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# Trestleboard

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**Crow Canyon Lodge  
No. 551**

**F&AM of California**

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## Calendar of Events

### APRIL 2021

**04/01-Thursday**—"Virtual Stated Meeting"—Social: 6:30 PM/ Meeting:  
7:30 PM—Zoom Meeting ID: **618-797-9982**  
**04/08-Thursday**-DARK  
**04/15-Thursday**-DARK  
**04/22-Tuesday**-Hall Association  
**04/28-Thursday**-DARK

### MAY 2021

**05/06-Thursday**—"Virtual Stated Meeting"—Social: 6:30 PM/ Meeting:  
7:30 PM—Zoom Meeting ID: **618-797-9982**  
**05/13-Thursday**-DARK  
**05/20-Thursday**-DARK  
**05/25-Tuesday**-Hall Association  
**05/27-Thursday**-DARK

## 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

**Lodge Virtual Stated Meetings will be held on the normal day and time  
via Zoom (Meeting ID: 618-797-9982)  
until the Grand Master of California issues an edict that live meetings may resume.**  
If you need assistance joining us in our meetings, please contact any of your principle officers.

## From the East

By Paul Rodriguez-Obrien — Master

Welcome to Spring Brethren and Families.

Your Officers and I attended DeMolay's Virtual Stated Meeting in which they showed-up looking sharp and stately in their DeMolay Robes. Master Counselor Paulo Cabral performed great work in presiding over their Stated Meeting. He formally introduced us, whereupon we were honored to present them with CC551's annual donation of \$500, which was graciously accepted. Its always an interesting and enjoyable evening interacting with these fine young gentleman. They hold their meetings every 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM

The following evening we attended Unity Rainbow's Virtual Stated meeting and were warmly introduced and welcomed by Worthy Advisor Cierah Cabral. We were treated by witnessing the installation of their Worthy Associate Advisor Micaela Cuevas. We then presented CC551's annual donation of \$500 during this official visit. All in all, an evening filled with serious, silly, and some very good ritual tossed in for good measure. Their meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

This year we will again miss the hosting of the Annual Public Schools Event. As I'm sure you aware, it's the night we honor two teachers with a dinner in their honor, along with an award and an honorarium for their meritorious service to the children and young adults of Castro Valley. These individuals are chosen by their colleagues. Although there is no lack of highly deserving prospects, we are unable to properly honor them as they deserve via a virtual presentation and award. I would also speculate that they may not relish the idea of yet another "Zoom Event" being that the "Virtual Classroom" has been the safest way they were allowed to teach their pupils for the last 12 months.

On similar note, the Castro Valley School System is now teaching in-person to the students in the Elementary schools, and will resume with Junior High and High Schools in- person instruction by April 12 of this month.

Lastly, please remember to attend our 'Virtual Stated Meetings'. These events usually gather 25-35 of us likeminded people. This is a great way to reconnect with Brethren no matter the distance, or any other limitations. The meeting invite is sent out roughly 1 week before the event via email. So if you are not getting the invite, please let me know and I will be sure you are added to the list!

In wrapping up, I would like to remind you that your Officers are always just a phone call away should you need anything or would like to share something with the Lodge. Our phone numbers and email addresses are easily found within this Trestleboard, and the Lodge website.



## From the West

By Brian Ross — Senior Warden

I received my second COVID-19 shot on St. Patrick's Day and I am just fit to be tied. I understand several of the brethren and their families have also been vaccinated – that is just wonderful. We are getting closer to normal every day – go get those shots when you can!

On a lighter note, as a lot of you are aware, I am an avid saltwater fisherman who loves to spend time outside the Golden Gate looking for the big ones. I plan to go fishing on Saturday, May 22, 2021 out of Emeryville looking for rockfish and lingcod. I would love to have some of you along for the trip. If you are interested, give me a call and I will give you the details on how to reserve your spot on the boat! We are taking the Tigerfish out to the Farallon Islands for a day of fishing and sight-seeing. There is always a lot of marine life to see once you go outside the Golden Gate and plenty of opportunities for once in a

lifetime photographs. The captain does follow strict COVID-19 protocol so masks and distancing is paramount. Keep in mind that this is not a lodge sponsored event and has not been approved or sanctioned by the Grand Lodge. I just want to see your pretty faces again and hope you can go on this boat ride with me!

Finally, for those of you interested in the history of the Knights Templars, I have been reading a fascinating book about the order called The History of the Knights Templars, the Temple Church, and the Temple by Charles G. Addison (1842). Addison does a thorough job detailing the origin, height, and ultimate demise of the order. Its free on Kindle – check it out!

## From the South

By J. Rafisura — Junior Warden

Greetings, Brethren. Time flies fast and now it's the second quarter of 2021! Before we know it, it will be time for us to meet in-person in the lodge and that's something to look forward to. In the meantime, I heard the candidates' coaches and our (relatively) newly obligated brethren are gearing up for their anticipated proficiency examination. My hope and prayers are for us to be able to confer degrees and initiate new brothers sooner, Grand Lodge permitting. Crossing fingers.



