

Bethel No. 86, Jobs Daughters – May 2025

Greetings, Spring is in full force!

In March we learned about a regional dish called an Ulster Fry. It's from the County of Ulster in Northern Ireland which is where our Associate Bethel Guardian, Mr. Pollard is from. On March 15th the Bethel made and served it for a fundraiser breakfast. Thank you to everyone who came & supported our fundraising efforts. It was a successful turn out and we are looking at serving it again in the future! This helps the Daughters go to Grand Bethel and Leadership camp later this year.

For those of you wondering about our night of cornhole on March 31st, it was a hole lot of fun! We had an a-maize-ing night! We are all ears for more game nights in the future!

In April we had a Majority Ceremony for Katy Baker (Quintrell) along with our Deputy's Official Visit (pictured below). We enjoyed a warming cup of hot chocolate and some popcorn while sharing conversations with old and new friends afterwards. We also made a donation to the HIKE (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment) fund.

Coming into May, the Bethel is having our 2nd annual Cookie Plate fundraiser. There will be an assortment of homemade cookies on each plate. A plate of cookies is \$10. They are a perfect gift for Mother's Day and graduation coming up.

Looking forward, all are invited to witness the formal installation of Bethel 86 officers on June 7th at one in the afternoon at Humboldt Masonic Center, 517 G street in Eureka. It would mean a lot to the daughters to have you in attendance.

Warm wishes,
Bethel No. 86 Eureka Job's Daughters International



Ferndale Lodge No. 193 – May 2025

It is springtime again and the flowers are starting to bloom. The calendar is busy as usual with the following events:

May 5 Practice 7:00

12 Stated meeting 7:30 refreshments 7:00

19 Cemetery cleanup 6:30 bring your garden tools, weed eaters etc.

26 Practice 7:00

Fraternally

David Chris Petersen

Master Ferndale Lodge

Scottish Rite Valley of Northern California – May 2025

Greetings Brothers,

Hello from the Scottish Rite Valley of Northern California. I hope this finds you all doing well.

I would first like to thank all those Brothers who joined us in April for our Service of Remembrance and Renewal. It was a

wonderful ceremony paying tribute to the Brothers who have left us over this past year. On April 26 th , we had the opportunity to honor Worshipful Bill Lambo's 50 years as a Scottish Rite Mason and 50 years as a member of the Shriners in a dual Scottish Rite and Shriner's ceremony at Humboldt Lodge. Thank you to all those that joined us for that.

Looking forward to May, we are excited that we will be holding out 4th – 18th degrees on Saturday, May 24th . Breakfast will be served at 8:00am with degrees beginning about 9:00am. Lunch will be served around noon. I would like to invite all Scottish Rite Brothers to join us whether or not you are part of the degree team.

Sincerely,
Jason Akana, Venerable Master

Ferndale Chapter No. 23 OES – May 2025

Friends are like a wall,
Sometimes you lean on them,
And sometimes it's just enough they are there.

Sisters, Brothers, and Friends,
Our April Official Visit meeting was a wonderful gathering of friends and family. We were Honored with a visit from the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Alice Raymond; Grand Chaplain, Brother Phil Solem, Worthy Patron of Primrose Chapter; and Sister Cathy Solem, Escort to Brother Phil, member of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Homes, and Worthy Matron of Primrose Chapter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. May 10 th Aebleskiver Breakfast is postponed due to the Veterans' bldg. construction not being completed. We will hopefully be able to announce a June date soon.
2. Sip and Party Night is being organized for the weekend of August 9 th. More information to share in the future.
3. SAVE THE DATE: The 2 nd Annual District Tea will be in memory of Brother Lee. The Theme is "King of Hearts". This will be a fundraising event for the "O.E.S. Outreach." Each Chapter will donate a basket for the Silent Auction. Individual donations are welcomed. Remember this event is open to the public. More information will be shared as we get closer to the event. I am also happy to share that the WGM, Sister Alice, spoke of her pleasure in hearing about our activities and community involvement, even our healthy discussions. She was happy to share the progress being made toward implementing the new expanded membership eligibility with the new petition and questionnaire forms available soon.

Our Next meeting is May 14 th we will be having our traditional "Cinco de Mayo" Potluck at 6:30 PM.

In Friendship and Respect,

Liz Lorig, Worthy Matron and Larry Nicholson, Worthy Patron





Camellia Star Chapter No 63, OES – May 2025

Spring is Springing! Flowers are blooming!

Our April 2 meeting was themed “Peanut Butter Jelly Time!” (Thank you, Sister Liz, for playing that song.) Sisters Peggy and Liz brought ready-made PB&Js and also the fixings if you wanted to make your own! Thank you, ladies!

Our May 7th meeting is our Deputy’s O.V. The theme is “Lost in Space!” in honor of National Space Day. The attire will be semi-formal. Please mark your calendar and be sure to attend so we have a quorum and can show off for our Deputy! Refreshments at 7:00; meeting at 7:30.

June 4 will be our Memorial meeting, our Worth Grand Matron’s Official Visit, and honoring World Bicycle Day. Those officers participating in the Memorial ceremony should wear white. This will also be a semi-formal occasion. Refreshments at 6:45; meeting at 7:30.

