



South Valley Lodge No. 187 Trestleboard



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MASTER'S Message

September 2023

Worshipful Amir Safakish

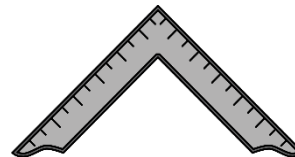
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HAPPY
SEPTEMBER
TO ALL!!!



Dates to Remember

Sept 7 – Thurs	6:30pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
Sept 7 – Thurs	7:30pm	Stated Meeting



LODGE SECRETARY'S SECTION

From the Secretary's Desk
Wor Jeff Gopp
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September is here and looks to be as active as July and August. Events scheduled for the Month are as follows:

- 1) Saturday, September 2, 2023 – 9:00am Statue and Cemetery clean-up Meet at the Lodge by 9:00am
- 2) Thursday, September 7, 2023 – 6:30 pm Special Dinner and Ceremony for Larry Dietz, followed by our Stated Meeting.

We, also, wish to congratulate our Newly Obligated Brother, Anthony Brown to our lodge and all the brothers who participated in the degree we made it special for Brother Anthony. Also, Congratulations to Brother Harley as this year's Hiram Award winner.

Finally, my Lokata Calendar refers to this month as Canapegi Wi (Moon When Things Turn Brown). So, keep watering your landscape but remember the one with the greenest lawn has the highest water bill. Spend water like money.

ACTUAL BIRTHDAY		
First Name	Last Name	Birthday
David	Kunkel	18-Sep-1943
Alan	Black	16-Sep-1956
Walter	Shores	18-Sep-1956
Bradley	Meyer	2-Sep-1957
Amir	Safakish	11-Sep-1958
Jim	Kouretas	17-Sep-1959
Jarrold	Porter	18-Sep-1975
Brandon	Winter	28-Sep-1985

MASONIC BIRTHDAY			
First Name	Last Name	MM Date	Years of Service
William	Tapogna	1963-09-24	60
Allen	Chaney	1974-09-17	49
Robert	Martin	1979-09-15	44
Carl	Lehfeldt	1997-09-25	26
Andrew	Elmore	2005-09-15	18
Donald	Harley	2016-09-22	7
Lloyd	Mason	2018-09-27	5
Nicholas	LeBouef	2019-09-19	4

Lodge Officers 2023

Master	Amir Safakish, PM
Senior Warden	Dan Manuto, PM
Junior Warden	Steve Chase, PM
Treasurer	Don Harley
Secretary	Jeff Gopp, PM
Chaplain	
Senior Deacon	Steve Cole, PM
Junior Deacon	Brad Meyer
Marshal	Nick LeBouef
Senior Steward	
Junior Steward	
Tiler	Tom Tefft

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LODGE COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

For Freemasons around the world, the month of September holds a special significance that goes beyond its place on the calendar. This is a time when Freemasonry is celebrated, remembered, and honored in various ways, reflecting the rich history, values, and contributions of this ancient fraternal order.

September marks an important anniversary in the history of Freemasonry - the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England in 1717. This event is often regarded as the turning point that paved the way for the modern organization we know today. As a result, September serves as a time for reflection on the foundational principles that Freemasonry was built upon, such as brotherhood, charity, and personal growth.

During this month, many Masonic lodges and organizations hold special ceremonies, lectures, and events to commemorate the history and heritage of Freemasonry. These events not only honor the past but also provide an opportunity for Freemasons to come together, share knowledge, and reaffirm their commitment to the Masonic ideals of friendship, morality, and integrity.

One of the core tenets of Freemasonry is its emphasis on self-improvement and lifelong learning. In September, Freemasons often engage in discussions and presentations that focus on the educational aspects of the craft. This dedication to continuous learning underscores the fraternity's dedication to personal and intellectual growth.

