



# THE TRESTLE BOARD

October

Anno Lucis

6023

Lodi Lodge #256, 321 West Pine Street, Lodi, CA 95240-2021

Volume 2023 Issue 10

The "TRESTLE BOARD" is published monthly by Lodi Lodge No. 256 F.&A.M., Subscription cost: None  
Issue Date: October 1, 2023, Volume 2023-10 This publication is for the sole use of members of

Lodi Lodge No. 256 F.& A.M.

## Lodge Officers

### Master

Rick Wright (209) 369-6530

### Senior Warden

Chris Ross (209) 609-9761

### Junior Warden

John Herrick (209) 663-9148

### Treasurer

George Lester (209) 483-1413

### Secretary

Will McVicker (209) 333-8406

### Chaplain

Tim Christensen (209) 210-8674

### Senior Deacon

Marvin Bryant (209) 623-3207

### Junior Deacon

Mark Butler (209) 663-5785

### Senior Steward

Tim Reynolds (209) 518-8399

### Junior Steward

Bill Beckman (209) 368-5798

### Marshall

Kevin Terrill (209) 993-2438

### Tyler

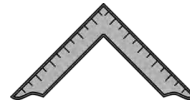
Mike Sinclair (209) 369-1855

### Building Information

Bill Beckman (209) 368-2798

Marvin Bryant (209) 623-3207

## From the East



One of the tough issues to face at any time, but especially during a time of inflation, is money. Part of our responsibilities as Masons is to provide for our future and that includes being fiscally responsible.

Our Stated Meeting in September included the discussion of rising costs for dinners. We all know that food prices are rising and it is no longer possible to provide a meal for \$10. We hope that our new dinner cost of \$15 will sustain us.

The dues we pay each year include the Per Capita assessment of Grand Lodge. While the amount we pay has gone up approximately \$5 each year none of that amount has been retained by the Lodge to pay our bills and expenses, it has all gone to the Per Capita. Per Capita is currently \$60 which represents almost half of our total dues. The actual dues amount is \$70 and has not changed since 2009. We will be voting on a dues increase in October to be effective January 1, 2024. A letter has been sent to every Brother of Lodi Lodge. All Brethren are encouraged to attend the October meeting and vote.

This is probably not the best time to bring up the subject of the Annual Fund of Grand Lodge which supports our Masonic Homes and scholarships but better now than never. At the conclusion of the Master Mason Degree the Master invited you to sign the By-Laws of the Lodge and told you that by doing so it would subject you to its burdens and responsibilities as well as entitle you to its benefits and privileges.

Your contribution provides for the charitable causes of California Masonry and ensures the comfort and well-being of those in our Masonic Homes.

So, is the Annual Fund a "burden" or "privilege"? Personally, it is my privilege to continue the good works created by our California Brethren more than 100 years ago. If you feel the same you may donate on-line at [Freemason.org](https://www.freemason.org) or by sending a check to: **Masonic Foundation attn. Denise Avila, 1111 California St., San Francisco, CA 94108.**

**If all the Officers make a donation Lodi Lodge will appear on the "100% Officer Giving Honor Roll". If one misses we will not be so designated. It is up to you. Any amount will qualify. Deadline is October 1, 2023.**

October Dinner Menu:

TBD

\$15.00/Person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY

October 4th

For reservations: [256dinner@gmail.com](mailto:256dinner@gmail.com)

# Hiram Award



On September 9, 2023 Brother George Lester PM was awarded the Hiram Award at Lodi Lodge #256. Master of Ceremony John Herrick PM gave an account of Brother Lester's life, his family history in Masonry and his personal contributions to the Lodge and his community. At times it was humorous and times thought provoking. Making each attendee ponder "How can I be a better person".

It was a very moving and inspiring ceremony and I hope that more brothers will attend the next Hiram Award Ceremony.



## MANY THANK YOU'S

Many hands pitched in to help clean up the Lodge after our Hiram Award evening.

- ◆ Donna and Bill Beckman always seem to be there and everywhere and knocked themselves out.
- ◆ Bro Park Johnson, dishwasher extraordinaire, explained the workings of that monster to Bro Mark Butler.
- ◆ Bro Mark also served the wine and brought his glasses to keep smiles on our faces.
- ◆ Others pitched in too but alas my old mind is just old.



