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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

### MAY

**04/05 - Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM /  
Open 7:30 PM

**04/12 - Thursday** - District Officers School of Instruction - CVMC -  
Dinner 6:30 PM / School 7:30 PM

**04/14 - Saturday** - Rod & Gun Club 10:00 AM

**04/19 - Thursday** - Public School's Night - Social 6:00 PM / Dinner 6:30  
PM / Presentation 7:30 PM

**04/22 - Sunday** - Sweetheart Brunch & Theatre - Brunch @ CVMC  
11:30 PM / Theatre @ Chanticleers "Little Women" 3683 Quail Avenue,  
Castro Valley 2:00 PM

**04/24 - Tuesday** - Hall Association Meeting - 6:30 PM

**04/26 - Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM

**05/03 - Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM /  
Open 7:30 PM

**05/08 - Tuesday** - District Officers School of Instruction - CVMC -  
Dinner 6:30 PM / School 7:30 PM

**05/10 - Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM

**05/12 - Saturday** - Rod & Gun Club 10:00 AM

**05/17 - Thursday** - Degree or Practice TBD - 7:00 PM

**05/18 - Friday** - Freemasonry & Rosicrucianism, Oakland Scottish Rite

**5/19 - 5/20 - Saturday / Sunday** - Child ID at Rowell Ranch Rodeo

**05/24 - Thursday** - 50 Year Pin - Jack Holt - 6:00 PM

**05/26 - Saturday** - Visitation to Benicia - 10:30 AM

**05/31 - Thursday** - Potluck!

## 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

April is named after the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite. And we all know “April showers bring May flowers.” Those honorary flowers are the daisy and the sweet pea.

We welcome our newest Master Mason Perry Klahr to full lodge membership. In addition we announce our 2018 Hiram Award recipient Bro. Les Blake. His Hiram Award ceremony will be in August!

The Crow Canyon Rod and Gun Club had its meeting in March. Their program is listed elsewhere in this Trestleboard. Look to see if they are going to do something that would interest you. Come to the April 14th meeting and offer some suggestions and ideas.



April is another busy month with our Annual Public Schools Dinner and Awards on the 19th. Bro. Eric Unti is planning another fine evening with dinner, Jazz Band entertainment, and awards for two of Castro Valley's exceptional teachers. Please make reservations with our Secretary. Then on Sunday the 22nd we will celebrate our Masonic Sweethearts with brunch at the Lodge and then

off to Castro Valley's Chanticleers Theatre to enjoy the stage play “Little Women” Tickets are \$18.00 but our Sweethearts are our guests. Please contact Chairman Perry Klahr (925-425-3360) for reservations.

We are also beginning work on a video history of Crow Canyon Lodge and the lodges that merged. Do you have a story you can tell or a memory to enlighten all. We will record a short video and post them to our Lodge website for all to see and enjoy. Details to follow.

The first week of April I will be traveling to the Midwest. As a result our Jr. Warden, Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien, will sit in the East at Stated Meeting. Show up and offer him your support!

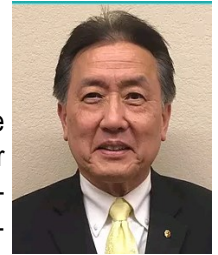
We have two Brothers ready for their Fellowcraft degrees and the officers have shifted gears to meet that need. Crow Canyon is a happening place so make plans to attend our many functions.



## From the West

By Frederick Kao, PM—Senior Warden-elect

The 19-century English writer Thomas de Quincey wrote that “Freemasonry is neither more nor less than Rosicrucianism as modified by those who transplanted it to England.” Was he right? In an upcoming lecture British historian and long-standing Mason Dr. Christopher McIntosh will examine this question and show how Freemasonry and Rosicrucianism have interacted in complex ways over the centuries. The resulting insights will fascinate both Freemasons and Rosicrucians alike. Friday, May 18th at 7:00pm, Oakland Scottish Rite Center. Cost: \$20. Attire: Business Casual. Open to Masons and Guests. 6:00pm Social Hour 7:00pm Introduction by Bro. Aaron J. French followed by Dr. Christopher McIntosh 8:30pm Book Signing and Social.



