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

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Menu: TBD  
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### From the East



Brethren and Friends,

I have both good news and bad news this month.

Unfortunately, we must postpone Brother Massey's Third Degree. As often happens during the summer months, vacation plans and other commitments have created scheduling conflicts among the brothers needed to confer the degree. While we do not yet have a new date, we are committed to holding the degree in July and will likely schedule it on a Saturday to accommodate as many brethren as possible.

Once a date is confirmed, we will notify everyone as quickly as possible through email and other Lodge communications.

This situation also highlights an important need within our Lodge. Degree work, especially the Third Degree, requires many participants and speaking parts. At present, we rely on a very small group of dedicated brothers to carry out this important work, and we simply need more help. If you are willing to learn a part, assist during degrees, or otherwise contribute to our ritual work, please contact me. Your participation is vital to the future of our Lodge.

As noted elsewhere in this Trestle Board, we expect to receive ballots regarding the proposed consolidation of Lodi Lodge No. 256 and Woodbridge Lodge No. 131 in the near future. It is extremely important that every eligible member cast his vote.

Please remember that **any ballot not returned is counted as a "No" vote**. While this may seem unusual, it is the rule under which the consolidation process operates. The outcome of this vote will have a significant impact on the future of our Lodge. We plan to conduct a phone campaign once ballots are distributed, but the most important thing you can do is complete and return your ballot promptly.

On a more positive note... well, although I may be old, fat, and cranky, I still have my looks.

Okay, I made that last part up.

I wish all of you and your families a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer.

Faternally,

**John Herrick**  
Master  
Lodi Lodge No. 256

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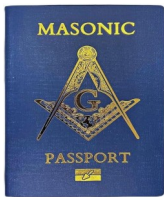
## Bro. Chester Paul George

On Thursday, May 28th, Lodi Lodge #256 had the honor of conferring the Sublime Degree of Master Mason upon Brother Chester Paul George. This marked the first time in quite some time that the Lodge had conducted a Third Degree ceremony, making the evening especially memorable for all in attendance.

Adding to the significance of the occasion, Brother George's son, Brother Brandon George, participated in the ceremony and assisted in the raising of his father to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It was truly a family affair, with the brethren of Lodi Lodge working together to confer the degree while a son had the unique privilege of helping raise his father.

The evening was a meaningful and inspiring example of the bonds of family and Freemasonry, and one that will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to witness it.





# Traveling Brother's Adventures

## Meudell-Oildale Lodge 695

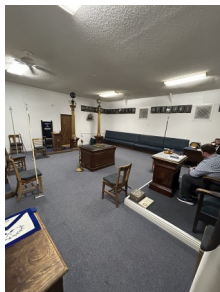
During a recent visit, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of Oildale Lodge, a close-knit group of Brethren who have been meeting at their current location for approximately three years. The lodge meets at the local Shrine Club park, where they have made excellent use of a modest lodge room that reflects the spirit and fellowship of the members who gather there.

The lodge room itself is quite small—so small, in fact, that the Senior Deacon only has about four paces to travel from his station to the Altar during the opening and closing ceremonies. Despite the limited space, the Brethren conduct their work with dignity and enthusiasm.

One of the highlights of the visit was meeting Brother Meudell, who was among the original members of the lodge and has witnessed much of its history firsthand. His dedication and continued involvement serve as a reminder of the strong foundation upon which the lodge was built.

For those unfamiliar with the area, Oildale is a community located just north of Bakersfield. The Brethren there continue to demonstrate that the strength of a lodge is not measured by the size of its building, but by the commitment, fellowship, and Masonic spirit of its members.

It was a pleasure to visit with these dedicated Brothers and observe the excellent work they are doing in their community.

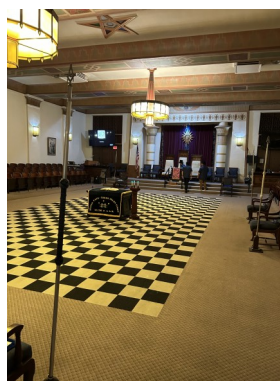


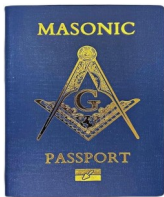
## Silver Gate Three Stars 296

I had the pleasure of attending the Stated Meeting of a beautiful lodge in San Diego last evening. The historic building, constructed in the early 1900s, provided an impressive setting for an enjoyable evening of fellowship and Masonry.

