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Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551
F&AM of California
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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



Appendant Bodies Meeting Schedules

- Lake Chabot Chapter Eastern Star meets at CVMC 1st & 3rd Friday (8:00 PM) <http://lakechabot103oes.org/>
- Castro Valley DeMolay meets at Castro Valley Masonic Center (CVMC) 1st & 3rd Monday (7:30 PM)
- Unity Assembly Rainbow No. 65 meets at 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

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* We have the honor of conferring three 3rd degrees this month!

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 31	Thr 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
		Practice		Stated Meeting		
4	5	6	7	8 Practice	9	10
11	12	13 District School of Instruction	14	15 3rd Degree Bro. Wilkinson	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 3rd Degree Bro. Lee	23	24
25	26	27 DMPS	28	29	30	31 3rd Degree Bro. Gordon

Practice (July 30th):

7:00PM Third degree first section.

Officers Mandatory, all Master Masons welcome.

Stated Meeting (August 1th):

Social 5:30 PM/ Dinner (Chicken cordon bleu) 6:15 PM/ Meeting 7:00 PM—Business meeting will be held on the 1st Degree (All Masons welcome to attend) - \$10.00/person—Widows and prospective members are guests of the Lodge.

Practice (August 8th):

7:00PM Third degree second section.

Officers Mandatory, all Master Masons welcome.

District School of Instruction (August 13th):

Refreshments at 6:30PM, Class at 7:00PM. Officers Mandatory. 2nd degree, opening & 1st section practice.
At Pleasanton Lodge #321, 3370 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 94588.

3rd Degree Bro. Tony Wilkinson (August 15th):

7:00PM Third degree conferral

All Master Masons welcome.

3rd Degree Bro. Daniel Lee (August 22nd):

6:30PM Lodge will open for Bro. Lee's 2nd degree proficiency, 7:00PM Third degree conferral.

All Master Masons welcome.

3rd Degree Bro. John Gordon (August 31st):

1:00PM Third degree conferral. **At Fort Bragg.**

All Master Masons welcome.

Dead Masonic Poet Society (August 27th):

Meeting 7:00 PM. At the Lodge.

All Masons welcome.

From the East

By Kjell Bomark-Noel, Worshipful Master

Brethren, this day of July in the afternoon, finds me sitting here and reflecting on the state of affair of our

Physical Lodge. I have hoped that we would have news of scope of work, permits obtained and necessary contractors working. Well maybe some other month. I do believe it is flowing in the right directions with good men assigned to the right positions in the best interest of the Lodge.

However, that Lodge not made with hands eternal in the Heavens, is always there and thus we all have a place to give our devotions and thanks.

Last month I wrote about my belief that a prayer for an event or something to happen within our control requires an action by us. The farmer may pray for rain and the person with a short vacation in the mountains, woods and forests may pray for nice weather as it is one thing rain brings in the great outdoors, and that my friend, is mosquitoes. True, mosquitoes are food for many species, but I do not personally want to be on their menu.

So a farmer and a vacationer may have conflicting prayers These are examples of prayers that, I maintain, do not require an action and thus are just to comfort the soul in devotions to the Supreme one.

But if you pray for something to happen within your control, that prayer, I maintain, requires an action. As we say: "before any great or important undertaking we should kneel for the benefit of prayer". This then sets in swing in our minds to prepare to take guidance, however sublimely, and open our minds to suggestions to succeed. As we say "when human strength and wisdom fail Devine assistance is promised us through the medium of prayer."

This assurance to us is universal in nearly all faiths. Even the Norsemen knew this when they prayed for guidance from Odin. By the way, there are many things said about the Vikings, but one thing is for sure, they were very spiritual in their faith with a strong sense of justice and afterlife.

We as Masons are group of men of many faiths.

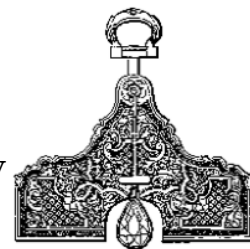


Jesus is said to have stated: "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and also trust in me" (John 14:1 NLT). A wise person once wrote: "Miracles are not about the perfect prayer: Miracles are about what happens when we welcome God's presence and power into our situations and our lives." Linda Shepherd wrote in her book *When You Need a Miracle*, "Sadly, a person who has knowledge about God's fame but has never taken the time to connect with him through prayer or pursue forgiveness of sins...does not have a relationship with him" So gentleman and brethren I leave you with this thought: from John: " Yet , oh Lord! Have compassion on the Children of thy creation; administer them comfort in time of trouble; and save them with an everlasting salvation.

From the West

By Ron Katz, Senior Warden, P.M.

Things are starting to get busy after our July break. At the end of August we will have three new Master Masons. Next month, the door of Freemasonry opens to several more who seek to move from darkness to light.



