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# Trestleboard

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



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## Calendar of Events

### MARCH 2019

- 03/06- Wednesday - Officers Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 03/07- Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM - Inspector's Official Visit
- 03/12- Tuesday - District Officers (DOSI) @ Mosaic, Livermore - 7:00 PM
- 03/14 - Thursday - 3rd Degree Practice - 7:00 PM
- 03/16 - Saturday - Sportsman's Club Event - 10:00 AM
- 03/21 - Thursday - 3rd Degree Practice - 7:00 PM
- 03/26 - Tuesday - Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 03/28 - Thursday - 3rd Degree - Bro. Nicholas Nelson - 7:00 PM
- 03/29 - 03/31 - Friday-Sunday - Masters and Wardens Retreat

### APRIL 2019

- 04/03- Wednesday - Officers Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 04/04- Thursday - Stated Meeting - Social 5:30 PM / Dinner 6:15 PM / Open 7:30 PM - Inspector's Official Visit
- 04/11- Thursday - District Officers (DOSI) @ Crow Canyon - 7:00 PM
- 04/18 - Thursday - Public Schools Night (tentative) - 6:00 PM
- 04/20 - Saturday - Sweethearts' Event - 10:00 AM
- 04/23 - Tuesday - Hall Association Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 04/25 - Thursday - Public Schools Night (tentative) - 6:00 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

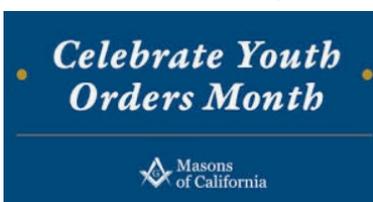
Brethren:

Our Annual Crab Feed was a sellout and a big success. Thank you to all who worked on this fun event.

We welcome Brother Aaron E. Johnson who received his First Degree on February 28th. Our Junior Warden, Bro. Brian Ross did a fine job in the East. We look forward to more Brothers attending the degrees.

At our March Stated Meeting we welcome our Worshipful Inspector Allen Cuenca on his Official Visit to Crow Canyon Lodge.

The Grand Master has proclaimed March 2019 to be Youth Orders Month in California.



"I call upon all California Masons to make a difference for the future of our fraternity by supporting the incredible young people who have turned to Mason-

ic values for guidance." We will host the National Sojourners on March 20th as they present their patriotic program "Building-the-Flag." All Brothers and our youth are invited for food and fun. Come see this great presentation and meet the members of our youth orders.

On Saturday morning, March 23rd, there will be a Masonic Funeral Class at Alameda Lodge in Fremont. Would you like to be certified to perform a Masonic Service? Do you need to renew your current certification? Would you like to see how it is presented? Please let me know and I will let our Inspector know that you plan to attend.



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 10th to welcome Daylight Savings time!

Your Senior Officers will be working hard at the Master & Wardens Leadership Retreat on March 29, 30, and 31st. Here we will learn time-tested management skills, new ideas for invigorating the lodge and how to create an action plan to accomplish the changes we envision. We plan to keep Crow Canyon Lodge moving forward.



## From the West

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien—Senior Warden

To all my Brothers, I would first like to thank you for your continued commitment to Masonry and to reading your Trestleboard. It is your barometer of the health of your lodge and a way to keep in touch, if but in a passive way.

To my Brothers that feel uncomfortable showing up to lodge after being away for a long time, I would like to offer to you a memorable opportunity to reacquaint yourself with the Masonic ceremonies that you participated in some time ago by having you participate in a refresher ceremony we call, "The Rusty Trowel".

The intent of the Rusty Trowel ceremony is to reintroduce Sojourners and/or brethren who have been absent from lodge for an extended period of time to basic Masonic protocols, so they once again become comfortable with attending lodge events.

In this ceremony, you will be reacquainted with that basic Masonic knowledge as it was presented to you in your 3 separate degrees, although it will be in a much more condensed format. This information is the basic knowledge you will need to attend all Blue Lodge tiled functions and ceremonies.

To participate in "The Rusty Trowel", you only need to be a Master Mason of our lodge and in Good Standing (meaning your dues are current).

