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



Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

October 2—Stated Meeting—5:30 Social / 6:15 Dinner \$10/person 7:30 PM Stated Meeting. Widows are guests of the lodge.

October 4—Hiram Award Presentation and Dinner Honoring Bro. Howard Marmor—6:15 PM Dinner / 7:30 Presentation

October 9—1st Degree Practice—7:00 PM

October 10-12—Grand Lodge Communication

October 14—Officer's School of Instruction (DOSI)—7:00 PM—Crow Canyon Lodge—Open to all Master Masons. Officers are required to attend. Surveyors are expected to attend. Topics: 3rd Degree 1st Section. Other work to be determined. Arrive between 6 and 7 for a light meal compliments of Crow Canyon Lodge.

October 16—1st Degree Practice—7:00 PM

October 23—1st Degree—Mr. Perry Khare—7:00 PM

October 28—DMPS—Masonic Education / Masonic Discussion—7:00 PM

October 30—2nd Degree Practice (sorry . . . no potluck tonight)

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. Location to be determined.

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.

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



This is the month of Halloween. Evolving from the ancient Celtic holiday of Samhain, modern Halloween has become less about literal ghosts and ghouls and more about costumes and candy. The Celts used the day to mark the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter, and also believed that this transition between the seasons was a bridge to the world of the dead. Over the millennia the holiday transitioned from a somber pagan ritual to a day of merriment, costumes, parades and sweet treats for children and adults.

Day of the Dead (Spanish: Día de Muertos) is a Mexican holiday observed throughout Mexico and around the world in other cultures. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died. The celebration takes place on October 31, November 1 and November 2, in connection with the triduum of Allhallowtide: All Hallows' Eve, Halloween, and All Souls' Day.[1][2] Traditions connected with the holiday include building private altars called ofrendas, honoring the deceased using sugar skulls, marigolds, and the favorite foods and beverages of the departed, and visiting graves with these as gifts. They also leave possessions of the deceased.

Scholars trace the origins of the modern Mexican holiday to indigenous observances dating back hundreds of years and to an Aztec festival dedicated to the goddess Mictecacihuatl. The holiday has spread throughout the world. In Brazil Dia de Finados is a public holiday that many Brazilians celebrate by visiting cemeteries and churches. In Spain there are festivals and parades and, at the end of the day, people gather at cemeteries and pray for their dead loved ones. Similar observances occur elsewhere in Europe, and similarly themed celebrations appear in many Asian and African cultures.

Also in October is our Annual Grand Lodge Communication. Beginning the afternoon of October 10 with opening and voting on resolutions, it continues early Saturday morning and runs until 5 PM that evening. For those who choose, a dinner dance is held in honor of the retiring Grand Master and his corps of officers. Sunday morning at 9 AM begins the Public Opening, addresses by the Masonic Youth Group Leaders, recognition, and finally the Installation of the new Grand Master and his corps.

One of the most striking aspects of the event, and one that relates to the beginning of this article, is the reading of the names of all California Freemasons who have passed to the Celestial Lodge over the last Masonic Year. This is often followed by a beautiful solo by the Grand Organist.

Our lodge is a success today, because of the Past Masters and members who nurtured it in its early years. They built the foundation, both in traditions, as well as in financially, that support our lodge and allow us to survive. Our fine lodge has been serving the Castro Valley community for more than 90 years. That is an amazing story.

The officers who will lead you in January, are already working hard to qualify for their new roles. They are committed to exemplifying the work with the level of perfection our Lodge has been known for. So the lost word is . . . practice (practice, practice). As the year begins to wind down and we prepare for the next term, we can look forward to more great traditions, more enthusiastic members, and more confident officers.

It is a pleasure to serve such a wonderful lodge. I thank you today, and every day for the opportunity. Happy Halloween!

