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No. 551
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Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2019

- 01/02 - **Wednesday** - Officers Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 01/03 - **Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 01/10 - **Thursday** - District Officers (DOSI) @ Crow Canyon - 7:00 PM
- 01/17 - **Thursday** - Degree or Practice - 7:00 PM
- 01/22 - **Tuesday** - Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 01/24 - **Thursday** - Degree or Practice - 7:00 PM
- 01/31 - **Thursday** - Masonic Family Potluck - 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 2019

- 02/06 - **Wednesday** - Officers Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 02/07 - **Thursday** - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM
- 02/09 - **Saturday** - Masters & Past Masters Convocation - Masonic Home - 3:00 PM
- 02/13 - **Wednesday** - District Officers (DOSI) @ Crow Canyon - 7:00 PM
- 02/14 - **Thursday** - Lodge Dark - Happy Valentine's Day!
- 02/21 - **Thursday** - Degree or Practice - 7:00 PM
- 02/23 - **Saturday** - Annual Crab Feed
- 02/26 - **Tuesday** - Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 02/28 - **Thursday** - Degree or Practice - 7:00 PM

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

Brethren:

Happy New Year! We have a busy and fun year ahead of us.

We ended 2018 with a 2nd Degree for Bro. Nicholas Nelson and the Family Christmas Party attended by more than seventy. Good fellowship was enjoyed at all these events.

In January, we will celebrate the Worshipful Brother Joseph G. Stewart, PM on his 25 years in Masonry. Crow Canyon will host the first District Officers School of Instruction on Thursday January 10th. All Master Masons are welcome to attend. Our first Potluck will take place on the 5th Thursday on January 31st, and every 5th Thursday in 2019.



In February, we will hold our Annual Crab Feed on Saturday the 23rd. Our lodge will be Dark on Thursday February 14th in honor of Valentine's Day. Remember your ladies with a night out (as the Lodge Officers will be honoring theirs.)

Ever want to visit Washington DC? Our Sr. Warden is considering a visitation to confer a degree at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Va. He is planning to visit the White House, Congress, the FBI, the Smithsonian Museums, and other national monuments. If this sounds interesting, let Paul know you are interested.

From the West

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Senior Warden

As I was concluding the position and duties of Jr. Warden, I had it within my responsibly to again host the 'Feast of Saint John the Evangelist', on Dec. 27th (which is the recognized day of this event). Unfortunately we didn't receive enough RSVP's from our brothers to make this event happen.

Several times I had the question asked as to why the 'Holy Saints John' are the Patron Saints of Freemasonry today. It's a great question, and hopefully my answer will encourage more to sign up for our 'Feast of Saint John the Baptist' on or near June 22nd. This would be the perfect venue to host a paper you may have on this or other meaningful Masonic topics you may feel a calling to share.

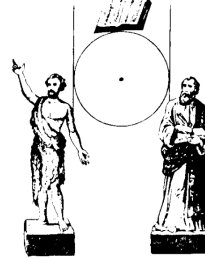
I would like to bring up a thoughtful paper written for this occasion by W. Bro. Harvey L. Ward Jr. PM., which can be found in its entirety at:

<http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/ward.html>.



I highly encourage you to give it a thorough read, but until then, here are some teasers I have selected below.

In addressing St. John the Baptist, the author surmises "For his refusal to change himself or his message and for his devotion to Jesus, John the Baptist was imprisoned and eventually beheaded by King Herod. The heroism, fidelity, and integrity of John are echoed in the legends of Jacques DeMolay and Hiram Abif ..."



He then proposes our St John the Evangelist "...is likely the amalgamation of several New Testament Johns. Including John the Disciple of Christ, John the Epistle writer, and John the Divine of Patmos, the author of the book of Revelation.

So in combining his theories, "There we have two Saints John, very properly described Masonically as parallel figures. Both of unimpeachable character and strong influence on the Western Mind, but one dogmatic and rigid, and the other intellectual and esoteric. In both we find the integrity and inflexible fidelity so common to Masonic teaching, but the manner of teaching those virtues varies between the two."

In concluding my brothers, it's my hope that together we can find a time to have meaningful conversations regarding Masonic Education or to discuss anything you may find important to the health and growth of our lodge. I look forward to serving our lodge as your Senior Warden and to having a chance to work with, meet with, and converse with all of you soon.

