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Crow Canyon Lodge  
No. 551  
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## Calendar of Events

### MARCH 2022

03/02—Wednesday—Zoom Officer's Meeting / Centennial Committee Meeting to follow 7:00 PM  
03/03—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM—Stated Meeting 7:30 PM  
03/08—Tuesday—DOSI—Mosaic Lodge—6:30 PM  
03/10—Thursday—2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM  
03/12—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV.—8:00 AM  
03/15—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering—7:00 PM  
03/17—Thursday—2nd Degree—Blaine Deaton—7:00 PM  
03/19—Saturday—Game Night—Poker or Games vs Kids  
03/22—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM  
03/24—Thursday—Practice—7:00 PM  
03/31—Thursday—Lodge Potluck & Chili Cook Off—7:00 PM

### APRIL 2022

04/06—Wednesday—Zoom Officer's Meeting / Centennial Committee Meeting to follow 7:00 PM  
04/07—Thursday—Stated Meeting—Social 5:30 PM—Dinner 6:15 PM—Stated Meeting 7:30 PM / Scotch & Cigars after Meeting  
04/19—Tuesday—Zoom Social Gathering—7:00 PM  
04/14—Thursday—Practice—7:00 PM  
04/16—Saturday—Breakfast with Brothers @ Normans, CV.—8:00 AM  
04/21—Thursday—Public Schools Night w/Dinner—5:00 PM  
04/22-04/24—Friday—Sunday—Masters and Wardens Retreat  
04/26—Tuesday—Hall Association—7:00 PM  
04/28—Thursday—Practice—7:00 PM  
04/30—Saturday—Fishing Trip or Shooting Range (TBD)

## 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 Brian Ross — Master

Brothers, Families and Friends:

Well, COVID-19 is almost in our rear-view mirror, but the Grand Master has set forth a couple of mandates that we must follow when meeting. If you are vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask when attending events at the Lodge. However, the unvaccinated **MUST** wear a mask - there are no exceptions.

February was Masonic Widows Month, and my heartfelt thanks goes out to Wor. Paul Rodriguez-O'Brien, Phil Busch-HA, Aaron Johnson and Tramaine Ellison for personally delivering flowers and gift cards to the widows on February 19th. Good work brothers!



Superbowl Party - we held a Super Bowl viewing party with scotch and cigars on February 13th at the Lodge - 25 of us hung out and watched a whale of a game.

First Degrees - the Lodge conferred four first degrees this month and as a result, welcomed Jake Andreotti, Jesse Bridgeman, Steven Dorough and Felipe Castellanos as the newest members of our lodge. We look forward to observing their Masonic journeys in the coming months/years.

Breakfast with the Brothers - As usual, the brothers met at Norman's on February 19th for our monthly breakfast - boy what a meal and a good time the ten of us had!

Crab/Shrimp feed - Our crab/shrimp feed is on February 26th and sold out to 100 attendees. We will be conducting a raffle in support of our youth groups during the feed.

Let's keep this momentum moving forward and have a heck of a time in 2022 before blowing the top off the building in our 100th year- 2023!

## From the West

By J. E. C. Rafisura — Sr. Warden

Brethren, as of this writing, the new set of officers have initiated 4 new brothers on two separate "double-degree" conferrals. I congratulate each one of them, namely, brothers, Jesse Bridgeman, Jake Andreotti, Felipe Castellanos and Steven Dorough. May you continue to search for the truth, that progressive truth, as you go through the several stations of your masonic life.



May you ever realize that what we are in search of can only be found with an open mind and freedom of thought, looking within ourselves, that which is lost. Indeed, as the "Little Prince" said, "What is essential is invisible to the naked eye!".

I tip my hat off to my fellow officers and sideliners during the recent conferrals. Both ceremonies were well-attended - a testament that the lodge is in full throttle! JW Andrew Hawes did a wonderful job sitting in the East for the February 10th initiation. We were also able to witness the stellar performance of Alvaro Reynoso, PM who was in the oriental chair during the initiation of his very own grandson, Felipe. All in all, from degree practices to the actual ceremonies, it was a display of commitment, teamwork and camaraderie of Crow Canyon #551. Brother Tramaine Ellison did a remarkable job delivering the "charges". Beautiful job, my brothers!

