


# Ferndale #23

Sisters and brothers,

fall is certainly in the air with crisp fresh mornings. We held our monthly meeting in September on the 10th and celebrated our chapters 149th birthday with cake and ice cream. Reports were given on the Nile luncheon and Arcata chapter dinner provided by Ferndale Chapter as fundraisers. Our chapter recognized the office of Warder Diann Christiansen and Sentinel Kirby Bay with some flowers and acknowledgement of the work and service they give to our chapter. 

The budget report and membership reports were also given and approved as submitted. We were reminded about Grand Chapter credentials being due by the 20th of September for those attending.

Next month our October meeting is on Wednesday the 8th with it being elections, make sure you have your name ready with 2 cosigners if you are vying for an elected office and on the dais before the meeting. I will be in charge of refreshments so expect a little Halloween fun. (Patti). We also always have a flower, and it is the calendula this month. Never heard of it but I'm sure it's pretty. Hope to see you all in October!

Elizabeth Carter Lorig WM

Larry Nicholson WP



# Scottish Rite

Greetings from the Scottish Rite Valley of Northern California.

I would first off like to congratulate our brethren who completed their Scottish Rite degrees on August 30 th , they are Charles Johnson, Jonathan Abidari, and Rick S.

Gibson, Ret. Sgt.Major. Active Guard Reserve. I would also Like to thank all the

Scottish Rite Masons who took part in the degrees as well as the wonderful ladies who

prepared our lunch as well as the dinner for the ring and cap ceremony. I would like to

encourage all Scottish Rite Brothers to join us at our next stated meeting which will be

September 18 th with coffee time starting at 7pm and our meeting starting at 7:30 pm. All

Masonic Brothers are invited to join us for our coffee time.

Sincerely,

Jason Akana, Venerable Master

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# York Rite

Greetings from the Eureka York Rite Bodies,

Fellow Companions, I would like to remind all Companions of our upcoming

meeting dates and times as we will begin having Officer elections soon. The next

meetings are as follows:

Eureka Commandery #35 – September 10 th , 2025 @7pm

Humboldt Chapter #52 – October 8 th , 2025 @7pm

Pacific Council #37 – November 12 th , 2025 @7pm

Eureka Commandery #35 – December 10 th , 2025 @7pm

I would especially like to remind all Companions that we will be holding officer

elections and that we will be discussing our Christmas observance.

Sincerely,

Jason Akana, Illustrious Master, Pacific Council #37

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## **Bethel No. 86**

Hello to our Masonic family,

August was filled with fun times in the Bethel.

The first weekend of August we traveled to Ukiah and had our Official Visit with Bethel No 106 Ukiah. It was fun to meet and get to know some of the new Grand Bethel Girls and talk with our Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian. We had a great afternoon of chatting, making friends, eating and crafting. (1st photo)

Later that week we went on a Mystery Trip where I, as Honored Queen, got to plan a surprise destination for the Daughters. We started off in Old Town where we learned a bit of history about Eureka and explored some book shops, record shops, and met a sweet dog. Then we headed to Loleta for a behind the scenes look at how ice cream is made and got to taste some of the most creamy dessert ever! If you haven't visited Jersey Scoops yet, I highly recommend their ice cream shop! They also sell a lot of other items such as wool, dairy, and meat products. (2nd photo)

The following week, our Bethel demonstrated the Story of the Robe for members of the Ferndale Chapter of Eastern Star at their open meeting. We learned a bit about their meetings and they learned some of ours. (3rd photo)

The next weekend some of us went to the Miss California Job's Daughters Pageant that was held in San Francisco at the Scottish Rite center. It was interesting to listen to the Daughters who had competed in memory work, answer questions on stage in front of a lot of people! Very inspiring! (4th & 5th photos)

Coming up in September we have a big weekend ahead where Bethel No. 106 Ukiah and Bethel No. 46 Susanville are coming to explore the coast! We will show them our zoo with the skywalk, s'mores at the beach, and hopefully get some sleep at a sleepover.

On the same fun filled day of September 6th we are going to have a Lily of the Valley ceremony honoring Miss Hansen. It is an open ceremony and we would love for you to come witness it starting at 3 with light refreshments afterwards. Formal attire is requested.

Our Bethel meetings restart on Sept 15 at 7 PM at the Humboldt Masonic center in Eureka. We meet the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. Though with Labor Day this first Monday, we are meeting on Sept 29. If you know of a girl between the ages of 8 and 20 who might be interested in making new friends, gaining leadership skills, and having a lot of fun, please contact the Bethel Guardian, Leia Pollard at [bethel86@cajdi.org](mailto:bethel86@cajdi.org)

Bethel love,

Logan P.

