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 Lynnie 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.

OES District 1 Fundraiser

PAWS FOR PURPLE HEARTS helps Veterans and Active Duty Service Members by providing trained service dogs. Community support allows this organization to continue fulfilling their mission. We invite members of our entire Masonic Family to attend this July 14th Afternoon Tea to learn more and help us spread the word. Feel free to invite friends and family as well. We do ask that you please let us know you'll be attending (see flyer for contact information). Thank you.

Members of District 1 Order of Eastern Star
Cordially Invite you to an
"AFTERNOON TEA"
AND
SILENT AUCTION

Sunday July 14th, 2024

2 O'clock in the afternoon

517 G Street, Eureka CA

$20 per person

RSVP deadline July 7th

to Joni Hewston

cell: 707.499.9478

joni@reninet.com

GUEST SPEAKER

Terri Ewing

Past Grand Matron

TO BENEFIT

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Arcata Chapter No. 207 – May 2024

Hello Sister and Brothers!

I hope you are happy and well as we are enjoying our springtime of year!

We are looking forward to several events coming up and celebrating with some of our members. Our May stated meeting will be our Past Matrons & Patrons night. We are looking forward to honoring those that have served the chapter in this capacity. We are also looking forward to enjoying a delicious meal from Ferndale Chapter. As usual, dinner is at 6:30 and state meeting at 7:30.

On May 17th, our own Worthy Patron, Jeff White, will be installed at Illustrious Grand Master for Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in California. Several of us will be attending Grand Session in Burbank to support Jeff and his Lady Lisa. So proud of them and that they are part of our Chapter! We are looking forward to a busy term with them and wish them all the best.

On May 26th at 1PM will be a Reception for our Sister Sally Hansen, celebrating her office of Grand First Messenger for California Job's Daughters Grand Council. It has been fun to watch her travels and hear her stories from visitations across the state. Please join us at Humboldt Lodge on that Sunday!

The Chapter is excited to get started on providing some community donations. If you have any suggestions for a donation to a worthy non-profit organization or youth groups, please let us know. We like to know what is important to our membership.

Thank you to our Job's Daughter Bethel for making Goodie

Plates purchased by the chapter for our local officers, 50 year members and 80 year-old members. We hope you enjoyed them!

We are looking forward to getting our Strategic Planning group going to review and renew our Strategic Plan and Goals. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this, even you can't attend our meetings, we would still like to hear from you. We are also looking forward to hosting a Game night and some other fun activities, so keep your eyes open to more information.

I wish you all a beautiful May, and Happy Mother's Day to all our lovely Mothers.

With Star Love and Hugs, Heidi Quintrell, WM

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