



Trestleboard

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**Crow Canyon Lodge
No. 551**

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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2024

- 02/01—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:15 PM / Business Meeting 7:30 PM
- 02/08—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 02/13—Tuesday—DOSI at Pleasanton—6:30 PM
- 02/15—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 02/17—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 02/20—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 02/22—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 02/27—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 02/29—Thursday—Leap Day Potluck—6:00 PM

MARCH 2024

- 03/02—Saturday—Annual Crab/Shrimp Feed—6:00 PM
- 03/05—Wednesday—Officer's Meeting—7:00 PM
- 03/06—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social/Dinner 6:15 PM / Business Meeting 7:30 PM
- 03/12—Tuesday—DOSI at Livermore—6:30 PM
- 03/14—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 03/16—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Norman's, CV—8:00 AM
- 03/19—Tuesday—Zoom Social—7:00 PM
- 03/21—Thursday—Degree or Practice—7:00 PM
- 03/26—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM
- 03/28—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)
- ◆ 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 Andrew Hawes —Master

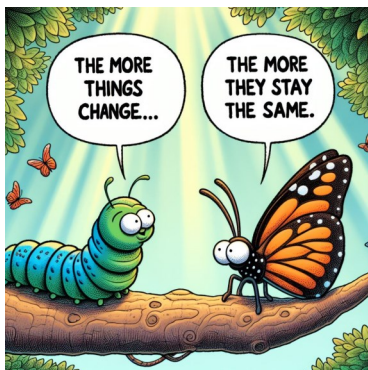
2024 is a leap year, when we adjust our calendars to make up for the annual slippage of a quarter of a day against the calendar.



I've always thought it would be more sensible to just make one day of each year a bit longer, especially in this day of electronic clocks and smartphones – but I suppose we still have enough analog clocks out there from past years that would need to be updated an extra time per year to make that plan a bother.

It's not just clocks- many things in our daily lives are influenced by our past- language is a classic example. I've heard many Masons complain about some of the language in our ritual – words that were once commonplace enough that no-one thought twice about using them have today become obscure or obsolete. However, this connection to our past is cherished by Masons, as we feel that there are things which tend towards change in our world that should NOT change – such as the practices of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Of course, many things change whether we like it or not, and we must remain resolute in accepting them, and making them part of our lives – to live in denial and refusal of change will certainly lead to our eventual downfall.

There is a saying: “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” This is intended to evoke the cyclical nature of changes in our society, and the idea that really, things which seem on the surface to



be changing may only appear different on the surface, while remaining consistent at their core. Language is a good example of this – saying “Be right back” when someone rang your doorbell during a phone call or when the stove started boiling over, was replaced in

the era of the cell phone with the shortened acronym “BRB” – both intended to indicate to the person on the other end of the conversation that you were temporarily exiting the conversation, and would shortly return. Today, however, even the

abbreviated “BRB” is becoming obsolete – because more and more people never leave their conversations! Especially amongst the younger generation, if the doorbell rings or pot starts to boil over while they're on a call or in a text conversation, they simply continue the conversating while answering the door, or turning off the stove. There's no NEED to tell the other person they'll “be right back” – because they take the other person with them, perhaps via wireless headset, or even the live stream from their smart glasses.

We live in a time of eternal, ubiquitous connectivity. Peace and quiet mean different things today than they used to. AI assistants are cropping up everywhere, and it probably won't be long before our morning coffee is brewed by an AI-enabled “smartpot” and our digital calendars are automatically updated by AI tools that book our dentist appointments and schedule our oil changes...but at least for now, they'll still have to account for that one extra day, every four years at the end of February.

From the West

By Lyman Penning, PM — Sr. Warden



Brethren, I did some checking on iMember for Crow Canyon Lodge #551. I found that not only having 198 Master Masons on our roster, we also have 7 Fellowcraft Masons, 20 Entered Apprentice Masons, and 14 Inquiries (individuals who are expressing an interest in checking out Crow Canyon Lodge #551 for membership). According to the Grand Lodge iMember, our lodge may be quite busy for some with all three degrees.

With that said, I would suggest that everyone keep a close eye on the monthly Trestleboards. I feel that our lodge will be extremely busy with moving and examining candidates in all three degrees. Also, I will be contacting the candidate coaches to check on the progress of each candidate and to see when a candidate is ready for his proficiency exam and his next degree. So coaches, please call me in order for me to hear your candidate's progress so that the Worshipful Master can schedule his next degree.

Happy Valentines Day everyone.

From the South

By Alex Von Stade, PM — Jr. Warden

Brethren, welcome to the month of February, the shortest month of the year. Some sources indicate that the name, February comes from the Roman God Februus, while others indicate that February is derived from the word “februa” which was the name of the purification festivals which were held in ancient Rome on the fifteenth of this month. Regardless of its origin, we can look forward to several holidays taking place this month including Groundhog Day, George Washington’s Birthday, Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday, and Valentine’s Day. And don’t forget, this is a leap year, enjoy the 29th; it only comes around every four years!



Sunshine and Visiting

We would like to remind you of a valuable link in the support of our Lodge; the ‘Sunshine Committee’.



The Sunshine Committee will spread rays of warmth to those around them through hospital visitations, visits to the elderly, welcoming and get well gifts, and more.

