

# **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 – Courtesy 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































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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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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.



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# Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – July 2024



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Quote of the month:

***“Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage***

***to continue that counts.” –Winston Churchill***

July events:

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday – Humboldt lodge is dark for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday

July 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday – Stated Meeting @ 7pm

July 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal @ 6pm

July 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – Masonic Race Day Barbecue at the Samoa Drag Strip @ 11am. We will need volunteers to help with set-up, packing and cleanup.

July 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree for Brother Tom Lazio @ 6:30pm

July 27 – Saturday – Coffee with the Master @ 9am

And now, I would like to introduce you to Brother Jesse Hindbaugh.

Jesse was born in Illinois and grew up in the Midwest. He spent time in the Sierra Nevada's and then moved to Humboldt County.

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Jesse is also the adventurous type that likes to ride motorcycles, 4 wheelers, and jet skis. When pushing the limits

of his vehicles, he sometimes went a little too fast which led him to break a few bones. About 76 of them! Hey Jesse, are you *moonlighting as a Hollywood stuntman*?

Golfing is another favorite pastime and while he admits that he will never be the greatest golfer, his goal is to be the best dressed golfer.

When I asked Jesse what he most enjoys about masonry, he said it is the strong friendships he has made over the years; how his brothers are always there to lend a helping hand if needed and how everyone gets along. "I wouldn't trade masons for anything. I just really like this group."

Jesse lives in McKinleyville with his wife Erica, and three teen daughters.

Respectfully,

Daniel Sarver  
Master  
Humboldt Lodge No. 79

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

Greetings, brethren.

June is finally here. Temperatures are rising and the weather has been beautiful lately. It's the perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors of Humboldt County. Whether it's strolling on the beach, or hiking in the redwood forests, now is the time to be outside.

I would like to take a moment to thank all the brothers that showed up at Ocean View and Sunset cemeteries to put flags out for Veterans Day. It was a fun time, except for those blood thirsty mosquitoes. In the end, we put out and collected about 3,000 flags in total.



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more practice sessions and we'll get them on the calendar.

Quote of the month:

***"What lies behind us, and what lies before us, are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."—Ralph Waldo Emerson.***

Our June calendar of events is listed below.

June 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting at 7:00pm

June 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – District School of Instruction at Crescent Lodge in Crescent City. Starting at 10:00am.

June 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Taco Thursday for the Eureka Police Department, where the lodge will be treating EPD to a free taco lunch. Also, we will have a rehearsal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at 6:30pm.

June 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Father's Day Dinner at the VI in Ferndale starting at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and can be purchased on the lodge website. When you buy your ticket, please specify your meal choice, chicken or steak.

June 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday – Humboldt Lodge Festive Board at Six Rivers Lodge No. 106 starting at 6:00pm. This year, we will have our annual festive board with our brothers in Arcata. This is a free event. Please RSVP to [info@humboldtodge79.org](mailto:info@humboldtodge79.org) if you'd like to attend.

June 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Rehearsal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at 6:30pm.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday – Coffee with the Master at Humboldt Lodge starting at 9:00am. Come on out and enjoy a cuppa with the leadership team and share your ideas for future lodge events.

June 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree for Brother Leo Herrera at 6:30pm.

June 30<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Crabs baseball game at the Arcata Ballpark starting at noon. \$10.00 a person and this includes the game ticket, food and drinks. Bring the whole family. Tickets can be purchased on the lodge website.

And now, I'd like to introduce you to Joshua Lawrence.



Joshua was born in Arcata, California and raised in Cutten. He is a software developer.

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In his spare time Josh likes to work with his hands. One project that Josh enjoyed was remodeling his AirBnB. It gave

him the chance to, “do something that doesn’t require a computer” he told me. I understand that feeling. (I also work with computers all day.)

And he has done some traveling. He was telling me about a trip to Machupicchu in Peru, before COVID and how he enjoyed taking pictures and trying some of the local delicacies, including fire roasted guinea pig on a spit. “Gamey” was how he described its flavor. Funny, I thought it would have tasted like chicken.

When I asked Josh what he most liked about Freemasonry, he said it was the friendships he has made over the years with his lodge brothers. “I have made friends with guys that I might have never crossed paths with outside of the lodge.”

Josh frequently attends our lodge events with Ann and you can also find him at our monthly stated meetings.

Respectfully,

Dan Sarver  
Master  
Humboldt Lodge No. 79

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## **Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – Additions to the May Events Schedule**

Hello Brothers.

We have some additions to the Humboldt Lodge events schedule for May 2024 and beyond. They are as follows:

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – 1<sup>st</sup> degree for Mr. Sheyenne Stillinger at Humboldt Lodge – 6:30pm

May 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday – Cook your own steak night at the Elks – 6:00pm

May 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Two events: Coffee with the Master at Humboldt Lodge – 9:00am. Humboldt Lodge group blood donation at Northern California Community Blood Bank – approximately 11:00am

May 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday – Humboldt Lodge carpet repairs begin.

May 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal at Humboldt Lodge – 6:00pm. This will take place in the library (read through) or the dining room due to the lodge carpet repairs.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal at Humboldt Lodge – 6:00pm. This will also take place in the library (read through) or the dining room due to the lodge carpet repairs.

May 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Place flags on the graves of veterans at Ocean View Cemetery – 7:30am. The whole family is welcome. We usually put out a few thousand flags in a few hours. Donuts are also provided.

May 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – BBQ with Six Rivers Lodge at Six Rivers No. 106 – 6:00pm. Brothers this is a FREE event. There will be standard BBQ food, with whiskey and cigars by the campfire!

May 27<sup>th</sup>, Monday – Remove flags from the graves at Ocean View Cemetery – 3:00pm

May 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal

**June 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday – Herman Bouler Masonic Funeral at Six**

***Rivers Lodge No. 106 – 1pm. Brothers, if you only attend one event this month, this is the one. Herman was a beloved brother of the fraternity, and he is sorely missed. Please join me as we pay our respects to Herman and his family.***

June 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – District School of instruction at Crescent City Lodge – 10am to 12pm

June 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Two events: the annual trap shoot at the Humboldt Trap Club – 10am to 2pm. See Buster Garrison for more information. Father's Day dinner at the VI in Ferndale – 5:30pm to 8pm

June 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday – FESTIVE BOARD at Six Rivers Lodge No. 106 – 6:15pm. This year, our festive board will be sponsored by Six Rivers and will take place at their lodge. Brothers, this is another FREE event. Beef stew is the main course this time. Please RSVP to me at [info@humboldtlodge79.org](mailto:info@humboldtlodge79.org) if you'd like to attend. Masons only.

Take care, talk soon.

Dan Sarver

Master

Humboldt Lodge No. 79