I would like to encourage everyone to help support our new brothers. Their journey may be long, and some may say that it can be rough and rugged along the way. However, with all of us behind them supporting and providing encouragement, the journey could be fun and exciting, as it should be. Suitable assistance will always be accorded to each one of them and their coaches have already been carefully chosen and assigned. If any of you my dear brothers, new and seasoned alike, have any concerns or questions in regard to your masonic progression, membership status, etc. please let me know. As your Senior Warden, I would be happy to provide assistance and/or point you in the right direction.

Coming up will be second degree practices, and this time, it will be my honor to sit in East. It's been a while since I was situated in that oriental chair. As usual, I will do my best to do my part and be able to provide the candidates the best possible experience. All FC/MM are invited to attend the practices and conferrals.

## From the South

By Andrew Hawes — Jr. Warden

An expression that doesn't seem commonly in use out here in California (...where, let's be honest, the "winter" is really more of a rainy season...) is one referring to the month of March that I heard frequently growing up in New York: "March comes in like a Lion, and goes out like a Lamb." There are of course multiple theories surrounding the origin of this saying, but its use is common- it refers to the winter weather changing into spring, as the month of March is often one that starts with winter still in full force but ends with milder and more spring-like weather.



As a youth, I never thought more about it than that. An early March snowstorm? "In like a Lion!" Starting to see flowers push through the snow? "Out like a lamb!" However, as a Mason, I have a new way to conceive of how this saying applies to life, even out here in California.

Like March in the parable, a journey through Masonry should be "In like a Lion, out like a Lamb."

While not all of us are particularly lion-like in our attributes before we become Masons, there are characteristics of male lions that we can all draw parallels to in ourselves. Male lions are for the most part lazy, indolent creatures. They spend up to 20 hours of their days



sleeping, and most of the four they are awake are spent on feasting and procreating— not exactly dividing their time evenly between appropriate behaviors, as we are taught to do as Entered Apprentices! We join Masonry to

help ourselves become better men, taking those attributes of ourselves that need shaping and improving, such as sloth, gluttony and lust, and regulating them in our lives. If we are successful in our Masonic Journey, we learn to practice that purity of thought and action that we feel is so important to achieve – turning ourselves into the proverbial Lamb. We even wear the lambskin apron as our badge – symbolically donning innocence, renouncing our lion-like attributes, and reshaping our minds and lives into ones that we feel are better ones.

Of course, there is balance in this life- just because we should not over-indulge and consume 20 pounds of meat in a day as the lion does, doesn't mean we need to eat nothing but grass, like the lamb! For this month's stated meeting dinner at the lodge, we will be enjoying the traditional March celebration of a St. Patrick's Day dinner. Our busy chefs will be serving up Corned Beef and Cabbage with bourbon-glazed carrots, soda bread and Green Ice cream for dessert.

I hope you'll join the rest of the flock at the lodge on March 3rd, and share your pride in being a lion who has chosen to don lambskin!

## Sunshine and Visiting



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

It seems lately they have been the best kept secret, that shouldn't be a secret at all. The function of the Sunshine committee is to comfort and provide guidance and assistance that you and other lodge

Brothers can call on in your time of need. They have access to resources (and the Worshipful's ear) in tackling whatever obstacles may lie in a Brothers path.

- Need someone to talk to, confide in, and ask for prayers for you or loved ones?
- You would appreciate a visit at the hospital or your home, or just a phone call of support?
- Ask for guidance in attaining Grand lodge or Masonic home help for medical, financial, or care?



Just let any of the Officers know of your, or a Brother's needs and they will pass that concern on to the Sunshine Committee.

Their contact information can be found here in the Trestleboard and on our website.

They are looking forward to hearing from you.