Approximately 35 Brethren filled the sidelines, creating a warm and vibrant atmosphere. It was especially nice to meet two other first-time visitors, including a Brother from Okinawa Lodge in the Philippines. The opportunity to share in Masonic fellowship with Brethren from different parts of the world is always a reminder of the universal nature of our Craft.

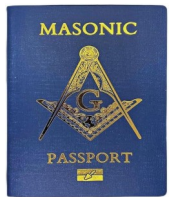
The evening was marked by genuine hospitality, lively conversation, and the strong fraternal spirit that continues to unite Masons wherever they may meet.





# Traveling Brother's Adventures

(Continued)



## South West Lodge 283

I had the opportunity to attend the Stated Meeting of this lodge in National City last evening and was thoroughly impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the Brethren.

The lodge is blessed with a strong group of younger members who are eager to learn, advance through the chairs, and continue the traditions of the Craft. Their commitment and enthusiasm were evident throughout the evening.

The ritual work was excellent, and the Brethren extended a warm and genuine welcome to all in attendance. The lodge was well attended, with the parking lot filled to capacity. I was especially appreciative to find a parking space reserved for me upon arrival, a thoughtful gesture that exemplified their hospitality.

It was an enjoyable evening of fellowship, excellent ritual, and encouragement for the future of Masonry. The dedication of these Brothers provides a bright outlook for the continued success of their lodge.



### Lodge Hats for Sale

We currently have Lodi Lodge hats for sale.

We have 7 Trucker style

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**Stated Meetings**



### July Birthdays

Brother	Date
Christopher Ross PM	7/7
Stephen Leach	7/10
Edward Fitzpatrick	7/29
Timothy Christensen	7/30

## Masons for Mitts Supports Lodi Junior Giants Opening Day

The opening day of the Lodi Junior Giants season provided a wonderful opportunity for Freemasons to demonstrate one of the core principles of our fraternity—supporting our communities and investing in the next generation.

Among those attending were Lodi Mayor Ramon Yopez, Council member Cameron Bregman, Lodi Parks & Recreation Commissioner Mike Carouba, and local educator Victoria Moss, who spoke about the importance of combining literacy with athletics to help young people develop both on and off the field.

During the opening ceremonies, Brothers Lamont Hilliard and Mark Butler were introduced as representatives of the local Masonic community, including Lodi Lodge No. 256 and Woodbridge Lodge No. 131. (*They were mentioned in Lodi News-Sentinel Weekend Edition*) The assembled dignitaries recognized and congratulated the Masons for their participation in the California Masons' "Masons for Mitts" program, which provides baseball gloves to young athletes participating in the Junior Giants program.

The Masons for Mitts initiative reflects the enduring commitment of California Masons to support youth programs that promote character, teamwork, leadership, and personal growth. By helping place a glove in the hands of every player, the fraternity continues its long tradition of making a positive difference in the lives of young people.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the season was officially opened with an impressive flyover by local Lodi airmen, creating a memorable moment for players, families, and community leaders alike.

Events such as this remind us that Freemasonry extends far beyond the walls of the lodge room. Through programs like Masons for Mitts, we continue to put our principles into action, supporting our youth and strengthening the communities we are proud to serve.



**Front Row:** Michael N. Carouba - Lodi Parks & Recreation Commission member, Ramon Yopez - Mayor, City of Lodi, Victoria Moos - Junior Giants Reading Coach, Cameron Bregman - Council Member, City of Lodi, **Back row:** Mark Butler and Lamont Hilliard-Lodi Lodge





# A Heads-Up Regarding the Proposed Consolidation

Brethren,

As many of you are aware, Lodi Lodge No. 256 and Woodbridge Lodge No. 131 are currently exploring the possibility of consolidating our two Lodges. While no final decision has been made, a formal vote of the membership is anticipated in the near future.

Because this decision will shape the future of our Lodge and its members for generations to come, it is important that every eligible Brother participate in the voting process.

