls. To finish off the meal, nothing hits that sweet spot better than apple pie.

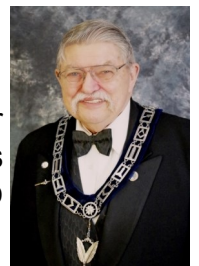
Uncle Roy promises that all who attend will be thoroughly fed-up with his cooking by the time they throw down their napkins.

Please remember that a good meal sits even better when you give it time to rest, so stay for the Stated Meeting, and support your elected officers in exemplifying ritual and conducting the business of our lodge.

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

I want to thank the members of the lodge for having the trust in me to re-elect me as your Secretary. I am looking forward to working with our new Master.



By now each of you should have your 2018 dues notices along with a self-addressed envelope. Dues for 2018 are \$109.00. All members, in order to remain in good standing, must be pay their dues by January 1, 2018. The per capita tax to the Grand Lodge for 2018-19 is \$48.75 which the lodge must pay to the Grand Lodge for each member on our rolls as of June 30, 2018, even if some of those members are not in good standing.

We now have a new corps of officers. I am sure that our new Master, Worshipful Eckstein, has a wonderful year planned for the lodge. On the back of our Installation program the Master has listed all of the events that will take place during 2018.



From January 1, 2017 to Nov 8, 2017 the lodge has lost 19 members: 10 to the Celestial Lodge above, 5 through suspension for Non-Payment of Dues, and 4 through demit. We have initiated 8 new Entered Apprentices and passed one Fellowcraft. We are planning to have two third degrees very soon.

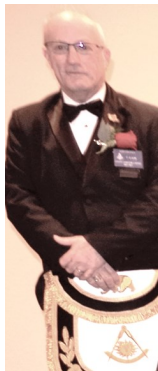
Please check this Trestleboard for the times and dates for events during the month of December. Our first big event after New Year's Eve will be our Annual Crab Feed. Due to the high cost of crab and our very poor record of making reservation, the tickets, as before, will be sold only in advance. The cost remains at \$40.00/person. For you non-crab eaters, pasta is available for \$15.00. I hope to see you there as this has always been a very well attended affair.

Audrey and I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. May our Great Creator keep you and yours safe and well.

From the North

By Alex Von Stade—Junior Past Master

Welcome to the month of December, and as such the Christmas holiday season is now upon us. Christmas tree lots will now start to sprout up throughout the Bay Area and the shopping malls will become crowded with shoppers trying to find that "perfect" present for one and all. I especially look forward to seeing the variety of Christmas lights and Christmas displays in my local neighborhood.



Besides the Christmas holiday, December marks the end of the 2017 calendar year. It is at this time that we reflect on all of the events of 2017 and look forward to 2018 and what new adventures the New Year may bring.

December also marks the end of my term as Master of the Lodge. Worshipful Eckstein has been elected to the office of Master and installed on December 2, 2017. I wish Worshipful Eckstein, as well as his officers' line, best wishes for a successful year in 2018.

Thank you



At the time of this writing, this would have been my final article as Master. I want to offer my thanks and appreciation to all of the brethren that supported me during my term. I

also want to thank each and every member of my officer's line, with their continued support, we were able to host several degrees and a variety of special events in 2017. Being Master this last year has been an unforgettable experience for me. I will now retire to the "office" of Past Master and look forward to sitting on the sidelines of the Lodge. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2018.

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Fred Avery [PM] (33)
Peter Dinos (47)

James Hooks (52)
Scott West (4)

Celebrate

December Birthdays

Bill Biddell (12/03)
Eric Unti (12/04)
Verl Rothlisberger (12/05)
Dave Baratto (12/06)
Dan Baca (12/10)
Thomas Robertson (12/11)
Robert Deleon (12/12)
Gilbert Brownfield (12/13)
Erik Hoffmann (12/13)
Blain Deaton (12/14)
Angelo Limnios (12/18)

Ron Castia (12/19)
Fred Wilson (12/19)
Norvalle May (12/22)
Clarence Teeters (12/22)
J Rafisura (12/24)
Kristoffer DeMesa (12/25)
Alex Von Stade II (12/27)
Kanti Patel (12/29)
Jose Zamora (12/29)
David Middleton (12/30)

In Memoriam



Jack H. Plummer
Entered into rest

96 Years, 4 months and 24 Days
Oct 30, 2017

Irvin Korr
Entered into rest

95 Years, 9 months and 27 Days
December 10, 2016

William J. Bain
Entered into rest

93 years 10 months and 29 days
August 6, 2017

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

Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551 presents it's

ANNUAL CRAB FEED

February 24th 2018 at 5:00P.M

4521 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley



\$40.00 per person



Non-crab eaters many enjoy all-you-can-eat pasta for \$15.00 per person.

Seating is limited to the first 150 guests - Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are available from the Lodge Secretary.

Masonic Family Corner

DeMolay - Castro Valley Chapter will have a Pancake Breakfast on January 20 from 7 AM - 11 AM at CVMC. \$10/adult - \$5/kids under 10.

