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# Trestleboard

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**Crow Canyon Lodge**  
**No. 551**  
**F&AM of California**  
Chartered October 11, 1923



## Calendar of Events

### MARCH

Mar 1st—Tues—Officers' Assembly—*installed officers only*—7:00 PM  
Mar 3rd—Thurs—Stated Meeting —5:30 PM Social—6 :15 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting  
Mar 8th—Tues—DOSI @ Masonic Home—6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM School  
Mar 9th—Wed—Jobs Daughters Grand Guardian Visitation at CVMC. MW GM Perry will be in attendance. Masons and their families welcome to attend—7:00 PM  
Mar 10th—Thurs—EA Practice—7:00 PM Open  
Mar 17th—Thurs—First Degree—Mr. Lelend Allen—6:30 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Open  
Mar 22nd—Tues—DMPS—AASR Third Degree—*Master Masons Only*—7:00 PM Meeting  
Mar 24th —Thurs—First Degree—Mr. J. E. Rafisura—6:30 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Open  
Mar 31st—Thurs—Lodge of Instruction—Mentoring—7:00 PM Open

### APRIL

Apr 5th—Tues—Officers' Assembly—7:00 PM  
Apr 7th—Thurs—Stated Meeting —5:30 PM Social—6 :15 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting  
Apr 12th—Tues—DOSI @ Masonic Home—6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM School  
Apr 14th—Thurs—First Degree—Candidate TBD—6:30 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Open  
Apr 21st—Thurs—Public Schools Night—6:00 PM Social—6:30 PM Dinner—7:30 PM Festivities  
Apr 26th—Tues—DMPS—Examining Anderson's Constitutions—7:00 PM Meeting  
Apr 28th—Thurs—Practice—TBD—7:00 PM Open

### Appendant and Concordant Bodies

- 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 Michael Ramos—Worshipful Master

I hope March finds you productive, happy and healthy.

To our newly initiated Entered Apprentice, Bro. Jason Deitschman – I wish you the very best in your Masonic Journey. I know I speak for all Brethren when I say that Speculative or Symbolic Freemasonry is a peculiar science directed at the development of the individual, whereby our teachings bring together diverse men of every country, sect and opinion under the arch of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. You may often hear 'you will get out of Masonry what you put into it'. That is a very true statement when one looks past the material interpretation. We are not a service club, nor do we hold ideals such as 'the more time you donate, the better you magically become'. The truth of the matter is that the more time you give to learning from and living by true, ancient Masonic tenants, values, and philosophy, the better a man you will be for it, no matter where your interests and talents pull your time within our fraternity as a whole; The very best to you, my Brother.

Within the Lodge we have had to do some shuffling of Officer roles due to various unexpected departures. I thank Bro. Woodson and Bro. Blake for their willingness to assist and participate. I am extraordinarily proud of the resilience shown by our Officers Core and Brethren. I thank all of you for your hard work, dedication and flexibility. A Lodge's success is truly determined by the character of its members, and I have no doubt that 2016 will be a year to remember.

A list of this month's events can be found in the attached Trestle Board calendar, but I will continue to call them out in my articles. Our monthly Stated Meeting will be held on Thursday the 3rd – dinner at 6:15 pm, lodge opens at 7:30 pm. On Tuesday the 8th we will have our DOSI at the Masonic Home, light dinner at 6:00 pm, class starting at 7:00 pm. On Thursday the 10th we will be holding a First Degree Practice, practice starts at 7:00 pm. On Thursday the 17th we will be holding a First Degree for Mr. L. Allen, dinner 6:30 pm, lodge opens at 7:30 pm. On Tuesday the 22nd at 7:00 pm, DMPS will continue its reading of the AASR Craft Rituals with their version of the Master Mason Degree – Master Masons only. On Thursday the 24th we will be holding a First Degree for Mr. J.E. Rafisura, dinner at 6:30 pm, lodge opens at 7:30 pm. And finally, on Thursday the 31st at 7:00 pm, we will be holding a Lodge of Instruction (LOI) in regards to Mentoring and its importance to our Lodge and Craft as a whole, all Officers and Candidate Coaches required attendance.

I look forward to seeing all of you this month and wish you the very best.



## From the West

By Alex Von Stade—Senior Warden

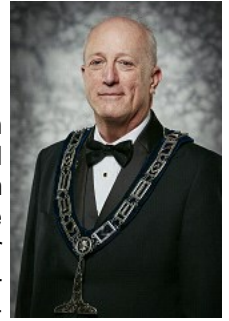
The month of March is now upon us and with it's arrival signals two important events for avid gardeners such as myself. First, on March 13th we see the arrival of daylight savings time that allows us more time to pursue outdoor activities, and second, on March 20th, we observe the arrival of the Vernal or Spring Equinox which indicates that Spring planting is just around the corner. At this time of year, I find myself searching through various seed catalogs trying to find new varieties of seeds to purchase



for planting. It marks a time of renewal and rebirth where fresh and new seeds can be planted in the soil which will produce nutritious fruits and vegetables during the summer and fall months. At the same time, we must remember

that the crops we plant in the near future must be cultivated and nourished in order to produce the fruits and vegetables we hope to obtain.

