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Lodi Lodge #256, 321 West Pine Street, Lodi, CA

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*TBD*

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## From the East



Brothers,

As I write this the weatherman is proclaiming two more weeks of rain. But I am optimistic that when you actually read this note, the weather will be warm and the sky will be blue. Yes, Spring is around the corner and my thoughts go to activities in this Lodge.

There has been much discussion of late that Lodi Lodge members support other lodges by attending their Stated Meetings and Degree Conferalls. I agree, that the brethren of Lodi Lodge should make some time to travel to other lodges. This is one way to meet new people and make new friends.

I also want to invite the brethren of Lodi Lodge to attend Stated Meetings and degree conferalls at Lodi Lodge. Covid is in the rear view mirror and spring is right in front of us. Some of the best times I have had at Lodi Lodge is at the Stated Meeting dinners when the room is full! Come and join your Lodi Lodge Brethren at the next Stated Meeting Dinner. And if you can, let me know if you are able to host (cook) a Stated Meeting dinner. I am sure your home cooking will be tastier than anything I can get catered, for the same amount of money at least.

And for those of you who want to help Lodi Lodge survive, please consider becoming an officer of the Lodge. This year we are short two officers. We don't have a Tiler and we don't have an installed Sr. Decon. Brother Marvin has been more than willing to help out as acting Sr. Decon and there have been several sideliners who have helped the Lodge as Tiler. Many of those helpers are our newly obligated brethren. Because of this dire need of officers, I have scheduled a Succession Meeting on April 27th at 6pm. Please attend if you see yourself as someone who is able to help our Lodge. If this is your Blue Lodge that raised you, please make the time for Lodi Lodge.

Next year, there is danger of having even fewer installed officers if no one else stands up to help or qualify. And at some point, Lodi Lodge might not have enough officers to open a Stated Meeting.

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Lodi Lodge #256 F. & A.M.

**Stated Meetings:** First Thursday at 7:30 PM

321 Pine Street

LODI CA 95240

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April Dinner Menu: TBD \$10.00/Person

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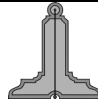
So today as you read this, I ask you to enjoy the warm weather. And next month at the Stated Meeting, I ask that you ask our officer coach or any officer of our lodge how you can join the officer line or at least host a Stated Meeting Dinner.

It is only with all of us participating brethren, will Lodi Lodge Lodi Lodge have a future.

Best Regards,  
Scott Campbell  
209-351-4808



### From the West



Greetings Brethren,

Now that we are getting back to normal operations, we are going to start getting caught up on the backlog of degrees. We have put together a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree team and will be starting practices on Saturday March 18 at 10:15 am. We will be practicing twice a month, every first Saturday and Last Thursday of the month.

Here are the dates:

Saturday March 18 10:15 am / Thursday March 30 at 6:30 pm

Saturday April 1 at 10:15 am / Thursday April 27 at 6:30 pm

Saturday May 6 at 10:15 am / Thursday May 25 at 6:30 pm

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:15 am [Invite Scott C (inspector) to see us do degree.]

**3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees:** Thursday Jun 29 **Alex Terrill** at 7:00 pm / Saturday July 8 Josh Weigum at 10:15 am

The goal is to get the first two of our Fellowcrafts raised to the sublime degree of master mason between the last week of June and the first week in July. The first one will be Alex Terill on Thursday, June 29 followed by Josh Weigum on Saturday, July 8. If more Fellowcrafts qualify, we will set up more degree dates after the 8<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, we may throw in a few more Master Mason degrees by the middle of November if more Fellow crafts complete their proficiencies

The next degrees in line will be Fellowcrafts. We have a back log of Entered Apprentices that need to do their Fellowcraft degrees. I would like to organize those for the last week in August. All entered apprentices should get together with their coaches and start getting ready to do their proficiencies. Line officers should start reviewing their parts as well.

To date, we have no new candidates to be initiated, however, I encourage our line officers to be reviewing their parts for the 1<sup>st</sup> degree as well.

By the time this is published we will have had our first planning meeting for next year. A lot is on the table to try and improve the operations of our lodge. With our new lineup of officers, we will have filled in the gaps we have needed to keep a steady succession for at least the next 4 years. Now that the pandemic is behind us, it is time to look forward and rebuild our lodge. We still need two more people to stand up and help us out.

