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No. 551
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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2020

- 10/01-Thursday—"Lodge Zoom Night"—Details inside.
- 10/08-Thursday-DARK
- 10/10-10/11-Saturday-Sunday-Grand Lodge Virtual-Details Inside
- 10/15-Thursday-DARK
- 10/22-Thursday-Past Master's Roll Call Zoom Meeting- 7:00 PM-
Details Inside-Meeting ID: 618-797-9982
- 10/27-Tuesday-Hall Association 7:00 PM
- 10/29-Thursday-Zoom Hiram Award - 7:00 PM - Ron Katz, PM - Zoom
Meeting ID: 618-797-9982

NOVEMBER 2020

- 11/05-Thursday—"Lodge Zoom Night"—Social: 6:30 PM/ Meeting: 7:00
PM Zoom Meeting ID: 618-797-9982
- 11/12-Thursday-DARK
- 11/19-Thursday-DARK
- 11/24-Tuesday-Hall Association 7:00 PM
- 11/26-Thursday-DARK-Happy Thanksgiving

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

CONGRATULATIONS!
Grand Master's Youth Support Award 2020
Worshipful Brother William M. Ferrell, Crow Canyon No. 551

From the East

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Master

Brethren and Families,

Now that we are in the full swing of this shelter-in-place regimen, we can see that the world will keep turning and we will continue to survive to see better days.



Planning and attending social gatherings via internet conferencing has become the norm as well, and the month of October will be no exception. We have several Zoom gatherings this month, and an award presentation that I'm sure will be a great success.

On October 10th-11th, the "171st Annual Communication" of the Grand Lodge will meet, and will consist of the legislation and the Installation of the Grand Officers.

The Saturday Business Session is open to all Master Masons and Sunday's Public Ceremonies and Installation are open to all.

Please go to the Grand Lodge website to register: <https://freemason.org/annualcommunication>.

On October 22nd at 7 PM, I'm planning the "Crow Canyon 551 Past Masters' Roll Call". This event is open to all Masons and in honor of our lodges Past Masters. A night to reminisce of their year, its triumphs and difficulties, and the up-and-coming Masons they have helped develop.



October 29th at 7:00 PM will be the celebration of W. Bro. Ron Katz's virtual Hiram Award Ceremony.

This is in recognition of a very worthy brother who tirelessly keeps our lodge and our history accessible on the World Wide Web. He also heads up the editing of our monthly Trestleboard.

I wish we could do this right (and customary) with everyone attending this momentous occasion at our lodge; enjoying each other's families and company; topped with an excellent Prime Rib Dinner with fixings prepared by our heralded W. Exec Chef Roy Tamez and his Outlaw Culinary Crew.

However we will endeavor to host a memorable presentation for Worshipful Ron via a Zoom gathering which will be open to anyone and everyone.

The "Zoom" meeting room ID for this event will be 618-797-9982. Please open your calendar and save this date and time. Come wish Ron heartfelt congratulations on a job well done!

Lastly for this article, I would like to remind my Brothers of the "Lodge Zoom Night" on November 5th. The Zoom meeting ID will be, as always: 618-797-9982. Please call

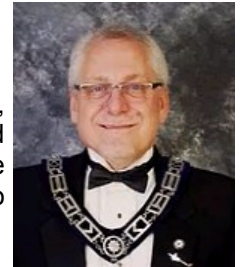
or email me if you need help connecting to our Zoom gatherings.

Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, and know that you are a valuable part of our Masonic family. We are here to help and support you in any way we can. Just reach out and call. Our phone numbers and email address are easily found within this Trestleboard.

From the West

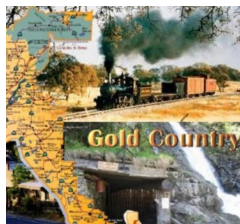
By Brian Ross—Senior Warden

Brethren, as many of you are aware, our Grand Master is from the Gold Country and has tried to bring a little of that history as it pertains to Masonry to the fore.



As I have written before, I have enjoyed the educational series put on by the Grand Lodge by video platform. I have especially enjoyed the programs involving Masonry and the California Gold Rush.

To wet my whistle, I took the time this summer to travel Highway 49 and was treated to a wealth of Masonic sites to and including the historical lodges in Sutter Creek, Mariposa, Sonora and Columbia. Thereafter, I traveled to



the Eastern Sierra and the high desert near Bridgeport, Mammoth Mountain and Mono Lake, California. Masonic history can be found deep in the hills at the ghost town in Bodie, California where the Masonic section of the old pioneer cemetery is a real treat to see. Poking around on the off-road I once again discovered the

old ghost town of [Masonic](#), a gold mining town founded by our early pioneering brothers. While marveling at the ruins, an elderly man and his wife drove up and I had the pleasure of speaking to them about the mine and its Masonic history. Come to find out, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Bishop, California. (Winnedumah Lodge #287) and was fluent in the history of our Masonic brothers in the Eastern Sierra.

On this particular visit, he was surveying the area in an effort to find "Jubal___, Jubal___ and Jubal___" mines which are said to be found somewhere in the hills nearby. What a summer!

It goes without saying again – I can't wait to get back to lodge and enjoy all of the brotherly love and friendship we all miss so much. Let's hope that our wait is about to be over!