## From the South

By Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien—Junior Warden

It is my sincere honor to introduce our newly raised Brother, Perry Klahr, who attained the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 8th, 2018. In observing his journey through his degrees, it was a pleasure to have listened to the exceptional and well developed papers he penned. His progress into our mysteries and self-reflection points him out as a proper object for our particular interest in seeing him advance within our lodges' officer line ...yes Perry, I just called you out.

This year, at Crow Canyon 551, has been purposely filled with many engaging activities by our Worshipful PM Robert Eckstein, with excellent opportunities to fraternize with your Masonic brethren and their families. The month of March was no exception as we brought in some new activities, honored loyal brethren, and brought back other fun gatherings that had been greatly enjoyed by others.

On March 10th, we had the first meeting of the “Masonic Rod and Gun Club”. This initial gathering was to explore what our brothers would like to see the club develop into. Many great ideas were discussed, including interest in further researching the idea of chartering a deep sea fishing trip.

On March 22, Brother Anthony Lloyd received his 50 year pin in front of a supportive crowd from our District Inspector..

Lastly, as your Junior Warden, I have been blessed to be a part of this year's Officer line-up. What we do here is by and for you, my brothers. Please take the opportunity to attend one, two, or all events as we are stronger when we support each other. So I'm sure I speak for my WM and fellow officers when I say ‘We too hope to see you all again very soon’.



## From the Secretary's Table

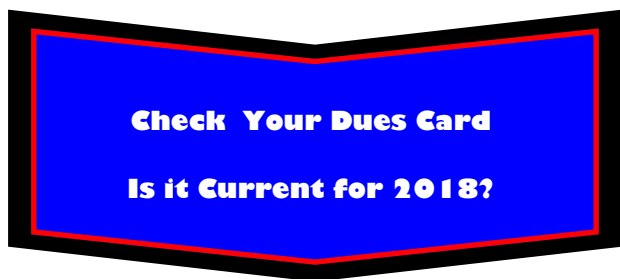
By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.

It seems like all I ever have to write about is reminding you to "pay your dues." We all took and obligation and we need to take care of that in order that the lodge may continue to operate. This month I mailed out 45 second notices for your 2018 dues. To-date only one brother has responded. Your 2018 dues were due and payable on January 1st in the amount of \$109.00. Check your mail and PLEASE respond.



April is tax time for you and the lodge. Our Treasurer, Brother George Lumm, and myself will be doing the taxes again this year for the lodge plus the lodge payroll taxes. One of our favorite activities . . . right?

Stay safe in the beautiful spring weather.



## Masonic Family Corner

**Castro Valley DeMolay** - Northern California DeMolay held a degrees day in Napa on March 17th, and added 16 new members. Three of those new members are from our Chapter! Also included in the membership class were Dad Katz' two nephews and two of their friends who will be part of starting a new chapter in the Gardnerville, Nevada area. The celebration continued on March 18th at the Annual Devotional Day which was held at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.

DeMolay International - [www.demolay.org](http://www.demolay.org)  
Northern California DeMolay - [www.norcaldemolay.com](http://www.norcaldemolay.com)

Job's Daughters International- [www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org](http://www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org)  
International Order of Job's Daughters, California - [www.caioid.org](http://www.caioid.org)

Rainbow for Girls Supreme Assembly - [www.gorainbow.org](http://www.gorainbow.org)  
Rainbow for Girls California Grand Assembly - [www.caiorg.org](http://www.caiorg.org)

Learn more at [Masons4Youth.org](http://Masons4Youth.org)



## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Roger Accurso (3)	Donald Goodman (59)
Leslie Blake (52)	Gary Hughes [PM] (29)
Christopher Boggess (12)	Julius Kahn [PM] (44)
James Brown (41)	Alan Kenyon [PM] (36)
Charles Cammerer (42)	John Kralovansky (38)
Gregory Cooper (31)	George Lumm [PM] (25)
Robert Douglas (42)	Robert Marshall (62)
Roy Eddy (69)	Robert Rix [PM] (47)
Michael Gallico (12)	Donald Schauer (48)
Ronald Garcia (52)	Gerald Woergoetter [PM] (25)