If you would like to participate, you can reach out to me in a number of ways:

- By phone. (510) 461-1071 (please leave a voice message. I receive too many advertising phone calls, so I don't answer my phone if I don't recognize the number).
- By walking up to me during stated dinners, lodge, or through word of mouth by your brothers attending events listed in the Trestleboard.
- Via sending an email to [hal2pro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hal2pro@sbcglobal.net)
- I can be also be reached by post to:

Attn: SW Paul "Rusty Trowel"  
Crow Canyon Masonic Center  
4521 Crow Canyon Rd,  
Castro Valley, CA 94552

We will be waiting to hear from you so we can plan several opportunities that will meet the needs of small groups of participants, should that be weekdays, nights, or weekends. We will do our best to arrange transportation for you should you be of need. Just let us know how we can help.

As always, my brothers, We are Masons, and we take pride in this.



## From the South

By Brian Ross—Junior Warden



Over the past few weeks, I have enjoyed sitting in the East as Master of the Lodge in preparation for the upcoming First Degree for our newest candidate, Aaron Johnson. I am truly looking forward to formally sitting as Master of the Lodge and consider it a privilege to do so. Even more compelling, I am happy to announce that our District Inspector, Worshipful Allen Cuenca, has requested to give the long-form Entered Apprentice lecture. I am honored to have him stand in for me and cannot wait to hear his rendition of the most important part of the degree. I look forward to the sideline attendance by all able-bodied brothers for what promises to be a special evening for our candidate.

Speaking of able-bodies, I want to reach out to those who are not as able-bodied as they would like to be and miss their Masonic experience. To each such Brother, let it be known that it is our intention to do whatever is necessary to get you back to the lodge. If you need a ride to and from our various events, all you need to do is telephone any of your officers and ask for one. Our contact numbers are listed here in the Trestleboard for your reference. Please call - it is our pleasure to accommodate you - you make our lodge better by being here. We miss you!

For Stated Meeting in March, Roy and his great staff will be serving St. Patrick's Day fare - corn beef, cabbage, the works. You can always call me to reserve your seat!

## A History of Our Lodge

By Bill Ferrell—Assistant Secretary

### Prologue to Lodge History

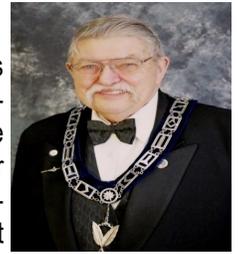
I was asked to write a history of our lodge. To give a good accounting, I needed to start at the beginning of each of the eight lodges that comprise Crow Canyon No. 551; the oldest being Bay View No. 401. As we journey through the Grand Lodge communications and the four volumes of "One hundred Years of Freemasonry in California" we find a unique brotherhood of friendships and common interest and possible discourses that might have been at the beginning of these lodges. In some cases there is a detailed accounting of the lodge formation and others there is only what I can find in the Grand Lodge communications (including misspelled words). So, here we go! I hope you find this information useful. If you have anything to add feel free to contact me.

### Bay View Lodge No. 401

On the evening of September 1, 1908 sixteen Master Masons gathered in Golden Gate Hall, in Oakland, for the first of a series of three meetings preliminary to organizing a new lodge. After choosing Harry

## From the Secretary's Table

By Don Schauer, Sr., H.A.



As we come into March it is time for me, as your Secretary, to send out past due notices for your 2018 and 2019 dues. There are nine members who have not paid their 2018 dues at \$109.00 and thirty five members who have not paid their 2019 dues at \$111.00. The nine brothers who have failed to fulfill their obligation will face suspension for non-payment of dues. Under the California Masonic Code the secretary shall send by certified mail to the last known address the intention to suspend. It costs the lodge \$7.40 for each letter. If you are one of those nine and do not wish to continue your membership please let me know when you receive the first notice to avoid the certified letter.



Your Treasurer and I have been busy doing the lodge financial reports along with the year-end financial report to the Grand Lodge. The lodge financial report was read at the February meeting. Our next project is to complete the Federal Form 990 and the State of California form 199. (Which are the non-profit tax forms) These two reports take us approximately eight to ten hours. We are making sure that everything is in balance with our financial records.

