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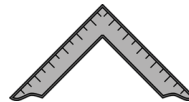
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From the East



Greetings Brothers and Friends,

Not much news this month, so I'll share a few personal misadventures for your amusement. About ten days ago I managed to strain my back—not during a mighty golf swing, but on my very first practice putt. I turned to retrieve the ball and *zing*... old age wins again!

That same weekend my family and I paddle-boarded down the Mokelumne. After carefully explaining how bumping into a tree could flip the board, I immediately bumped into a tree and flipped the board. Naturally, I wore long sleeves, a big hat, and plenty of sunscreen, yet somehow ended the day with sun-fried legs. One dunk in the river apparently erased all SPF. Still, floating the river remains one of the most peaceful experiences around.

On the home front, our owl box produced three owlets again this year. Very exciting—until the parents stop feeding them. Then they sit outside the box all night squeaking... *all night*. When I'm in the hot tub before sunrise, they swoop around me just to make sure I know I'm disturbing their morning routine.

In Masonic news, we are now on our forty-seventh attempt to get our consolidation forms approved by Grand Lodge. Pray for us. When voting time arrives, we need every Master Mason to return a ballot. Unreturned ballots count as "NO" votes, and we cannot afford that.

Finally, we experienced a small hiccup at our Third Degree on the 16th, so we will be rescheduling. It will be held on a Saturday, likely in August. The turnout last Thursday was discouraging. Brethren, please make every effort to attend what will likely be our **very last degree**.

Fraternally,

John Herrick, Master

August Dinner

Menu: Davincci's

\$15.00/Person

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August 3rd

For reservations: 256dinner@gmail.com

Lodi Lodge #256 F. & A.M.

Stated Meetings: First Thursday at 7:30 PM

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Wor. Richard Orville Wright Dazzles at the July Stated Meeting 250th Fourth of July Celebration

Our July Stated Meeting carried a special sense of occasion this year as the lodge recognized the 250th Fourth of July. While the evening included the usual business of the Craft, it was Worshipful Richard Orville Wright who brought an unexpected burst of patriotic energy to the room.

Wor. Wright arrived in attire that perfectly captured the spirit of Independence Day—bold, festive, and unmistakably celebratory. His outfit immediately drew smiles from the brethren and set a cheerful tone for the evening. In a meeting often focused on the serious work of Masonry, his good-natured display added a welcome moment of levity and camaraderie.

The brethren appreciated not only the creativity of his attire but also the enthusiasm behind it. His participation reminded us that fellowship, joy, and a touch of humor are essential parts of our tradition. Celebrating the 250th anniversary of our nation's independence is no small milestone, and Wor. Wright's spirited contribution helped make the evening memorable.

As we continue through the summer and prepare for important work ahead, his patriotic flair stands as a reminder that our lodge thrives not only on ritual and duty, but also on the shared moments that bring us together as brothers.



Wor. Richard Orville Wright proudly displaying his patriotic attire during the July Stated Meeting Celebrating the 250th Fourth of July . His festive spirit lit up the room and brought smiles to all in attendance.

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)

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Stated Meetings



August Birthdays

Brother	Date
Lamont Hilliard	8/7
Bradly Christy	8/8
Matthew Tener	8/17
Lloyd Roper PM	8/21
Mark Butler	8/30
James Willis	8/30

Grand Lodge of California Celebrates 175 Years of Calaveras Lodge No. 8

Murphys was alive with Masonic pride on July 19th as the Grand Lodge of California joined Calaveras Lodge No. 8 to celebrate its remarkable 175th Anniversary. With a history that includes consolidations with Ophir Bear Mountain Lodge and Sonora Lodge, Calaveras No. 8 stands today as a testament to resilience, unity, and the enduring spirit of Masonry in the foothills.

Most Worshipful Garrett Chan led the festivities, accompanied by many of his Grand Lodge officers. The ceremony also benefited from several willing “fill-ins,” including Assistant Grand Lecturer Worshipful Jairo Gomez, who stepped into the role of Deputy Grand Master with grace and skill.

Around 75 members, ladies, and friends filled the hall, creating an atmosphere of fellowship and celebration. The event honored the lodge’s past while looking forward to its future—reminding all present that our shared traditions continue to thrive because of dedicated Masons who carry the work forward.



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I am a member of one of the oldest and largest fraternities for men in the world.

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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.

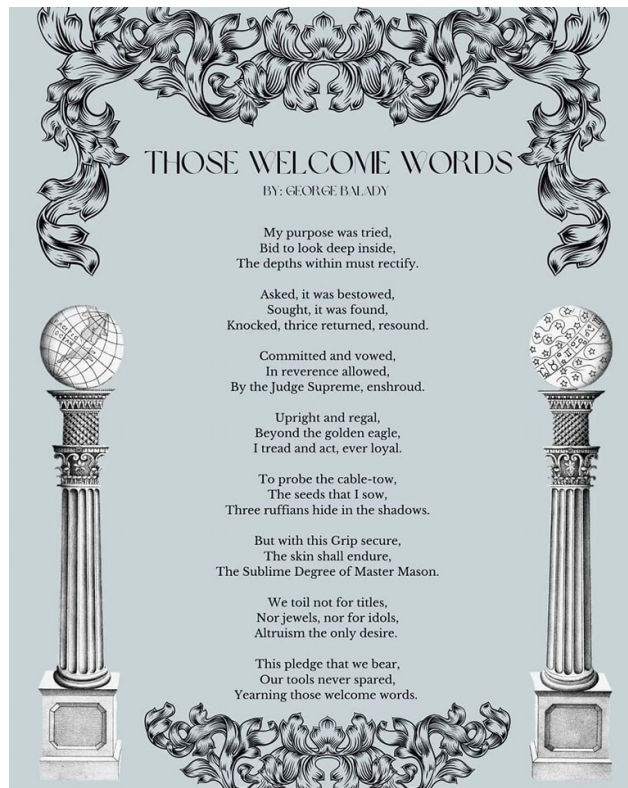
If you have not paid your dues, have questions regarding your membership status, or are uncertain whether you are eligible to vote, please contact the Lodge Secretary Will McVicker at lodilodge256@gmail.com as soon as possible. Taking care of these matters now will ensure that your voice can be heard 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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Bro. James Willis



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eternity"

Richard O. Wright, PM



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Booster names and business cards
Have been up-dated as of August 15th

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Or if your name is incorrect

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SCOTT ANDERSON



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2026 AUGUST

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

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday, August 4, 2026	Woodbridge Lodge Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM	7:30PM
Thursday, August 6, 2026	Lodi Lodge Stated Meeting Social 6:00 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM *** RSVP w/Secretary by June 29th ***	7:30 PM
Thursday, August 20, 2026	School of Instruction @ Woodbridge Lodge Hosted by: Elk Grove Lodge (MMs ONLY)	7:00 PM

YOUTH GROUPS

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