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September Dinner Menu:

Chicken Cordon Blue and Baked Potato \$10.00/Person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY September 4th

For reservations: 256dinner@gmail.com

From the East



"SOFT AND SAFE TO THEE, MY BROTHER, BE THY RESTING PLACE!"

One of the truly bright faces of local Freemasonry was taken from us when, on July 20, 2023, Wor. Frank Mills died suddenly while at work on his farm. As a Past Master, Treasurer, officer's coach, candidate's coach and mentor he is leaving a big void, but even more so, because of his booming voice, firm handshake, high ethical standards and huge heart. We extend our condolences to Arabella and the family.

Masonic services were held August 4 with 250-300 friends attending, including over 50 Masons wearing white aprons, among whom were the Grand Lecturer, Very Worshipful Ricky Lawler, our Inspector, Wor Scott Christian, at least 5 sitting Masters and members from several lodges in the area. Wor Jerry Crystal returned from Idaho to pay his last respects. Many took time off from work to honor our Brother. This Masonic out-pouring was evident of the fraternal love and affection so many Brethren had for him.

This is a solemn reminder to hug our families and appreciate our friendships.

Fraternally, Rick

Lodi Lodge #256 F. & A.M.

Stated Meetings: First Thursday at 7:30 PM 321 W. Pine Street LODI CA 95240 Mailing Address: PO BOX 387 LODI CA 95241-0387

Find us on the web @ https://lodge256.freemason.org/

MASON OF THE YEAR





On **Saturday, August 5, 2023** Bro Tim Reynolds was honored as Lodi #256 Lodge's Mason of the Year. Bro. Tim is one of those quiet fellows that is always doing things behind the scenes to help our lodge and Freemasonry including serving as our Sr. Steward and President of the Building Association.

In addition to Lodi's own, Tim Reynolds, seventeen other lodges honored members including Brothers in our District: Angel Sandoval of Morning Star #19; Wor Fred Donald of Ione #80; Griffin Gumagay of Woodbridge #131; Wor Erwin Guzman of Valley #135; and Wor Darryl Watts of Elk Grove #173

Hiram Award



Worshipful Brother George Lester will be presented with the highest Masonic honor a Blue Lodge can confer on September 9, 2023. Dinner at 6:30, program follows. It is rumored that Wor John Herrick may have a hand in the presentation. Please make dinner reservations with our Secretary, wmcvicke@gmail.com



Golden Veteran Award

Brother Tim Christensen will have reached the honored distinction of 50 years in Masonry this year and will be presented with the Golden Veteran Award on **October 14**th, **7:00 PM**. He comes from a long line of distinguished Master Masons in his family and his biography will knock you out! This is

HANSEN FUND AWARDS

Donations from the Henry and Karen Hansen Fund were recently made to Lodi DeMolay, Lodi Job's Daughters and Cloud 7 Rainbow Girls. Generally our youth awards have been made to youth groups in the community outside of Masonic circles. We trust these fine young men and women and will use these funds for their charities and Grand functions.

Your Scholarship committee of Brothers Bob Garcia and Lamont Hilliard has selected Ms. Ava Dowdy to receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the Hansen Fund. We hope to present this award at our October Stated meeting. Here's looking at you Bro Sherman Hayhurst – call me for your free dinner.

BROTHERS HELPING YOUR LODGE

We are fortunate to have two new members join our Building Association Board. Brother Aaron Short, a member of Lodi Lodge for over 10 years, and Brother Alex Terrill our newest Master Mason were elected to serve at our August stated meeting. Thanks to both of them for stepping up.

MORE CHANGES IN CALIFORNIA FREEMASONRY

For many years lodges in close proximity had to receive a "waiver of jurisdiction" from a neighboring lodge when an application for Degrees was received from a man whose residence was closer to another lodge. Imagine the potential confusion of the new applicant when this occurred between Lodi and Woodbridge or of the five lodges that once met in Stockton.