Please brethren, check your dues receipt and make sure you are current. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour as daylight saving time starts March 10th. Have a wonderful St Patrick's Day on the 17th.

## In Memoriam

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| Harold J. Dias<br>Entered into rest      | 93 Yeas, 6 Months and 24 Days<br>January 18, 2019   |
| Theodore E. Moehnke<br>Entered into rest | 82 years, 7 days<br>January 29, 2019                |
| Corbit A. Ray<br>Entered into rest       | 88 Years 5 Months and 3 Days<br>February 2, 2019    |
| Daniel P. Baca<br>Entered into rest      | 85 Years, 2 Months and 15 days<br>February 25, 2019 |

*Great Architect of the Universe, into thine hands  
we commend the souls of  
our dear departed brothers!*



**(Lodge History - continued)** Edward Brittingham as chairman, and Carroll H. Whitten as Secretary, they agreed that the proposed lodge be called "Bay View." Next, they chose Leroy W. Potter for its first Master, Gwyn Harvey Baker for Senior Warden, and Robert Stanton Wixon for Junior Warden. Then after a brief recess, they all signed a petition for dispensation. And as a final order of business, a committee composed of Potter, Whitten and Wixon was appointed to obtain "a safe and suitable Lodge room."

Next two meetings were held in the same hall on September 3 and 10.

On September 3rd, the hall committee announced that it had found a hall in the Golden Gate Building at a rent of \$20.00 a month. The brethren subscribed and paid \$475 toward organizing expenses and appointed Brittingham as temporary treasurer. Demits were put into order and the petition for dispensation was sent to Live Oak, Oakland, Brooklyn, and Sequoia Lodges, all of Oakland, for recommendation.

On September 10th, they finalized arrangements. The previously mentioned Lodges had gladly recommended the petition for dispensation, which was sent to the Grand Secretary.

It was too late, however, for the incumbent Grand Master George M. Perine, to act on the petition prior to the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge. As a result it was well over a month later when the new Grand Master, Oscar Lawler granted the petition on October 26. Therefore, Bay View Lodge had almost a full year to prove its proficiency in the work before it received its charter on October 14, 1909.

Bay View's original officers – Potter, Baker and Wixon – were in their respective chairs when the lodge filed its first returns under dispensation. They were still there when it received its charter, but the membership had changed considerably. Between the signing of the petition and the filing of the first returns under dispensation it climbed from 16 to 29. By the time the charter was granted, it had more than doubled itself, jumping to 79 members. Since then, save a drop from 405 to 307 between 1930 and 1940, it climbed steadily. The 1949 Roster showed it with 541 members.

Beyond that, however, little is known of Bay View's history or the men who made it. To date, no biographical material has been made available on either. **Next month we look at Fremont Lodge.**

*To learn about Bay View Past Masters, visit our website!*

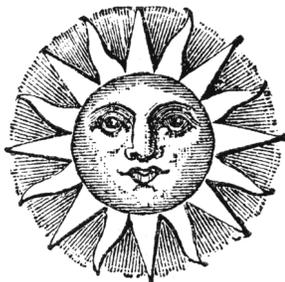
## Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson, George Christensen, Gary Frisvold, Charles Hintz, 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.

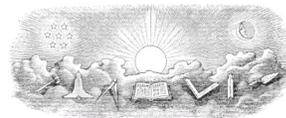
Ernie Nidick—Sunshine Chairman 925.828.6993 [click to email](#)  
Les Blake—Visiting Chairman 510.581.8497 [click to email](#)



## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

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

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| George Adams Jr. [PM] (57) | Leonard Leavitt (44)         |
| Robert Albritton [PM] (42) | Billy Martens [PM] (36)      |
| Gilbert Alston (49)        | Edward Matraia Jr. [PM] (46) |
| Howard Ellis \$ (14)       | Brandon Morrison (12)        |
| Robert Fabel (36)          | Richard Ramos D.D.S. (5)     |
| Gary Frisvold (49)         | Wilfred Salmon Jr. (39)      |
| Wesley Hallmeyer (69)      | Robert Soule III (23)        |
| Edmund Hempel (60)         | Craig Tangen (46)            |
| Perry Klahr (1)            | Rex Toltschin Jr. (51)       |
| Harold Lassel (30)         |                              |



