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December Dinner Menu:

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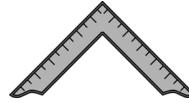
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December 4th

For reservations: 256dinner@gmail.com

From the East



Elections are in the bag and we look forward to a new and productive Masonic year. A new application was read last month and another is expected to follow. A Third Degree is in the works and several Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are on the books as we await their proficiencies.

The 2023 year had some bumps but many positive steps were made to strengthen and support Lodi Lodge. A Master's job includes the administration and guidance of the Brethren. The measure of accomplishment is reflected by the desire of the Brothers to help. With a renewed eagerness to get us back on track many Brothers stretched forth helping hands for which I am very grateful.

The officers and degree teams spend many hours outside the lodge walls learning and improving their ritual to impress the candidates and make the members proud. Many go above and beyond including Brothers Bill Beckman in the kitchen and attending to the building and tenants; Mark Butler providing and serving fermented grape juice; and tables set, servers arranged and meals carried off without a hitch (thank you Wor John Herrick). And soft spoken Kevin Terrill for sponsoring a great October dinner this year; Golden Veteran Tim Christensen for offering many prayers; Wor George Lester serving in the tough role as Officer's Coach; and, if you think you know what the Secretary does, well that's probably only a drop in the bucket of what he really does. Thank you Wor Will McVicker. Wor Chris Ross, working full time, serving as Gr Sentinel of Calif OES and still finding time to lead Lodi Lodge. How great it is to have the lodge set up and the paraphernalia put away every meeting (thank you Mike Sinclair); Tim Reynolds chairing the building association and frequently fixing things behind the scenes; Marvin Bryant coaching candidates and serving as a Prospect Manager; Hector Galvan assisting where needed (*cont. on pg. 2*)

Lodi Lodge #256 F. & A.M.

Stated Meetings: First Thursday at 7:30 PM

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(Cont. from pg. 1) and serving as co-chairman of Masons4Mitts; Bob Garcia our Trestleboard editor/publisher, photographer and PR liaison to the Lodi News Sentinel; and Robert Lopez, Lamont Hilliard, Bill Schmer and Charlie Lewis is working on degree teams, committees, and filling chairs on short notice. A special thank you to our loyal sideliners, all committee members and visitors. Your support is invaluable and a huge encouragement to the officers.

Please continue your support and help the new Officers in 2024.

Masons persevere, rise above adversity and strive to improve themselves while polishing and smoothing the rough ashlar. It has been an unanticipated but honor to serve you as Master.

Fraternally,
Rick

RSVP's for Installation dinner are required so we can plan efficiently, effectively and be financially responsible. **PLEASE DO NOT FORGET.** Thank you!!!



GOOD NEWS!

The Lodi District Chamber of Commerce has selected Meehleis Modular Buildings, Inc as the 2023 Business of The Year and they will be honored on December 1st at the annual awards dinner. Not only have they provided quality buildings for over 40 years, this family-owned business have deep Masonic roots. Patriarch and founder, Bro Bill Meehleis (deceased 2022) was a 58 year member. Sons, Chris and Mark and son-in-law, Mike Sinclair are all members of Lodi Lodge and continue to guide and grow the business. They are among the most generous supporters of schools, Lodi Lodge, and non-profit organizations. Truly great role models all!



SAD NEWS

My friend and Brother, Wor Terry Hieb, passed away on October 15, 2023. Terry was Master in 1977 and a veteran of the Korean War. He spent many years with Claude C. Wood Co and Les Calkins Trucking, both firms owned and operated by Lodi Lodge Masons (Harold Baker, Emery Conrad and Les Calkins). Terry and Ruth were married 66 years



I HEAR MUSIC – HOW GRAND IT IS!