From the South

By Brian Ross—Junior Warden

Brethren:

Happy Holidays! I am thrilled to be your Junior Warden for the upcoming year and will work hard to spread togetherness, friendship and brotherly love among our members at our Stated meetings, ceremonies and other lodge events.

This being a time of giving, I ask each of you, if able, to follow that fraternal tradition of helping the downtrodden in times of need. No matter how well the economy may be doing, there is always someone who has fallen upon hard times and needs your support. It may be a Brother, friend, family member or a stranger – no matter – there is nothing more rewarding and honorable than reaching out and giving someone a helping hand. So the next time you pass the "red kettle" give paper instead of coin, fill up those grocery bags left at your front door with nutritious food for the hungry instead of your discarded canned foods, visit an elderly or sick Brother at the Masonic Home over the holiday week to spread a little joy, and finally, tell each member of your family how much you truly love them.



Roy and I have not had a chance to sit down and plan the menu for 2019 but will do so soon. However, for our Stated Meetings, I seek your input as to the type of meals you might want in the future. For example, I would like a country barbeque much like we enjoy at the country barn dance held by the AAHMES Mounted Patrol that many of you are familiar with – another Brother suggested a pub food night with fish and chips. In the end, I leave it to Roy but hey – your suggestions are appreciated!

Also, don't forget that we have a potluck scheduled for January 31st, 2019. Based upon the first letter of your last name, please bring a dish accordingly (lodge to provide meat and drinks, meat to be announced at Stated Meeting):

A-H - salad or appetizer

I-O - main course

P-Z - dessert

From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



I am very pleased that the brethren have elected me as your secretary. In the 48 years that I have been a Master Mason the craft sure has changed. Participation has dropped off and our brothers have been failing to contribute to support the success of the lodge. The Grand Lodge continues to increase our per-capita each year to insure their financial survival. Within a few year the per-capita tax may surpass our dues which are now \$60.00 per year. The Grand Lodge per-capita tax is \$51.00. Our membership dues have failed to keep pace with the cost of operating the Lodge. For example, the lodge underwrites the Hall Association around \$50k/year to insure that we have a beautiful and safe place to meet.

We have 21 Entered Apprentices, 5 Fellowcrafts and 259 Master Masons for a total of 285 members as of January 15th. We have lost 6 members who have passed away and 3 members who have demitted. As of January we have 12 members who have not paid their 2017 dues and 78 members who still have not paid their 2018 dues. We have 66 life members and 36 members whose dues are being remitted. Neither of these two groups is required to pay any additional monies to the lodge annually.



We have a great group of officers this year and a lot of planned activities for the benefit of our members and their families. The thing that I look forward to is our potluck dinners. These will happen any time there is a fifth Thursday in any given month.

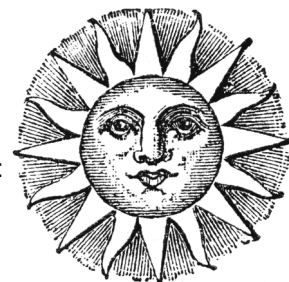
Our annual crab feed will be held on the 23rd of February. This has been the biggest event of the

year. Our kitchen crew does themselves proud. Great meals come out of our kitchen thanks to the staff who really works hard to please our members.

This year we will honor five of our members with their Golden Veteran's Award - 50 years a Master Mason.

The officers are working hard to have a very successful year, come and be a part of that success.

Sunshine and Visiting



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

Mark Caspersen, George Christensen, Gary Frisvold, Charles Hintz, Corbit Ray, Howard Marmor, Woody Hibbs

Please contact Secretary Don Schauer or check our members' only website 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 [click to email](#)
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [click to email](#)

3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Peter Amato (60) | Raymond Newman (28) |
| William Ferrell [PM] (37) | Gary Orr (33) |
| Marshall Field (53) | Mark Parinas (9) |
| Craig George (37) | Frank Russell Jr. (37) |
| Joseph Gottardi (54) | Jerome Samelson (32) |
| Roger Hamilton (42) | John Smith (16) |
| Forrest Hibbs [PM] (66) | Sammy Tamez [PM] (38) |
| Arthur Hinds (22) | John Teixeira (19) |
| Geoffrey Linder (6) | Dain Warton (14) |

