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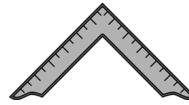
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## From the East



Greetings Brethren,

Some changes have occurred in Lodi Lodge with the executive line. And although they have resigned we would like to thank Wor. Scott Campbell, Bro Robert Ramos, and Wor. Steve Campbell for serving the lodge during difficult times including the Covid virus.

Like many things that first appear as mountains in our lives we learn that those challenges can be turned into mere bumps in the road with dedication, positive attitudes and team work. Several of our youngest (Masonically speaking) members have already expressed a renewed and strong desire to assure that Lodi Lodge will grow and flourish in the future. Therefore, some old salts will step into the chairs of Master and Sr. & Jr. Wardens to give those young minds time to learn and eventually lead this wonderful lodge of ours as we approach our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in just 6 years. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Wor. Chris Ross, who is working full time and heavily involved with the Order of Eastern Star and Wor. John Herrick, also working full time and residing in Angels Camp who have put part of their personal lives aside to serve in the Wardens chairs for your lodge.

Additionally, many members have already stepped up to offer help with committees and candidate & officer coaching. Neighboring lodges have also stretched forth helping hands to assist in any manner necessary. We will personally contact more of you for any help you can provide. I am positive that we can shine a bright light on Lodi Freemasonry and remain a viable and active fraternity for our community.

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June Dinner Menu: **Chinese**  
\$10.00/Person

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY May 29th**

**Lodi Lodge #256 F. & A.M.**

**Stated Meetings:** First Thursday at 7:30 PM  
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Among our first priorities will be reaching out to our numerous Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to make sure they are receiving coaching so they may continue their degrees and Masonic journeys. We have already appointed a new Scholarship committee and they will soon be contacting our Masonic youth groups.

Time, Patience and Perseverance will accomplish all things.

Fraternal cheers,  
Rick Wright



- ◇ Your Trestle Board editor would appreciate receiving any announcements or accomplishments about the Brethren or their families. Please send to Bro Bob Garcia [loditrestleboard@gmail.com](mailto:loditrestleboard@gmail.com)
- ◇ We extend our deepest sympathy to Bro Tim Christensen on the passing of his mother, Betty. Betty was a beautiful and gracious lady who passed 10 days after her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her husband, Gerald aka: Jerry, was a fantastic ritualist and our District Inspector for 12 years.
- ◇ Bro Hector Galvan celebrated his birthday (still a baby) at Papavalos with 32 friends and family. Not saying how old he is, but he's not 44 anymore. Speaking of Hector, he is our local chairman for Masons4Mitts. A collection was taken at the May meeting but he would be happy to receive any other contributions. \$20 buys a baseball glove for the Junior Giants in our area. You can call him at 209-747-3535 or scan the QR Code below do donate.
- ◇ Wor Bro Chris Ross and the OES prepared a scrumptious Mexican dinner for our May meeting. In case you didn't know, Chris is/was a professional chef.
- ◇ A special thanks and shout out to Bro Mike Sinclair who answered the call to serve as our Tiler for the remainder of 2023. Mike is up to his eyeballs in alligators at work including a huge project in Ridgecrest. Mike is a perfect example of those who can find time to help their lodge.
- ◇ Some of our Brethren are not doing real well and we hope they will be on the mend soon: Bro Robert Darby, EA, figuring out his meds and recovering from a fall; Bro Harlan Fitch, EA, recovering from back surgery; Wor Bro Frank Edwards and Wor Bro Richard Thornton scheduled for a new & improved hip on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We send our best wishes to all and hope to see them up and about soon.
- ◇ June is Masonic Homes Month and an excellent time to consider a donation so that our beautiful Homes will continue to provide the best care for our Masonic Brethren and their families. Masonic Homes of California, 1111 California St., San Francisco 94108 or [Masonichome.org](http://Masonichome.org) **Perhaps all the officers of Lodi Lodge might donate (any amount) and put us on the list of 100% Officer Giving.** It's been a few years since we've made that list.
- ◇ During the June Stated Meeting we will also be installing the new officers for the remainder of 2023. Worshipful Brothers Scotty Christian and Mario Balbiani have kindly agreed to be our Installing Officer and Master of Ceremonies.



