

Camellia Star Chapter No. 63

– April 2024

Hello, Everyone!

Our Deputy's Official Visit in March went well, with help from several visiting Sisters and Brothers! Many thanks to those who filled in and assisted our Chapter!

At our March meeting, Brother Lee challenged all members to pay into the Coin March for three meetings (March, April, and May) on behalf of Star Care, and he will match whatever is donated into those three Coin Marches! So let's take him up on that very generous offer and donate as much as we can for him to match!

Brother Lee has been making some treats for us each of the last two meetings, trying out new recipes in anticipation of having a District-wide tea fundraiser for Paws for Purple Hearts. The Worthy Matrons and Lee will be making plans for this event soon, and I will let you know when we have more information.

At each of our meetings, Lee and I have "We are So Glad You Came" gifts to give away to two attendees. These gifts are because we truly are so glad you come to the meetings (those of you who can). Whether a member of Camellia Star or a visitor from another Chapter, we are very glad to see you at our meetings, and we want you to know that! Those who received our "We are So Glad You Came" gifts in March were Sister Jean Thomson and Sister Laird Crandall!

Our next meeting is April 3, and will be a "Titanic Remembrance" night. No special ceremonies or exemplifications are planned, but we will do long form. Please come in semi-formal dress. Pretend you are going to board the Titanic and set sail on a wonderful adventure! (We won't emphasize how

that voyage ended; we'll just enjoy the initial part of the journey.) Refreshments will be at 7:00, and the meeting at 7:30.

Looking ahead, in May, both our Worthy Matron and our Worthy Patron will be MIA (enjoying Scotland and Prague/Provance respectively), so planning the May 1 meeting will be in Sister Peggy's hands. She can do what she likes, from long-form formal to casual ante room meeting/game night or anything in between! I'm sure she will come up with something fun and interesting!

Either right before we leave or as soon as we get back from our respective adventures, we will contact the Humboldt County Library to see how our Chapter can participate in the Summer Reading Program again. We have had a fun time in years past creating prizes buckets for the children who participate, and we look forward to doing it again!

The June 5 meeting will be a tribute to Star Points, and the theme will be "Shining Bright as a Star!" It will also be Memorial, so ladies please to dress in white for the evening, and men in black suits.

The Worthy Matrons and Patrons of District 1 are planning a tea fundraiser which will include a silent auction. (We already have a donation for that silent auction, thanks to Barbara Kennedy of Ferndale Chapter – thank you, Barbara!) The date is not yet set because we are hoping to have Terri Ewing of General Grand come speak on Paws for Purple Hearts! We need to get her availability before we nail down a date. More to come!

Then July 3 will be "Hats Off to American Heroes!" and Friendship Night. Those who wish to say who they see as an American Hero may share. The heroes may be alive or dead, contemporary or historical. It would be a great night for wearing red, white, and blue!

Our August 7 meeting will be an ante room meeting and board game night. Bring a board game you enjoy (that doesn't take too long to play and would be easy to learn). Dress casual, and be ready to have a great time socializing with your Sisters and Brothers.

September 4 we will pay tribute to teachers and gather school supplies to donate to local schools.

An event we definitely need to plan soon is presenting a 50-year certificate to our newest 50-year member. More information to come about that too!

Best Spring Wishes to one and all!

Joni L. Hewston, WM

Lee Astorino, WP

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York Rite – April 2024

Greetings All,

Welcome to the new district trestleboard. The vast majority of the recipients will be receiving this publication by email. For those that do not have access to an email we will make a hard copy available. It will take a little time to identify those who require a mailed copy, so please bear with us.

Eureka York Rite has an exciting year coming up. In addition to our regular monthly meetings (2nd Wednesdays at 7pm), we will be celebrating the Installation of our Companion Jeff White as the new Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of California on Friday, May 17th in Burbank. Look for a special reception in the coming months as we honor one of

our own.