To vote, you must be a **Master Mason in good standing** with Lodi Lodge No. 256.

A Member in Good Standing is a **Master Mason** who:

- Is a current member of Lodi Lodge No. 256.
- Is not suspended or expelled from the Fraternity.
- Is current on all dues and financial obligations to the Lodge, unless exempt under Lodge or Grand Lodge regulations.
- Possesses all rights and privileges of membership under the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of California.

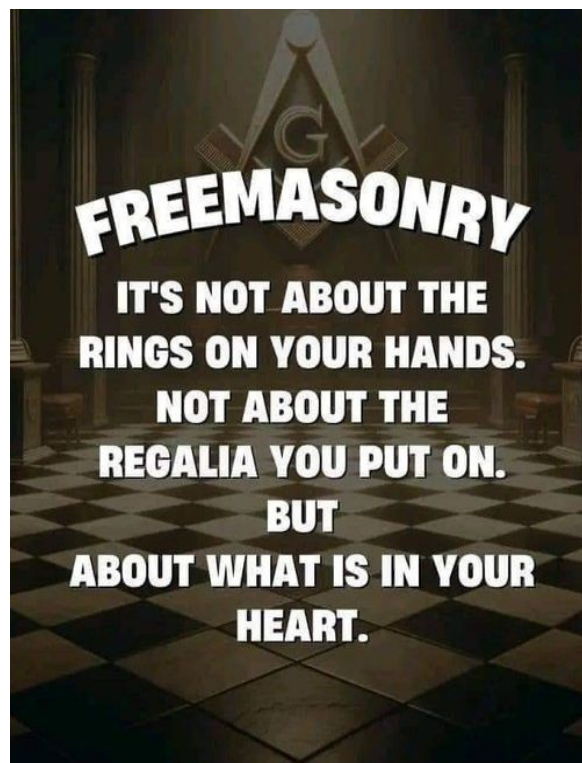
If you have not paid your dues, have questions regarding your membership status, or are uncertain whether you are eligible to vote, please contact the Lodge Secretary Will McVicker at [lodilodge256@gmail.com](mailto:lodilodge256@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Taking care of these matters now will ensure that your voice can be heard when the ballot is distributed.

Additional information regarding the proposed consolidation, including the voting process and timeline, will be shared as it becomes available.

We encourage every Brother to stay informed, ask questions, and most importantly, ensure that he remains in good standing so he may exercise his right to vote on this important matter affecting the future of our Lodge.

Fraternally,

Bob Garcia  
Consolidation Committee Chair  
Lodi Lodge No. 256



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# 2026 JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01	02	03	04
				 <b>Lodi Lodge</b> Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM <i>Rosie's Bake Sale</i>		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
	 <b>Woodbridge Lodge</b> Stated Meeting 7:30PM Dinner 6:30PM					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	 <b>Cloud 7 Assembly</b> Woodbridge Lodge 7:00PM	 <b>Job's Daughters</b> Morning Star Lodge Stockton 6:00PM	 <b>DeMolay/Squires</b> Tyrian Lodge, Manteca Squires: 6:30PM DeMolay: 7:00PM	 <b>Grand Lodge School of Instruction (DARK)</b> <b>Eastern Star</b> Heritage Chapter No. 50 7:00PM		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
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02	03	04	05	06	07	08

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Thursday, July 2, 2026	<b>Lodi Lodge</b> Stated Meeting Social 6:00 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM *** RSVP w/Secretary by June 29th ***	7:30PM
Tuesday, July 7, 2026	<b>Woodbridge Lodge</b> Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Thursday, July 16, 2026	<b>NO School of Instruction (SOI) this month</b>	DARK

### YOUTH GROUPS

	<b>Rainbow Cloud 7 Assembly</b> Meets at Woodbridge Lodge	Second and Fourth Mondays	7:00 p.m.
	<b>Job's Daughters</b> Meets at Morning Star Lodge	Second and Fourth Tuesdays	6:00 p.m.
	<b>Squires</b> Meets at Tyrian Lodge, Manteca	Second and Fourth Wednesday	6:30 p.m.
	<b>DeMolay</b> Meets at Tyrian Lodge, Manteca	Second and Fourth Wednesday	7:00 p.m.