

Arcata Chapter No. 207

Sisters and Brothers,

As we begin our new term, Brother George and I extend our sincere gratitude to all officers and the installation team for making our installation a success. We appreciate the chapter's confidence in us to lead this year and look forward to your continued support.

We also thank Sister Lisa and Brother Gary for their outstanding service as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron over the past year.

The theme for our upcoming stated meeting is "Holiday Giving." Please bring a toy for our Toys for Tots drive and a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank.

Our first meeting will be on December 4th, beginning with dinner at 6:15 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Dinner attire is business casual. There will be a practice session at 5:30 p.m. before dinner and the meeting.

Sister Lynnie will coordinate Poinsettia deliveries this year. If you wish to deliver a Poinsettia to someone on our list, please contact her directly.

Let us remember: "Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life." – Jackie Chan

With fraternal regards,

Kathy King, Worthy Matron

Humboldt Lodge No. 79 -

August 2024

Greetings, brethren.



The days are flying by and it's August already. The Perfect Assemblar

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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:

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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 11th – 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 8th – Thursday, 6pm, Officer's Rehearsal – advanced stations

August 15th – Thursday, 6pm, Officer's Rehearsal – advanced stations

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

August 29th – 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

Six Rivers Lodge No. 106 – June 2024

My Brothers,

Here's what's happening at Six Rivers Lodge in June. We start the month with a "Celebration of Life" for our dear departed brother, Brother Herman Bouler. A man who lived a full and adventurous life. He was a member of Semper Virens Lodge and Six Rivers Lodge. He was a Mason's Mason, always ready to help a brother with a smile and firm handshake; he will truly be missed. We will be holding a Masonic Funeral for Brother Herman on June 1st at 2:00 PM at the Six Rivers Lodge in Bayside; all are welcome.

On June 15th, we will be holding the Annual District Trap Shoot at the Humboldt Trap Club in McKinleyville starting at 10 AM and running until 2 PM with a BBQ lunch at Noon. All district lodges are invited to attend.

On June 18th, we will hold our annual Festive Board at Six Rivers Lodge starting at 6:00PM.

Eastern Star will be preparing the meal of beef stew and appropriate sides. There will be seven toasts with fines for those who cannot handle there "cannons", bring plenty of \$1's. Please RSVP as there is no charge.

Looking ahead to July, we will be raising Brother Charlie Johnson to the degree of Master Mason on July 13th at 11:00 AM at Worshipful Steve Jacobs forest Hide-a-way. Lunch will be at

Noon followed by the degree at 1 PM; all Master Masons are welcome.

Photos from the recent Fellowship Barbecue with Humboldt Lodge No. 79:







Fraternally,

George Durfee, WM