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**Les Blake**—510.303.2485

**Ozzie Ghani**—860.655.7171

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## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

Robert Albritton PM (45)

Gilbert Alston (52)

Gabriel Amaral PM (35)

Charles Atwood (25)

Howard Ellis (17)

Robert Fabel (39)

Gary Frisvold (52)

Perry Klahr (4)

Harold Lassle (33)

Leonard Leavitt (47)

Billy Martens PM (39)

Edward Matraia Jr. PM (49)

Brandon Morrison (15)

Richard Ramos D.D.S. (8)

Wilfred Salmon Jr. (42)

Robert Soule III (26)

Craig Tangen (49)



## March Birthdays

Ralph Larsen (3/3)

Raymond Newman (3/11)

George Christensen (3/13)

Alan Kenyon (3/16)

Russell Porter (3/16)

Jerome Samelson (3/17)

Kishore Gidvani (3/17)

Roger Accurso (3/17)

Roger Hamilton (3/21)

Edward Matraia Jr. (3/21)

Jeffery Lantz (3/21)

Alvaro Reynoso (3/21)

Roberto Holguin Jr. (3/22)

Henry Andreotti (3/23)

Steven Aracne (3/27)

Roy Eddy (3/30)

Ronald Reynolds (3/30)

Steven Stark (3/30)

Mark Leite (3/30)

## In Memoriam

Gordon Mac Donald  
Entered into Rest

87 years and 178 days  
February 7, 2022

*Great Architect of the Universe, into thine hands  
we commend the soul of our dear departed brother*

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## Committees

### 2022 Appointments

**Audit:** Pat Quinn, Aaron Johnson

**Charity Committee:** Master and Wardens

**Crab Feed:** Roy Tamez, Don Schauer Sr., Perry Klahr, Tramaine Ellison

**Executive Committee:** Brian Ross, J. Rafisura, Andrew Hawes, Perry Klahr.

**FOSJ and White Table Night:** Andrew Hawes

**Hiram Award Selection:** HA Committee (All HA recipients)

**Masonic Education:** Paul Rodriguez O'Brien, PM

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

**Masonic Hall Association:** Paul Rodriguez, O'Brien PM

**Masonic Homes Endowment:** Don Schauer Sr.

**Masons for Mitts:** Brian Ross, Scott Hamilton

**Membership Retention:** J. Rafisura

**Picnic:** Sr., Roy Tamez, PM HA, Perry Klahr, Brian Ross

**Printing and Mailing:** Don Schauer Sr.

**Public Schools Night:** Adam Korbas

**Strawberry Feed:** Perry Klahr, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton, Paul Rodriguez O'Brien, PM

**Sunshine and Visiting:** Ernie Nidick, Les Blake, Ozzie Ghani, Aaron Johnson

**Sweethearts Committee:** Phil Busch, Aaron Johnson, Paul Rodriguez, PM

**Trustees:** Perry Klahr, Bill Ferrell, PM HA

**Visiting /Traveling Degree:** Jerry Garcia, Lyman Penning, PM HA.

**Website and Trestleboard:** Ron Katz, PM HA

**Welcome:** Aaron Johnson, Tramaine Ellison, Ozzie Ghani, Scott Hamilton

### Masonic Youth Orders

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**Unity Assembly No. 65, Rainbow for Girls**—Heidi Kolden - 510.693.1385  
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**Jobs Daughters Hayward No. 261**—Joy Molina 510.754.4983 [click to email](#)

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#### LEARN MORE ABOUT MASONIC YOUTH ORDERS

DeMolay - [demolay.org](http://demolay.org)

Jobs Daughters - [jobsdaughtersinternational.org](http://jobsdaughtersinternational.org)

Rainbow for Girls - [gorainbow.org](http://gorainbow.org)



## April Is

### Public Schools Month

Providing books for a family who has none. Giving deserving students the chance to attend college. Being someone the community can count on: Together, California Masons do these things every day.

Our statewide programs strengthen families, empower young people, and promote the ideals of equality and knowledge. These efforts are built lodge by lodge, brother by brother. And, they start with you.

This April, how will you make a difference?



Reaffirm your commitment to public education.  
Give back at: [freemason.org/contribute](http://freemason.org/contribute).



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# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Officers Meeting by Zoom – Centennial Comm. Meeting to Follow—7:00 PM	3 Stated Meeting—5:30 Social—6:15 Dinner—7:30 PM Meeting	4	5
6	7	8 DOSI @ Mosaic Lodge—6:30 PM	9	10 2nd Degree Practice—7:00 PM	11	12 Breakfast w/ Brothers @ Normans CV
13	14	15 Zoom Social Gathering—7:00 PM	16	17 2nd Degree—Bro. Blaine Deaton—7:00 PM	18	19 Game Night—5:00 PM
20	21	22 Hall Association Meeting—7:00 PM	23	24 Practice	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Lodge Potluck & Chili Cook Off—6:00 PM		