***Thanks everyone!***



## Golden Veteran Award

### IS HE REEALLY THAT OLD?

Please make your reservations with our Brother Secretary at [256dinner@gmail.com](mailto:256dinner@gmail.com) for October 14, 2023 as we honor Bro Tim Christensen for his 50 years of Masonry. This brother has not only been a Mason for 50 years, he has been an active Mason both in and out of the Lodge room.



## Grand Sentinel California Grand Chapter of Eastern Star



Hector Galvan's daughter, Presley, found more interesting things to do than listen to speeches and introductions.

Wor. Chris Ross PM honored as Grand Sentinel of California Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

## **Henry & Karen Hansen Fund Scholarship Presentation**



At our October Stated Meeting we will be presenting **Ms. Ava Dowdy** our 2023 Scholarship winner with her check.

Ava is member of Cloud 7 Assembly International Order of Rainbow for Girls and is attending Consumnes River College majoring in Psychology.

And again, these scholarships are made possible through the generosity of the Henry and Karen Hansen Fund.

# Henry & Karen Hansen Fund Donations

Once again Lodi Lodge had the pleasure to help our community with donations to our First Responders on August 31, 2023. Each group received a check for \$1000 because of the generosity of Bro Henry Hansen and Lady Karen. Both of these organizations work every day and night to protect the lives and property of the residents of Lodi. Thanks for your service!



Bro. Chris Meehleis, Michelle Martinez, Jermey Lenser, Bro. Cameron Heberle, Bro. Marvin Bryant, Bro. Rick Wright, WM

The Lodi Fire Foundation’s mission is to provide financial assistance to the Lodi Fire Department to help keep our community safe.



Cpt. Eric VerSteeg, Bro. Marvin Bryant, LPF Chairman Brian Halstead, LPF Board member Gregg Arends, LPF Board member Ron Richards; Administrative Assistant Heather Kirschenman Chief Sierra Bruca, Bro. Rick Wright, WM

The Lodi Police Foundation provides the conduit where donations can be accepted and subsequently utilized by the Police Department in the form of grants. In addition, the Lodi Police Foundation also provides funding to the Lodi Area Crime Stoppers, an organization that pays awards for crime tips.



## GRAND LODGE ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

DATE	EVENT
October 27, Friday	Annual Communications –SF – <b>MASTER MASONS ONLY</b> Business Session 1:00-5:00 <b>FRENCH DEGREE 6:00</b>
October 28, Saturday	Business Session continues 8:30-5:00 Grand Master’s Banquet Recep 6:30 – Ticket Holders Only Grand Master’s Banquet 7:30-10:00 – Ticket Holders Only
October 29, Sunday	Public Ceremonies 9:00-10:50 and Installation of Grand Lodge Officers 11:00– 12:30



**TOUGHER THAN THE ENERGIZER BUNNY**



Wor Bro Vince Lake, current Master of Woodbridge #131 and past master of Progressive #578, Lodi #256, and Woodbridge #131 advises that he is now on full oxygen and using a walker. Although he feels good most of the time it is difficult to get around. The brethren of Woodbridge Lodge are filling in and doing a great job. Wor Vince turner 87 in August and has been a Mason for 63 years as of September 14, 2023.



**A SPECIAL DEGREE IN SAN FRANCISCO** --- This year on Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM following the Business session a rare treat is in store for you. The French Lodges in California will be exemplifying the memorable FRENCH DEGREE. It is entirely in the French language but Master Masons will be able to follow it very well. NOT TO BE MISSED, I guarantee it!

**A PROFESSIONAL ACTOR AND LODI LODGE MEMBER**



It was so good to see Bro David Jon Foster at our last Stated Meeting. He also brought his brother and nephew with him to enjoy a great meal and Masonic fellowship. Bro David has been a member of Lodi Lodge for over 20 years and went to school with Bro Lamont Hilliard. Many of us remember him as an artist and musician but now he is also acting and producing films and still works for the County of San Joaquin. He appeared as an FBI agent in the thriller Traffik and also produced and starred in "Reanimation Team" which is for rent on Amazon Prime and free on TUBI. Guess which one I watched?!

Bro David will be working with us for a part in our Third Degrees. A really full plate but so happy to have "new" blood help the Lodge.

David now joins a large group of Masonic actors and entertainers including Brothers Red Skelton, Ernest Borgnine, Michael Richards (Kramer on Seinfeld), Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Royal Dano ( look him up and you'll say, "oh yeah, I know him") and many others. Is Lodi Lodge lucky or what?!