Worshipful Brother Stephen Miller is the Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of California and he and Lady Margaret will be in Lodi for the sole purpose of playing at our Installation of Officers on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 4:00PM. Wor Steve is in big demand during this time of the year with many lodges requesting his talents for their installations. He and Margaret are driving over 380 miles to Lodi and we are very honored to have them both with us

ANNUAL MASONIC CONFERENCE

Most legislation will not affect Lodi Lodge. Of the nine resolutions, 3 passed, 3 failed and 3 will be voted on again next year as carry overs.

The 3 failed were:

- 1) Increasing limit from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for building changes without submitting documents to Temple Properties Committee.
- 2) Allowing a man to be Secretary of more than one lodge
- 3) Counting a man's years as a Mason from initiation rather than when he becomes a Master Mason.

A few pictures from the conference



Here's a couple of handsome brothers!



Staircase built with a veneer of wood from all the lodges in California



Including our very own Lodi Lodge 256

KEEP ON TRAVELING

Bro Hector and Rick recently attended a very fine Third Degree exemplified by Acalanes-Fellowship Lodge #480 in Lafayette. Rick's GPS may have been faulty but Hector was a great navigator



MORE MASONIC CHANGES THROUGH THE YEARS

Unless you served as Master in the 1980's most of us would not know that during the Annual Communications of 1983 legislation reduced some of the memory work for the Master by shortening the lecture in the First Degree. Many lessons were lost because of this but now some Masters are exemplifying that degree in the original long form version. Much of the missing information is in the Monitor and Officers' Manual which we all received.

While almost everyone is now familiar with the Cipher Ritual, it wasn't a reality until 1988. The selling point to pass that legislation was that it should be used as "an aid to the memory" although many officers today find themselves lost without it. Interesting that both the Jurisprudence and Legislative Analysis committees recommended a "NO" vote on this change to adopt the Cipher. The power of the voting delegates passed the Resolution. I still believe "mouth-to-ear" is the best way to learn our ritual.

Lodge Hats for Sale

We currently have Lodi Lodge hats for sale.

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And

2 **Flex-fit**

2-S Flex-fit (6 3/4 to 7 1/4)

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

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Stated Meetings



December Birthdays

Brother	Date
Matthew Taia Jr.	12/9
Paul Nielsen	12/12
James Johnson	12/15
Rocky Yorke	12/17
Stephen Campbell	12/18
Mark Mc Caslin	12/20
John Mann PM	12/23
Robert Darby	12/25
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Garland Wright	12/28
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Bro. James Willis



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OF

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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
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Tom and Sharon Kellogg
Charles Riddle

2023

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
 DeMolay Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	 Woodbridge Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM	 Ben Ali Shrine 6:00PM	 Tokay Shrine Richmaid on Cherokee Lane 5:30PM	 Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 Lodi Lodge Installation of Officers Practice/Opening 2:00PM Installation 4:00PM Dinner Following RSVP Dinner w/Secretary	 Cloud 7 Assembly Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
 DeMolay Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	 DeMolay Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM		 Job's Daughters 6:00PM	 Grand Lodge School of Instruction at Morning Star Lodge No. 19 @ 7:00PM		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
 Cloud 7 Assembly Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM						
31	01	02	03	04	05	06

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

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UP COMING EVENTS		
DATE	EVENT	TIME
November 23, Thursday	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
Thursday, November 30, 2023	Third Degree at Elk Grove Lodge	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 5, 2023	Woodbridge Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Thursday, December 7, 2023	Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting Social 6:00, Dinner 6:30 *** RSVP by 12/4 w/Secretary ***	7:30 PM
Sunday, December 10, 2023	Lodi Installation of Officers Practice and Opening 2:00 PM **** DINNER FOLLOWS INSTALLATION *** RSVP w/Secretary ****	4:00 PM
Monday, December 18, 2023	Lodi Building Association - ZOOM	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 19, 2023	Executive Officer's Meeting	6:30 PM
Thursday, December 21, 2023	School of Instruction (SOI) Morning Star Lodge No. 19 340 E Market St Stockton, CA 95202	7:00 PM

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.