

Ferndale Lodge No. 193

Here it is August and my year as Master is 3 quarters done but there is still more to do. I want to remind everyone that our Masonic Picnic is on August 3rd in Rohnert Park, Fortuna. This is a good time to socialize with the Masonic Families and friends in our area. A deep pit bbq will be served at 12:00 noon. Remember to bring your plate, silverware, utensils and any side dish you would like. A donation is requested to help defray the costs.

Our stated meeting is on August 11th at 7:30pm refreshments at 7:00pm.

Practice for the 2nd degree will be on Monday Aug 4 at 7:00pm.

We will be conferring the 2nd degree for James George on August 18th at 7:00pm. Please come and support our Brothers as our member takes a closer step in becoming a Master Mason. There is no practice on Labor Day Sept. 1st.

Fraternally

David Chris Petersen

Master Ferndale Lodge

Eel River Empire #147

Our Lodge had the honor of having an extra middle chamber stair case display which we received from Garberville Lodge when they merged with us, and we donated it to the Ferndale Lodge as theirs was worn out.

At the annual trap shoot Eel River Empire regained the trophy

this year, thanks to Phil Grunert and others for their sharp eyes and fast trigger fingers.

Our Lodge is going to donate a covering for the high school baseball field for use during inclement weather. The donation is on hold due to the lack of adequate drainage of the field.

A second degree was put on this month, with a beautiful staircase lecture from brother Tyler Harris.

Thanks to Bro. Mike Flockhart for filling in for me as I couldn't get to Lodge due to the closing of highway 36 from the slide.

Bro. Simon Rios, a teacher at the high school, shot some scenes at the Lodge with the students who enacted a drama of their own making and he shared it with the Bretheren at the July stated meeting.

Our annual B.B. Q., to be held again at the Fortuna park, will be held on August 3rd. All Masons and their guests as well as members of the community are invited.

Enough for now, come to Lodge

Theodore B. Lichti W.M.

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It seems the year is going by fast and it will soon be the 4th of July. Remember to come and participate in the annual parade in Ferndale. The lodge will be open for donuts at 10:00 am. We would appreciate your help in decorating the Masonic trailer and riders are needed so lets show the community we are proud members!

Practices for the 2nd degree will be held on each Monday at 7:00pm. Officer participation is urgently needed or it makes it difficult for the other Officers to do their work.

The regular stated meeting will be on July 14th at 7:30 pm with refreshments at 7:00 pm.

Hope to see you at the parade!

Fraternally David Chris Petersen

Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – April 2025

Dear Brethren,

As Masons, our Lodge has embodied the principles of Charity, Fellowship, and Masonic Development in meaningful and impactful ways, and we are proud to share some of our efforts with you.

Charity is the cornerstone of our Masonic work, and we continue to support our community. A testament to this is our humble donation to the sponsor the Senior Moments Softball Team, which will help ensure that the members of this local group can enjoy their game and foster camaraderie. We are spreading the light of charity, one pitch at a time.

Fellowship is the bond that unites us, and our Lodge has been a place of great joy and celebration. This month, we surprised two of our own with heartwarming gatherings: one to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Bill & Sandy Lambo, and another for Brother Barry's birthday. These surprise parties were not only

a moment of fun and laughter but a reminder that fellowship is about more than just meetings—it's about the relationships we build and the memories we create together.

Masonic Development is an essential part of our journey, and we are pleased to welcome Brother Vance, who was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on March 7th. His initiation marks the continuation of our shared Masonic journey.

These actions speak volumes about who we are as a Lodge. Through charity, fellowship, and development, we strive to embody the very best of Freemasonry. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our shared work.

Fraternally,

Davin Bowerman, WM

Humboldt Lodge No 79



Arcata Chapter No. 207 –

April 2025

Sisters and Brothers,

With many thanks for the coordination by the Lodges of the 201st and 203rd Masonic Districts, we are pleased to announce that the monthly Trestleboard is back, following Brother Alan Smyth's retirement and move to Visalia last year. We appreciate your patience and are looking forward to both providing monthly news and updates about Arcata Chapter, as well as staying current with the goings-on in the other local bodies. Monthly distribution of the Trestleboard will be primarily handled via email, resulting in a much reduced cost.

Arcata Chapter is enjoying a strong year, with meetings that are well-attended by our own members, as well as many visitors from the other three chapters of our district. We are grateful to be part of such an enthusiastic and supportive group!

At our March Stated Meeting, we exemplified Proving of the Chapter, Examination of a Visitor, and Balloting, in anticipation of the Official Visit of our District Grand Deputy, Helene Nicholson, scheduled for our May 1 Stated Meeting. I could not have been prouder of the work our officers did! In particular, the dedication of our first-time conductresses, was evident.

