

# 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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# 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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## 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

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## **Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – January 2024**

Brethren,

Masonic Development, Fellowship, & Charity. It's what we do. On January 9th our officers and coach Bill Lambo, PM, discussed our expectations of each other for ritual practice and development, which is always a good conversation to start the year. If you cannot be at a practice, notify Bill. If you need a substitute for a degree, ask a Past Master at least a week ahead of the night. We are scheduled to confer Bro. Sheyenne "Shiny" Stillinger a 2nd degree on Thursday January 30th. Fellowcrafts and Master masons are welcome to join us for dinner at 5:30pm and Lodge Opening at 6:30pm.

Thank you brothers who brought 6+ prospects to our Thursday night practice yesterday! It's our earnest desire to make every Thursday at 5:30pm a Lodge night. We'd like every brother to come grab a bite, enjoy fellowship, and if inclined and eligible watch our officers practice their ritual.

We hope you're looking forward to the return of Sushi Night on



Saturday, January 18th. Bro Reed has taken steps to ensure that the flaws of last year don't repeat, this will be a fantastic fellowship event to start the new year. Thank you Josh for your tireless successful efforts. There will be Taiko drummers and Karaoke to round out the sushi feed. Humboldt 79's Ladies' Luncheon is scheduled for 26 January at 12pm.

Charity- The brethren elected to donate \$x to the local Special Olympics to soften the blow of the theft of their sports equipment storage.

See you at Lodge,

Davin Bowerman, Worshipful Master

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## **Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – Installation of Officers**

Brothers and Friends;

Please join the officers and families of Humboldt Lodge No. 79 this **Saturday December 7th, 2024 at 2 o'clock** for the annual installation of our officers for 2025. We expect to finish by 3pm when we will have light refreshments in the dining room. Our officer's corp is full of enthusiasm to make the year ahead full of Fellowship, Charity, and a year to better ourselves and our community. All are welcome to this event and we look forward to your support.

Fraternally yours,

Davin Bowerman

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# Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – November 2024

Greetings brothers.

Last month was the Annual Communications and with it we welcome our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Arthur L. Salazar Jr. And with the new grand line of officers we also saw a change in districts for all of California. Humboldt Lodge is now in the 201<sup>st</sup> District along with Arcata and Crescent City. Ferndale and Fortuna are now part of the 203<sup>rd</sup> district. Both new districts will have separate inspectors and schools of instruction.

As the year winds down, I would like to remind the officers that proficiencies are due. Please make an appointment with your inspector if you haven't already.

Upcoming events:

November 7th, Thursday – Stated Meeting at 7:00pm

November 14th, Thursday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Proficiency for Brother Josh Reed at 6:15pm

Respectfully,

Dan Sarver

Master

Humboldt Lodge No. 79

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# Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – October 2024

Greetings brothers.

We had an incredible month which was highlighted by a Grand Lodge visit and the laying of two cornerstones in one day.

The first was at Eureka High School's new Jay Willard gymnasium, where Grand Master G. Sean Metroka performed the ceremony to a grateful crowd. After lunch, we traveled to Blue Lake and took part in the second cornerstone ceremony for the new Hula Health Center on the Blue Lake Rancheria. It was exciting to be a part of it all, and everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship. Thanks again to everyone that participated and helped to make the day a memorable one.

It was also a month of remembrance for the lives of two of our most distinguished brothers.

Worshipful Wayne Cooper and Worshipful Lee Astorino entered into rest and now reside with the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe. They will both be sorely missed. Thank you to all the brothers that attended their services.

Quote of the month:

***Sweet is the memory of distant friends! Like the mellow rays of the departing sun, it falls tenderly, yet sadly, on the heart. – Washington Irving***

Upcoming events:

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday – Stated Meeting at 7:00pm

October 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Proficiency for Brother Leo Herrera at 6:00pm

October 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree for Brother Leo Herrera

October 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Curtesy 3<sup>rd</sup> for Crescent Lodge #45.  
More details to follow.

October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Annual Communications (Grand Lodge)

Respectfully,

Dan Sarver

Master

Humboldt Lodge No. 79















Cornerstone Ceremony  
Jay Willard Gymnasium  
September 24, 2024  
Dedicated by  
Grand Lodge of California  
with the Officers and Members of Standish Lodge No. 79

G. Sean Metrick Grand Master Master of Ceremonies	Gary Smith Superintendent Former City School
Daniel Surver Master Standish Lodge No. 79	Robert Standish Principal Eureka High School
Board of Trustees	
Lisa Oliver Susan Johnson	Mike Duncan Rebecca Parker Jessica Rotholz

"Masons Support Public Education"

 Standish Lodge No. 79  
Eureka, California







**Cornerstone Ceremony**  
**Jay Willard Gymnasium**  
September 26, 2024  
Dedicated by  
**Grand Lodge of California**  
with the Officers and Members of Handfield Lodge No. 79

G. Sean Motyka Grand Master Masons in California	Gary Storti Representative Humboldt City Schools
David Surver Master Handfield Lodge No. 79	Robert Standish Principal Humboldt High School

Board of Trustees

Lisa Olliver	Mike Dances	Rebecca Pardee
Susan Johnson	Jessica Rubeck	

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**JAY WILLARD GYMNASIUM**  
The High and Grand Master of Handfield Lodge No. 79, G. Sean Motyka, dedicated the Jay Willard Gymnasium to the memory of Jay Willard, a member of the lodge, on September 26, 2024.  
Support: 1001 E. 10th St., Eureka, CA 95501  
Contact: 708-1111 or 708-1112  
Eureka City Schools  
1001 E. 10th St.  
Eureka, CA 95501  
708-1111 or 708-1112

























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# Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – September 2024

Greetings brothers.

