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Trestleboard

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Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551

F&AM of California

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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2019

MAY 2019

- 04/03-Wednesday - Officers Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 04/04-Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM - Inspector's Official Visit
- 04/11-Thursday - District Officers (DOSI) @ Crow Canyon - 7:00 PM
- 04/18-Thursday - Public Schools Night - 6:00 PM
- 04/20-Saturday - Sweethearts' Event - 10:00 AM
- 04/23-Tuesday - Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 04/25-Thursday - 1st Degree - Mr. Ted Rucker (if elected at Stated) -7:00 PM. 6:30 light meal.

SAVE THE DATE

Lodge Visitation to Carmel - Saturday-Sunday - October 12-13

- 05/01-Wednesday-Officers Meeting-7:00 PM
- 05/02-Thursday-Stated Meeting-Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM-Inspector's Official Visit
- 05/09-Thursday-Practice or Degree-7:00 PM
- 05/11-Saturday-Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade-Come march with us! 8:00 AM
- 05/14-Wednesday-District Officers (DOSI) @ Crow Canyon-7:00 PM
- 05/16-Thursday-Practice or Degree-7:00 PM
- 05/18-Saturday & 05/19-Sunday-Child ID Program @ Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade-9:00 AM-5:00 PM
- 05/23-Thursday-50 Year Celebration-Bro. Stan Clifton-6:00 PM
- 05/28-Tuesday-Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting-7:00 PM
- 05/28-Thursday-Family Potluck-6:00 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

March was a busy month. Your officers attended a DeMolay Chapter and Rainbow Assembly meeting. We can enthusiastically say both youth orders are working hard and have excellent adult leadership. They represent Crow Canyon Lodge very well.



On March 20th the Lodge hosted the National Sojourners who did their "Building-the-Flag" program for DeMolay, Rainbow, Jobs Daughters, and the Boy Scouts. The Officers served over 80 attendees chicken nuggets, french fries, mac and cheese, and ice cream. It was an inspiring night. On Saturday, March 23rd the officers and Officers Coach started their day with a delicious pancake breakfast put on by our DeMolay. You could not find a better \$10 meal anywhere in Castro Valley. We then went to a Masonic Funeral Master Class and four of us were certified by our District Inspector.

At our April Stated Meeting, if all the investigators submit their favorable reports, we will vote upon the application of Mr. Ted J. Rucker, of Castro Valley, to receive the degrees of Masonry. If elected he will receive his first degree on April 25th. Don't forget we serve a light dinner before the degree.

On Thursday, April 18th we will hold our Annual Public Schools Event where we will honor two teachers with a dinner, award, and an honorarium for their meritorious service to the children of Castro Valley. If you plan to attend this fun evening, please contact the Jr. Warden to make dinner reservations.

April is Public Schools Month



On Saturday, April 20th we will honor the Lodge Sweethearts with a brunch and "Canvas and Cabernet" painting party. We sent invitations to all our Masonic Widows so if you did not receive yours in the mail, please contact me or the Secretary. All Brothers and wives are welcome to attend but reservations are a must.

Your Senior Officers ended March by attending the Master & Wardens Leadership Retreat on March 29th, 30th, and 31st. "Retreat" is a bit of a misnomer because it was a working weekend all around. Even the lunches and dinner were working events. We discussed and prioritized many ideas, and future challenges, which will benefit our Lodge for many years to come.

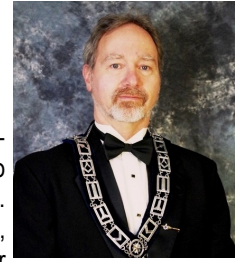
While your Officers are meeting and working hard for the future of the Lodge, we encourage you to do your part. When was the last time you came to Lodge for a dinner, degree, event, or Stated Meeting? Please review your calendars and make a commitment to visit your Lodge once this year, if you are able. As Friendship and Brotherly Love help define us, stop by and share the fun.

The Sportsman's Club is working on a Salmon Fishing Trip, details to follow. For later in the year we have confirmed with Carmel Lodge that we will hold a Visitation on Saturday, October 12th. We will perform a degree, there will be a Ladies event, and a dinner. We will setup rooming should you wish to make it a get-away weekend. Please mark your calendar.



From the West

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Senior Warden
My Brothers,



As you once asked a Mason how do you become one, you may have (or had) the honor to sponsor a new brother into our fraternity. There will be many questions of both of you, so here are a few answers from our go-to for all things Masonry; Freemasonry.org.

Many men who come to our fraternity say that they are looking for three things: To form true friendships; to learn and improve themselves and to make a difference. Here are some conversations to have with your Prospect.

Explain what Masonry is.

- Masonry is the world's first and largest fraternity
- We are a brotherhood of like-minded men who genuinely care about each other.
- We develop lifelong friendships with fellow Masons and their families.
- Masons believe that each man has a responsibility to help make the world a better place. We work to improve ourselves, our brothers, our families, our communities, and our future.
- Most importantly, speak from your heart. Let them know what Masonry is to you, and why you became a Mason.

