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# Trestleboard

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No. 551  
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## Appendant Bodies Meeting Schedules

- ◆ 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 Ron Katz, P.M.—Worshipful Master



I truly didn't know how excited I would be to sit in the Oriental Chair again, but I must say I am thoroughly fired up!

I can't believe the caliber of men who are stepping into our lodge and stepping up to leadership . . . it has me totally floored. This lodge is on a positive roll and I am jazzed to have the opportunity to hold the wheel, if only for a short time.

We want to communicate (even over-communicate) with every member of the lodge. That is fairly easy to do with our members who are in touch electronically (through email, calendar invites, calendar subscriptions, blogs, websites, apps, etc.) but a little more challenging for some of our more distinguishing brethren. That is where I need YOUR help.

If you are connected to the lodge electronically, even if you are at too great a distance from the lodge to show up often or even at all, you can do a small part to help me achieve our hyper-communication vision.

How you ask? Would you be willing to call 2-3 local brethren near you each time you get a notice about something happening at the lodge and just say "hi"? Not much to ask. I am looking for just a few volunteers for what I am calling the "indissoluble chain" (much cooler than a phone tree, don't you think!) Are you willing to help, email me at [rstephen94545@yahoo.com](mailto:rstephen94545@yahoo.com) for more details.

What's going on with the roof, Wor. Katz? We have a set of plans and a scope of work. We have gone out to bid. By the time you read this the contractor will have been selected and the repair work is getting started. All of the trusses will be double-sheared and the roof will be recovered with a insulated foam and resloped for better water run off. We will have to do some minor upgrades to the parking lot as well to be up to date with ADA standards. Targeted completion date . . . March or April 2014.

In the meanwhile, we are going to do lots and lots and lots of degree work, and bring in lots and lots and lots of new, sharp, excited members who don't know any better than to hold meetings in a dining room. *And when the whole building is completed, it's several pieces will fit together with such exact nicety that it will have more the appearance of the handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, than that of human hands.* Onward and Upward!

## From the West

By Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Senior Warden



Since this is the January edition of the Trestleboard, let me first wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year! I hope you had a nice Christmas (or holiday season if you prefer). Even though we have members who don't celebrate Christmas in the traditional manner this season is still a good time to take a break to visit family and renew relations with those who are loved ones, whether they be family or friends. I am thankful for my family, they are always there for me. I am equally thankful for the friends I have made in Lodge and in the various Masonic affiliations I belong to. I truly do not

know where I would meet such wonderful, caring, upright people, people who practice what they preach, matching their life's actions with the words they proclaim.

We now have most of our new line of Officers installed, and will, probably, be installing the rest at our next Stated Meeting. Please come and support them as you have done for the rest of the officers. I would like to congratulate Wor. Ron Katz being installed as Master of the Lodge for the 2014 Masonic year. I also want to thank the Brethren for allowing me to be seated in the West. Just as importantly, I would like to give my best wishes and regards to our new Junior Warden, Mike Ramos; our new Senior Deacon, Kem Apak; and our new Junior Deacon, Alex Von Stade II. Hopefully our Senior Steward, Brian Ross; and our Junior Deacon, Gerald (Jerry) Garcia continue to follow in their footsteps. These are the officers that have committed to go through the line. It will not be long before we have a line of officers in the chairs that consists of non-Past Masters. The thought of this tickles me to no end. These brothers, with the support and guidance of the Past Masters and brethren, are the future of our Lodge and I believe will make our Lodge even better and stronger in the upcoming years.

Wor. Katz delivered a very fine speech during our installation entitled "The Elevator to Success is Broken, You Will Have to Take the Stairs". If you missed it at Installation, or just want to see it recreated, I found the link to it on you tube. Go to <http://youtu.be/8f7jOY7AkGA>. Thank you Wor. Katz. (You can also find a link to it on the Crow Canyon website—<http://tiny.cc/551news>. Please take the time to look at it. It is very well written and inspiring.

We have a lot of degrees coming up. We have done many first degrees in 2013, and now have quite a few 2nd and 3rd degrees coming up in 2014. Please check the calendars published in this Trestleboard and come and support these new Masons as they advance in Masonry.

Finally, (but certainly not least) I wish to Congratulate Wor. Kjell Bomark-Noel, on becoming our newest Junior Past Master.

## Inspiring Words

By Irwin M Fershleiser, Chaplin, P.M., H.A.



A new year is now upon us. I sit here with pen in hand wondering what to write. By this time you have been wished "Happy New Year" many times, and it makes me ask why Happy New Year? Why don't we wish Happy All Year? Are we supposed to be happy only on that one day? I think not! So let me be the first to wish you Happy All Year!