*live.laugh.*  
**celebrate!**



## April Birthdays

Robert Fabel (04/02)	Ernest Nidick Jr. (04/15)
Donald Goodman (04/04)	Robert Peters (04/18)
Bruce Tellardin (04/05)	Ronald Besette (04/19)
Craig George (04/08)	William Christensen (04/19)
Steven Kolden (04/08)	Jeffrey Hansen (04/23)
Richard Keihner (04/11)	Cy Sidun (04/25)
George Lumm (04/13)	Henry Miller Jr. (04/26)
Jim Gibbon (04/15)	Leonard Suokko (04/26)
Ron Katz (04/15)	



## Crow Canyon Lodge Shirts Now Available for Order

*Any color, Any size, up to XXL*

### PRICING

Small to XL	\$22.00
XXL to XXXL	\$23.10
Add your name	Add \$5.50

Our Sr. Steward will have a signup sheet at Stated Meeting or contact our Secretary.

Order early and don't miss out!!

## 2018 Hiram Award Designee

Masonry recognizes members who go above and beyond to serve the lodge and the community. Each year, the lodge has the opportunity to present a special award, called "The Hiram Award", to honor a member. Our 2018 Hiram Award Designee is Bro. Les Blake.



Les was raised in New Jersey in Nutley Lodge, #25 in 1966. He moved to California with his wife, Cheryl, and joined Crow Canyon Lodge in 2013.



Since joining our Lodge Les has been a permanent fixture in the kitchen for our Stated Meetings and other dinners. He is well-known for his fresh baked biscuits and cakes. He also serves the lodge as a Trustee for our investments and also as the head of our Visiting committee for ill or homebound brothers.

Les was presented with his 50 year pin in 2016. Les always has a smile and a fantastic attitude and is a great example of a true masonic brother. He lives

in Hayward and is retired.

Les will receive his honor at a public dinner and ceremony on August 16, 2018. Please plan to join us to share the celebration with Les and his family.

# Congratulations!



Bro. Anthony Lloyd receives his 50 year pin from Wor. Gary Sparks, Inspector 317th Masonic District

## Rod & Gun Club

The club held it's first meeting and this is where it is going:

They will hold their meetings on the 2nd Saturday, each month, at 10:00AM. Members are researching the following and will bring back information on:



### Rod:

- Fly Fishing Instruction Trip
- Deep Sea Fishing Trip

### Gun:

- Gun Safety Class at the Lodge
- Black Power Shooting-Demonstration
- Pistol range practice
- Offer DeMolay some participation

Next meeting April 14, 10AM, Castro Valley Masonic Center"

## Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson, Charles Hintz, Howard Marmor, George Christensen, Corbit Ray

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer 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  
[email](mailto:into@ccl551.org) into@ccl551.org.

Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [email](mailto:into@ccl551.org) into@ccl551.org.

## In Memorium

Floyd Leon "Lee" Fawcett passed away on Aug. 31, 2017. He was born in St. George Utah on Jun. 21, 1936 and was a proud graduate of Oakland's Castlemont High School, Class of 1955.

In 1989, Lee joined the Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551. He applied his many talents in support of the Lodge, particularly in woodworking. The artistic shadow boxes which adorn the north-west corner of Lodge room as well as the podium in the north create a permanent legacy of Lee's talent, dedication and creativity. Thank you, Bro. Lee!

## 2018 Officers

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**Marshal**—J. Rafisura  
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**Senior Deacon**—Brian Ross  
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Bill Ferrell - 510.520.7242 cell

Ron Katz - Fremont-Hayward—510.375.3137 cell  
Eric Korbas - Castro Valley 510.823.6334

Roy Tamez - Hayward 510.537.1077 / 510.684.3047 cell

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## 2018 Committees

### 2018 Appointments

**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:**

**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:** Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

**Sweethearts Committee:** Glenn Sears, Guy Phillips, Perry Klahr

**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—Helen J. Zidek [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](#)

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# Crow Canyon Lodge #551

## April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> Master's & Warden's Retreat	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Stated Meeting Social 5:30 PM Dinner 6:15 PM Opening 7:30 PM	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> District Officers' School of Instruction (Pleasanton) - Dinner 6:00 PM - Opening 7:00 PM	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> DOSI (CVMC) - Dinner 6:00 PM - Open- ing 7:00 PM	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Rod & Gun Club - 10 AM
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<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>					