We have almost completed the line. So far it looks like this:

Worshipful Master	Robert Ramos
Senior Warden	Chris Ross
Junior Warden	Marvin Bryant
Senior Deacon	Tim Reynolds
Junior Deacon	Mark Butler
Senior Steward	Hector Galvan
Junior Steward	<b>TBD</b>
Secretary	Will McVicker
Treasurer	George Lester
Tyler	<b>TBD</b>

All we need now is a Tyler and a Junior Steward.

If you are interested in helping out as **Tyler** or **Junior Steward** please contact me at 209-489-4337.

Regards,  
Robert Ramos  
Senior Warden



## Masonic Do's and Don'ts

### LODGE ROOM ETIQUETTE

- When addressing the Master in Lodge always rise, give the appropriate Masonic sign and say "Worshipful Master" before speaking.
- During open lodge, if it is necessary to walk to the East, never walk or cross between the altar and the Master's chair, always approach on either the North or South side of the Master.
- Cell phones should **NEVER** be used when lodge is open and should always be on silent mode. Use of a phone is distracting and disrespectful to the Master, Brethren and Candidate.



Check out our website at: <https://lodge256.freemason.org/>

(Back issues of the Trestle Board are available [HERE](#))



## Ponderings of a Steward

Bro. Tim Reynolds



*“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God” – James 1:5*

What is wisdom? Is it intelligence? Knowledge? Understanding? Are these three one and the same? Wisdom can be defined as a multifaceted concept that encompasses a deep understanding of life, the world, and oneself. It is the ability to make sound judgements and decisions based on experience, knowledge, and intuition. Wisdom involves a capacity for critical thinking, emotional intelligence, and empathy. It also encompasses a sense of humility, a willingness to learn from one's mistakes, and a commitment to personal growth and development.

In essence, wisdom is the result of a lifetime of learning, observation, and reflection. It is a quality that is often associated with older individuals (maybe our parents really did know something!), who have accumulated a wealth of knowledge and experience over time. However, wisdom can be cultivated at any age by cultivating the qualities and skills that are associated with it, such as self-awareness, empathy, and critical thinking.

How do we gain wisdom? As can be read above, time, experience, and the capacity to learn are fundamental for gaining knowledge. Here are some examples and techniques one can utilize in furthering one's knowledge:

- **Experience:** “Experience is the best teacher”. Each experience, positive or negative, provides an opportunity to learn and grow.
- **Learning from others:** Listening to others' experiences and insights, seeking out mentors and role models, reading books/articles, attending lectures/workshops.
- **Reflection:** Reflecting on your experiences or actions can help you gain a deeper understanding of yourself and the work around you; you learn from your mistakes and successes.
- **Developing critical thinking skills:** Critical thinking skills help you to evaluate information and make sound judgements. Developing critical thinking skills involves asking questions (it is okay to ask questions!), considering multiple perspectives (maybe we are wrong, gasp!), and analyzing evidence.
- **Cultivating emotional intelligence:** Emotional intelligence involves the ability to identify, understand, and manage your own emotions and the emotions of others. It includes skills such as empathy self-awareness, and emotional regulation. All of which are essential for developing wisdom.
- **Practicing humility:** How many of us have trouble being humble, especially when we are wrong? Or when we can flaunt being right? Humility is an important component of wisdom. It involves recognizing that you do not know everything and being open to learning from others. Practice humility by acknowledging your mistakes and being willing to learn from them.

# Masonic Lodge Officer Duties and Responsibilities



## SENIOR DEACON

His Jewel is the **Square and Compass with the Sun in the middle**. The sun signifies that his position is on the lower level, to the right of the Worshipful Master in the east.

His duty is as **messenger of the Worshipful Master**, hence he does a lot of walking.

The Senior Deacon of a Masonic Lodge is an assistant officer of the Lodge. The Senior Deacon's principle roles are to welcome and escort both visitors and candidates into the lodge and introduce distinguished visitors.

It is his duty to assist the Worshipful Master and carry orders between the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden. During degree rituals, he guides the new candidate and conducts him around the lodge room.