Having attended the WGM’s O.V.s in both Ferndale and Fortuna, I can tell you that Sister Alice really is looking for a regular meeting and getting to meet our members. At those meetings, she had the Grand Chaplain and his wife with her, but no huge entourage. Camellia Star officers, please be sure to put June 4 on your calendar and come to the meeting because we really, really do need a quorum!

July 2 will be Friendship Night (and the rest of what we need to exemplify for our Deputy). International Joke Day is just the day before the meeting, so in that spirit, we will share our favorite Dad Jokes that evening. Come armed! Attire will be casual.

I hope you have put July 20 on your calendar for the first

annual Lee Astorino Memorial Tea in Fortuna. Please remember that each Chapter will be responsible for providing at least one basket for the silent auction. Other donations for the silent auction are also welcome. Please note that all food, decorations, items for auction, etc., are to be donated by the individual and/or Chapter to maximize the donation to the Eastern Star outreach program. We ask that anyone wishing to partake of the tea food and drink pay for a ticket, even if that person is working at the event or has made a donation.

I have been in touch with Shoshanna at the Humboldt County Library regarding the Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is "Level Up at Your Library." We generally provide 9-12 prizes for the event as well as make a cash donation to the library for books and supplies.

Thank you all for your help, support, and participation! Have a truly lovely spring!

Star love,

Joni Hewston, WM

Michael Biesen, WP

Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – May 2025

Greetings Brethren,

We've had a full and rewarding few weeks, and there's even more on the horizon. Here's what's been going on and what we're looking forward to as spring unfolds.

Remembrance & Renewal in Fortuna

After our lodge's degree practice on March 17th, several of us traveled to Fortuna at the kind invitation of our Scottish Rite Brethren. We attended their annual Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony, a tradition that honors the memory of our recently departed Brothers. The ceremony not only pays tribute to their lives but also reminds us of our duty to carry the light of Masonry forward in the world with purpose and integrity.

Charity in Action: Scholarships

Tomorrow night, our scholarship committee will be meeting between 5:00 and 7:00 PM to review over twenty scholarship applications from local students. If you're able, please stop by and lend a hand—even if you arrive late, your presence and input are welcome and appreciated. This is one of the key ways we support and give back to our community, and your participation truly matters.

Fellowship with Job's Daughters

On March 31st, our fellowship extended to the youth of Job's Daughters as we shared a lively potluck dinner followed by a friendly cornhole competition. There was no shortage of laughs—or surprises. A special word of warning for future games: don't underestimate Betsy. She might lull you into a false sense of security with a couple of wild throws, only to follow up with a streak of perfect shots. A stealth champion!

Quiet Acts of Leadership

I also wanted to take a moment to recognize the quiet but powerful leadership shown by our Stewards. After many of us have gone home, they remain behind, rolling up their sleeves to clean and maintain the dining hall. It's a humble, often unseen part of lodge life—but one that exemplifies the very heart of Masonic service. Thank you, Brothers, for your

tireless work.

Looking Ahead: A Week Full of Fellowship and Celebration

We've got a special evening coming up on Thursday, April 24th, as we confer the First Degree of Masonry on Mr. Shamus Kistner, the nephew of Brother Doug Brown. It will be a particularly meaningful night, with Bro. Doug sitting in the East for the degree. We invite all local Masons to join us for dinner at 5:30 PM, with the ceremony to follow. Let's give Shamus a warm and memorable welcome to the Craft.

The next evening, Friday, April 25th at 5:30 PM, we'll descend upon the Elk's Club for a casual "Cook Your Own Steak Night." Bring your appetite and enjoy good food and fellowship in a relaxed setting—these are the moments where bonds are built and strengthened.

And finally, on Saturday, April 26th at 1:30 PM, we'll gather to honor Worshipful Brother William Lambo as he celebrates an extraordinary milestone: 50 years in both the Shrine and Scottish Rite. It's a rare and inspiring achievement, and we hope to see many of you there to share in the celebration.

As always, thank you for all that you do—seen and unseen—in upholding the principles and spirit of Masonry. See you at lodge.

Fraternally,

Davin Bowerman, WM

Humboldt Lodge No. 79



Eel River Empire Lodge No. 147

The first order of business since the untimely passing of our Worshipful Master, Dan Mc Clelland, was to install our new Master for the balance of the year. Bro Ted Lichti has taken on the responsibility, and was elected and installed in due and ancient form. Our Lodge has been busy this year beginning with the recognition of Bro. Richard Sweet for 50 years as a member of the Eastern Star. Congratulations Rich.