**EXCELLENT DINNER**



If you missed the September Stated meeting you missed an outstanding dinner prepared by the ladies next door. **The Woman's Club of Lodi.** Delicious salad, excellent potatoes and chicken cordon bleu followed by a mouth watering chocolate cream pie dessert! In a word, "OINK"! Speaking of dinners, "here's looking at you" Bro. James Willis. Call me and I'll buy your October dinner.

**SAD NEWS**



We recently read of the passing of Mrs. Lida Mueller, widow of Bro Ray Mueller who was a Hiram Award recipient of Lodi Lodge and a 55 year member. Bro Ray was a former Claims Manager with AAA Insurance.

**ADVENTURE IN PARADISE**

Brothers Mark Butler, Bob Garcia and Rick Wright went north for the outdoor degree put on by **Table Mountain Lodge #124** of Paradise. They have a beautiful “upper” Lodge Room and an impressive “big” Lodge Room (with three rows of seat in the North and South) downstairs.



The three “ruffians” enjoying fellowship with other brothers



Outdoor Lodge



Outdoor Altar

The degree site was actually in Magalia. Prior to the degree we enjoyed the friendship and dinner table with approximately 70 Brethren from all over Northern California.

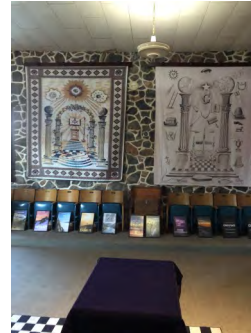


Table Mountain “upstairs” Lodge Room

Also keeping us company were our ladies: Karen Garcia, Vicki Wright and Mark’s chaperone Milo.

Some donations were made at the Oroville casino.

**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 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***



**October Birthdays**

Brother	Date
Park Johnson	10/1
Francisco Mora Jr.	10/1
Douglas Mason	10/2
Clyde Ehrhardt	10/3
James Sanborn PM	10/3
Jonathan Tallerico	10/4
Lance Kout	10/7
Jerry Glenn	10/9
George Lester PM	10/19
Michael Sinclair	10/20

# A Starry Night Productions

Presents

Donna & Tim Christensen

(209) 210-8674

1227 N. Lower Sacramento Rd.  
Lodi, CA 95242

astarrynightproductions.com



Classic Folk  
Country & Pop Standards



## QUAIL RIDGE RANCH

Bob and Mimi Friedberger  
1201 Patterson Road • Modesto, CA 95356

Tel: (209) 527-9908

Mimi Cell: (209) 329-3386

Bob Cell: (209) 329-2952

Fax: (209) 527-9908

E mail: rfriedberger@sbcglobal.net

E mail: bobfriedberger@yahoo.com

Because I have a Brother...

I always have a friend.

Bro. James Willis



Consignments  
Welcome

# WOODBIDGE

Auto-Truck  
&  
Equipment

Brad Christy, Sales

Bus: (209) 333-0143

Cell: (209) 337-5343

Fax: (209) 368-2705

woodbridgetruckandequipment.com

Email: woodbridgetruck@gmail.com

18691 North Highway 99

Acampo, California 95220

Bank  
Appraisals



KEVIN TERRILL  
VICE PRESIDENT

DIRECT LINE: (253)393-2797

OFFICE: 1-877-362-7731 EXT. 771

CELL: (209)993-2438

KEVIN.TERRILL@DYNASTYTRANSINC.COM  
WWW.NEWMBTINC.COM

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

Richard O. Wright, PM

**DREAM RIDES**  
James M. Sanborn  
Vehicle Sales & Acquisitions  
209.570.7363

2267 N. Wilson Way  
Stockton, CA 95205  
dreamridesvs@gmail.com  
dreamridesmotorcycles.com

STOCKTON CA



209.294.9500

Teambeckler@gmail.com

DRE #01976804 | DRE #01866994

JANET & BRYAN BECKLER



### 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

Contact: Bob Garcia

623-606-9657

loditrestleboard@gmail.com

## SUPPORT LODI LODGE No. 256



IN MEMORY  
OF

**Robert  
"Bob"  
Herrick**



# SUPPORT BLUE LODGE

*John H. Herrick P.M.*

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



**Meehleis  
Modular  
Buildings, Inc.**  
www.meehleis.com

CA Lic. #473488  
NV Lic. #0037887



1303 E. Lodi Ave.  
Lodi, CA. 95240

209) 334-4639  
Fax. (209) 334-4729

# MALEY BROTHERS

VINEYARDS

Lodi Award Winning Winegrapes

RIDENOUR CORP.  
P.O. BOX 886  
WOODBIDGE, CA 95258

JOE MALEY (209) 369-3560  
TODD MALEY (209) 327-5597

SUPPORT YOUR BLUE LODGE

AND ATTEND OFTEN!

