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### September Dinner Menu:

Chicken Cordon Blue and Baked Potato

\$10.00/Person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY

September 4th

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## 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  
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## 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 Lone #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<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>.**

## **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:*

*“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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**Lodge Hats for Sale**

We currently have Lodi Lodge hats for sale.

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***Stated Meetings***



**September Birthdays**

	<b>Brother</b>	<b>Date</b>
James	Dean	9/9
Mark	Meehleis	9/15
Scott	Anderson	9/18
Shawn	Hayes	9/25
Harry	Norton	9/27
Robert	Ramos	9/27
William	Schmer PM	9/27
Christopher	Keo	9/29
Aaron	Short	9/29

# Table Mountain Masonic Lodge # 124

## Announcing the Second Annual Outdoor Evening 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree



**Plan on attending this unique Outdoor Evening 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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All Master Masons of Lodi Lodge are invited to  
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Contact: Will McVicker, Secretary  
(209) 333-8406










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# 2023 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
 <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	 <b>Lodi Lodge</b> Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 <b>Cloud 7 Assembly</b> Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM				 <b>Grand Lodge School of Instruction</b> at Elk Grove Lodge No. 173 @ 7:00PM (Fellow Craft and Master Masons only)		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
 <b>DeMolay</b> Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	 <b>Job's Daughters</b> 6:00PM			<b>Eastern Star</b> Heritage Chapter No. 50 7:00PM		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
 <b>Cloud 7 Assembly</b> Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM						
01	02	03	04	05	06	07

*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 Dinner 6:30	7:30
September 7, Thursday	<b>Lodi Lodge</b> Stated Meeting Social 6:00, Dinner 6:30 *** RSVP w/Secretary by September 4th	7:30
September 9, Saturday	<b>Hiram Award Wor George Lester</b> 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	<b>GOLDEN VETERAN AWARD - BRO. TIM CHRISTENSEN</b> DINNER 6:30 FOLLOWED BY PROGRAM	6:30
October 27, 28, 29	Annual Communications Grand Lodge - San Francisco	

### 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.