The next meeting of the Eureka York Rite is the Humboldt Chapter No. 52 stated meeting on April 10th at 7:00pm. Wear your Red Coat if you have one. We look forward to seeing you and sharing some fellowship. If you are interested in joining the York Rite, or just learning more about it, you are welcome to come to our meeting early to chat with the Companions and Sir Knights. You can also email me at grquintrell <at> gmail.

Best regards,

Gary Quintrell

Secretary/Recorder

Eureka York Rite: Humboldt Chapter No. 52, Royal Arch Masons; Pacific Council No. 37, Cryptic Masons, and Eureka Commandery No. 35, Knights Templar.

Six Rivers Lodge #106 – April 2024

Brethren,

This being the month of April, the first order of business is the listing of this month's special activities. Our Stated meeting is on April 2nd, starting with dinner at 6:15PM, provided by Gary and Heidi Quintrell. Business meeting is at 7:00 PM; which is the new official time. On April 19th we will adjourn to the Elk's Lodge for "Cook your own steak" Night which starts at 6:00 PM. The cost will be \$27 for the meal. Please RSVP to George Durfee at (530) 262-0986, all are welcome. April 27th at 10:00 AM will be a School of

Instruction at Humboldt Lodge, all Officers are required to attend.

Our new website is up and running, it can be accessed at lodge106.freemason.org. I have updated our lodge calendar now thru the end of June so please get used to checking in for our activities. We are practicing the Third Degree Ritual, in order to prepare for our next " raising "in the coming months. It is imperative that all Officers show up as we have several new men who need the instructional help.

I assume a good time was had by all at our Crab Feed which occurred on March 24th; 140 lbs. of crab can't be wrong. Congratulations to Bro. Barry Smith on being installed Exalted Ruler of the Eureka Elks Lodge.

This Trestleboard should be uploaded onto our new website if I can figure it up. Also we should be able to display pictures there as well; stay tuned.

Fraternally,
George Durfee, WM

Eel River Empire #147 – 2nd Degree

We will be conferring a second degree at Eel River Empire #147 in Fortuna on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 pm.

Thanks,

WM Mike Flockhart

Ferndale Chapter #23 – April 2024

We had such a fun March meeting. For members who were not in attendance at the meeting, and a reminder to those who were, we will have two Coin March baskets at the next two meetings. One will be for our regular coin march, the second will be for our “OES Outreach” program. We have a member who has graciously pledged to match the funds donated to the “Outreach” basket. What an opportunity this is to help our Eastern Star Program grow and provide help to our Eastern Star Brothers and Sisters.

It was with much pleasure that Sister Joni Hewston, Worthy Matron of Camellia Star Chapter and myself had the pleasure and Honor to Present Brother Lee Astorino with His 25 year Certificate and Pin.

Major Date to include on Your April Calendar.

The Deputy's OV was postponed to the April 10th Meeting. Our Meeting begins at 7:30 PM. We will exemplify the following ritual work – Proving the Chapter, Examining Committee, and Balloting.

A very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our members with April birthday's! Amy McCracken, 4/7; Susan Young, 4/7; David Guggenbickler, 4/11; David Peterson, 4/17; and Honorary Member Karen Parlato 4/27.

Nancy Bay, WM and Kirby Bay, WP

“April is the sweetest month of the year, the mellow season of rebirth and renewal.”





Bethel No. 86 – February 2024

On December 18, we were very happy to welcome two new members into our Bethel: Emily and Lily. We were also grateful to Mrs. Betty Lampson for driving up from Ukiah to be our Musician for the evening. Thank you, Mrs. Lampson! Welcome, Emily and Lily!

That evening we also installed our council members, who are mostly the same people as before, but some of them have changed offices. The new council member is Brooke Hansen as our Director of Epochs! Thank you to Brooke for continuing to be active with our Bethel!

That evening we also had our traditional Christmas sock

exchange and wore our new socks during the meeting.

We want to say a Big Thank You to everyone who supported our Fall/Holiday Fundraiser and bought our Masonic-themed ornaments and our beaded bracelets! We greatly appreciate all your support! On the evening of December 22, we had a Bethel Holiday Party and invited prospective members to join us to get to know us and to enjoy a drive around Eureka to view Christmas lights, and games and food and fun back at the Lodge.