The lodge continues to build, to grow and to thrive. And there are signs that our building will be restored to its grandeur at some time in the not too distant future (especially in respect to the life of the lodge, having been chartered nearly 100 years ago.)

I want to go on record as stating that our current Master, Wor. Bomark-Noel, is the right person for the lodge at this time. He has been instrumental in pushing forward that which needed to be done to get this gargantuan repair of our building started. Thanks to his efforts, and those of our tireless Temple Board, progress is being made. I personally do not have the knowledge of the law, construction, or countless other things that are necessary to do what Wor. Kjell has started. We all have our strengths, and it is great to have Kjell's strength in the Oriental Chair at this time in our history. Thank you.

We are starting to look toward next year and

beyond, and several of our most dedicated brothers have expressed interest in positions of leadership. As Senior Warden, I plan to run for Master at the end of the year, and I am so proud that the lodge has the support of these enthusiastic brethren.

Leadership positions in the lodge are just a small part of what it takes to make this lodge run smoothly. What is so great are our countless volunteers who step up to the plate year after year and do their part to make our entire program shine. Together we generate an attracting force which binds us together and pulls other men into orbit around our Lodges activities - opening them to the possibility of their own career in Masonry.

We welcome all of our new, advancing and future members to a participation in the privileges of Freemasonry and to a life of service, brotherhood, and enlightenment.

Hear Ye

Oakland Scottish Rite PRESENTS
On September 30, 7:30PM

Re-Enactment Of The Signing Of The Constitution

The Cast

George Washington - *Paul Adams*
Representative Morris - *Mike Ramos*
Representative Randolph - *Geoff Linder*
Representative Hamilton - *Phil Busch*
Representative Wilson - *Ernie Nidick*
Representative Paterson - *Kay Dunn*
Representative Franklin - *Al Donnici*

Come and see this unique performance by your Lodge brothers!



From the South

By Robert Pinkerton, Junior Warden, P.M.

Mother Lodge

By Bro. Rudyard Kipling

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,
An' Saul the Aden Jew,
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman
Of the Survey Office too;
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds,
The Roman Catholick!

We 'adn't good regalia,
An' our Lodge was old an' bare,
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;
An' lookin' on it backwards
It often strikes me thus,
There ain't such things as infidels,
Excep', per'aps, it's us.



Inspiring Words

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

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.



In Memoriam

Donald R. Gooch

74 years and 23 days

Entered Into Rest June 12, 2013.

Roy F. Nelson

98 years, 4 months and 2 days

Entered Into Rest July 13, 2013.



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

From the Editor's Desk

By Kem Apak, Senior Steward, Editor in Training.

In Masonry we are taught to judge men according to their inner qualifications. We learn how to disagree and still love each other as brothers. We learn by Geometry that we are mere points in the universe, but that we're able to build superstructures of wisdom, knowledge and enlightenment. I love the ceremonies of our Craft; every day I learn something new and different by studying them. Which makes me ask the question, "Why do we want to hurry this, why not ask the candidate to learn the teachings of his degrees in their completeness?" Words mean nothing if we do not understand what they convey. As our solemn ceremonies mean nothing if we do not understand what they teach. Even though we may have limited time on this earth, certain things cannot be rushed and I believe the teachings of our Craft is one of them.

It is never too late to start to learn and share. I invite you to DMPS for a joyful and enlightening evening.



Famous Brethren

By Mike Ramos, Junior Deacon

William Schaw,
Master of Works to James VI of Scotland

Born: (c.) 1550 AD – Schawpark, Scotland
Deceased: 1660 AD – Edinburgh, Scotland /
entombed at Dunfermline Abbey

All Freemasons around the world owe William Schaw a great debt of gratitude. This is the man we can thank for instituting a lasting hierarchal structure, required record keeping and the idea of ritual preservation and development in the Operative Stonemason's lodges of Scotland. Without these measures, we may very well have never had the privilege of being made Freemasons because the Scottish craft traditions which we evolved from could have withered into obscurity before it's largely Speculative emergence in the early 18th century.

On December 21st 1583, King James VI appointed Schaw principal Master of the Works in Scotland, for life. Schaw's responsibilities were to oversee the construction and repair of the King's palaces, building works and to direct all royal policies appertaining to the construction crafts.

Due to his respect for the operative craft's traditions, Schaw fought arduously to raise the stonemason's rank to become the royally recognized "elite" among the trades. He set up permanent lodges for these stonemasons, who were governed by their burgh or city. These lodges were usually erected far from their burgh's / city's governance due to construction locations, so these Lodges instituted their own forms of governance and codes of conduct, which included appointed Masters, Wardens and Deacons, fines for unruliness and their own initiatory ceremonies for passing workman to advanced degrees of skill.