This problem was eliminated in 1974 when the requirement was eliminated during the Annual Communications in San Francisco. Applicants in California may now petition any lodge in California without restriction.

Another change that previously eliminated many good men from membership occurred at the 1979 Annual Communications when the requirement of certain physical requirements should be removed. The voting delegates properly acknowledged that much of our ritual is symbolic and therefore missing limbs or other physical limitations would not preclude a man from understanding our work or becoming a good Mason.

The Annual Communications for 2023 will be held in San Francisco on October 27 & 28 with the installation of the new Grand Master, Sean Metroka and his Officers on Sunday, October 29th.

OUTDOOR DEGREE IN PARADISE

Please refer to the separate flyer about this Degree. **PLEASE NOTE THAT RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER MUST BE MADE. THIS EVENT IS FOR MASTER MASONS ONLY.**

WISDOM FROM OUR TILER ... ABOUT COMMITTEES

Brother Mike Sinclair, who may have been a politician in a previous life, sends this:

The Committee for the Reduction of Redundancy and the Anti-proliferation of Repetition has decided not to meet until they have their first meeting and thus will not be meeting until the first time.

Their Pre-meeting Statement wanted to make this clear before they had their first meeting, so that it would not be nor confusing.

So, their first meeting will actually be their first meeting and they will not have a meeting before their first meeting.

This should avoid having people show up for their first meeting before it is held, since to do so would be confusing to those who did so and this is what they want to avoid by reducing and lessening the repetition.

To this I add:

[&]quot;I know you think you understand what you thought I said but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant".



EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Another wonderful tribute will occur on October 14, 2023 when we honor Brother Tim Christensen aka: Lodi's answer to Dusty Hill, Burl Ives, Kenny Rogers, Glenn Yarborough (OLD Glenn), and Grizzly Adams (young guys ask old guys) with the Golden Veteran Award for his fifty years in Masonry!

We are also hoping to exemplify another Third Degree or two as our coaches prepare their candidates.

CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN

We learned at the August Stated meeting that Wor Chris Ross, our Senior Warden, is being honored by the California Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star as the Grand Sentinel in Tracy on August 19th. This event may have passed us by the time you receive this but we offer our heartiest congratulations to Bro Chris. Talk about juggling a lot of plates!





Table Mountain Masonic Lodge # 124 Announcing the Second Annual Outdoor Evening 3rd Degree



Plan on attending this unique Outdoor Evening 3rd Degree on Saturday, Sept 16, at a remote outdoor lodge site near Paradise California.

So that we can plan food and refreshments, please RSVP by calling Doug at 530-519-1695 or emailing ParadiseFreemasons@gmail.com. Since this is an evening event, some of you might want overnight lodging. We recommend the Best Western in Paradise where we have arranged a special room rate (\$124) for you. To get the special rate you must call 530-762-6051 and ask for the Masonic event rate.

Event Schedule – Saturday Sept 16

3 pm - Social Gathering at Table Mountain Masonic lodge. (see map: from Chico, or from Oroville)

4:30 to 6 pm - Dinner available to attendees at Table Mountain Masonic Lodge (see map). The dinner will be barbecued meats and accompaniments, and will be served by DeMolay. Cost is \$15.

6:30 pm - Degree begins. Please be at event location by this time. Travel to the location from the Table Mountain lodge takes approximately 30 minutes. The road is paved most of the way, then gravel for a short distance. (see map and driving instructions from Table Mountain Lodge to the event location). There will also be signs posted on the route. The 3rd degree will be presented by the Scottish Rite / Shrine Past Masters degree team. Since this is an outdoor evening event in a remote location, we recommend that you dress comfortably, wear appropriate footwear and bring a jacket. It is a very short walk from the parking area to the outdoor lodge.



Because I have a Brother...
I always have a friend.