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February Birthdays

Christopher Boggess (02/03)

Brandon Moore (02/16)

John Smith (02/03)

Mark Warzyniak (02/17)

Anthony Lloyd (02/05)

John Groff (02/19)

Alvin Rodes (02/05)

Ronald Selvey (02/19)

Harold Rubin (02/05)

Brian Brunckhorst (02/25)

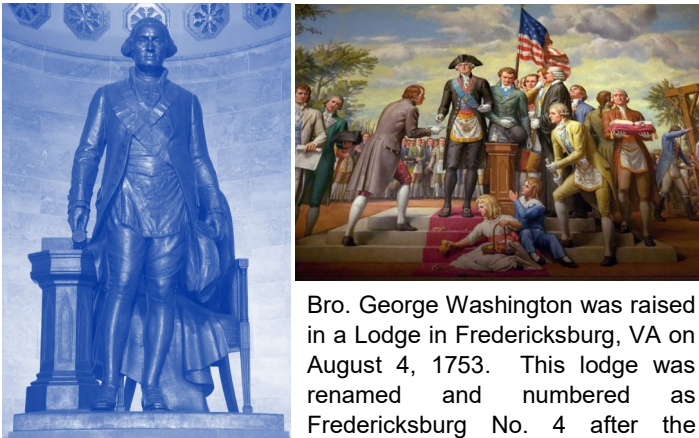
Edward Auguadro (02/06)

Alan West (02/26)

Robert Steen (02/10)

John Fischer (02/27)

Fred Jonke (02/14)



Bro. George Washington was raised in a Lodge in Fredericksburg, VA on August 4, 1753. This lodge was renamed and numbered as Fredericksburg No. 4 after the creation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.



3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Orrin Benedict Jr. (6)

Kishore Gidvani (25)

Ronald Bessette (32)

Jeffrey Hansen (26)

David Bode (39)

Douglas Howe (9)

Anthony Lloyd (56)

Paul Makela (50)

Harold Burk Jr. (32)

Allen Weisser [PM] (60)

Ronnie Castia (33)

Valentine's Day Fun Facts

- ♥ The average Valentine's Day gift giver spends nearly \$200 on Valentine's Day gifts and goodies—for about \$26 billion overall.
- ♥ While most people send out nice messages for the holiday, Victorian-era folks sometimes used valentines to turn down a suitor, called a vinegar valentine.
- ♥ More than 250 million roses are produced for Valentine's Day—with red roses making up nearly two-thirds of that number
- ♥ Valentine's Day is one of the most popular days to propose. (In fact, if you got engaged between December and February, you're in the zone when the most proposals happen.)
- ♥ The color red and the heart shape first started showing up in medieval art during the 14th and 15th century.



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Where in the World

Each month we log visitors to our website. This month we were pleased to have guests from: Oakley, CA; Seattle, WA; Kitchener, ON; Prestatyn, UK; Laplace, LA; Nashville, TN; Myrtle Beach, SC; Alameda, CA; Ry, Denmark; Shelby, NC; Berkeley, CA; Collegeville, PA; Toronto, ON; Stockton, CA, Durham, NC



Committees

2023 Appointments

Audit: Pat Quinn HA, Aaron Johnson, Andrew Hawes

Charity Committee: Master and Wardens

Crab Feed: Roy Tamez PM HA, Perry Klahr, Tramaine Ellison, Phil Busch HA

Executive Committee: J. Rafisura, Andrew Hawes, Lyman Penning PM HA, Perry Klahr

FOSJ and White Table Night: Lyman Penning PM HA, Aaron Johnson, Jerry Garcia

Hiram Award Selection: HA Committee (All HA recipients)

Inter-lodge Relations: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Robert Pinkerton PM

Masonic Funeral: Bill Ferrell PM HA, Roy Tamez PM HA, Pat Quinn HA

Masonic Education: Bob Pinkerton PM

Masonic Hall Association: Brian Ross PM

Masons for Mitts: Brian Ross PM, Ozzie Ghani

Membership Retention: Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross PM

Picnic: Roy Tamez PM HA, Perry Klahr, Lyman Penning PM HA

Printing and Mailing: Bill Biddell, H.A.

Public Schools Night: Adam Korbas

Strawberry Feed: Perry Klahr, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton, Lyman Penning PM HA

Sunshine and Visiting: Ernie Nidick, Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Roy Tamez PM HA

Sweethearts Committee: Phil Busch HA, Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison

Trustees: Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, PM HA

Website and Trestleboard: Ron Katz, PM HA

Welcome: Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Jesse Bridgeman, Lyman Penning

Youth Orders Liaisons: Andrew Hawes, Pat Quinn HA

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February 2024

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Stated Meeting Social / Dinner 6:15 Business 7:30 PM	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Practice or De- gree 7:00 PM	9	10	
11	12	13 DOSI at Pleasanton 6:30 PM	14	15 Practice or De- gree 7:00 PM	16	17 Breakfast w/ Brothers @ Norman's 8:00 AM	
18	19	20 Zoom Social 7:00 PM	21	22 Practice or De- gree 7:00 PM	23	24	
25	26	27 Hall Assoc. 7:00 PM	28	29 Leap Day Pot- luck—6:00 PM			