Explain the process of becoming a Mason.

- Explain to your prospect that the process of becoming a Mason will take 6 to 12 months of getting to know one another and building friendships.
- Talk about the time commitment as a candidate and as a member.
- Financial obligations. IE: Application fees (currently \$404), and yearly dues (currently \$111).
- If your prospect has questions that you don't know the answer to, feel free to get back to him at a later time or to reach out to any of the Lodge Officers for more information. Our contact information is within this Trestleboard.

These questions to ask your Prospect will address their intent to join, and reveal character and interests:

- Why do you want to become a Mason?
- What do you want to learn from Masonry?
- What are your expectations of membership?
- How do you spend your leisure time?
- How are you currently involved in the community (or how would you like to be more involved)?
- Do you see yourself participating in our lodge as someone who creates and manages events, or as someone who plays a supporting role?

- Do you currently have, or are you interested in developing, deep friendships with people significantly older or younger than you?

Next Steps

- Encourage your prospect to meet with other members of the lodge; connect him with members who can provide more information, or who may have similar interests.
- Invite your prospect (and his spouse/partner, if applicable) to attend a lodge event or stated meeting dinner as your guest. Suggest ways that he can volunteer or participate.
- If you feel that another nearby lodge might also be a good fit for him, offer to connect him to that lodge's master or secretary.
- Invite him to reach out to any of the Lodge officers for more information. Our contact information is within this Trestleboard.

Thank you! Your efforts to get to know your prospect will help him make the best choice for himself and will help our lodge admit members who are the best fit for us all.

From the South

By Brian Ross—Junior Warden

For those who do not know, I have Kjell Borkmark-Noel (PM) to thank for my decision to take the Masonic journey. On account of his persistence in helping me discover the light - I'm forever indebted.



Kjell is now one of approximately 300 residents of the Masonic Home in Union City where he lives and receives post-stroke care. His membership in our fraternity has been invaluable to him as he daily receives the services and support he needs and likely could not afford. The medical personnel and facility are second to none and the Home itself is a well-run, warm place to live for any who might be fortunate to reside there.

As many of you know, the Masonic Homes were created in 1898 to assist widows and orphans of Masons. They now offer homes to our brethren and their widows designed to maximize their quality of life. Not to mention – the premises



are very pleasing to the eyes as you meander up to that old brick building from Mission Boulevard sitting atop 267 acres of rolling East Bay hills. Wildlife is found all over the grounds, like turkeys, deer, and even wild pigs roam freely for all to see. As a matter of fact, Kjell loves sitting in his room watching the hummingbirds feed on his feeders and the deer chewing on the grass outside his sliding glass door.

With that - I strongly suggest that those who have not done so – go walk the grounds of the Masonic Home. It is a treasure that you might well need one day. April's Stated Meeting Roy will be cooking up breaded chicken. That young cowboy sure can cook! See you there!

A History of Our Lodge

By Bill Ferrell—Assistant Secretary

As pointed out last issue, Crow Canyon #551 is the result of the merger of eight lodges. Last month we looked at Bay No. 401.

Fremont Lodge No.497 - The History of Fremont Lodge No. 497 runs

back to September 8, 1920, when fifteen brethren held the first of a series of four preliminary meeting in the home of Henry Howard Caldwell.

At this meeting, the brethren voted to give their proposed Lodge the name "Fremont." Then they elected James Spencer Sullivan its first Master; Chester Culwell Morris, Senior Warden; Henry Howard Caldwell, Junior Warden.

At the second, third and fourth meeting, held respectively in the homes of Hiram Eugene Miller, Chester Culwell Morris, and Roy Gustav Lucks, they handled all other organizational matters. On December 1, 1920, Grand Master Rodden, issued their dispensation. That same evening, Inspector Granville Warren of the 32nd Masonic District instituted their Lodge in the Fruitvale Masonic Temple.

Fremont Lodge received its charter October 13, 1921, and was jointly constituted in the San Francisco Masonic Temple with Lebanon, Roosevelt, Sunnyvale, and Cupertino Lodges by Grand Master Burke the following day.

During its organizational period, the founders of Fremont Lodge subscribed \$5 each intended to "pay for any entertainment expense that might arise." This taught them the valuable lesson of forethought in all financial matters - and 'to pay as you go."

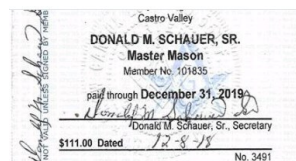
Consequently, their lodge has always been in excellent financial condition. Save two minor setbacks in 1933 and 1936, Fremont Lodge's annual returns to Grand Lodge have never shown a net loss. They had otherwise climbed steadily from 50 members in 1921 to 462 by the beginning of 1949. Fremont Lodge's first regular meeting place was the Fruitvale Masonic Temple at 34th Avenue and East 14th Street. After several moves, they merged with Tri-square No. 551 on October 1, 1986.