Bro. James Willis







NOTE

Booster names and business cards Have been up-dated as of August 15th

If you do not see your card or name
Or if your name is incorrect

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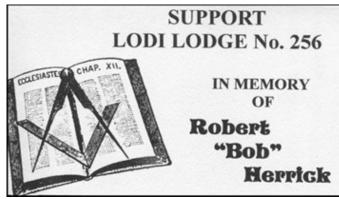
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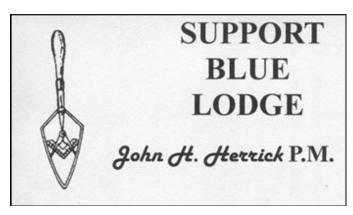
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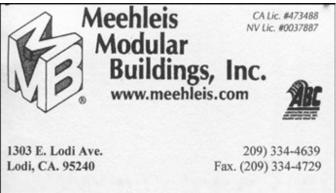
"..the greatest of these is Charity...
Charity extends beyond the grave,
through the boundless realm of
eternity"

Richard O. Wright, PM









SUPPORT YOUR BLUE LODGE

AND ATTEND OFTEN!

I'VE SAVED A SEAT FOR YOU!

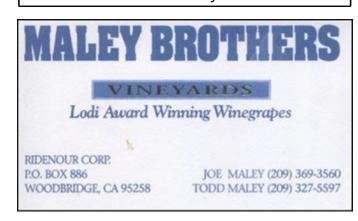
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SUPPORT YOUR BLUE LODGE ATTEND OFTEN AND BRING A FRIEND

CHARLES CANADA

...and come visit

Calaveras Keystone Lodge No. 78 3 West St. San Andreas on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30PM





Become a Trestle Board Sponsor!

All Master Masons of Lodi Lodge are invited to advertise in the Trestle Board.

Business Card — \$50/Year

Booster List - \$25/Year

Contact: Will McVicker, Secretary (209) 333-8406

TRESTLE BOARD BOOSTERS

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2023 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	luesoay	Wednesday	Inursoay	Friday	saturday
27	58	59	30	33	Б	02
8	04 DeMolay Noodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	Woodbridge Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM Ben Ali Shrine	Tokay Shrine Richmaid on Cherokee Lane 5:30PM Job's Daughters 6:00PM	Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM	80	60
10	Cloud 7 Assembly Noodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	0:00PM	13	© 14 Grand Lodge School of Instruction at Elk Grove Lodge No. 173 © 7:00PM (Fellow Craft and Master Masons only) Eastern Star Heritage Chapter No. 50 7:00PM	15	16
17	DeMolay hoodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	19	20 Job's Daughters 6:00PM	21	22	23
24	25 Cloud 7 Assembly Noodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	26	27	28	29	30
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All events at Lodi Lodge 321 Pine St. Lodi unless otherwise noted

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UP COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
September 5, Tuesday	Woodbridge Stated Meeting	7.20
	Dinner 6:30	7:30
September 7, Thursday	Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting	7:30
	Social 6:00, Dinner 6:30 *** RSVP w/Secretary by September 4th	
September 9, Saturday	Hiram Award Wor George Lester	6.20
	Dinner 6:30 Presentation to follow	6:30
September 14, Thursday	Officer's Practice for 3rd Degree	6:30
September 16, Saturday	Outdoor Degree - Paradise - <i>See flyer</i>	
September 21, Thursday	Inspector's SOI - at Elk Grove	7:00
October 5, Thursday	Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting	7:30
October 14, Saturday	GOLDEN VETERAN AWARD - BRO. TIM CHRISTENSEN	6:30
	DINNER 6:30 FOLLOWED BY PROGRAM	
October 27, 28, 29	Annual Communications Grand Lodge - San Francisco	

Youth Groups

Job's Daughters
Meets at Lodi Lodge
Cloud 7 Assembly
Meets at Woodbridge Lodge
DeMolay
Meets at Woodbridge Lodge

First and Third Wednesdays

6:00 p.m.

Second and fourth Mondays

7:00 p.m.

First and third Mondays

7:00 p.m.