From the West

By Bob Pinkerton, P.M.—Senior Warden



Some of you may know that we had to cancel some degrees in September and reschedule some other degrees. I bring this up, because in the process, we, or at least I, discovered that everyone in the degree is an important part of the degree. Our elected officers and Deacons have worked very hard at becoming proficient in their work and they have done excellent work. However, we are moving up in our stations, and weaknesses are starting to show in the practices, because we have been so busy doing degrees, we have not had the time to develop for the future. This is not a criticism, because I am proud of all the degrees we have put on thus far. I am concerned with the future degrees. Our Officers Coach pointed this weakness out, and as far as I have heard, the Lodge Officers agree with him.

Accordingly, I am asking for four volunteers who are truly interested in Masonry and degree work to come forth, attend all practices and become proficient in the Junior and Senior Stewards positions. These are the positions in which you can start off in small increments to increase your knowledge and ritual work, and build the confidence to proceed through the upper chairs.

The work is fairly easy in these chairs, but to be honest, it will get harder as you progress. However, those that have done their proficiency in the third degrees long form are likely to succeed if they truly desire. Please contact me, Wor. Katz, Bro. Mike Ramos or Bro. Apak if you are interested or have questions about these positions.

I would also like to take the time to thank everyone who came out and helped with the Child ID at the Castro Valley Fall Festival. It was wonderfully attended. I look forward to next year's event also.



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



Esteemed Brethren,
Tuesday, October 28th marks the last DMPS for this Masonic year. As celebration to another year in the books we are planning to meet at The Englander in San Leandro for dinner and libations accompanied by paper deliveries.

I have pre-booked the banquet room; please send me a note to let me know if you plan on attending. Below is their address and a link to their menu.

The Englander, 101 Parrot Street, San Leandro, 94577
<http://www.englishpub.com/menu.sanleandro/>

I hope to see you there. Bro. Mike Ramos

From the South

By Michael Ramos—Junior Warden
Brethren & Friends,



For the month of October we will be serving an Oktoberfest-style sausage. As always, if you plan on bringing guests, please do contact our Secretary prior to place reservations.

Thomas Smith Webb has been called the “Founding Father of American Masonry”. Make no mistake, he did not bring the Craft to our country, but he is responsible for streamlining and formatting much of what we now practice in North American Freemasonry. Webb’s “Freemason’s Monitor or Illustrations of Masonry” helped solidify our ancient customs as well as being an aid to remind us of our obligations and teachings. One that I find most valuable is his note on the Masonic time-honored practice of Silence and Circumspection.

Silence is the key to Freemasonry. When one can circumscribe their desires and learn the values of open ears and closed mouths, the most beautiful tenets of our institution can then be internalized, uninterrupted. Many countries, to this day, impart the knowledge of the “key” to new members, while also reminding those most seasoned to always use it; not only is silence a sign of respect to those speaking and responding, but it is also a vital personal tool while a Lodge is at labor.

Circumspection is one of the many qualities of a worthy Brother Mason. This quality falls in line with prudence. When a Mason truly understands that his knowledge is not to be shared with the profane, and that it is often more important to keep a well guarded tongue than to be loose of speech, he will ever remember how valuable our teachings and truths are in his daily life.

I urge all Brethren, myself included, to work towards making these practices customary. When we enter the doors of our “Temple” Room and clad ourselves proper, let us leave behind idle conversation as well as inappropriate and untimely habits. It is a time to separate from the ordinary and to once again respect our traditions and customs during the time of our Labors. Our institution is special, my Brothers, so let us always strive to be stellar custodians to all that it encompasses by setting a good example for those who come after.

Masonic Family Corner

Unity Assembly #65, IORG—Please join us on October 18 for a BBQ Dinner at the Schaefer Ranch. Menu includes a juicy 10 oz. rib-eye steak, ranch beans, German potato salad, tossed green salad dinner roles and dessert. We will also be holding a silent auction before and during the dinner. Items in the auction include a Disney Package and much more. Tickets are just \$20/person / \$8/person for children under 12 (hamburger replaces steak). Social begins at 1:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 3:00 PM. Event ends and auction winners announced before 6:00 PM.