I'VE SAVED A SEAT FOR YOU!

*SCOTT ANDERSON*



Back issues of the  
**Trestle Board**  
are available at:  
<https://lodge256.freemason.org>  
Or scan the code  
Click the heading "News"



<https://lodge256.freemason.org>

## 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

John Herrick  
Bill and Carolyn Meehleis  
John and Zora Mann  
Lloyd and Shawnnette Roper  
Clyde Ehrhardt  
Park Johnson  
Chris and Shanelle Ross

Will and Lia McVicker  
The Thornton Family  
James Willis  
George Lester  
Lamont Hilliard  
Steve & Kaye Reiswig  
Doug Rader

Mark and Emie Butler  
Larry and Linda Silva  
Roger and Quinta Robinson  
Scott and Beverly Anderson  
Tom and Sharon Kellogg  
Charles Riddle



# LODI LODGE NO. 256, F. & A. M.

321 WEST PINE STREET  
P.O. BOX 387  
LODI, CALIFORNIA 95241



September 13, 2023

To the Members of Lodi Lodge:

The letter that I sent which was dated September 9, 2023 was in error. The actual amount of proposed dues is \$90.00 as indicated below.

## DUES INCREASE – AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

The following amendment to the By-Laws of Lodi Lodge No. 256 F. & A. M. was presented at the stated meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 to amend , Article III Section 2:

**The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$90.00 per annum, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, payable in advance on the first day of January.**

The members of this Lodge are hereby notified in writing that this amendment will be voted upon at the Stated Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023 and requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present.















This amendment will have no effect until approved by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master and transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully and fraternally,



Will McVicker  
Secretary  
Lodi Lodge No. 256 F. & A. M.

# 2023 OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02  <b>DeMolay</b> Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	03  <b>Woodbridge Lodge</b> Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM	04  <b>Tokay Shrine</b> Richmaid on Cherokee Lane 5:30PM	05  <b>Lodi Lodge</b> Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM	06	07
08	09  <b>Cloud 7 Assembly</b> Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	10	11 <b>Job's Daughters</b> 6:00PM	12  <b>Eastern Star</b> Heritage Chapter No. 50 7:00PM	13	14  <b>GOLDEN VETERAN AWARD</b> Bro. Tim Christiansen <b>Dinner: 6:30 PM</b> <b>Award: After</b>
15	16  <b>DeMolay</b> Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	17	18  <b>Job's Daughters</b> 6:00PM	19  <b>Grand Lodge School of Instruction at Woodbridge Lodge No. 131 @7:00PM (Master Masons only)</b>	20	21
22	23  <b>Cloud 7 Assembly</b> Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	24	25	26	27  <b>Annual Communications Grand Lodge San Francisco</b>	28  <b>Annual Communications Grand Lodge San Francisco</b>
29  <b>Annual Communications Grand Lodge San Francisco</b>	30	31				

*All events at Lodi Lodge 321 Pine St. Lodi unless otherwise noted*

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

PO BOX 387

LODI CA 95241-0387

RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED

**THE TRESTLE BOARD**  
Published Monthly by:  
Lodi Lodge #256,



## UP COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
October 3, Tuesday	Woodbridge Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30	7:30
October 5, Thursday	<b>Lodi Lodge</b> Stated Meeting Social 6:00, Dinner 6:30 *** <i>RSVP w/Secretary by October 2nd***</i>	7:30
October 14, Saturday	<b>GOLDEN VETERAN AWARD – BRO TIM CHRISTENSEN</b> Dinner 6:30 Presentation to follow	6:30
October 19, Thursday	Inspector’s SOI – at Woodbridge	7:00
October 26th - 29th	<b>GRAND LODGE</b> - Annual Communications ( <i>see details inside</i> )	
October, 30 Monday	Lodi Building Association – ZOOM	7:00
October 31, Tuesday	Lodi Executive Officers Mtg –ZOOM	6:00
<b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</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.