Our Lodge Library has a copy of "50 Years of Fremont Lodge No. 497, F. & A. M." showcasing Past Masters from 1921 to 1970 which is currently in our secretary's archives.

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

Does your dues card look like the picture below? If not you are in danger of being suspending for nonpayment of dues. If you are suspended and then pay your dues your time starts all over again. For you or your family to receive benefits from the Masonic Home, Outreach program you must remain in good standing for 5 years. Don't fall behind It amounts to .30 ¢ per day. Where else can you find insurance like that? Plus you lose all right as Masons, and we don't want that to happen.



So look at the copy of my dues receipt above, then look at yours. Are the dates the same. If they are not, you are having a problem, give me a call at 510-258-0654 I will be more than glad to help you. Never lose sight of the fact that we all *brothers and we take care of each other.*

April Birthdays

Robert Fabel (04/02)
Donald Goodman (04/04)
Bruce Tellardin (04/05)
Craig George (04/08)
Steven Kolden (04/08)
Richard Keihner (04/11)
George Lumm (04/13)
Jim Gibbon (04/15)
Ron Katz (04/15)

Ernest Nidick Jr.(04/15)
Robert Peters (04/18)
Ronald Bessette (04/19)
William Christensen (04/19)
Jeffrey Hansen (04/23)
Cy Sidun (04/25)
Henry Miller Jr.(04/26)
Leonard Suokko (04/26)

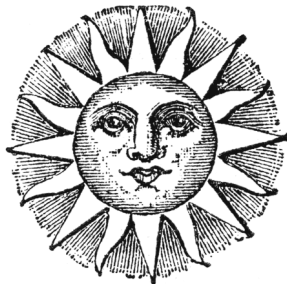
Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson, George Christensen, Gary Frisvold, Charles Hintz, Woody Hibbs

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer or check our members' only website 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 [click to email](#)
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [click to email](#)



In Memoriam

Carson Haines 97 Years 6 months and 6 days
Entered into rest March 9, 2019

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



FOR OUTSTANDING MASONIC SERVICE

The Hiram Award may be awarded up to one time per year by a lodge to recognize outstanding Masonic Service.

You can view a list of our recipients on our website at:
<https://www.ccl551.org/recognition>.



The Master is summoning all Hiram Award Recipients to meet the Building Management Office immediately before April's Stated Meeting to make your recommendations to the Master for the 2019 Hiram Award Designee. If you are unable to attend contact Wor. Kurt Allen prior to the meeting.

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Roger Accurso (4)
Leslie Blake (53)
Christopher Boggess (13)
James Brown (42)
Charles Cammerer (43)
Gregory Cooper (32)
Robert Douglas (43)
Roy Eddy (70)
Michael Gallico (13)
Ronald Garcia (53)

Donald Goodman (60)
Gary Hughes [PM] (30)
Julius Kahn III [PM] (45)
Alan Kenyon [PM] (37)
John Kralovansky (39)
George Lumm [PM] (26)
Robert Marshall (63)
Donald Schauer Sr. (49)
Gerald Woergoetter [PM] (26)

MASONIC FAMILY CORNER

Hello! My name is Bridgette H; I am the Librarian of Bethel No. 1 Dublin. I am 11 years old and I joined our Bethel in 2017!

My favorite part of Job's Daughters is working at the Crab Feeds and all the fun activities I get to attend with my Bethel sisters! In my family, my Great- Great Grandfather was a Mason.

We have a lot planned for our 2019 spring term! We are super excited for our initiation on April 10th where we will be initiating four new girls, including one of our JD2 Bees!

Right now, our Bethel is also selling See's Candy to raise funds for our future activities and would appreciate any support. As for events that are coming up, on Friday, May 10th we will have our Annual Spaghetti Feed and Silent Auction at the Livermore Shrine Event Center! The Bethel is currently selling tickets in advance through our Junior Princess, Sophia Amato! The Bethel is working very hard and it is always a super fun event, so we really appreciate everyone's support!

DEMOLAY SQUIRES



*Do you know a young man between the ages of
9 and 11?*

*Did you know that they do not have to wait to
join the DeMolay Experience?*

Join us on April 15th at 6pm at
The Castro Valley Masonic Center

To learn more.

2019 Officers

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2019 Committees

2019 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—Laurel M. 559.696.0746 [click to email](#)

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

DeMolay - demolay.org

Jobs Daughters - jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls - gorainbow.org



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April 2019

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7	8	9	10	11 District Officers' School of Instruction @ Crow Canyon Lodge Opening 7:00 PM	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 :Public Schools' Night - 6:00 PM - Call Secretary for Reserva- tions	19	20 Sweetheart's Brunch / 'Canvas & Caber- net Painting Party - 11 AM
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