Also we have had another 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge, Bro. Phil Grunert, who joined the 50 year club on January 18th. Congratulations to you also Phil. Brother Johnny Johnson gave an excellent proficiency in the third degree, congratulations to you also on completeing your proficiencies. Several brothers traveled to Ferndale Lodge on the 13th of January to support and enjoy their brotherhood. One of the privileges of Masonry is to be able to visit any Masonic Lodge in the world and enjoy the friendship extended to you. The Trestleboard is again available on line as well as printed. Our inspector, Dan Sarver, conducted a school on instruction on the first degree, and had his official visit to our Lodge on the fifth of March. Our Lodge continues to be benevolent to our community by making a donation of \$300.00 to San Demos Lodge to assist in feeding military heros, and a donation of \$2,000 was approved as a scholerhsip to Bro. Johnny Johnson Jr, who will be receiveing his second degree next month.

Enough for now, come to Lodge.

Ted Lichti WM.

Six Rivers No. 106 – March 2025

Greetings Brethren,

In February, we welcomed our Inspector, Robert Pollard to the lodge for a school of instruction on the 1st degree. Then on February 11th Mr. John Miller became Brother Miller in due and ancient form. We are happy to have him, and he's excited to continue his masonic journey.

Lastly, the members and their sweethearts enjoyed a nice meal at the Blue Lake Hotel and Casino on the 22nd.

Looking forward to March, we have our stated meeting on the 4th with a meal prepared by Heidi Quintrell. Officer practices are every Tuesday, starting at 6:30pm.

Take care and see you at lodge.

Dan Sarver

Master

Six Rivers Lodge No. 106

Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – March

2025

Brethren,

Masonic Development, Fellowship, & Charity. It's what we do.

Our stated meeting on Feb 6th was quite busy. **Masonic Development** is going well, as we balloted favorably on Mr John Vance & on Mr Travis McBroom. Their initiations are scheduled for March. We know **fellowship** is strong when we see our brothers choose to spend Super Bowl Sunday together. We were delighted to spend time dining with our ladies at the Sweethearts Night at the Sea Grill. At February's stated meeting we heard from our Inspector representing Most Worshipful Salazar who invites us to celebrate our commitment to **charity** by participating in a statewide day of service March 17th followed by a Grand Lodge Festive Board on the 19th. Housekeeping – check.

Have you ever wondered what 'Our Ancient Landmarks you are carefully to preserve' means? I did a bit of poking around, and as with our craft there is a literal (operative) and a metaphorical (speculative) meaning. Reference to 'landmarks' goes back to Old Testament bible and refers to what today we would call surveyors' markings. In a modern context, the landmarks can be interpreted as a warning against disregarding the boundaries set by previous generations. In 1856, Bro. Albert Mackey wrote what he believed were 25 Ancient Landmarks. My favorite is 22, restated thus:

The Equality of all Masons is another Land-mark of the Order. This equality has no reference to any subversion of those gradations of rank which have been instituted by the usages of society. The monarch, the nobleman or the gentleman is entitled to all the influence, and receives all the respect which rightly belong to his exalted position. But the doctrine of

Masonic equality implies that, as children of one great Father, ***we meet in the Lodge upon the level*** – that on that level we are all traveling to one predestined goal – that in the Lodge genuine merit shall receive more respect than boundless wealth, and that virtue and knowledge alone should be the basis of all Masonic honors, and be rewarded with preferment. When the labors of the Lodge are over, and the brethren have retired from their peaceful retreat, to mingle once more with the world, each will then again resume that social position, and exercise the privileges of that rank, to which the customs of society entitle him.

In the last century, several American Grand Lodges attempted to enumerate the landmarks, ranging from West Virginia (7) and New Jersey (10) to Nevada (39) and Kentucky (54). While brothers may disagree on the speculative meaning of Landmarks I contend, nevertheless, that reading them and contemplating them ourselves is a worthwhile reflection. For those reading this on the website, here is a link to [Mackey's Landmarks](#).

Davin Bowerman,

2025 Worshipful Master, Humboldt 79

JDI Bethel No. 86 – March 2025

March is here and Spring is just around the corner!

To begin the year off, the Bethel installed five Daughters pictured below (from left to right: Lily, Carla, Betsy, Logan,

and Emily) with a winter wonderland themed installation. We donated our carrying pieces to United Through Reading – an organisation connecting books and deployed military families together. Later in January we took a trip up to Crescent City. We explored the different sights and participated in the installation of officers of Crescent Lodge.

After our business meeting in February, we made Valentine's Day cards for our adopted grandmothers and for our lodge widows, spreading some Jobie love. We also had a fun day of watching movies, making crafts, and gearing up for our cornhole game against Humboldt Lodge!

Coming up on March 15th, Job's Daughters is holding a fundraiser breakfast. We are making an Ulster Fry from 9-11 AM at the Humboldt Masonic center 512 G Street, Eureka. This breakfast is a traditional meal served at any time of the day in the Ulster region of Northern Ireland. Tickets are available in advance and at the door. \$10/Adults & \$6/kids. You may also RSVP the Bethel Guardian (Leia Pollard) at 707-845-0992 to help ensure there is enough eggs, sausage, bacon, potato farls, and soda farls to go around.

And finally, on March 31st, we are going to have some friendly competition between Bethel 86 & Humboldt Lodge 79 with a night of cornhole.

Stay tuned for more information about our continuing adventures!

Warm Spring wishes to one and all!

Bethel No. 86 Eureka Job's Daughters International

