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



Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

November 6—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner \$10/person 7:30 PM Stated Meeting. Widows are guests of the lodge.

November 11—Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI)—7:00 PM. Simonov Masonic Building, Union City Masonic Home.

November 13—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM

November 20—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM

November 27—DARK—Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER

December 4—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner \$10/person 7:30 PM Stated Meeting. Widows are guests of the lodge.

December 6—Installation of Officers—5:00 PM Dinner / 6:30 PM Program begins

December 11—2nd Degree—Bro. Bianchi—7:00 PM

December 14—Children's Xmas Party—12:30 PM—Crafts, Snacks, A Magician, Santa and Gifts. Bring your kids, grand kids, nieces, nephews, etc. RSVP to the Secretary.

December 18—DARK

December 25—DARK—Merry Christmas!

December 27—Feast of St. John the Baptist—6:00 PM

JANUARY 2015

January 1—DARK—Happy New Year!

January 8—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner \$10/person 7:30 PM Stated Meeting. Widows are guests of the lodge.

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 Ron Katz, P.M.—Worshipful Master

As this issue serves for the months of November and December, this will be my last article serving as your Master. It has been an honor and a pleasure to have this opportunity.

This has been a good year for the lodge. We have successfully returned to our lodge room, have added many excited and earnest members to our ranks, and have witnessed them become more enlightened in their journey as they advance through our ceremonies. I have had the opportunity to watch our future leaders take shape, to grow and develop, through the trails and tribulations of degree work, practices, and other stretch opportunities. We have served our widows, mourned our fallen brethren, dealt with potentially caustic political situations, shown love to our Masonic family at the home, and put a positive face on Masonry in the community through Child ID. Yes, it has been a good year for the lodge.

I wish to thank my wife, Jennifer, and my family for allowing me to give a little bit back to the lodge that has given so much to me. Without Jennifer's influence, I never would have considered taking a leadership role in any organization. With her behind me, I am always a success. Next year it is her turn. She will be leading her Daughters of the Nile Temple as their Queen. It will be my duty to support her any way that I can.

I have been asked by our incoming Master (if elected), to continue on with editing the Trestleboard. I have accepted that challenge and will continue to help the lodge in any way that I am needed. I am, however, looking forward to the opportunity to sit silently in the North, and wear my barely touched Past Master's apron.

Thank you to all of our officers, to our officers coach, to our hall association and trustees, to our Past and Former Masters who are always willing to help in a pinch, to our many committee chairs, our candidate's coaches, our kitchen crew, and the countless volunteers who make Crow Canyon Lodge a great place to be. I am moved to the point of silence.

Please join us on Saturday, December 6th at 6:30 PM for our Annual Installation of Officers. Dinner will precede the event at 5:30 PM, with social beginning at 4:45 PM. The future of Crow Canyon is so bright, "you gotta wear shades!"

Masonic Family Corner

Dublin Jobs Daughters, Bethel 1—This past weekend we attended Leadership camp in Santa Cruz. This week we also held our meeting at the Pleasanton Masonic Lodge, where we initiated our new member named Amanda. This weekend we have a Mystery Trip in San Francisco and everyone is excited trying to find out where it is. We are also looking forward to attending Sunday for Grand Lodge Youth Day. -Nicole H., Guide

Castro Valley DeMolay—Please join Castro Valley Chapter for our Installation of Officers on November 8 at 7:30 PM at the Castro Valley Masonic Center. All are welcome. Senior DeMolay and Chevaliers are particularly invited because November 8 is also Frank S. Land Day.

Unity Assembly Rainbow—We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month and welcome all Master Masons to attend at 7:00 PM.



From the West

By Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Senior Warden

Brethren, the end of the Masonic year for Crow Canyon Lodge is near. We will have election of Officers for the ensuing year at our November Stated meeting. I hope that you will be there to show support for the election procedure and your future lodge officers.

Last month, I asked for members to step forward to fill positions as Jr. and Sr. Stewards. I repeat that request this month. Currently, degrees are on hold until we have a stable degree team/line of officers. The requirement for degrees is that the officers or Masons performing the degrees be there for practice prior to degrees so that they be properly instructed in the degree ritual. We want to be able to perform the degrees properly and with dignity. As a matter of pride, we wish to do the best degrees we are capable of, as a matter of practicality, the better the degree, the greater impact that degree has on the candidate.

I particularly want to invite the younger newer Master Masons to seriously consider filling these positions. This is the best possible way to gently enter the line, and become familiar with the duties the officers perform. Please contact me, the Worshipful Master and/or the Jr. Warden Mike Ramos if you would like to do this or even discuss what it entails. Our contact information is on the back of the Trestleboard. This does not preclude more senior Masons from these positions if they desire to participate.

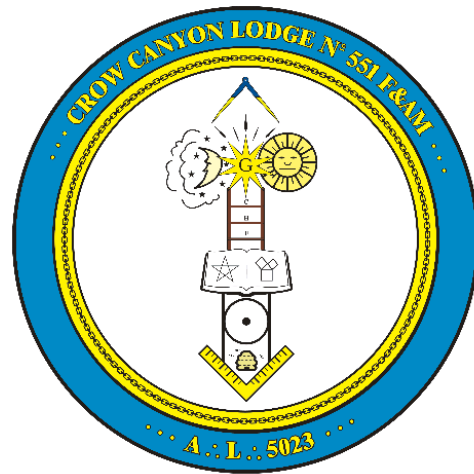
For the candidates that have had their degrees delayed, I sincerely apologize. We want to give you the best degree we are capable of. Rest assured that you have not been forgotten. Out of respect for you we wish to do our very best.