We had a business meeting on January 1 (yes, New Year's Day!).



Initiation Night with New Members Emily and Lily

Installation was on Sunday, January 7 with a theme of "Friends are like snowflakes, all different and all are beautiful" and the colors of shades of blue and white. The Daughters all carried white lanterns as their carrying pieces. Our newest members who had not even seen a whole regalia meeting yet did a great job as our new Custodians. All the girls and all the Installing Officers did a lovely job! Congratulations to all the Daughters and best wishes to you in your new offices:

Honored Queen, Betsy
Guide, Logan
Treasurer, Alice
Librarian, Aubrey

5th Messenger, Carl
Senior Custodian, Emily
Junior Custodian, Lily

Our first meeting of the new term was on January 15 as an instructional regalia meeting. Stay tuned for more plans for the term!

Best wishes!

Bethel No. 86 Eureka, Job's Daughters International

Humboldt No. 79 – February 2024

Greetings brethren,

February is here and it brought wet weather and chills. As I sit and write this article, I occasionally look out the window to see the rain falling sideways. The wind is blowing that hard. I don't know about you, but I'm really looking forward to drying out and getting some sun, hopefully soon.

We have started our regular degree practices. We will be meeting every Thursday evening at 6pm. A meal (usually pizza) will be provided. We have a third degree for brother Kevin Miller tentatively scheduled for February 29th. Confirmation of the date and time is forthcoming. Please come out and support our brother as he is raised to the sublime degree of master mason.

The next Humboldt 79 mason in our "Get to Know Your Lodge" series is brother Gabriel Cirrintano. Gabriel is originally from Chicago. He moved to Humboldt County in 2015 and settled in Willow Creek. He

volunteered and taught music. Guitar is his specialty, but he also teaches drums and piano. He spent time working at Dream Quest youth center before moving to Eureka and getting a position in the Eureka city school district as a behavior support assistant. Gabriel is currently studying psychology and is training to become a behavior analyst. In his spare time, he enjoys playing music, reading philosophy, and spending time with his partner Shelly and his 2 years old daughter Briah. When asked what he likes best about masonry he says, it is the esoteric teachings. This led him to join the Scottish rite, so he can learn more about the morals and dogma of our gentle craft. Gabriel is looking forward to meeting all the brethren and getting more involved in our lodge. You can usually find him at our stated meetings and as a sideliner at our degrees.

Respectfully,
Dan Sarver, Master
Humboldt Lodge No. 79

Ferndale Chapter No. 23 – February 2024

Happy Heart Fund Month!

February is a great month to remind Chapter members of California Eastern Star Foundation's Heart Research Fund. Donations to this fund go to an organization of the Worth Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron's choice, to help with research about heart-related issues and treatments.

Here are the three major dates for your February calendar:

February 14th – Ferndale's meeting falls on Valentine's Day!

Refreshments will be served beforehand, 6:45 p.m., provided by Leslie. Our meeting begins at 7:30. Attire: Business Casual. Valentine colors encouraged. Proficiency Party anticipated. Plans include honoring Brother Lee Astorino's 25-year membership. Property Committee, Nancy, Liz, Helene and Christie, please be prepared to present the committee's annual report.

February 24th – This year's Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron is combined with a Membership Event. Join the fun and invite friends to a complimentary tour (usually \$25 per person) of the historic Scotia Lodge. Although the time for the OV is listed as 7 p.m., plans are in the works to begin tours at 6 p.m. for those able to arrive early. Tour group size is limited to 16; multiple groups are planned. Attire is casual. Dessert-type refreshments will be served during the evening.

February 25th: All-Member Instructional. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ferndale Masonic Hall. This is Members only instructional and we look forward to having all members of the district present. Bring dues card. A nominal charge is anticipated to cover cost of food (breakfast snacks and sack lunch).

Happy Birthday to members celebrating in February!

Geoff Wright, 2/14; Liz Lorig, 2/27; and Andrea Guggenbickler, 2/29.

May your hearts be happy!

Nancy Bay, WM and Kirby Bay, WP