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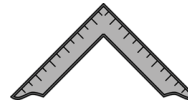
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From the East



Brethren as we enter a new year, new opportunities begin as well.

Although we have installed a new slate of officers, all of our members bring something special to the Lodge helping to keep us well-rounded and on the level.

This upcoming year I want to try some new things; keep old things and revive things that we may have forgotten or not had time for.

I hope with the support of the Lodge we can make these programs and ideas work.

I would also appreciate any suggestions you may have, whether it be for fund raising, charities, events or after dinner programs for the spouses.

In this issue of the Trestle Board is an abridged article from the Lodi News Sentinel about our 125th Anniversary as Lodi Lodge #256.

We are only 5 years away from our 150th Anniversary. Let's work together to keep our legacy alive for us and future generations.

Fraternally,

Chris Ross

January Dinner Menu:

TBD

\$15.00/Person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY

January 1st

For reservations: 256dinner@gmail.com

Lodi Lodge #256 F. & A.M.

Stated Meetings: First Thursday at 7:30 PM

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Lodi Lodge #256 2024 Installation of Officers

On Sunday, December 10, 2024 Lodi Lodge #256 held it' annual installation of officers.

The installing officers were Scotty Christen as Installing officer, Mario Balbiani as MC, and Rick Wright was Installing Chaplain. Lodi DeMolay escorted the Flag.

Installed were: **Chris Ross, PM** —Worshipful Master, **John Herrick, PM**—Senior Warden, **George Lester, PM** - Treasurer, **Will McVicker, PM**— Secretary, **Tim Christiansen**—Chaplain, **Mark Butler**—Junior Deacon, **Kevin Terrill** - Marshal. (**Tim Reynolds** to be installed as Sr. Steward , **Alex Terrill** with installed as Tiler, and possibly one other brother as Jr. Steward in January)



Newly installed officers with the installation team.



Past Master Rick Wright and the newly installed officers



Newly installed Master and Family.

LODI LODGE #256 History.

Abridged REPRINT from a 2004 Lodi Sentinel News Article:



Ralph Lea and Christi Kennedy
Special to the News-Sentinel
May 14, 2004

In the spring of 1879, 12 Lodi men brought one of the oldest and most respected men's organizations in American history to town when they organized a local lodge of the Masonic Order.

Celebrating 125 years of active Masonry in Lodi, the Lodi Masonic Lodge invites the public to attend its open house from 1 to 4 p.m. today at 321 W. Pine St. Special exhibits of local Masonic history and collectibles will be on display in the lodge meeting area on the second floor.

More farmers and merchants settled in the northern San Joaquin County, and in 1869 Lodi was founded when the railroad was built. As the population grew, the desire for social interactions and fellowship grew. In the early 1870s, there were two men's organizations in Lodi, the International Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Members had to ride horses or buggies to Woodbridge or Lockeford several miles away to attend meetings because there was no meeting place in Lodi.

Lodi's first meeting hall was built in 1876. The brick Granger's building was at the southwest corner of Sacramento and Elm streets and had a general merchandise store on the ground floor. The upstairs had a meeting room known as the Lodi Hall. Here, the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and by then the third organization in Lodi, the Good Templars held their meetings.

With an established meeting hall and a growing population, it was time for Lodi to have its own Masonic lodge. On March 7, 1879, 12 men who were members of other lodges in neighboring towns met in Lodi Hall to form a local lodge.

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The Lodi Lodge No. 256 Free & Accepted Masons held its first official meeting on Oct. 16, 1879 in Lodi Hall. Benjamin F. Langford, a member of the Woodbridge Masonic Lodge and the founder of Lodi's first bank, represented California's Grand Master John M. Browne at the meeting.

Ralph Ellis, who ran the Lodi Flour Mill, was installed as the first Master of the Lodi Lodge. Less than two years after this meeting, Ellis started the Lodi Sentinel newspaper. Other prominent Lodi men took active roles at that meeting. Charles O. Ivory, Lodi's first merchant, was named senior deacon. David Kettelman, early landowner, cattle rancher and strong supporter of local schools, was junior deacon. Ezekiel Lawrence, a pioneer landowner since 1857 and strong supporter of schools, was named treasurer. Col. L. O. Gillespie, pioneer watermelon grower, was named lodge steward.

The Lodi Masonic Lodge met once a month on the Thursday evening after the full moon. With this plan, there was always good moonlight in order to see the road when traveling to and from the meetings.

In 1938, 59 years after the first Lodi Masons met, the Lodi Masonic Lodge completed its own building. Located at 321 W. Pine St. next to the Woman's Club of Lodi, the Masonic Building has two floors. The first floor office was rented out to doctors and dentists who were also Masons. The second floor was devoted to the lodge meeting hall. This building today continues to be used in the same manner, but renters are not required to be Masons.

Now marking its 125th year, the Lodi Masonic Lodge No. 256 continues to hold regular social functions. There are approximately 200 members of the lodge today.

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	Brother	Date
	Stuart Inman	1/1
	Wilbur Leffler Jr.	1/1
	Robert St John	1/2
	Kyle Shadman	1/3
	Alfred Donald III PM	1/5
	Robert Friedberger	1/8
	Navdeep Shergill	1/11
	Alexander Terrill	1/11
	David Foster	1/15
	James Allen PM	1/19
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SCOTT ANDERSON



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2024 JANUARY

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS		
DATE	EVENT	TIME
January 02, Tuesday	Woodbridge Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30	7:30
January 04, Thursday	Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting Social 6:00, Dinner 6:30 *** <i>RSVP w/Secretary by January 1st</i> ***	7:30
January 18, Thursday	<i>Inspector's - School of Instruction</i> Valley Lodge #135 4971 N. Mill Rd Linden, CA	7:00

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.