Recently, we have received several applications for the degrees of Masonry. For these men, their Masonic journey has just begun, just like the very first planting of seeds in this year's Spring garden. When new applications, such as these, are read in lodge and accepted, one could say that the "seeds" of Masonic thought have been firmly planted within these individuals. As with the new plantings in our Spring gardens, they, in turn, must cultivate, embrace, and nurture Masonic Ideas and principles in order to receive the full benefits of our fraternity in the future and in the long run. At the same time, I need to point out a major difference between gardening and Masonry; while we can pick and choose the seeds we wish to plant in our gardens, we cannot solicit, persuade, or tempt individuals to participate in our fraternity—they must come to us willingly and freely.



## From the South

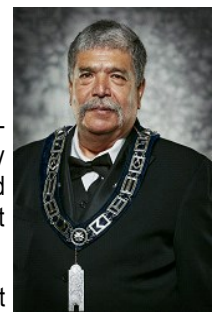
By Alvaro Reynoso, PM—Junior Warden

I feel good coming back and serving as an officer in the line and I would like to start out by giving a special thanks to Wor. Roy Tamez and Bro. Don Schauer for helping me in carrying out my duties.

Some of you may have noticed that in the past years I have very seldom attended the Stated Meeting dinners. This is because of a conflict in my schedule. But rest assured, I have provided detailed instructions to Bro. Roy and the cooking staff and I know they will do us proud.

Also I would like to congratulate our newest Master Mason Bro. Aaron Bianchi. I am pleased to say that ritualistically speaking, it was one of the top ten degrees I have witnessed. Congratulations to our degree team, I am proud to count myself among you. Bro. Bianchi, your journey is just beginning. I hope you travel on the level and attend your lodge regularly.

Our March Stated Meeting Dinner will be the traditional Corned-Beef and Cabbage with all the fixings. Cost is just \$10/person. (Sweethearts (widows) of the lodge are always our guest)



**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, personality and otherwise

**Every 4th Tuesday!**  
Open to all degrees!  
7:00PM



## From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

I still have name tags for the following brothers:

- Kristoffer DeMesa
- Louis Garcia
- Roberto Holguin
- Jeffery Kahn
- Gregory Maier
- Frank Sepulveda



Please stop by my desk and pick up your name tag.

There are still 52 members who have not paid their 2016 dues. If you are one of the 52, you are not in good standing. The lodge will have to pay the Grand Lodge your per-capita tax come July 1st at \$43.50 per member. That's \$2,262.00 that will come out of savings to pay the Grand Lodge per capita tax for each of you. We picked up a few new members from other lodges last month: Brother Ted Santel from Aca-cia 243 and Brother John Tomaso from a lodge in Cambridge, Massa-chusetts. Also our officers coach, Wor. Kurt Allen's son, Lelend was elected to receive the degrees of Masonry. Welcome all of you. Our membership is at 339 members and 253 widows.

We mail 510 Trestleboards each month and e-mail another 142 to lodge members and to other lodges.

The hall association and lodge financials were read at the February Stated Meeting. They are now a permanent record of the lodge. The lodge financial report has also been filed with the Grand Lodge. We have seven Golden Veteran's Awards (50 Year Pins) to give out throughout 2016. The first will be at our March Stated Meeting.

## Masonic History Corner

As Published in the Masonic Messenger by Dewey Wollstein

Paul Revere of Revolutionary fame was a silversmith. He was a descendant of a French Huguenot family, the name being originally Re-voire. He was born in Boston, January 1, 1735.

Bro. Revere was Raised in St. Andrew Lodge on September 24, 1760. The record tells us "It was laid before the Lodge, and in the same evening work was commenced under it by receiving Paul Revere, a Goldsmith and engraver as E.A.



The above is a simple statement of facts, but think of its impact on history! Think of what this brother's contribution was in the struggle for American freedom!

His was a burning passion for free-dom. He also knew that "the Mas-sons" were the ones most feared by those whose loyalty rested with the royal government.

Masonry brought Paul Revere in touch with the best minds of the day, James Otis, Dr. Joseph Warren, Samuel Adams and others.

After the union of St. John's and Massachusetts Grand Lodges, Paul Revere became the second Grand Master and served in 1794-97.

So Paul Revere and the other Masons of the day met at the Green Dragon Tavern. They were busy men, but not so engrossed in their private endeavors as to close their eyes to what was going on about them. They refused to accept a temporary safety in lieu of freedom.

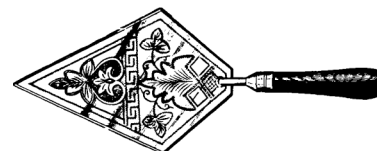
What were these Masons doing? They were meeting, planning, work-ing, sacrificing for what we now take for granted, and which we always stand to lose because of apathy and indifference.