Honored Queen

Bethel No. 86 Eureka















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## Camellia Star Chapter No. 63, OES

End of Summer already, and the “BER” months are upon us!

Our August meeting was a short ante-room meeting and then a very special Game Show Night! Brother Michael set up for our own version of the game show “Match Game” that was so popular in the 70s and apparently is back on TV now! He came up with questions and prizes, and we all had a great time! Thank you, Brother Michael, for that fun and unique event!

For those of you who missed it, the District had a Summer

Paint and Sip event in Fortuna on August 10. We all painted a picture of hot air balloons floating above a setting sun. While most of us made pine or redwood trees, Brother Chris went his own way with palm trees! Thank you, Sister Janessa, for putting that together. It was a lot of fun, and several members are hoping we do it again soon!

August 13 was Youth Night in Ferndale. The Job's Daughters explained the meaning behind the design of their Bethel robes. The Rainbow girls shared their favorite things about Rainbow – even the girl who had only been a member for 9 days! And then Ferndale Chapter put on a special ceremony with the Star Points explaining their positions and lessons in Star, a ceremony that got the youth to participate as well. It was a lovely evening, and a lot of thought went into the special ceremony Star did for the youth. Thank you, Sister Liz, for organizing that event.

The following evening was a special honor night for Sister Karen, Grand Representative to West Virginia. She had said she did not want a reception or a fuss made, so the honor night was a special surprise event that she knew nothing about in advance. It was also Friendship Night for Rohnerville-Redwood Chapter with a pulled pork/pulled chicken dinner for all to enjoy. Thank you, Sister Christie, for planning that event and inviting us to join in!

Camellia Star's next meeting is on September 3 with the theme of "Number Please" for Telephone Tuesday (the day after Labor Day). It is also our **school supply drive**. Please bring whatever school supplies you can and place them in the East prior to the meeting. They will be donated to Alice Birney School, which was the consensus at our last meeting when asked what school we wanted to support this year. The attire for September's meeting is Business – ladies wear a "suit (skirt or pants), nice dress, nice pants and top, jacket optional," and gentlemen wear a "suit with tie." We will do short form. Refreshments will be at 7:00; meeting at 7:30.

Our October 1 meeting was scheduled to be a "Let's Do a Project" meeting for National Do Something Nice Day and World Card Making Day, both on October 5. Sister Joni discovered she will not be able to attend that meeting, however, so asked how people felt about doing the card-making project she had planned, and people seemed to want to do it anyway. So Sister Joni will provide the project packet to someone so the cards can be made. You can use these cards however you please – keep it, send it to a friend or family member, send it to a Sister or Brother who is house-bound or who lives far away and cannot participate in our meetings... your choice. The main thing is to have fun making the cards and then sharing them however you wish. The refreshments and attire for the evening will be left up to Brother Michael and Sister Laird. Please be at the Lodge by 6:45 to have time to make the cards before the 7:30 meeting.

Our October meeting is also elections. Sister Laird will be presiding that evening, and she and Brother Michael will run the elections. If you plan to run for an elected office, please remember to have your paper on the dais before the meeting stating what office you intend to run for and having two members of our Chapter sign the paper as well. Sorry I will miss this meeting, but I will be in Washington with my sisters laying our father to rest.

Finally, our last meeting of this term is November 5 and will be themed "Thanks for the Memories." We will (voluntarily) share especially special memories made with our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers. The attire will be semi-formal.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting. Remember, officers, if you cannot make it, please let me know. We need a quorum, so do your best to be there! Thank you!

Star Love –



Joni L. Hewston, WM

Michael Biesen, WP

PHOTOS of the Paint and Sip, Ferndale Youth Night, and Sister Karen's Honor Night







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## Eel River Empire Lodge No. 147

We have a first degree scheduled for the 27th of August, and a third degree scheduled for september. It's nice to see this much activity in new members wanting to join the Lodge. The median age is somewhere near the late sixties, and the need for some more new and younger bodies is critical. Those who have taken the degrees recently, fortunately, have taken to the fraternity like ducks to water. The need for additional sideliners to help with the running of the Lodge,



and to take vacant officer chairs, while not critical, is certainly needed. If you would like to fill a officer position and get more involved in the Lodge we would welcome you. This is where you start to become the Master of the Lodge, an honor you will be proud of all the rest of your life.

Enough for now

Come to Lodge

Theodore B. Lichti WM.

