

Ferndale Chapter #23 – April 2024

We had such a fun March meeting. For members who were not in attendance at the meeting, and a reminder to those who were, we will have two Coin March baskets at the next two meetings. One will be for our regular coin march, the second will be for our “OES Outreach” program. We have a member who has graciously pledged to match the funds donated to the “Outreach” basket. What an opportunity this is to help our Eastern Star Program grow and provide help to our Eastern Star Brothers and Sisters.

It was with much pleasure that Sister Joni Hewston, Worthy Matron of Camellia Star Chapter and myself had the pleasure and Honor to Present Brother Lee Astorino with His 25 year Certificate and Pin.

Major Date to include on Your April Calendar.

The Deputy's OV was postponed to the April 10th Meeting. Our Meeting begins at 7:30 PM. We will exemplify the following ritual work – Proving the Chapter, Examining Committee, and Balloting.

A very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our members with April birthday's! Amy McCracken, 4/7; Susan Young, 4/7; David Guggenbickler, 4/11; David Peterson, 4/17; and Honorary Member Karen Parlato 4/27.

Nancy Bay, WM and Kirby Bay, WP

“April is the sweetest month of the year, the mellow season of rebirth and renewal.”





Bethel No. 86 – February 2024

On December 18, we were very happy to welcome two new members into our Bethel: Emily and Lily. We were also grateful to Mrs. Betty Lampson for driving up from Ukiah to be our Musician for the evening. Thank you, Mrs. Lampson! Welcome, Emily and Lily!

That evening we also installed our council members, who are mostly the same people as before, but some of them have changed offices. The new council member is Brooke Hansen as our Director of Epochs! Thank you to Brooke for continuing to be active with our Bethel!

That evening we also had our traditional Christmas sock

exchange and wore our new socks during the meeting.

We want to say a Big Thank You to everyone who supported our Fall/Holiday Fundraiser and bought our Masonic-themed ornaments and our beaded bracelets! We greatly appreciate all your support! On the evening of December 22, we had a Bethel Holiday Party and invited prospective members to join us to get to know us and to enjoy a drive around Eureka to view Christmas lights, and games and food and fun back at the Lodge.

We had a business meeting on January 1 (yes, New Year's Day!).



Initiation Night with New Members Emily and Lily

Installation was on Sunday, January 7 with a theme of "Friends are like snowflakes, all different and all are beautiful" and the colors of shades of blue and white. The Daughters all carried white lanterns as their carrying pieces. Our newest members who had not even seen a whole regalia meeting yet did a great job as our new Custodians. All the girls and all the Installing Officers did a lovely job! Congratulations to all the Daughters and best wishes to you in your new offices:

Honored Queen, Betsy
Guide, Logan
Treasurer, Alice
Librarian, Aubrey

5th Messenger, Carl
Senior Custodian, Emily
Junior Custodian, Lily

Our first meeting of the new term was on January 15 as an instructional regalia meeting. Stay tuned for more plans for the term!

Best wishes!

Bethel No. 86 Eureka, Job's Daughters International

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

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Happy Heart Fund Month!

February is a great month to remind Chapter members of California Eastern Star Foundation's Heart Research Fund. Donations to this fund go to an organization of the Worth Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron's choice, to help with research about heart-related issues and treatments.

Here are the three major dates for your February calendar:

February 14th – Ferndale's meeting falls on Valentine's Day!

Refreshments will be served beforehand, 6:45 p.m., provided by Leslie. Our meeting begins at 7:30. Attire: Business Casual. Valentine colors encouraged. Proficiency Party anticipated. Plans include honoring Brother Lee Astorino's 25-year membership. Property Committee, Nancy, Liz, Helene and Christie, please be prepared to present the committee's annual report.

February 24th – This year's Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron is combined with a Membership Event. Join the fun and invite friends to a complimentary tour (usually \$25 per person) of the historic Scotia Lodge. Although the time for the OV is listed as 7 p.m., plans are in the works to begin tours at 6 p.m. for those able to arrive early. Tour group size is limited to 16; multiple groups are planned. Attire is casual. Dessert-type refreshments will be served during the evening.

February 25th: All-Member Instructional. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ferndale Masonic Hall. This is Members only instructional and we look forward to having all members of the district present. Bring dues card. A nominal charge is anticipated to cover cost of food (breakfast snacks and sack lunch).

Happy Birthday to members celebrating in February!

Geoff Wright, 2/14; Liz Lorig, 2/27; and Andrea Guggenbickler, 2/29.

May your hearts be happy!

Nancy Bay, WM and Kirby Bay, WP