During the opening and closing ceremonies, the Senior Deacon opens the Holy Scriptures to the correct passage of the degree being worked and closes it after the lodge is adjourned. He also lights and extinguishes the candles at the altar.

He carries the ballot box around the lodge when new members are being voted upon.

The Senior Deacon's position is similar to a Manager. The Senior Deacon (and the Junior Deacon) both carry long staffs (or rods), because as messengers of the Worshipful Master, the staffs are symbolic of the caduceus (or wand) that the Roman winged god and messenger Mercury carried during their duties. Atop the rods are the jewels of their offices.



**Lodi Lodge welcomes our  
newest Entered Apprentice:  
Bro. Miguel Garza**



# Love Lodi

This event is perfect for us to be involved in! We get to help the community, our neighbors and be seen by the public!! Plus it doesn't cost us anything but some time! I have already set us up as a team, with a few brothers already committed. If you would like to join us please let me know!

<https://www.lovelodi.org/>

Bro. Marvin marvinlodilodge256@gmail.com

209-623-3207

## Love Lodi Day April 29, 2023

### Lodge Hats for Sale

We currently have Lodi Lodge hats for sale.  
We have 8 **Trucker style**

And

**2 Flex-fit**  
2-S Flex-fit (6 3/4 to 7 1/4)

Both styles are \$13.00 each.  
(exact change appreciated)

They will be available for purchase at the  
**Stated Meetings** on a first come first served basis.



### April Birthdays

Brother	Birthdate
Christopher Meehleis	4/11
Eric Riley	4/11
Scott Mc Leod	4/15
Charles Lewis PM	4/17
Edward Potter	4/19
Hector Galvan	4/22
Cameron Heberle	4/26
Terry Hieb PM	4/28
Dennis Swanson	4/28

### 3rd Degree Practices

(Master Masons ONLY)

Saturday, March 18 at 10:15 AM

Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 1 at 10:15 AM

Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 PM

Saturday, May 6 at 10:15 AM

Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 PM

Saturday, June 3 at 10:15 AM

### 3rd Degrees

Thursday, June 29 at 7:00 PM

Alex Terrill

Saturday, July 8 at 10:15 AM

Josh Weigum


  
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**I always have a friend.**

Bro. James Willis



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 through the boundless realm of  
 eternity"**

*Richard O. Wright, PM*

  
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*SCOTT ANDERSON*

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John and Zora Mann	Will and Lia McVicker	Charles Riddle	Tom and Sharon Kellogg	



# 2023 APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01  3rd Degree Practice 10:15 AM (Master Masons Only)
02  DeMolay Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	03  Woodbridge Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM	04  Tokay Shrine Richmaid on Cherokee Lane 5:30PM	05  Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM	06  Job's Daughters 6:00PM	07	08
09  Cloud 7 Assembly Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	10 Cloud 7 Assembly Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	11	12	13	14	15
16  DeMolay Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	17 DeMolay Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	18  Job's Daughters 6:00PM	19  Grand Lodge School of Instruction at Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM (Master Masons Only)	20  Eastern Star Heritage Chapter No. 50 7:00PM	21	22
23  Cloud 7 Assembly Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	24 Cloud 7 Assembly Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	25  3rd Degree Practice 6:30 PM (Master Masons Only)	26 	27 	28	29
30	01	02	03	04	05	06

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## UP COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
April 4th, Tuesday	<b>Woodbridge Lodge</b> Stated Meeting Dinner at 6:30 PM	7:30 PM
April 6th, Thursday	<b>Lodi Lodge</b> Stated Meeting Dinner at 6:30 PM	7:30 PM
April 20th, Thursday	<b>Grand Lodge School of Instruction</b> (MMs Only) Woodbridge Lodge No. 131 1040 E Augusta St. Woodbridge, CA 95258	7:00 PM

## Youth Groups

Job's Daughters Meets at Lodi Lodge	First and Third Wednesdays	6:00 p.m.
Cloud 7 Assembly Meets at Woodbridge Lodge	Second and fourth Mondays	7:00 p.m.
DeMolay Meets at Woodbridge Lodge	First and third Mondays	7:00 p.m.