By the way what is this about? Now that we have a new year we have a new beginning – remember only the date changed instead of thinking of it as a new beginning. Why not improve upon the old – you are you, I am I, and we are we – that does not change.

So on this new year, try to be a better you – I know I will – and together we will all have a happy year all of 2014.

Live with hope – keep the faith – have a heart full of love. And with God's help we will have the kind of year we all pray for. God Bless!

## From the South

By Michael Ramos—Junior Warden

Brethren,

Being that our Lodge's refreshments fall within the duties of the Junior Warden, I felt it appropriate that my first communication from this Station should be a small note on that subject.

From time immemorial, as far as Freemasons are concerned, refreshments and fellowship have been essential elements at our ancient & honorable fraternity's gatherings. So much so, that common practice in the early 18th century dictated that many Lodges met but once a year on St. John the Evangelist's Feast Day.

Such as today, the winter and summer Feasts of the St. John's are Ancient Masonic Landmarks where the Brethren, in spirit of fellowship and goodwill, enjoyed good food and fine refreshments - I feel just as strongly about the meals and refreshments served to the Brethren on a regular basis!

So with this being said, I give you my bond that I will work hard for our Lodge as Junior Warden, and I am honored that you have faith in my abilities to carry out the various tasks associated with this Station. As Masons, our first and most important care is to make good Masons by way of education and enlightenment. When Masonry is practiced in due and ancient form, we are truly the furthest thing from a glorified dining club. I hope all those Brothers that are regular attendees at our monthly dinners and feasts will try even harder this year to be regular attendees at our Degrees.

I will be making my rounds to start a "Regulars" list, to better enable us to prepare the proper amount of meals for each stated meeting. If you'd like your name on this list, please contact me via email or let me know when you see me in person at the next Stated Meeting.

Let us look forward to another blessed Masonic year, whether at work or at refreshment.

## Birthdays

**Happy January Birthday to** Charles Hintz (01); William Warnecke (01); Frank Thrall (03); Keith Dilliplane (05); Stoney Glover (08); Justin King (08); Martin Nilson (08); Gregory Rapp PM (08); Leonard Reisfelt (08); Albert Bolli (09); Randy Daniels (12); Gerald Garcia (12); Jorge Hernandez (13); Mark Kahn (13); Albert Thomas (13); Travis Harris PM (15); Geoffrey Linder (15); David Stevenson (17); Kurt Allen PM (18); Arthur Hinds (20); Paul Makela (20); Franklin Rees (20); Wilfred Salmon (20); Jack Tornio (20); Guy Davenport (22); Theodore Moehnke (22); Frederick Kao PM (23); Billy Martens PM (25); Daniel Stewart (25); Kemalettin Apak (26); James Johnston (27); Louie Garcia (28); Johnnie Laney (28); John Davenport PM (29); John Hardesty (29); Delbert Kraft (29); Gene Tague (29); Ronald Nobriga (30); Gary Frisvold (31); Arnold Weinstein (31)

\*\**Birthday in parentheses*



## From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

Our Installation was one of the finest and classiest I have attended in a long time! Kudos to our Master and the team! Now that our installation is behind us, we are preparing for an exceptional New Year. Although we are still not in our lodge room, we are now "seeing the light at the end of the tunnel." It looks like we will be in there in March 2014. As of December 9th, Crow Canyon has 385 Master Masons, Fellowcraft and Entered Apprentices. Of those: 82 have life memberships, 25 dues have been remitted and 135 members have paid their 2014 dues. There are still 143 members owing for 2014 of those there are 39 have not paid for 2013. Please check your dues receipt! Are you current?

Since January 1, 2013, nineteen (19) of our members have entered the Celestial Lodge above.

At the December Stated Meeting, we elected Jorge Hernandez for affiliation as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

One new application was read for membership from Mr. Alexander Gauthier. A letter was read from the Grand Master asking all California Lodges to help the victims of typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The hat was passed around and \$700.00 was collected for the typhoon relief project.

We are starting to see younger applicants. The average age of our lodge member is 68.55 years. Of the 29 Entered Apprentices, 46.55 years is the average. Of the 6 Fellowcraft, 31.17 years is the average. Of the 350 Master Masons, 71.01 years is the average.

It's good to see that younger men are showing interest in the craft! Now that winter is upon us, please be safe and drive carefully. With the shorter days and early dark, don't hesitate to ask for a ride to our Stated Meetings. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



## Sunshine and Visiting

The following brothers could use a cheer-up phone call, a card or a home visit.

