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November Dinner Menu:

BBQ Steak

\$15.00/Person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY

October 30th

For reservations: 256dinner@gmail.com

From the East



October was a mostly fun and somewhat busy month. Fun because we presented Ms. Ava Dowdy, Cloud 7 Assembly of Rainbow for Girls, with a \$2000 scholarship. She has been a very active Rainbow Girl from a long line of family mentors. She is attending Consumnes River College with a major in Psychology and we know she will do well as she moves through life. Our last community donation of \$2000 was also presented to the Hutchins Street Square Foundation. Both of these donations were made possible from the generosity of Bro Henry Hansen and lady Karen through the Hansen Fund. Nothing was spent from the general fund.

Bro Mike Knight also gave his Fellowcraft proficiency at our October Stated meeting. Wor George Lester is Mike's coach and it was a great presentation by candidate and coach alike. The officers will be practicing to Raise Bro Knight to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the not too distant future. Date TBD.

And, of course, we had the pleasure to honor Bro Tim Christensen with the Golden Veteran Award for his 50 years in Masonry. Wor Scotty Christian, our Inspector, did an outstanding job with the program and Tim's beautiful biography. A dinner from Da Vinci's was hosted by Wor Herrick and my lady, Vicki, decorated the tables in a musical theme. Many thanks to Emmi and Mark Butler for taking care of the wine and helping with clean-up, and Donna and Bill Beckman, clean-up & dishes, etc. Kudos also to our photographer, Bob Garcia.

With November being a time to remember and thank our military veterans we also thank the Masonic Golden veterans of Lodi Lodge. Their years of membership follow their names:

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Lodi Lodge #256 F. & A.M.

Stated Meetings: First Thursday at 7:30 PM

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Brothers Jerry Glenn (67); Lawrence O'Reilly (65); Dennis Swanson (65); Charles Lewis, PM (64); Vince Lake, PM (63); Bill Davidson (56); Clyde Ehrhardt (58); Bob Fuller III (55); Terry Hieb, PM (52); Joe Maley (59); John Mann, PM (56); Doug Mason (57); Harry Norton (57); Jim Pope (56); Ed Potter (58); Carl Schmiedt (56); Gar Wright (52); Rick Wright, PM (52).

Some of these very loyal Brethren have not always been able to attend lodge but they all learned the lessons and tenets of Freemasonry and have supported Lodi Lodge with their prompt payment of dues. A reminder that we should always be vigilant of those that knock on our door, ever remembering that quality is paramount to quantity.

And not to forget, November is the month for Thanksgiving. We all have many people and things for which we are thankful. Among my huge list I am thankful for my loving wife of 50 years, Vicki; my brother and sister, Mother-in-Law, Annetta, now 102; my nieces and nephews and my many Masonic Brethren who give so much to Masonry and Lodi Lodge in particular to keep us a vital and important source of good to Lodi.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

Fraternally,

Rick

Hansen Fund Scholarship Award



On October 5, 2023, Lodi Lodge #256 presented a check from the Henry & Karen Hansen Memorial Scholarship Fund for \$2,000.00 to Ms. Ava Dowdy.

Ms. Dowdy was the recipient of the National Honor Society for High School Scholars, and the IORG Scholarship.

Her Nana, Lisa Dowdy, is a Grand Deputy and a Past Mother Advisor for the Cloud 7 Assembly. Her aunt, Trista Dowdy, is a Past Grand Officer to the station of Immortality and Rep. to Illinois/Wisconsin (2012).

Ms. Dowdy was initiated into pledge at the 2015 Grand Assembly and then was initiated into Rainbow Grand Assembly 2016.

Ms. Dowdy plans to major in Psychology and the reason she plans to major in Psychology is partially because of her autistic brother.



Golden Veteran Award



The Golden Veteran Award in Free Masonry was awarded to Bro. Tim Christensen. by the Lodi Masonic Lodge #256. The Award, for over 50 years in good standing, was presented at an open ceremony held on October 14th at the Lodi Masonic Lodge, in presents of family and friends.

Tim shared his memories of running around the Lodge as a young boy eventually joining DeMolay and at the age of 21, while serving in the military, became a Master Mason in 1973.



Zowie! November Stated Meeting Dinner



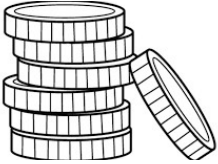
The much awaited and mouth-watering dinner event of the year is John's (Herrick) world famous barbeque steak dinner featuring Chef-of-the-Grill, Wor Lloyd Roper, the Fastest Fork in the West!

Don't miss this!

Reservations are absolutely, positively required as steak cannot be "stretched".
If **NO** reservation you better bring your own Big Mac or go hungry.



A CHANGE FOR GOOD



At the October Stated Meeting the voting members present unanimously passed a motion to increase our annual dues by \$20. As always, should any member experience financial difficulty in paying his dues he should notify the Secretary.

LET THERE BE LIGHT



The annual Lodi Parade of Lights will be held a week earlier this year. Instead of falling on the first Thursday of December, our Stated Meeting, the event will be on November 30th. Ben Ali Shrine will be participating for the first time. Additionally, if the Tokay Shrine Club can find a few young Masons to help decorate, they will also have an entry. How you doing Bro Bob Hovorka?