## March Birthdays

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ralph Larsen (03/03)       | Roger Hamilton (03/21)  |
| Robert Lee (03/08)         | Jeffery Lantz (03/21)   |
| Robert Salby (03/09)       | Edward Matraia (03/21)  |
| Raymond Newman (03/11)     | Alvaro Reynoso (03/21)  |
| Max Morris (03/12)         | Berto Holguin (03/22)   |
| George Christensen (03/13) | Henry Andreotti (03/23) |
| Alan Kenyon (03/16)        | Frank Sepulveda (03/25) |
| Russell Porter (03/16)     | Steve Aracne (03/27)    |
| Roger Accurso (03/17)      | Robert Saks (03/28)     |
| Kishore Gidvani (03/17)    | Roy Eddy (03/30)        |
| Aaron Johnson (03/17)      | Mark Leite (03/30)      |
| Frank Russell (03/17)      | Ronald Reynolds (03/30) |
| Jerome Samelson (03/17)    | Steven Stark (03/30)    |
| Ronald Baker (03/18)       |                         |

## Do you know how to conduct a Masonic Funeral Service?

Would you like to learn how?

Plan to attend the Funeral Service Master Class.

Saturday 3/23 at 9am-11:30am

at Alameda Masonic Temple in Fremont.

A light breakfast will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. the Master if you are interested.



## 2019 Officers

**Master** — Robert Eckstein, P.M.  
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**Senior Warden-** — Paul Rodriguez-Obrien  
510.461.1071 [click to email](#)

**Junior Warden**— Brian Ross  
510.331.6935 [click to email](#)

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510.886.2288 / 510.520.7242 cell [click to email](#)

**Chaplain**—Kay C. Dunn  
510.537.9407/480.254.0379 [click to email](#)

**Marshal**— Perry Klahr  
925.925.3360 [click to email](#)

**Senior Deacon**—J. Rafisura  
516.519.1151 [click to email](#)

**Junior Deacon**—Andrew Hawes  
510.886.7131 [click to email](#)

**Sr. Steward**—Phil Busch  
510.566.7019 [click to email](#)

**Jr. Steward**—Orrin Benedict, Jr.  
510.512.6999 [click to email](#)

**Tiler**—Bill Biddell, H.A.  
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**Officer's Coach**—Kurt R. Allen, P.M., H.A.  
925.735.1233 [click to email](#)

### Candidate Coaches

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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

### Inspector of the 317th Masonic District

Wor. Allen Cuenca 916.390.1003

[allencuenca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allencuenca@sbcglobal.net)

## 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  
[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](#)

### 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)



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# Crow Canyon Lodge #551

## March 2019

| Sun                                 | Mon | Tue  | Wed                              | Thu   | Fri                               | Sat   |
|-------------------------------------|-----|--|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                     |     |  |                                  |   | 1                                 | 2   |
| 3                                   | 4   | 5  | 6 Officer's Meeting -<br>7:00 PM | 7 Stated Meeting<br>Social 5:30 PM<br>Dinner 6:15 PM<br>Opening 7:30 PM | 8                                 | 9   |
| 10                                  | 11  | 12 District Officers'<br>School of Instruction @<br>Mosaic Lodge, Livermore<br>Opening 7:00 PM | 13                               | 14 Degree Practice<br>7:00 PM   | 15                                | 16 Sportsman's Club<br>10:00 AM               |
| 17                                  | 18  | 19   | 20                               | 21 1st Degree Practice<br>7:00 PM                                       | 22                                | 23 Masonic Funeral<br>Service Class - Fremont |
| 24                                  | 25  | 26 Hall Association -<br>7:00 PM   | 27                               | 28 1st Degree Practice<br>7:00 PM                                       | 29 Masters' & Wardens'<br>Retreat | 30 Masters' & War-<br>dens' Retreat           |
| 31 Masters' & War-<br>dens' Retreat |     |  |                                  |   |                                   |   |