January Birthdays

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Charles Hintz (01/01) | Arthur Hinds (01/20) |
| William Warnecke (01/01) | Paul Makela (01/20) |
| Frank Thrall Jr. (01/03) | W. Glen Salmon Jr. (01/20) |
| Keith Dilliplane (01/05) | Jack Tornio (01/20) |
| Andrew Hawes (01/06) | Theodore Moehnke (01/22) |
| Martin Nilson Jr. (01/08) | Fred Kao (01/23) |
| Greg Rapp (01/08) | Billy Martens (01/25) |
| Randy Daniels (01/12) | James Johnston (01/27) |
| Jerry Garcia (01/12) | Louie Garcia (01/28) |
| Mick Bowers (01/13) | John Laney (01/28) |
| Jorge Hernandez (01/13) | John Davenport Jr. (01/29) |
| Mark Kahn (01/13) | Delbert Kraft (01/29) |
| Albert Thomas (01/13) | Gene Tague Jr. (01/29) |
| Geoff Linder (01/15) | Ronald Nobriga (01/30) |
| David Stevenson (01/17) | Gary Frisvold (01/31) |
| Kurt Allen (01/18) | |

LODGE SWEETHEARTS

The widows of our members we consider to be our Lodge Sweethearts and they hold a special place in our hearts. We have lost contact with some of our Sweethearts. If you know one of our Sweethearts and where she currently resides or are aware that she has departed to join her spouse in "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens", please contact our Lodge Secretary or visit our website: (<https://CCL551.org/sweet>) so that we can update our records and those of the Grand Lodge.

No Contact Information

[Joann Bryan](#)
[Doris Carden](#)
[Yvonne Cox](#)
[Lorriane Dalrymple](#)
[Phyllis Higgen](#)
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[Karen L. Kenyon](#)
[Phyllis Roberts](#)
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 Darlene Matthews
 Marjorie Patceg
 Ola Reschert
 Carolyn Riddervold
 Ramona Schwan
 Ruth Snyder
 Voula Spiropoulos
 Lola M Weatherton
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Marilyn Farihna
 Shirley Fifield
 Pauline Gilbert
 Laurie Giovanelli
 Darlene Hanlon
 Jean Hicks
 Alyce Johnson
 Betty Johnson
 Isabelle Johnson
 Nola Johnson
 Anna Kao
 Adrienne Keller
 Eva Kelly
 Beulah Lane
 Delaine Leuning
 Ruth Lockard
 Patricia Mc Mullen
 Zoegale Monsen
 Frances Moreland
 Muriel Morr
 Nancy Mumm
 Eleanor Murphy
 Joyce Nelson
 Flora E. Orzell
 Vera Perryman

Patsy Pfeifer
 Katherine Pickering
 Anna Quigley
 Linda Quigley
 Audry Rand
 Lorine Reid
 Delfina Romero
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 Betsy Coleman
 Opal Irene Collons
 Billie Cowan
 Jeanne Dyer
 Phyllis Dyer
 Madeline Eaton
 Eva Emerson
 Edna Evans



MASTERS' and PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION



106th ANNUAL CONVOCATION
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019
 3:00 PM

Grand Master Stuart A. Wright will attend

Masonic Home, Union City, CA

Reservations are REQUIRED
 Contact mpmsecretary@att.net

WHAT'S NEW ON OUR WEBSITE?



- We are beginning to create a history of each of our Past Masters. [Here is an example.](#)
- Members who are registered with the site can provide input to these histories in the [Member's only Section.](#)
- The [Past Master's list](#) in the Member's only can be sorted by Name, Term, or Lodge and can be filtered by any of the 8 lodges that Crow Canyon 551 is made up of.
- Members with special talents or skills can post their [digital business card](#)
- You can view a list of our [Lodge Sweethearts](#) and supply information about how to contact them
- You can search the site for anything you might want to know more about.

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2019 Committees

2019 Appointments

Audit: Mick Bowers

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: TBD

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 & Visiting: Ernie Nidick & Les Blake

Sweethearts Committee: Perry Klahr, Mick Bowers, and Guy Phillips

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—Heidi Kolden - 510.693.1385
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LEARN MORE ABOUT MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

DeMolay - demolay.org

Jobs Daughters - jobsdaughtersinternational.org

Rainbow for Girls - gorainbow.org



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Crow Canyon Lodge #551 January 2019

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