WANT TO BECOME A SHRINER?



The next Shrine Ceremonial (that's the initiation) is November 4th. Bro Bill Beckman or any Shiner would be happy to help you with the application and sign it, too! What?! More Free Dinners!

Yes, just find your name after the phrase "How you doing Bro", call Master Rick and he will buy your next Stated Meeting dinner. Easy, huh.

Also, call Rick and tell him where to find "the Greatest of these is Charity" in our ritual. You eat free.



To our Brothers at the Lodi Masonic Lodge, it is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of Brother Bob Friedberger on October 3rd, 2023.

My grandfather was a 33* Scottish Rite Mason, as well as a 4th generation Mason from the Lodi Lodge. Bob's celebration of life had a very quick turnaround from the date of his passing and took place earlier this week.

We recognize that the date/time did not get sent to the general membership in a timely manner. There were some recent hiccups with communication on my part, and I wanted to apologize to the Lodge for my oversight during this time.

Bob Friedberger was a great man who always helped his community wherever and whenever it was needed. He always had a strong group of family, friends, and Masons around and I know that he was aware of how many people cared for him.

Our family wants to thank the Lodi Lodge, Stockton Scottish Rite, Ben Ali Shriners, Eastern Star, and all the other organizations that he was involved in over the years. Bob was one of those people who made those around him shine bright. Thank you. -

Bro. Shawn McCarty

MORE SAD NEWS



Mrs. Jerilynn Chapman passed away on September 4, 2023. Jeri was a very stylish lady and she and Chuck were married for 43 years. Chuck was a San Joaquin County Marshal, Fifty Year member of the fraternity and served as Lodi Master in 1979.

THE MASTER IS ALWAYS RESPONSIBLE

When mistakes are made and bad things happen it is *always* the Master who must accept the blame.

Brother Bob Friedberger, a 33 degree Mason, passed away on October 3, 2023. He was a member of Lodi Lodge for over 62 years. He was the Vice President of the trust department of the Bank of Stockton for many years. He and Mimi were married for 64 years.



When I heard of Bob's passing my very first and basic duty as Master was to contact Mimi but I failed miserably to do this. I cannot offer any explanation or excuse but my lapse resulted in a huge embarrassment to the lodge and disappointment to the family. You will also find comments by Bro Shawn McCarty, his grandson, and member of Lodi Lodge in this trestle board but had I done what a Master should always do and phoned Mrs. Friedberger I would have learned of their desire for a Masonic funeral. It did not happen. I can never make this right with the family or with the lodge. This is all on me and I sincerely apologize to the family and the lodge. Even though Mimi was most gracious when I called her I will carry this as the blackest memory of my Masonic career. I am truly sorry.

Richard O. Wright

Lodge Hats for Sale

We currently have Lodi Lodge hats for sale.

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

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Stated Meetings



November Birthdays

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Date</u>
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Ernest Meier	11/14
Wayne Weisz	11/16
Robert Garcia	11/20
Richard Thornton PM	11/24

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

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623-606-9657
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Herrick



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SCOTT ANDERSON



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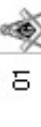
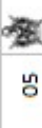
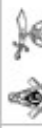






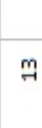

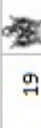

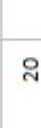

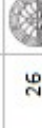

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Doug Rader

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

2023 NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
			 Tokay Shrine Richmaid on Cherokee Lane 5:30PM  Job's Daughters 6:00PM	 Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
 DeMolay Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	 Woodbridge Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM Ben Ali Shrine 6:00PM	 Woodbridge Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM	 Job's Daughters 6:00PM	 Officer Degree Team Practice 6:30	 Veteran's Day	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
 Cloud 7 Assembly Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	 Cloud 7 Assembly Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	 Job's Daughters 6:00PM	 Grand Lodge School of Instruction at Woodbridge Lodge No. 131 @ 7:00PM Lodi Lodge Hosting Eastern Star Heritage Chapter No. 50 7:00PM			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 DeMolay Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	 DeMolay Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	 DeMolay Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!			
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
 Cloud 7 Assembly Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	 Cloud 7 Assembly Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM					
03	04	05	06	07	08	09

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

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UP COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
October 25, Wednesday	Officer and Third Degree Team Practice 2 nd Section of Third Degree	6:30
October 30, Monday	Lodi Building Ass'n ZOOM	7:00
October 31, Tuesday	Executive Committee ZOOM	6:30
November 2, Thursday	Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting Social 6:00, Steak Dinner 6:30 *** RSVP by 10/30 NO EXCEPTIONS ***	6:00
November 7, Tuesday	Woodbridge Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30	6:30
November 9, Thursday	Officer and Third Degree Team Practice	6:30
November 11, Saturday	NO LODGE – Honor All Veterans	
November 16, Thursday	Inspector's SOI at Woodbridge Lodi Lodge Host	7:00
November 23, Thursday	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
December 2, Thursday	Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting & Election of Officers Social 6:00, Dinner 6:30 *** RSVP BY 11/30***	6:00
December 10, Sunday	Installation of Officers	4:00