

# 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



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# **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

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# **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

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## **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **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





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# 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.

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# 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



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## 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.

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## **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