Use the QR Code on the right to  
donate to the *Delta Dogs!*



## “Down the Road”

- ◆ Bro Tim Christensen will have reached his **50<sup>th</sup> year in Masonry** on December 21, 2023 and we will be scheduling a special recognition dinner and night to celebrate this Masonic achievement for him in the not too distant future.
- ◆ Mark your calendars for **July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM** as we fully expect to raise Bro Alex Terrill to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. As you can see from the calendar, the Third Degree team is scheduling many practices to make this a special night for Bro Alex.
- ◆ July is also Support Our Veterans Month. Wear your colors with pride all year long but especially in July. It never gets old to thank a Vet.

## Masonic Lodge Officer Duties and Responsibilities



### **Senior Steward**

His Jewel is the Cornucopia, which is an exact duplicate of the Junior Steward's Cornucopia. The **Cornucopia** signifies the "**Horn of Plenty**". It is a goat horn filled with the fresh fruits and vegetables to denote the "**fruits of your labors**" and represents a **job well done**.

The Senior Steward of a Masonic Lodge is an appointed officer of the Lodge.

The Senior Steward is tasked to understudy the Junior Deacon's position and fill in for the Junior Deacon when absent.

The Junior Deacon's principle role is to prepare the candidates during ritual and escort them to the lodge room and assist the Senior Deacon. In their entry Officer positions, both the Senior and Junior Stewards typically handle kitchen duties and wait staff for the members.

The Senior Steward's position is similar to that of a **Supervisor**.

### Lodge Hats for Sale

We currently have Lodi Lodge hats for sale.

We have 7 **Trucker style**

And

2 **Flex-fit**

2-S Flex-fit (6 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to 7 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>)







Both styles are \$13.00 each.

(exact change appreciated)

They will be available for purchase at the **Stated Meetings**



### June Birthdays

	<b>Brother</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Troy Terrill	6/4
	Bryan Beckler	6/21
	William Beckman	6/9
	James Pope	6/3
	Robert Ramos	6/14
	Kevin Terrill	6/28



## Ponderings of a Steward

Bro. Tim Reynolds



### The Three Great Pillars Part II: Strength

**“The bows of mighty men are broken, and those who stumble are girded with strength” – 1 Samuel 2:4**

Brethren,

I apologize for not providing an article in the last Trestle Board. The disharmony our Lodge experienced caused me serious mental and spiritual upheaval. The compass I use to guide my journey in Masonry seemed to be spinning; my path suddenly became unsure, and I needed to land somewhere before I could be in the frame of mind again to write an article worth the time necessary to read it.

The Lodge now seems to be back on track with leadership that has plans for the future of Lodi; to keep Lodi alive and well. Time is the greatest teacher, and the recent events demonstrate that extremely well. None of us can predict the future; had I been able to I would have seen my need for the Strength described in this article.

Strength is a multifaceted concept that can be understood in various contexts, including physical, mental, emotional, and moral aspects. Here are a few different interpretations of strength:

**Physical Strength:** Physical strength refers to the capacity of an individual to exert force and perform physical tasks. It involves factors such as muscular power, endurance, and overall fitness. Physical strength is often measured by activities such as weightlifting, running, or performing tasks that require physical exertion.

**Mental Strength:** Mental strength relates to an individual's ability to handle challenges, setbacks, and adversity. It encompasses qualities such as resilience, determination, and perseverance. Mentally strong individuals possess the ability to maintain a positive mindset, manage stress, and make effective decisions, even in difficult circumstances.

**Emotional Strength:** Emotional strength refers to the capacity to manage and regulate emotions in a healthy manner. It involves being aware of one's emotions, expressing them appropriately, and effectively coping with emotional challenges. Emotionally strong individuals can handle stress, bounce back from setbacks, and maintain emotional well-being.