Sisters Linnie Horrigan and Jean Thomsen beautifully demonstrated the floorwork they diligently learned at January's Conductress Workshop. Big thanks to the members of other chapters who filled-in at the various stations.

April will find us having a relatively low-key meeting, as we look ahead to the May 1 Official Visit of our

District Grand Deputy and the June 5 Official Visit of our Worthy Grand Matron, Alice Raymond.

With our annual Official Visits behind us, we have several fun social events to look forward to this summer, including a District 1 Paint and Sip event, as well as the Annual Lee Astorino Memorial Tea, which will again benefit the Grand Chapter Member Assistance Fund. Look for more details during the months to come.

As you are aware, the Chapter is awaiting Grand Chapter approval of our updated Bylaws, which will allow us to move our Stated Meeting start time to 7:00. It is our hope that one of the benefits of an earlier start time is the ability for more members to join us each month. In the meantime, please know that even if you are unable to stay for the monthly Stated Meeting, we would love to have you join us for the dinner we enjoy each month, prior to the start of the meeting. Please don't hesitate to contact one of us, if you need a ride or have any questions.

With Star Love,
Lisa McCombs, Worthy Matron
Gary Quintrell, Worthy Patron

Dates to Remember

April 3: Stated Meeting – 6:30 Dinner/7:30 Meeting. Business Casual.

May 1: Stated Meeting – Official Visit of the District Grand Deputy. Business Casual.

June 5: Stated Meeting – Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron/Memorial. Formal.

Ferndale Chapter No. 23 – April 2025

Hello sisters and brothers, here we are launching our first newsletter in a super long time. On March 8th some members traveled to Crescent City to present our sister Jean Galatioto her 50-year pin. The travel is about 100 miles up the coast and she was most appreciative that we came to their Masonic Center to present. She is a member that consolidated with Ferndale chapter from Del Norte. Her daughters were there to present the pin and award the certificate. I was unable to attend but was told it was a beautiful afternoon. We don't see those members as often as we would like but totally understand.

The 12th of March brought our stated meeting where we honored the Ruths of our district and our DGD Helene Nicholson. Who just happens to be our Ruth. Every month our WM and WP are honoring a star point. We didn't have much business to attend to, we discussed our WGM and WGP official visit next month. We are very much looking forward to it. Next month we will also be honoring Esther and the flowers Daisy and sweet peas. Dress is business professional. Refreshments at 6:45, meeting at 7:30

Until Next Time,
Always be Humble and Kind!

Patti Cady PM
Elizabeth Carte-Lorig WM
Larry Nicholson WP





Eel River Empire #147 – April 2025

Bretheren, it is with heavy heart that I address you with this month. With the passing of brother Dan McClelland, one of our most active Masons, and presently our Worshipful Master. We have many adjustments to make to fill the several positions he filled so effectively. Needless to say, the Lodge badly needs officers to fill some stations. If you have any desire to further your Masonic career by a more active participation in our privileges you would be

welcomed with opened arms. I have found in the past that setting aside an evening each week for your participation in Masonry has been one of the most rewarding things a person can do.

Effective as of the February stated meeting I have the honor of being asked to fill the officer of Master of Eel Valley Empire Lodge for the balance of the year, and until otherwise notified I will also act as the Officers Coach.

Please consider attending Lodge, we meet each Wednesday at 7:00 for practice, and at 6:00 for dinner prior to our stated meeting at 7:30 on the first Wednesday of each month.

Fraternally

Ted Lichti W.M.

Camellia Star Chapter No. 63 – February 2025

Greetings, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends –

I am sorry for not getting information in to the Trestleboard sooner. I was sick for most of a good deal of November and December, missing our stated meeting on December 5, which had a “Holidays Around the World” theme. Thank you to Sister Laird for moving to the East to preside. Thank you to Sister Peggy for helping with the meeting and for sharing some holiday traditions from around the globe. I am so glad we had a quorum. Thank you, everyone!

January 1, of course, we did not have a stated meeting since our by-laws specify we do not meet on New Year's Day. I hope everyone had a lovely day with their family and friends. Happy New Year to one and all!

To back up just a bit, we had a very nice installation on November 17, with a theme of "Kindness costs nothing, yet it is a most precious gift" (Katrina Mayer). Thank you to everyone who helped with this installation from those who agreed to be installing officers to the Chapter officers who agreed to take stations this year to the guests who came and supported us from the sidelines. You are all so wonderful and helpful!

We also had a food drive, and I took quite a carload of food donations to Food for People shortly after. Thank you to everyone who donated. Most of the donations were not brought upstairs but rather left in the cars so the boxes and bags would not have to be lugged up and back down again!

Some fun District-wide events either have happened or are being contemplated for this year. One that has already happened, rather spontaneously, was attending the play "Cinderella" in Ferndale in December.