For now, we can only remain steadfast and thankful how far we have come since the Pandemic lockdown. It is authorities' intention to slowly open up based on a tier system, depending on



positivity rate of this disease. We are not out of the woods yet but we are definitely getting there. I have also heard that several of our brothers have gotten their vaccines, already! I am glad. The goal being to achieve herd immunity through vaccinations. As of now, I read that 2-3 households of fully vaccinated individuals can be together in-person without having to wear mask/face covering. That's a good start!



In the meantime, let us meet together virtually during our stated meetings. The more attendees, the merrier. Social starts at 6:30 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm. It's a good way do casual conversation and update each other on the goings-on of our lives. The good thing about a

virtual meeting is that you won't have to worry about the commute to the lodge. The meeting is brought straight to your home and the comfort of your own chair/couch. It's inspiring to know that we do have brothers who are now living out-of-state who are now able to attend virtual stated meetings. Also, in the last stated meeting, we have approved to donate financial assistance to our Youth Orders. The fact that they remain active and continue to have activities in such creative ways, utilizing technology and what not, is fascinating. We can only imagine what the future of Freemasonry holds. Even with this current obstacle that we have, we continue to evolve and adapt. Please watch out for an email invite from our Worshipful Master should you wish to attend.

## March & April Birthdays

### MARCH

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

### APRIL

Robert Fabel (04/02)  
Bruce Tellardin (04/05)  
Steven Kolden (04/08)  
Richard Keihner (04/11)  
George Lumm (04/13)  
James Gibbon (04/15)  
Ron Katz (04/15)  
Ernest Nidick Jr. (04/15)  
Robert Peters (04/18)  
Ronald Bessette (04/19)  
William Christensen (04/19)  
Jeffrey Hansen (04/23)  
Cy Sidun (04/25)  
Henry Miller Jr. (04/26)



## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

*The following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the months of March & April*

### MARCH

Robert Albritton [PM] (44)  
Gilbert Alston (51)  
Charles Atwood (24)  
Howard Ellis (16)  
Robert Fabel (38)  
Gary Frisvold (51)  
Wesley Hallmeyer (71)  
Perry Klahr (3)  
Harold Lassle (4)  
Leonard Leavitt (46)  
Billy Martens [PM] (38)  
Edward Matraia Jr. [PM] (48)  
Brandon Morrison (14)  
Richard Ramos D.D.S. (7)  
Robert Soule III (25)  
Craig Tangen (48)  
Rex Toltschin Jr. (53)

### APRIL

Leslie Blake (55)  
Christopher Boggess (15)  
Charles Cammerer (45)  
Gregory Cooper (34)  
Robert Douglas (45)  
Roy Eddy (72)  
Michael Gallico (15)  
Ronald Garcia (55)  
Julius Kahn III [PM] (47)  
Alan Kenyon [PM] (39)  
John Kralovansky (41)  
George Lumm [PM] (28)  
Robert Marshall (65)  
Donald Schauer Sr. (51)  
Gerald Woergoetter [PM] (28)

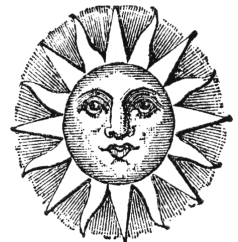
## Sunshine and Visiting

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

Mark Casperson

Please contact Secretary Perry Klahr 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](#)



## In Memoriam

William C. Newton  
Entered into Rest

91 years and 2 days  
December 08, 2020

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

## 2021 Officers

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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: Broken Arrow, OK; Westborough, MA; Worthing, UK; Singapore; Manchester, UK; Eltham, VIC; Mesa, AZ; New York, NY; Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic; Cagayan de Oro, Philippines; Hagerstown, ON; Atlanta, GA; West Hoxton, NSW; Denver, CO; Tel Aviv, Israel; Stockton-on-Tees, UK; Detroit, MI; Morrisville, NC; Ogden, UT



## Committees

### 2021 Appointments

**Audit:** Pat Quinn, and Andrew Hawes

**Charity Committee:** Master and Wardens

**Child ID:** Jerry Garcia

**Crab Feed:** Don Schauer Sr., Perry Klahr, and Roy Tamez, PM

**Executive Committee:** Robert Eckstein, PM, Paul Rodriguez, PM, Brian Ross, Kurt Allen, PM, and Perry Klahr.

**FOSJ and White Table Night:** J Rafisura

**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:** Jerry Garcia

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

**Masons for Mitts:** Kurt Allen, PM

**Membership Retention:** Don Schauer Sr., Robert Eckstein, PM

**Picnic:** Don Schauer Sr., Roy Tamez, PM, and Perry Klahr

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

**Strawberry Feed:** Ron Katz, PM, Perry Klahr, and Paul Rodriguez, PM

**Sunshine and Visiting:** Ernie Nidick and Les Blake

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

**Trustees:** Brian Ross, Paul Rodriguez, PM

**Visiting /Traveling Degree:** Kurt Allen, PM and Don Schauer Sr.

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

### 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** — Joy Molina 510.754.4983 [click to email](#)

**Jobs Daughters Dublin No. 1** — Katie Bardwell 925.918.1675 [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)



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