Dublin Bethel #1, Jobs Daughters—Is planning a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Knudson’s Ice Creamery on December 13th. Presale tickets will be available at the October 2nd Stated Meeting.

Castro Valley DeMolay—Will be having their semi-annual Installation of Officers on November 8 at 7:30 PM at the Castro Valley Masonic Center.



From the Secretary’s Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



The mailing list of the lodge Trestleboard is the responsibly of the secretary. There have been a large number of Trestleboards returned from the post office. Each time one is returned the cost to the lodge is 55¢. Most of the time the address change or unable to deliver is returned after the next mailing therefor causing two of the same address being return for a total cost of \$1.10. If a mailing is returned to me as unable to deliver I delete that address from our mailing list. If for some reason you do not want to continue receiving the lodge bulletin, please send me a note, e-mail or call via telephone and request that your name be removed from the mailing list. My name, address, e-mail address and telephone number are listed in the bulletin.

The Grand Lodge 165th Annual Communication will be held on October 10th, 11th and 12th. At that time the new per-capita tax will be set. As soon as I receive that information, dues notices will be sent out. I anticipate sending out the statement around the 15th of October. Your prompt attention would be appreciated. Life members and dues remission will also be sent out at the same time.

The days seem longer but the years are shorter.

Inspiring Words

By Irwin Fershleiser—Chaplain

The Holy Bible and the TV Guide

On the table, side by side:
The Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
One is well worn but cherished with pride,
No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide.

One is used daily to help folks decide;
No, it isn’t the bible; it’s the TV guide.
As the pages are turned, what shall they see?
Oh, what does it matter – turn on the TV.

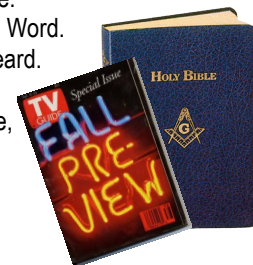
The confusion reigns; they can’t all agree
On what they shall watch on the old TV.
So they open the book in which they confide.
No, not the Bible, the TV Guide.

The Word of God is seldom read,
Oh, maybe a verse as they fall into bed
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be,
Not from reading the bible, but from watching TV.

So then back to the table, side by side,
Is the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.
No time for prayer, no time for the Word.
The plan of salvation is seldom heard.

Forgiveness of sin, so full and free,
Is found in the bible, not on TV.

- Author Unknown



Think about it.

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2014 Committees

Appointments

Audit – Kay Dunn, Robert Logan, Arnie Weinstein

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

Kids ID (9/13-9/14/14) - David Allen– Chairman / Sammy Tamez / Roy Tamez / Jerry Garcia

Feast of St. John (12/20/14) - Michael Ramos / Charles Hintz / Stephen Kinsman

Masonic Youth Orders

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

Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls—Donna Allen 925.735.1233

Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261—Laurel M. 559.696.0746

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

Sunshine and Visiting

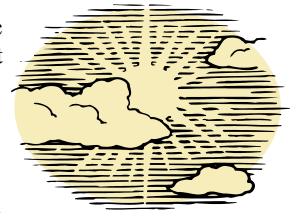
If you know of an ailing brother or Masonic widow who needs some cheering up, don't keep it a secret.

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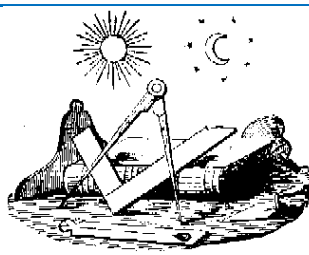
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*The Officers and Members of Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551
cordially invite you to attend the*

Hiram Award Dinner

Honoring

Brother Howard Marmor



Saturday, October 4, 2014

Dinner Served at 6:15 PM

*Castro Valley Masonic Center
4521 Crow Canyon Road, Castro Valley*

Call for reservations 510-258-0654

Crow Canyon Lodge #551 F&AM October 2014

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