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## **Ferndale Chapter No. 23**

Greetings sisters and brothers,

We held our August 13th meeting where we recognized our Jobs daughters and Rainbow girls. Each group gave a small presentation, and we intern gave a presentation to them sharing a little about the heroines of our order. The girls all received a small eastern star charm to add to their bracelets. They seemed to enjoy themselves and we certainly enjoyed having them. (see picture below). we kept the meeting short. We discussed the Nile luncheon and the chapter dinner for Arcata, watch for emails with further information. September meeting is the 10th; it's our Chapter birthday month and budget presentation. The budget committee will need to get together and do the proposed budget for the September meeting. They are Deanna Bay, Peggy Meecham Carlotti and Helene Nicholson. The flower is forget-me-nots. Please bring school supplies to the meeting to be distributed to a local school.



Hope you are all enjoying the beautiful warm weather we have been having.

One of the best things

a person can have up their sleeve is a funny bone.

Elizabeth Carter Lorig WM

Larry Nicholson WP



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## Humboldt Lodge No. 79

Brethren,

July has been a month of quiet diligence and meaningful

connection. On July 10th, we conferred the Third Degree on Brother Stillinger. His steady progress through the degrees is a reminder of the journey we all share in the Craft. Thank you to all who made the degree a success, especially our newest officer team.

Fellowship this month took on a relaxed form with informal Thursday night dinners. From stuffed pork loin to taco night, the dining hall has been filled with laughter, stories, and brotherhood. If you haven't joined us lately, you're missed.

Our charitable work continues through preparation—our school outreach team is organizing fall support for local teachers, and we encourage Brothers to suggest worthy causes that reflect our shared values.

Together, we are building something greater than ourselves—one evening, one handshake, and one good work at a time.

Fraternally,

Davin Bowerman, WM

Humboldt Lodge No. 79

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## Bethel No. 86

Summer greetings to you all,

It has been an active summer after returning from Grand Bethel at the end of June. Our bethel joined the Shriners in Ferndale for their 4th of July parade, which is always a fun time to connect with more groups! The Bethel went to see How to Train Your Dragon in Eureka, as a fun activity. It was such a cute live-action movie, and a great way to stay

connected while we go dark for the summer! Later in July, we headed down to California Job's Daughters Day at the state fair. For summertime in Sacramento, the heat was mostly bearable and only got up to 95F or so, which was a blessing as it can get BAD there! Thank goodness for A/C and pools! As we write this, some are also at Job's Daughters Supreme session in Glendale, AZ, braving the heat to represent us. It will be exciting to hear of their travels when they arrive back the beautiful Humboldt fog!!

Looking further ahead, we are heading down to Ukiah for a picnic with our Grand Guardian and Bethel No. 106 on Aug 3rd. The following week we will be presenting to Ferndale's Order of the Eastern Star during their open meeting on the 13th. And, we head down to the Miss Cal Pageant for a fancy dinner and get to listen to some empowering and motivating Job's Daughters speakers, which is always such a great event to be at! We will find out who will be our new Miss California Job's Daughter there. The following day some will be celebrating our Grand Director of Music with Bethel No. 15 Richmond.

If you have a daughter, granddaughter, niece, or neighbor who is between the ages of 9 and 20, we invite you and them to our next business meeting on September 15th at 7PM at the Humboldt Masonic Center in Eureka. She will meet new friends, have new experiences, and gain unmeasurable knowledge. California Jobs Daughters is a safe place for girls to bloom into confident women. Girls learn valuable leadership skills in our meetings, service activities, and charitable events. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them contact the Bethel Guardian, Leia Pollard at Bethel No. 86 Eureka's email [bethel86@cajdi.org](mailto:bethel86@cajdi.org).

Jobie love,  
Logan P. HQ  
Bethel No. 86

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Sisters and Brothers as we get ready to close out another month let us reflect on our July activities. July 9th meeting was Brothers night, and our WP Larry Nicholson presided over the meeting, except for ritual which was done by PM Patti Cady as our worthy matron Liz was attending to some family matters. We also had our annual aebleskiver breakfast, which was well attended despite the new location. I believe we made around \$1500.00 in profit. It was delicious as always! The district also had its annual King of Hearts Lee Astorino Tea on July 20th also well attended by even a few nonmembers. They raised about \$1000.00 for the Eastern Star Outreach Program that was near and dear to Brother Lee. Some of the members of District one traveled to San Francisco to attend the DGD Heather Currys honor and Triva Night. Such a fun time! This money was raised for the WGM &WGP Project Bradys K-9 and also there were lots of donations for the pet shelter in her area. ( See picture below.)

Our next meeting is August 13th and will be a short form meeting allowing time for the youth groups to give presentations.

Remember to reach out to your sisters and brothers who might need a kind word, a hug or just a phone call.

Elizabeth Carter Lorig WM

Larry Nicholson WP