Mark Castile, Vernon Cummins, Charles Goodwin, George Hess, James Hooks, Robert Keller, Gordon Kolsch, Irving Korr, Clyde Lyeria, Don McEvers, William McHugh

If you know of an ailing brother or Masonic widow who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret.

**Ernie Nidick, Committee Chairman (925) 828-6993**

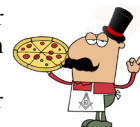


## Masonic Family Corner

The fifth Thursday in January is our Family Pizza Night—bring your wife, kids, grandkids, along with your local DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow, and Eastern Star to celebrate our family.

After dinner we might play some family board games, or maybe do a little singing to the Karaoke machine.

Socialize at 5:30. Dinner at 6:15. This event is compliments of Crow Canyon Lodge. Nothing to bring but a big appetite!



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## 2014 Committees

### Appointments

**Audit**— Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein

**Funeral**—Bob Pinkerton, Ron Katz, Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez, Kay Dunn, Eugene Moore, Charles Hintz, David Allen, Kem Apak, Alex Van Stade

**Masonic Charity** - The Master and the Wardens

**Masonic Hall Association**—John Smith-President

**Masonic Homes Endowment**—Robert Logan

**Membership Retention**— Don Schauer, Sr.

**Sunshine**—Ernie Nidick / Les Blake

### Event Committees

**Pizza Night** (1/30/14)—Michael Ramos / Daniel Lee

**Crab Feed** (2/8/14)- Henry Miller / Kay Dunn

**Dinner/Dance** (3/8/14)— Michael Ramos/ Roy Tamez / Howard Marmor

**Public Schools Night** (April TBA) - Eric Unti

**Reno Trip** (April TBA) – Lyman Penning

**Kids ID** (5/17-5/18/14, 9/13-9/14/14) - Sammy Tamez / Roy Tamez / John Gordon

**Sweetheart Event** (6/1/14) - Phil Busch / Alex Von Stade

**Feast of St. John** (12/21/13, 3/15/14, 6/21/14, 9/20/14) - Charles Hintz/ Michael Ramos / Stephen Kinsman

**Strawberry Feed** (7/20/14) – Brian Ross/ Jerry Garcia/ David Allen

**Visitation** (August TBA)— Lyman Penning / Eugene Moore

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## In Memoriam

**Charles Bishop**—Entered Into Rest October 26th, 2013

**Melvin Huckins**—Entered Into Rest April 22nd, 2013

**Burton Pearce**—Entered Into Rest October 5th, 2013

**Alfred Silverstein**—Entered Into Rest July 13th, 2013

**Richard Skewis**—Entered Into Rest July 8th, 2013

**Vernon Sullivan**—Entered Into Rest October 18th, 2013

*Almighty Father, Great Architect of the Universe, into thy hands we commend the souls of our dear departed brothers.*

## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

**Amato**, Peter (55); **Bitter Jr.**, Henry (50); **Erman**, John (24); **Ferrell**, William PM (32); **Field**, Marshall (48); **George**, Craig (32); **Gottardi**, Joseph (49); **Hamilton**, Roger (37); **Hansen**, Howard (65); **Herron**, Clarence (45); **Hibbs**, Forrest PM (61); **Hinds**, Arthur (17); **Jaeckel**, Kurt PM (54); **King**, Justin (5); **Linder**, Geoffrey (1); **Newman**, Raymond (23); **Orr**, Gary (28); **Orzell**, Alfred (59); **Parinas**, Mark (4); **Rodger**, David PM (64); **Russell Jr.**, Frank (32); **Samelson**, Jerome (27); **Smith Jr.**, Charles (60); **Smith**, John (11); **Tamez**, Sammy PM (33); **Teixeira**, John (14); **Zamora**, Jose PM (37)

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# January 2014

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				5:30pm 10:00pm Stated Meeting (CVMC) -		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				7:00pm 9:30pm 2nd Degree Practice		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				7:00pm 9:30pm 2nd Degree- Bro. Hoffman & Bro. Cook (4521 Crow canyon rd)		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				7:00pm 10:00pm 2nd degree - Bro. L. Garcia and Bro. Sahota (4521 crow canyon rd)		
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
		7:00pm 10:00pm DMPS		5:00pm 8:00pm Pizza Night		

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## February 2014

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Jan 26 - Feb 1		Feb 2 - 8		Feb 9 - 15		Feb 16 - 22		Feb 23 - Mar 1	
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