DeMolay International - www.demolay.org

Northern California DeMolay - www.norcaldemolay.com

Job's Daughters - Bethel No. 1 is still recruiting. Let's come together and help strengthen our Masonic family. For those of you unsure about Jobs Daughters, we would like to share with you our purpose.

Job's Daughters is an organization that is based on giving young women qualities that will help them stand above the rest.

To become a Job's Daughter, a young lady must be between the ages of 10 to 20 years of age and have a Masonic relative (or sponsored by one). Girls who have become 9 years of age can still be a part of our organization in our Bee Hive program; Jobs Daughters 2 Bee. Job's is a Masonic sponsored club. Job's teaches young ladies about leadership, soaring above, confidence, and blooming into the leaders of tomorrow.

Please join us at Our upcoming Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 6th 2018 at 7:30pm to be held at the Castro Valley Masonic Center, located at 4521 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley. This is a formal event, ladies please no pants, hats or gloves. - A. Broussard, Junior Princess

For more information about 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.caiorg.org

Learn more at Masons4Youth.org



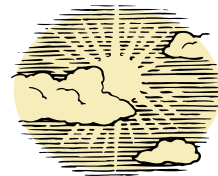
Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson, Charles Hintz, Howard Marmor, Bob Pinkerton, Corbit Ray

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer for their respective phone numbers.

If you know of a brother who is ill and could use some cheer please call Ernie or Les.



Ernie Nidick —Sunshine Chairman 925.828.6993 [email](mailto:Ernie@cc151.org)

Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [email](mailto:Les@cc151.org)

CCL551.ORG MEMBERS AREA

Our lodge website has a secured area for members only which offers several resources to help our members get the most out of their lodge experience.

One feature that Wor. Eckstein has told me is of particular interest is access to contact information of Brethren listed under Sunshine and Visiting. Here is how to access it.

Go to <https://www.ccl551.org/> and click on the MEMBERS ONLY link.

The site will prompt you to log in.

If this is your first time trying to access the member area click on

[Don't have an account? Sign up](#)

This will open a new screen giving you three options to

Sign Up. You can either type in a valid email address and create a password that you can remember, or Sign up using account information that Facebook or Google+ already know about you.

Once you complete one of the three options, the Website Admin will receive notification of your interest. I will

Sign up

<input type="text" value="Email"/>	<input type="button" value="Sign up with Facebook"/>
<input type="text" value="Password"/>	<input type="button" value="Sign up with Google+"/>
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verify that you are a member of the lodge and then grant you permanent access to this area. You will get an email, informing you that access has been granted. You can then go back to the website and enter the Member Only Area. Once there, click on the "Members Forum" link, then on the "Members in Need" link to either view, or provide information about those members. Hope this is useful!

2018 Officers

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Senior Warden-elect — Frederick Kao, P.M.
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Junior Warden—Paul Rodriguez-Obrien
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Jr. Steward—David Allen
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Eric Korbas - Castro Valley 510.823.6334

Roy Tamez - Hayward 510.537.1077 / 510.684.3047 cell

Inspector of the 317th Masonic District

Gary D. Sparks, P.M.
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2018 Committees

Executive Committee: Robert Eckstein, Fred Kao, Paul Rodriguez-Obrien, Kurt Allen, Don Schauer, George Lumm

Masonic Charity: Three Principle Officers

Sunshine & Visiting: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer

Membership Retention: Don Schauer & Robert Eckstein

Audit: Bob Pinkerton

Masonic Funeral: Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell & All Officers

Events

White Table Night: Robert Eckstein & Paul Rodriguez-Obrien

Hiram Award Festivities: Fred Kao & Robert Eckstein

Festive Boards & Feasts: Brian Ross & Glenn Sears

Crab & Pasta Feed: Don Schauer & Roy Tamez

Strawberry Feed: Ron Katz & Eric Korbas

Public Schools Night: Eric Unti & Bill Ferrell

Child ID: David Allen & Roy Tamez

Sweetheart Events: Phil Busch & Kurt Allen

Visitation: Don Schauer, Kurt Allen & Fred Kao

Masonic Formation and Education: Robert Eckstein & Fred Kao

Masonic Youth Orders

Castro Valley DeMolay—Steve Kolden—510.409.6118 [click to email](#)

Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—Helen J. Zidek [click to email](#)

Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261—Laurel M. 559.696.0746 [click to email](#)

Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—Jessica Keene 510.755.6312 [click to email](#)

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To Reserve the Building

Sorry the building is not currently available for rental.

Crow Canyon Lodge #551 December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Annual Installation of Officers
3	4	5	6 Officers' Meeting 7:00 PM	7 Stated Meeting Social 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Opening 7:30 PM	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 DARK	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 DARK	22	23 Annual Xmas Party - 1 PM - 5 PM. Santa will bring a gift for every child with a reservation. Call the Secretary to RSVP
26	27	28	29	30 DARK		