Additionally, September is a time when Freemasonry's philanthropic efforts are highlighted. Many Masonic organizations engage in charitable activities and fundraisers during this month to support various causes, both within the Masonic community and in the wider society. This emphasis on giving back reinforces the Masonic commitment to making a positive impact on the world.

While September holds historical importance for Freemasons, it's important to note that the significance of the craft extends beyond a single month. Freemasonry is a timeless tradition that emphasizes the importance of building strong character, fostering meaningful relationships, and contributing to the betterment of society. The values celebrated in September are values that Freemasons strive to uphold year-round.

In conclusion, September holds a deep significance for Freemasons as a month that commemorates their history, values, and contributions. Through ceremonies, educational events, and charitable activities, Freemasons use this time to reflect on their heritage, strengthen their bonds, and recommit to the principles that guide their fraternity. As the world continues to evolve, the enduring ideals of Freemasonry remain a source of inspiration and guidance for countless individuals who seek to make a positive difference in their communities and beyond.



MANZANITA STAR CHAPTER #342

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

MARIA JO MILLER – WORTHY MATRON

STEVE CHASE – WORTHY PATRON

September 1, 2023 Chatter News

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

How can it already be September:

Some history facts for September are:

- [September's name comes from the Latin word septem, meaning seven, because it was originally the seventh month in the ancient Roman calendar¹²⁴.](#)
- [September used to have only 29 days, until Julius Caesar added one more day to the month².](#)
- [September is the only month not named after a Roman deity⁴.](#)
- [On September 2, 1666, the Great Fire of London destroyed the old city within the Roman walls, starting from a bakery³.](#)
- [On September 1, 1715, Louis XIV, the Sun King, died after ruling France for 72 years³.](#)

Please check your calendar and see if you can attend:

Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Reception is on Saturday, September 9, 2023 in Visalia. If you would like to have more information, please contact me. Also, the revelations will be on Wednesday, September 20, in Martinez. Our next stated meeting will be September 26, 2023 and I am making my famous tacos! Dress is casual and please come! We'd love to see you!

The Annual Peninsula Luncheon, normally held at Grand Chapter, will be held on 9/30/2023 at 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Palo Alto Masonic Center 461 Florence Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. If you would like to attend, please contact cindiswartout2023dgm@gmail.com.

The deadline to get your Credentials for Grand Chapter Week is September 25, 2023. Please mail your check to Melanie Chase at 1023 Dresslerville Rd, Gardnerville NV 89460. The amount is the same \$37.50 per person.

Valley Star Chapter #141 is having a patriotic All Members Party!

Come join them for Dinner and a Patriotic Sing-Along. Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Join us for Dinner at 6:15. Los Altos Masonic Center, 146 Main St, Los Altos, CA 94022

Dress: Red, White and Blue Business Casual. **Please RSVP** to Donna Wilson at (408) 499-8698.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in our travels,

Star Love, Maria Jo Miller, Worthy Matron & Steve Chase, Worthy Patron



**International Order of Rainbow for Girls
GILROY MORGAN HILL ASSEMBLY #125**



Dear Masonic Family

Excitement is growing. In August we hosted a Bay Area Pledge initiation and four girls are now officially members of Rainbow Pledge. Not only did we welcome our own Maddie into pledge but we had three girls help with initiation.

Next up is our Rainbow Assembly imitation which will be held Sunday the 3rd of September at 4pm. We will have one initiate and so will San Jose Assembly. We hope you are able to come out and support our girls.

The following weekend we will be traveling down to Disneyland for California Rainbow s Disneyland Takeover!!!!!! The girls will participate in a leadership training seminar put on by Disneylands employees in the morning and the rest of the time we will be Disneyland. Everybody is super excited.

We continue to grow and are looking forward to meeting more girls that would enjoy and benefit from being part of Rainbow for Girls. If you know of any girls that you think would enjoy having fun with us, please feel free to contact me at (408)768-6738. I would love to invite them to our next activity day.

In Rainbow Love and Service
Cindy Schulenburg
Mother Advisor

Bay Area Pledge Initiation