On 28 December 1598 Schaw penned the first set of Schaw statutes entitled "The Statutis and ordinananceis to be obseruit by all the maister maoissounis within this realme". Schaw's first statutes reflect heavily with the Old Charges, with additional material to describe an idea for Lodge hierarchy. This

structure would ensure that masons did not take on work which they were not competent to complete, Master masons were only permitted to take on three apprentices during their lifetime, each Apprentice would be bound to their masters for seven years and so on. Various other rules were laid out for the running of the lodge, supervision of work, and fines for non-attendance at lodge meetings. The Second Schaw Statutes were signed on 28 December 1599, and consisted of fourteen separate statutes. Some of these were addressed specifically to Lodge Mother Kilwinning. Various administrative functions were specified and the officials of the lodge were enjoined to ensure that all craft fellows and apprentices "tak tryall of the art of memorie", referring to Giordano Bruno's magical system of renaissance esoterism. The statutes also

address practical matters like health and safety concerns while working at great heights. All in all, Schaw laid the groundwork for organization, development and preservation to the Speculative Craft we live and love.



Shriner Mission Team

By Al Rodes

I became a Shriner in 1993. This gave me the opportunity, to assist several children on a road to a better future. I have been able to sponsor about 11 or 12 children from the US and abroad. The Shiners, donators and The Shriner's Hospitals, work as a team to help any children under 18 years old to that better future.

In my travels to Central America I have noticed many children in need of medical treatment and sponsored several of them. The first child was Krensey Crimmins, 5 years old, who had a club foot. Krensey lived on the island of Roatan, Honduras. My last trip there in 2004 I saw Krensey was able to run like a gazelle. When sponsoring a child, it is up to the sponsoring

Shriner to get the child and parent to and from the accepting Shriners Hospital and secure housing and pay expenses for them during their stay. The fantastic doctors and staff at the Shriners Hospital in Sacramento, CA. did Krensey's surgery.

On my trip to bring Krensey and his mother to California, I met two retired airline pilots going to the same destination. They became interested in helping. The next trip was in 2003 an then another in 2004. The two pilots, Stan and Tex of Santa Cruz brought a friend named Bert Wagner of Soquel, CA., who became interested in helping, also. Bert helped with many expenses of the next 2 children, Romel Munos of La Saiba and Daniela Dilbert of Roatan, both from Hondurans. Romel had 2 dub feet and 4 surgeries. Daniela needed her left leg amputated and a prostheses made for her to learn to walk. Both were treated in Mexico City Shrine Hospital by Dr. Hassis and staff. Many thanks to McDonald Corporation and Thelma Franco in Mexico City, for the housing during their treatment.

In the process of helping the children get treatment, We collected baseball equipment from Hayward, Castro Valley and San Leandro for many other kids in Honduras. Bert Wagner and I brought the equipment to Honduras in several suitcases, all filled with baseball mitts, bats, helmets, balls and such.

I received a call from Steve Summers of The Shriners Hospitals, that Ben Wagner and his wife Nina are donating a very large sum of money to the Shriner's Hospitals. This contribution will help thousands of children. Bert and Nina God bless and thank you.



Travelling Degree

August 31 at 1:00PM

**Fort Bragg
428 N. Main St**

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We have a block of 30 rooms which consists of 20 Queens and 10 Kings. The block covers 3 nights (Friday, August 30 thru Sunday, September 1, 2013). However, everyone has the choice of booking either one night, two nights, or all three nights.

Simply call (707) 964-4761 and say that you are with Crow Canyon 551. The block rate will be \$100.00 per night (\$89.99 base rate plus tax). Omie Behrns the manager, will be holding the block for us until August 23, 2013. So don't delay, call today.

Lyman C. Penning P.M. (650) 967-0699

Masons 4 Mitts

On September 9
Masons Night at AT&T Park!

Buy a Mitt and Make a Difference!

Northern California lodges are teaming up with the Giants Community Fund to provide baseball mitts for at-risk youth who participate in the Junior Giants program. With more than half of Junior Giants participants not owning a baseball glove, California Masons can make a difference! www.Masons4Mitts.org



\$20 per ticket talk to Bro. Secretary!

Masonic Quotes

"The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.."
Mark Twain

"Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that."
Norman Vincent Peale

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.
Plato (Not A Freemason)

A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people.
Will Rogers

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Birthdays

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2013 Committees

Appointments

Audit – Kay Dunn, Bob Logan, Arnie Weinstein

Funeral – Kjell Bomark–Noel, Bob Pinkerton, Ron Katz, Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell, Roy Tamez, Kay Dunn, Eugene Moore, Charles Hintz, David Allen, Kem Apak, Alex Von Stade

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Sunshine and Visiting

Brothers Mark Casperson and Mark Castile all could use a cheer-up phone call, a card or a home visit.

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