In other news, our Chapter had been having a hard time connecting with Sister Susan Bonnett to deliver to her a 25-year pin and certificate. It turns out she is in the Santa Rosa area for medical treatment. Sister Helene was able to visit with her and pass along the pin and certificate for us. Helene let us know that Susan is doing well despite her illness, and she sends her love and wishes everyone a happy new year. If you would like to send a card to Susan, please send it in care of her sister: Kristin Bonnett, 2653 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95407.

Our February 5 stated meeting went well. THANK YOU to everyone who came and helped with the meeting! Our theme of

the night was "For the Birds" in honor of Feed the Birds Day. A theme-appropriate We're So Glad You Came gift was won by Sister Salena, just back from a Conductress Weekend where she got to learn quite a bit!

Next meeting (March 5) will be "Napping Under the Apple Tree with Johnny Appleseed" in honor of Johnny Appleseed Day on March 11. Attire will be business casual. We will do long-form opening.

For your information, "Business Casual" means ladies wear dress, skirt/slacks outfit, jacket optional, and gentlemen wear slacks and nice shirt or polo shirt (no t-shirts).

Also for your information, our Worthy Grand Matron's visit will be at our June 4 stated meeting, and we will do long form opening at each meeting before then to keep in practice with our Ritual work.

Just a reminder, in case you have not paid yet, dues are \$85.21 general, or \$75.21 for life sponsors. Dues should be sent to Secretary Peggy Mecham-Carlotti at P.O. Box 117, Bayside, CA 95524. Thank you.

Looking ahead, our April 2 meeting theme will be "It's Peanut Butter Jelly Time!" because April 2 is Peanut Butter and Jelly Day.

May 7 will be our **Deputy's official visit**, so we will need to have brushed up on proving the Chapter, the Associate Conductress' initiation work, balloting, etc., by then. We will discuss this more as May approaches.

June 4 is our Worthy Grand Matron's Official Visit. She wants to visit a regular stated meeting with our Chapter – not one of the all-District meetings, this one is just us and our usual visitors/helpers. It is also Memorial, so we will be doing the Memorial Ceremony. The Chaplain and Conductresses need to wear white for the occasion. Also it just happens

that World Bicycle Day is June 2, so we will use that as the theme for the evening, since the Worthy Grand Matron is into bicycles with baskets filled with flowers.

Again, thank you to everyone who comes to our meetings. We have a great group in this Chapter and in this District, and I appreciate you all very much. For example, Sister Alice (Martha) has volunteered to do both Martha and Electa at our meetings, since she knows both parts. Thank you for that, Sister Alice! You are a gem!

Best wishes to everyone, and until we meet again,

Star love,

Joni Hewston
Worthy Matron

Camellia Star Chapter

Photos

First, Installation of the 2025 officers

Second, 2024 Food Drive

Third, most of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2025

Fourth, some Brothers having a good time







York Rite No. 52 – January 2025

Greetings Brothers,

I hope this finds you all doing well and having a great start to a new year. This year brings excitement and challenge as I take on new and exciting rolls in Masonry. For York Rite I would like you all to be aware of a special date in February.

On the 25th the York Rite Bodies will be hosting a reception for Illustrious Grand Master Jeff White of the Grand Council of California. Time and details will come out in the near

future. As always, I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing each of you.

Jason Akana

Rohnerville-Redwood Chapter No. 76 – August 2024

ROHNERVILLE-REDWOOD CHAPTER No. 76 –
August 2024

AUGUST is going to be a busy 'fun' month. So much is going on. Our regular stated **meeting** will be **Thursday, August 8**. The theme for the 7:30 meeting will be 'The 50's'. Dress for the evening will be 50's attire. We will be honoring 50-year members. Hope you can make the meeting. Come visit with Tom and Shari.

The annual **Masonic Picnic** will be the **Sunday, August 11**, in Rohner Park. The meat will be out of the pit by noon. The Masons will serve meat and beans. You should bring you plates and eating utensil, and a side dish/dessert. The Masons appreciate donations to help cover the expense of the meat and the rental of the park facilities.



Grand Electa, Deanna Bay's Reception will be Saturday, August 31, in the Loleta

Pavilion at 7 p.m. RSVP to Janessa Woolley by August

21st.

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AUGUST –

1 – Arcata Chapter meeting (7:30)

7 – Camellia-Star Chapter meeting (7:30)

8 – **Rohnerville-Redwood Chapter** meeting (7:30) Theme – The 50's

11 – Masonic Picnic (noon) – Rohner Park

14 – Ferndale Chapter meeting (7:30)

31 – Grand Electa's Reception (7:00) – Loleta Pavilion

21 – Sept. 2 – Humboldt County Fair

We hope to see you at the August meeting and/or the Masonic Picnic.

If you need a ride, please call Kim (707 298-4322) or Karen (707 725-3532).