By the time you read this, we will have conferred the 1st Degree on Mr. Perry Khare. Congratulations. Worshipful Ron has scheduled 2nd degree practices for October and we anticipate having a 2nd degree on December 11th for Aaron Bianchi. Future degree dates will be determined at the upcoming Officers' Meetings.

We have reserved the facilities for December 14th for our annual Kids Christmas party. As I write this we are still in the planning stages for it, but we hope that you will be able to bring your young children or young grand kids to this event.

Since this is a combined November/December Trestleboard, I will take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, and a Merry Christmas. For those of you who do not celebrate Christmas, I wish you all a Happy Holiday Season.

Fraternally yours, Bob Pinkerton, SW, PM



From the South

By Michael Ramos—Junior Warden



Brethren & Friends,

For the month of November we will be serving turkey with all the fixings and for the month of December we will be serving a Holiday Ham with all the fixings (turkey ham will be available). As always, if you plan on bringing guests, please do contact our Secretary prior to place reservations.

As we approach December, we move closer to the annual Installation of Officers for Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551. If I am blessed with the Brethren's vote, I will be your Senior Warden for 2015. I greatly look forward to learning from and working with all of you this coming Masonic year. Part of my new responsibilities would be to see that our candidates are receiving all the coaching and mentorship they need to be successful and feel fulfilled. If voted upon favorably, starting this December, I will be doing check-ins with all mentors and candidates on a regular basis to see if there is any way I can be of service. This responsibility must be taken seriously, as it is our duty to help shape and make good Masons. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil." A model that supports this statement begins with well-informed candidates, with the assistance of positive and knowledgeable mentorship executed by aid of thorough resources. I urge all mentors and candidates to visit DMPS, at 7:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month unless stated otherwise in our calendar, as often as possible. I also encourage all mentors to seek admission into the Northern California Lodge of Research.

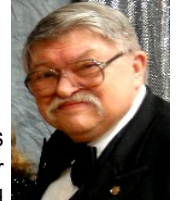
In my opinion, far too often, Freemasonry can become blurred by administrative duties mixed with fancy titles and all-importance being laid on social affairs; while the real truth of our institution lay in our ritual, discussions, symbolisms, traditions, charity and individual journeys towards enlightenment. Let us never forget from whence we came and wither we are traveling.

To all who have attended, and to those who have yet to partake, I would like to remind you that the Winter Festive Board for Saint John the Evangelist is being held on Saturday December 27th at 6:00 pm. The traditional seven-course dinner with accompanying toasts and paper delivery will be enjoyed by all. The cost is \$30.00 per Brother; we will be opening on the First Degree, jacket and tie are required! Please contact and give payment to either Bro. Charles Hintz or Bro. Kem Apak by the 17th of December. Your place must be paid up and reserved before the event, for we are only purchasing food and libations based on that number.

I look forward to another Masonic year filled with brotherly love, relief, truth, faith, hope and charity.

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



By now you have received your 2015 dues notice. You will note that the dues are for \$99.50. There is also a self-addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience. Remember, your dues must be paid prior to January 1, 2015 in order for you to be in good standing. At the January 2015 Stated meeting I am planning to introduce a motion to change our bylaws to enable the Secretary to round off the dues plus the per capita tax to the next whole dollar.

Section 2 of our bylaws shall read, "The dues of each member of this lodge shall be the sum of \$60.00 plus the per capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, with the total thus determined rounded up to the next higher whole multiple of \$1.00, per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.

If this motion passes, this will not take effect until January 2016.

This will be the last Trestleboard for 2014. Audrey and I want to wish you are yours a safe and Happy Holiday season. See you next year.

Inspiring Words

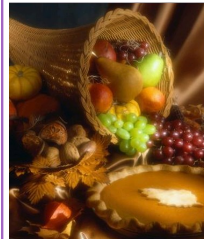
By Irwin Fershleiser—Chaplain

In a few weeks, Thursday November 27th to be exact, we will again celebrate the day we set aside to give thanks - - namely Thanksgiving. It is a day many spend and dine with family and friends. To some the day is eating and football, to some it is a day of remembering past Thanksgivings with loved ones no longer seated at their table. Then there are those who say, "What have I to be thankful for?", or "My life is a mess. This year I have had so much tragedy."

To you with those thoughts of bitterness, feelings of sorrow and loss, and attitude of despair, why not look upon the day as a new start, take a deep breath and renew your faith in the "Supreme Being". You may not feel thankful but why not pray for the strength, the guidance, the wisdom, to carry on, so that next year it will be a day of Thanksgiving.

To all of you I ask that you take a moment of silent prayer before eating and pray for those in need, for those to be remembered, and a prayer of thankfulness that we may sit down with the freedom to pray and live with our own choices.

As for me, I give a heartfelt thank you for the guidance of my God, the joy of my family, and the cherished friendships I have gotten through this our fraternity.



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



Happy Thanksgiving!

The face of prayer has changed. The need for prayer has not.



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Appointments

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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

Feast of St. John (12/27/14) - Michael Ramos / Charles Hintz / Stephen Kinsman

Masonic Youth Orders

Castro Valley DeMolay—Pat Quinn—510.755.7891 pdq551@att.net

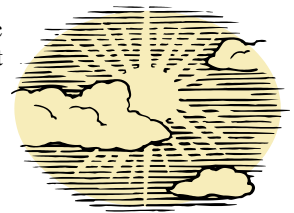
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Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1— Mrs. Donna Anthony, 510.537.6726

Sunshine and Visiting

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



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