**Moral Strength:** Moral strength pertains to an individual's ability to uphold and act in accordance with their ethical principles and values, even when facing moral dilemmas or external pressures. It involves having a strong sense of integrity, honesty, and ethical conduct, as well as the courage to stand up for what is right.

It is important to note that strength is not limited to one specific aspect and can manifest differently in individuals based on their unique characteristics and experiences. Additionally, strength can be developed and improved through practice, training, and personal growth.

Let us use our strengths to maintain the history of Lodi, to keep it as a beacon in our local community, the Masonic community as well. Let us join together, support one another, and maintain the pillars of our Lodge.



### Recipient must be...

- A Master Mason of Lodi Lodge #256 in good standing
- Or related\* to a Master Mason of Lodi Lodge #256 in good standing

### Award recipient will be judged upon...

- 3.0 Grade point average or above
- Masonic relationship\*
- Currently or active at the time of scholarship application
  - Jobs Daughters, Bethel No. 276
  - Cloud 7 Assembly No. 269
  - Lodi/Woodbridge DeMolay Chapter
- Involvement in community activities
- Communication skills (reflected in scholarship application)
- Desire to obtain a degree from an accredited college, university or accredited trade school offering transferable credits

- Application deadline will be June 30, 2023 Selection will be made August 15, 2023
- The successful applicant will be notified and the Scholarship Award winner will be presented a check in the amount of **\$1,000.00** by the Master at the September stated meeting.
- The award check will be made payable to the college or university that the applicant will be attending.

\* In terms of these Scholarship Guidelines the term "related/relationship" shall be defined as the applicant's relationship to a Master Mason as: child, step-child, grandson/granddaughter, nephew, niece, sibling, step-brother, step-sister, minor of legal guardian or related in some manner by marriage



Go To: <https://lodge256.freemason.org/2023/05/10/henry-karen-hansen-scholarship/>

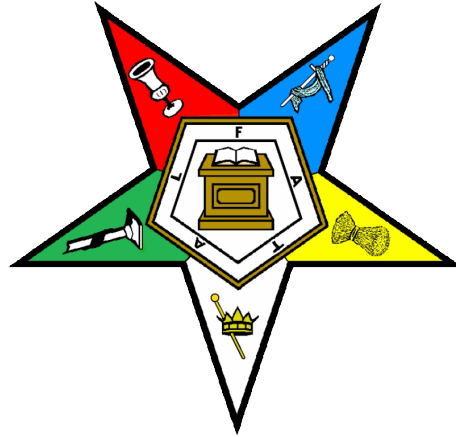
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Check out our website at: <https://lodge256.freemason.org/> (Back issues of the Trestle Board are available there)

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For a Fun Evening



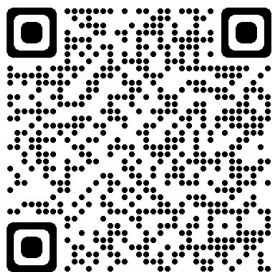
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Bro. James Willis



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*Richard O. Wright, PM*

  
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





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2023

JUNE

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

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**UP COMING EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	TIME
June 1st, Thursday	<b>Lodi Lodge</b> Stated Meeting Dinner at 6:30 PM	7:30 PM
June 6th, Tuesday	<b>Woodbridge Lodge</b> Stated Meeting Dinner at 6:30 PM	7:30 PM
June 8th, Thursday	Officer's Practice	6:30 PM
	<b>Grand Lodge School of Instruction</b> (All Masons)	
June 15th, Thursday	<b>Morning Star Lodge No. 19</b> 340 E Market St	7:00 PM
June 22nd, Thursday	Officer's Practice	6:30 PM
June 29th, Thursday	Officer's Practice	6:30 PM
<b>July 13th, Thursday</b>	<b>3rd Degree</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

**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.