

Arcata Chapter No. 207 – April 2025

Sisters and Brothers,

With many thanks for the coordination by the Lodges of the 201st and 203rd Masonic Districts, we are pleased to announce that the monthly Trestleboard is back, following Brother Alan Smyth's retirement and move to Visalia last year. We appreciate your patience and are looking forward to both providing monthly news and updates about Arcata Chapter, as well as staying current with the goings-on in the other local bodies. Monthly distribution of the Trestleboard will be primarily handled via email, resulting in a much reduced cost.

Arcata Chapter is enjoying a strong year, with meetings that are well-attended by our own members, as well as many visitors from the other three chapters of our district. We are grateful to be part of such an enthusiastic and supportive group!

At our March Stated Meeting, we exemplified Proving of the Chapter, Examination of a Visitor, and Balloting, in anticipation of the Official Visit of our District Grand Deputy, Helene Nicholson, scheduled for our May 1 Stated Meeting. I could not have been prouder of the work our officers did! In particular, the dedication of our first-time conductresses, was evident.

Sisters Linnie Horrigan and Jean Thomsen beautifully demonstrated the floorwork they diligently learned at January's Conductress Workshop. Big thanks to the members of other chapters who filled-in at the various stations.

April will find us having a relatively low-key meeting, as we look ahead to the May 1 Official Visit of our District Grand Deputy and the June 5 Official Visit of our Worthy Grand Matron, Alice Raymond.

With our annual Official Visits behind us, we have several fun social events to look forward to this summer, including a District 1 Paint and Sip event, as well as the Annual Lee Astorino Memorial Tea, which will again benefit the Grand Chapter Member Assistance Fund. Look for more details during the months to come.

As you are aware, the Chapter is awaiting Grand Chapter approval of our updated Bylaws, which will allow us to move our Stated Meeting start time to 7:00. It is our hope that one of the benefits of an earlier start time is the ability for more members to join us each month. In the meantime, please know that even if you are unable to stay for the monthly Stated Meeting, we would love to have you join us for the dinner we enjoy each month, prior to the start of the meeting.

Please don't hesitate to contact one of us, if you need a ride or have any questions.

With Star Love,

Lisa McCombs, Worthy Matron

Gary Quintrell, Worthy Patron

Dates to Remember

April 3: Stated Meeting – 6:30 Dinner/7:30 Meeting. Business Casual.

May 1: Stated Meeting – Official Visit of the District Grand Deputy. Business Casual.

June 5: Stated Meeting – Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron/Memorial. Formal.