September is here and we have a few events coming up, including a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree for Brother Toland. Please see below for details.

Quote of the month:

***Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend. – Theophrastus.***

## Upcoming events:

September 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Stated Meeting

September 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Yard cleanup at the Lambos. Brothers, if you are free on the 8<sup>th</sup>, please consider visiting with the Lambos starting at 11:30am to help with some yard and garden cleanup.

September 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Brother Toland Proficiency and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree practice at 6pm.

September 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Humboldt Lodge Open House at 12pm to 3pm

September 19<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree for Brother Toland at 6:30pm

September 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Cornerstone Meeting at 6pm. All lodge officers are invited.

September 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Cornerstone ceremony. Grand Lodge opening at Humboldt Lodge No. 79 starting at 9am.

Respectfully,

Dan Sarver

Master

Humboldt Lodge No. 79

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# Humboldt Lodge No. 79 — August 2024

Greetings, brethren.



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Society has a big project in front of us and brothers, I need your help.

We have purchased 252 bicycles that will be donated to Toys 4 Toys, and they'll be given as Christmas gifts this year. The

only catch is that the bicycles will need to be inspected and some minor repairs performed as required. A few of the bikes will also need to be assembled. If you are willing to join the team and have metric tools, we meet at the Toys 4 Tots warehouse on the weekends and spend a few hours working on the bikes. Please reach out to me for details and I look forward to seeing you there.

My contact information:

[dvsarver@gmail.com](mailto:dvsarver@gmail.com)

You can also reach me through the lodge or iMember.

Quote of the month:

***Until you value yourself, you will not value your time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it. -M. Scott Peck***

Upcoming events:

August 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 12pm, Masonic Picnic at Rohnerville Park in Fortuna. This is a free event and the whole family is welcome. Come out and enjoy the day with the whole North Coast Masonic Family.

August 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, 6pm, Officer's Rehearsal – advanced stations

August 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, 6pm, Officer's Rehearsal – advanced stations

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday, 6:30pm, First Degree for Mr. Jace Baldosser.

August 29<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, 6:30pm, First Degree for Mr. Damon Ladousier.



We all know how important the First Degree is, so please join me as we welcome two new brothers to our fraternity.

And now, in his own words, I'd like to introduce you to Brother Joseph Freedman:

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I have a big family in Türkiye on my mother's side, and also family in Australia, Hawaii, and San Francisco on my father's side. I am single and have no kids.

I am currently a student taking classes in math & computer science, and I make and sell pens. In the beginning of the year I had finished building a robot/CNC that fully automates the pen-turning process. Starting from rough pen blanks to finished pen barrels, from the press of a button on my phone.

I have also been building a quantitative hedge fund called Fintron. In a nutshell, it involves various technologies for identifying and exploiting market inefficiencies autonomously, similar to the concept of a self-driving car, though for finance. It involves a lot of programming, math, statistics, machine learning, and most of all, dealing with data!

Besides building machines for making pens and software applications, I like to throw knives in my spare time, and go



out in nature. I used to play video games a lot and I still miss them. Skyrim, GTA 5, and World of Warcraft were my go-to. I and my family also like traveling.

One of the special interests I've had, particularly as a teenager in the Boy Scouts, is bushcraft & survival skills. Building shelters, fires, tools, etc. Right now my focus is on modern and future technology, but primitive technology is also really important to me and I will come back to it more in the future.

I smashed my PS4 in November of 2021, because I loved playing video games too much, 5+ hours a day. I realized I was wasting so much time, and I decided to start learning programming instead.

The main reason I joined Freemasonry is that I've always been curious about ancient wisdom and philosophy, and I wanted to learn more about it through Freemasonry. The brotherhood aspect is also great and I've met very interesting people that I wouldn't have met otherwise.

My message to all of you is to embrace your uniqueness. We all have flaws that we're working on, and I am no exception to that. But our weaknesses are often on the other side of our strengths, two sides of the same coin.

Some weaknesses are worth fixing, while others can be complemented by the strengths of our fellow team members. The wisdom is, knowing which ones to fix, and which ones to accept.

Work on your weaknesses, to navigate the world more effectively, while tripling down on your strengths. Your difference is what makes a difference in the world.

Respectfully,  
Dan Sarver  
Master

# Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – Senior Moments Baseball

Who are these young guys? These are the members of the senior softball team, Senior Moments, the team that Humboldt lodge has sponsored for the past seven seasons. The members are 60 plus years in age. They want to thank the lodge for their support and hope that the lodge will support them in the years to come.

