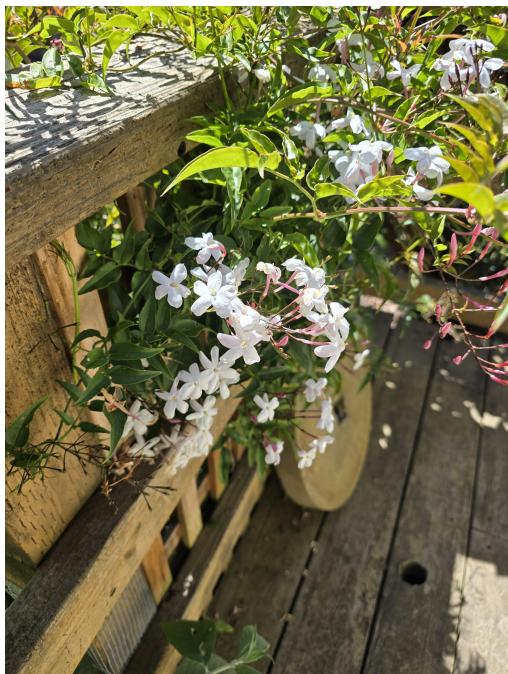


# Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – May 2024

Greetings, brethren.

The month of May is here, and Spring is in full bloom. It's my favorite season for a lot of reasons, the beautiful flowers, the mild temperatures, but mostly, it's the fragrances. Lilacs blooming, their sweet smell on the breeze. Falling asleep at night to the scent of Jasmine flowers right outside the bedroom window. And my wife's favorite, viburnum, sweet and spicy in all its splendor.



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Congratulations to Brother Doug Brown for obtaining his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree proficiency. Well done! And a special thank you to Worshipful Nick Bertell for being his coach.

I would like to thank all the brothers that attended the

district school of instruction on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The brethren's ritual is coming along nicely and I'm proud of the commitment you all have shown. A special thank you to Sandy Lambo for the absolutely excellent meatball sandwiches.

### **Upcoming events:**

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Stated meeting at 7pm.

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** – The all-important 1<sup>st</sup> degree for Mr. Sheyenne Cimaron Stillinger at 6:30pm. Brothers, I want as many masons on the sidelines as possible for this degree. Let's give Mr. Stillinger a 1<sup>st</sup> degree he'll always remember!

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Coffee with the Master at 9am. We have some things to discuss regarding the upcoming cornerstone events in September. Right after coffee, there is a Masonic Blood donation at the Northern California Community Blood Bank, approximately 11am.

**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal.

**Thursday, May 23<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal.

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** – There are two events. First at 8am, we are meeting up at Oceanview cemetery to put flags on the graves of our veterans. Flags will be collected on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 3pm. All masons and their families are welcome to attend.

The second event, later that evening at 6pm, we are having a masonic barbecue at Six Rivers Lodge No. 106. This is a no cost event that will feature fellowship, food, whisky, and cigars. All masons are welcome.

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

A very busy month indeed. I'm looking forward to it.

And now, I'd like to introduce you to Brother Peter Castellano.



Born in Oklahoma, Pete moved to Florida at age 7. He then moved to Humboldt in 1999 to attend college.

Pete is a direct support professional for Humboldt Community

Access and Resource Center (HCAR) and works at The Studio, helping people with disabilities. Over time, he worked himself up the ranks and now manages the program.

Pete has a lot of interests and hobbies. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, going to the beach, kayaking, fishing, photography, collecting marbles, rock hunting and rock tumbling.

Caitlan is Pete's wife of 7 years. And they have two fur babies, Ved the dog and Davey the cat.

When I asked Pete what he most enjoys about free masonry he said that the fraternity gives him the opportunity to have a larger effect on the world than just by himself. "It's a better framework for improving myself. Making me a better person. And let's not forget helping Santa get tuned up for Christmas as his masonic elf!

Respectfully,

Dan Sarver  
Master  
Humboldt Lodge No. 79

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## **Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – Masons for Mitts**

See details below...



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## **Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – 3/24/2024 update**

Hello Brethren,

I just wanted to post a quick update on the letter C, suspended in the east (yes, we had a letter C for a while). I met with Brother Biesen this morning and together we replaced all six lights in the lamp with new LED bulbs. Hopefully we won't have to replace them again for a very long time.





A couple of things to note about the G lamp. First, there is a single flathead screw on the back left side that holds the entire back piece in place. There is no hinge. Once that screw is removed, the entire back panel pulls off. Secondly, I was zapped twice when replacing the top dead center bulb. After replacing the back piece, I was able to touch the outer metal case without issue, but I think as some point the lamp will need to come down and be rebuilt so as not to zap any one else.

I'd like to thank Brother Biesen for helping out this morning. We're all ready to go for Brother Toland's 2nd degree on Thursday.

Respectfully,

Dan Sarver  
Master  
Humboldt Lodge No. 79

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# Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – April 2024

Hello brothers,

April is nearly here and everywhere I look; I see the delightful signs of Spring in bloom. It's so pleasing to see the flowers popping up everywhere, and it reminds me of the time I spent in my youth with my grandmother. She loved her garden, and I was her little helper; always quick with the trowel or the watering can. Together we planted countless annuals and bulbs each Spring. It was time well spent, and I still remember it like it was yesterday. Those are some very fond memories and to this day, I love gardening and the springtime as much as grandma did.



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The guys have been putting in some good practices in preparation for our upcoming degree. Please brothers, come out and support our candidate.

March 28th is a Second Degree for Brother Darren Albert Toland.

We also have a new candidate and a third degree on the horizon. I'll keep you posted. More updates to follow shortly after I review the events calendar.

Our next stated meeting is Thursday, April 4th and we'll be enjoying a presentation from Bethel No. 86 – Job's Daughters and the triumphant return of Sandy Lambo's famous meatloaf dinner! So glad you are feeling better Sandy.

Another favorite quote:

***"There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self."***

– Ernest Hemingway

And now, I'd like to introduce Brother Cory Ng. Cory hails from San Francisco and spent some time in Minnesota while his father worked for what would become Northwest Airlines. In the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, he moved back to the bay area where he lived until 2003. At that time, he moved to Humboldt County, and met Brother Josh Lawrence while working at the Bay Shore Mall. They became fast friends and kept in touch when Cory moved back down south to Sacramento a year later. In 2018, Cory made the move to Humboldt permanently. By that time, Josh was a member of Humboldt Lodge and introduced Cory to Freemasonry. A few of Cory's uncles that live in San Francisco are masons, and his friend Aaron Eaton is the master of Redding-Trinity Lodge No. 27.



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In his spare time, Cory enjoys the great outdoors. Hiking,

walking his dog, and shooting at the range are some of his favorite activities. He is also a big fan of Star Wars and Disney. I'll bet he is looking forward to the next season of The Mandalorian as much as I am.

Respectfully,

Daniel Sarver  
Master  
Humboldt Lodge No. 79

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## **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