## March Birthdays



Ralph Larsen (03/03)	Gene Tague Sr. (03/20)
Bob Lee (03/08)	Roger Hamilton (03/21)
Raymond Newman (03/11)	Jeffery Lantz (03/21)
John Wagle (03/11)	Edward Matraia Jr. (03/21)
Max Morris (03/12)	Alvaro Reynoso (03/21)
William Stephenson (03/12)	Berto Holguin Jr. (03/22)
George Christensen (03/13)	Hank Andreotti (03/23)
Jerry Walter (03/13)	Frank Sepulveda (03/25)
Partick Morrison (03/14)	Steven Aracne (03/27)
Alan Kenyon (03/16)	Robert Saks (03/28)
Russell Porter (03/16)	Roy Eddy (03/30)
Roger Accurso (03/17)	Mark Leite (03/30)
Kishore Gidvani (03/17)	Donald Mc Evers (03/30)
Frank Russell Jr. (03/17)	Ronald Reynolds (03/30)
Jerome Samelson (03/17)	Steven Stark (03/30)
Ronald Baker (03/18)	George George (03/31)



## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

George Adams Jr. [PM] (54)	Leonard Leavitt (41)
Robert Albritton [PM] (39)	Billy Martens [PM] (33)
Jack Allen (27)	Jeffrey Mason (31)
Gilbert Alston (46)	Edward Matraia Jr. [PM] (43)
Gabriel Amaral [PM] (29)	Brandon Morrison (9)
Howard Ellis (11)	Richard Ramos D.D.S. (2)
Robert Fabel (33)	Thomas Robinson (49)
Gary Frisvold (46)	Wilfred Salmon Jr. (36)
Wesley Hallmeyer (66)	Robert Soule III (20)
Edmund Hempel (57)	Craig Tangen (43)
Irving Korr (59)	Rex Toltschin Jr. (48)
Harold Lasse (27)	David Whiting (32)

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## In Memoriam

Charles Martin 89 Years, 11 months and 25 days  
Entered into rest December 21, 2015

Kenneth H. Mac Laughlin 75 years, 10 months and 0 days  
Entered into rest February 16, 2016

Jack M. York 92 Years, 1 Month and 15 Days  
Entered into rest February 9, 2016

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

## 2016 Committees

### Appointments

**Masonic Charity:** Three Principle Officers  
**Sunshine:** Ernie Nidick & Les Blake  
**Masonic Hall Association:** Pat Quinn  
**Masonic Homes Endowment:** Don Schauer Sr.  
**Membership Retention:** Don Schauer Sr. & Mike Ramos  
**Audit:** Bill Biddell, Arnie Weinstein & Bob Pinkerton  
**Masonic Funeral:** Kurt Allen, Bill Ferrell & All Officers  
**Web Master:** Ron Katz

### Events

**White Table Night:** Alex Von Stade & Mike Ramos  
**Hiram Award Festivities:** Alex Von Stade & Mike Ramos  
**Festive Boards & Feasts:** Jonathan Prestage & Mike Ramos  
**Crab & Pasta Feed:** Don Schauer & Roy Tamez  
**Strawberry Feed:** Ron Katz  
**Public Schools Night:** Eric Unti & Bill Ferrell  
**Child ID:** David Allen & Roy Tamez  
**Sweetheart Events:** Phil Busch & Kurt Allen  
**Visitation:** Don Schauer, Kurt Allen & Mike Ramos  
**Masonic Formation and Education:** Jonathan Prestage & Mike Ramos  
**Children's Holiday Party:** Bill Ferrell & Mike Ramos

### Masonic Youth Orders

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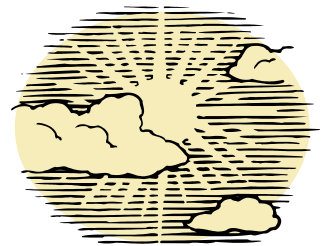
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## Sunshine and Visiting

If you know of an ailing brother or  
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cheering up, don't keep it a secret.

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# Celebrate Public Schools Month



*This April, how will you make a difference?*



Join Crow Canyon Lodge F&AM

## Public Schools Night

*Honoring All Teachers*

April 21st, 2016

6:00 PM—Social

6:30 PM—Dinner

(reservations highly encouraged)

7:30 PM—Program

Musical / Choral Entertainment

*Special Awards Presented to Two Teachers from the  
Castro Valley Public Schools*

# Crow Canyon No. 551 March 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Officer's Assembly Meeting—7:00 PM *installed officers only	2	3 Stated Meeting Dinner—6:15 pm Open—7:30 pm	4	5
6	7	8 <u>DOSI @ Masonic Home</u> Dinner—6:00 pm School—7:00 pm	9	10 <u>EA Practice</u> Open—7:00 pm	11	12
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27	28	29	30	31 Lodge of Instruction— Mentoring Open – 7:00 pm		

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\*All degree conferrals, practices, and LOIs will **not** include dinner service unless otherwise noted in the calendar made by the Master.