171st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California



Be a part of the first virtual Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California, where we will do the essential business of our fraternity and celebrate our good work during this challenging year.

All Master Masons are invited to attend the business sessions of this historic virtual event, which will include video, Zoom presentations, and more. Though we'll be meeting exclusively online this year, participants will leave the weekend with a deep sense of appreciation for California Masonry and a renewed perspective of what we are capable of achieving together.

Saturday, October 10, 2020
Business Session 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday's business sessions are open to Master Masons in good standing only. **Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are invited to attend Sunday's Public Ceremonies.**

To Register:

- 1Log in to iMember 2.0 and select "My Portal".
- 2Click the "2020 Virtual Annual Communication" tile.
- 3Follow the links to register. To register, you must be in good standing.

To Access the Event:

On Saturday, October 10 you must log in to iMember 2.0 and click the Annual Communication tile to find the link to the Zoom meeting. The business session will be hosted on Zoom. Be sure that your computer can access Zoom prior to October 10. You can download Zoom at [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us).

Sunday, October 11
Public Ceremonies and Installation 9:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

All Masons, our entire Masonic family, and the general public are invited to watch the Public Ceremonies on Sunday. Hear from Grand Master John Trauner, enjoy an inspirational message from the Grand Chaplain, and listen to speeches from youth order leaders across California. Watch as the new Grand Master of Masons in California is installed.

The link to the Public Ceremony will be [posted on this page](#) just prior to the event on Sunday morning.

Make sure and [review the video reports](#) from the Grand Lecturer, Grand Chaplain, Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor, Jobs Grand Honored Queen, DeMolay Master Councilor NCDA.

Past Masters' Virtual Roll Call

On Thursday, October 22nd, the Worshipful Master has schedule a Past Masters' Virtual Roll Call. What is it? Who can attend?

The Past Masters' Roll Call is an annual tradition of our Lodge. At the event, which is usually a stag (men-only) dinner, the Secretary reads a list of all living Past Masters and the names of the brethren who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in their year.



For all Past Masters present there is an opportunity to reminisce about their year, and the others present can also share their recollection.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the lodge you are a member of.

This event is open to all Masons (Entered Apprentice though Master). Come join the (virtual) fun!



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

David Allen (8)	Lyman Penning [PM] (45)
Dave Baratto (24)	Robert Pinkerton [PM] (21)
Barry Bookman (30)	Russell Porter (55)
Harold Brooke [PM] (57)	Rowell Prosser (10)
Brian Brunckhorst (20)	Dale Reynolds (37)
Phillip Busch (12)	Robert Saks (67)
Andrew Hawes (1)	Michael Schaffer [PM] (44)
Richard Keihner (41)	Elmer Seutter (51)
Delbert Kraft (45)	David Stevenson (52)
Glen Lane (51)	William Strain (64)
Royle Langton (65)	Eric Unti (12)
Paul Leiber Jr. (65)	Alan West [PM] (32)
Martin Nilson Jr. (53)	

October Birthdays

Herbert Freeman (10/03)	James Luque (10/21)
Gerald Woergoetter (10/04)	Guy Phillips (10/25)
Billy Bryant (10/05)	Jonathan Prestage (10/25)
Scotty Stroup (10/05)	Danny Lee (10/26)
Johnnie Albanese (10/07)	Austin Rhee (10/29)
Allen Weisser (10/07)	Victor Smalley (10/31)
Areo Comonal (10/10)	
Robert Wagle (10/10)	
Victor VandenBerghe (10/11)	
Ronald Meissner (10/12)	
Jimmy Burns (10/17)	
Pat Quinn (10/17)	
Larry Russell (10/19)	
Michael Schaffer (10/19)	



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2020 Committees

2020 Appointments

Audit: Mick Bowers

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Child ID: David Allen, and Perry Klahr

Crab Feed: Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

Executive Committee: Robert Eckstein, PM, Paul Rodriguez, Brian Ross, Kurt Allen, PM, and Don Schauer

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Lodge App: Robert Eckstein, PM

Masonic Education: TBD

Masonic Funeral: Kurt Allen, PM, Bill Ferrell, PM

Masonic Hall Association: Pat Quinn

Masonic Homes Endowment: Don Schauer

Masons for Mitts: Kurt Allen, PM

Membership Retention: Don Schauer & Robert B. Eckstein, PM

Picnic: Don Schauer and Roy Tamez, PM

Printing and Mailings: Don Schauer

Strawberry Feed: Ron Katz, PM and Perry Klahr

Sunshine & Visiting: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Sweethearts Committee: Perry Klahr, Mick Bowers, and Guy Phillips

Visitation / Traveling Degree : Kurt & Wynn Allen, and Don Schauer

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM

White Table Night: J Rafisura

Masonic Youth Orders

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

Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—Heidi Kolden -
510.693.1385 [click to email](#)

Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261—Joy Molina 510.754.4983 [click to email](#)

Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1—Katie Bardwell 925.918.1675 [click to email](#)

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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 Japan; Singapore; Bratislava, Slovakia; Shimia, India; Chiang Mai, Thailand; Tulsa, OK; Skopje, North Macedonia; Bladensburg, MD; Athens, Greece; Coutou, Benin; Sugar Land, TX; Boardman, OR; Grovetown, GA; Moka, Mauritius; Bethlahem, PA; West Monroe, LA



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