



# TRESTLEBOARD



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## MASTER'S Message

October 2022

### Worshipful Jeff Gopp

Master: South Valley Lodge No. 187

My Lakota Calendar calls this month "Canapekasna Wi" or "Moon when leaves fall." We call it fall or autumn. In the old days it is a time to get things stored for the coming winter. When I was growing up we put up hay for the horses and placed the storm windows on the house. October always seemed to be a time to prepare for the colder weather.

We are preparing for the Grand Master's Reception here is the message that I sent to all the lodges in our jurisdiction:

**WHEN:** October 29, 2022 @ 6:00 dinner - 5:30 Cocktails and Social time.

**WHERE:** Scottish Rite Temple; 2455 Masonic Drive; San Jose; CA 95125

**WHAT:** Dinner will be western BBQ with all the fixin's - Western dress required.

**HOW MUCH:** Tickets were issued at the August and September Santa Clara Valley Masonic Officers Association, 10 per Lodge,

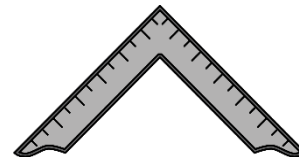
unless more were taken by your representative. The cost is \$25.00 per ticket.

The above information is printed on the tickets. Please let me know how many that you have sold all tickets are numbered (to prevent scalpers). We need to account for all tickets sold by October 15, 2022 so we can procure enough food for everyone. You may reach us at:

Jeff Gopp - [lbman\\_55@outlook.com](mailto:lbman_55@outlook.com) or Amir Safakish - [amir@eta-usa.com](mailto:amir@eta-usa.com)

South Valley has tickets for the event. Please let me know by the October Stated Meeting if you want tickets. Spouses and significant others are invited.

Our Newly Obligated brother Brandon Winter will be able join us in lodge and dinner for the October stated meeting. We are looking forward to that. See you in Lodge.



### Dates to Remember

|              |        |   |
|--------------|--------|---|
| Oct 6 – Thu  | 6:30pm | Stated Meeting Dinner                     |
| Oct 6 – Thu  | 7:30pm | Stated Meeting                            |
| Oct 13 – Thu | 7:30pm | HallBoard Meeting                         |
| Oct 21 - 23  |        | Grand Lodge 173 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Comm |
| Oct 29 – Sat | 5:30pm | Grand Master's Reception                  |

# LODGE SECRETARY'S SECTION

From the Secretary's Desk  
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October is a busy month for Masons. The Grand Communication takes place over almost four days. That doesn't seem like too much, but the preparations started over a year ago and really ramped up about June. All of the pending legislation is available via your iMember account by following the following route: My Portal-> Resources-> Annual Communication-> Annual Communication Resources. Our Master, Senior and Junior Wardens all have a vote, so let them know your thoughts. If you want to go to the Grand Communication, there are still spots available via iMember but many of the special events are sold out. I'm told that all the prime hotels reserved blocks are also gone, but there are plenty of other hotels nearby Grand Lodge begging for guests.

One of the pieces of legislation is the new per capita fee. I expect it will pass. Grand Lodge will be sending out our dues notices, to include the per capita fee probably by the end of October. You'll be able to pay online with a small service charge to cover the credit card fee or you can send a check to the Lodge. Instructions will be included with your invoice.

Don't forget that we'll be electing our new officers at the November Stated Meeting. The balloted officers are the Master, Senior and Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary. Many of our committee chairs are open and will probably be filled by our installation on Sunday, 12/4/2022. If you're interested in any position, Line or otherwise, let the Master know! I'll be completing my term as Secretary this year and am looking forward to helping the new Secretary learn the ropes. If this is up your alley, contact me and we'll get together. It's a very rewarding position. I've learned a lot about Masonry, met many Brothers and got to see a whole new side of the Fraternity over the last four years. Working with Grand Lodge blew my mind! I had not imagined the degree of involvement, effort or depth of work they do every day.

I mentioned in my article last month that Grand Lodge is pushing their new program to connect with those wishing to become Masons. We're seeing the benefits! There might be as many as four prospects at our Family Dinner in October, one applicant and one Brother who's been gone for several years who desires readmission! If you can, come to the dinner to meet them, introduce yourself and give them an idea of what Masonry is and what our Lodge is all about.

*"There are beautiful words in the Bible, our (Masonic) Pledges and the Declaration of Independence."* Bro. Louis Gossett, Jr.

See you at Lodge!

Michael F. Brookman  
Secretary  
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| ACTUAL BIRTHDAY |           |            |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| First Name      | Last Name | Birth Date |
| Everett         | Burchell  | 10/24/1926 |
| Hartley         | Weichert  | 10/5/1929  |
| William         | Speegle   | 10/24/1938 |
| Robert          | Henke     | 10/14/1942 |
| Tommy           | Smith     | 10/22/1946 |
| Allen           | Chaney    | 10/18/1951 |
| David           | Myers     | 10/8/1952  |
| David           | Wright    | 10/14/1952 |
| Geoffrey        | Adrian    | 10/19/1975 |
| Brandon         | Duenas    | 10/9/1980  |
| Bryan           | Frias     | 10/19/1992 |

| MASONIC BIRTHDAY |            |               |            |
|------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| First Name       | Last Name  | Years Service | MM Date    |
| George           | Kievlan    | 38            | 10/25/1984 |
| Carl             | Meisterlin | 21            | 10/29/2001 |
| David            | Fent       | 17            | 10/20/2005 |
| Craig            | Hunt       | 13            | 10/19/2009 |
| Jerry            | Price      | 13            | 10/29/2009 |
| Henri            | Raab       | 12            | 10/28/2010 |
| Ryan             | Alter      | 10            | 10/25/2012 |
| Scott            | Sirianni   | 7             | 10/22/2015 |

## Lodge Officers 2022

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Master</b>         | <b>Jeff Gopp, PM</b>     |
| <b>Senior Warden</b>  | <b>Amir Safakish, PM</b> |
| <b>Junior Warden</b>  | <b>Steve Chase, PM</b>   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>      | <b>Don Harley</b>        |
| <b>Secretary</b>      | <b>Michael Brookman</b>  |
| <b>Chaplain</b>       | <b>Brett Welch, PM</b>   |
| <b>Senior Deacon</b>  | <b>Dan Manuto, PM</b>    |
| <b>Junior Deacon</b>  | <b>Steve Cole, PM</b>    |
| <b>Marshal</b>        | <b>Nick LeBouef</b>      |
| <b>Senior Steward</b> | <b>Brad Meyer</b>        |
| <b>Junior Steward</b> |                          |
| <b>Tiler</b>          | <b>Tom Tefft</b>         |

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# LODGE COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Fall has fallen and here we are in October. That means a couple of things to the Masons of California.

First thing is the upcoming Annual Communications in San Francisco which runs from October 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's our annual opportunity to come together for a weekend-long celebration of Freemasonry, to vote on important legislation, and to help guide the future of the fraternity.

Some of the items up for voting this year are

- Allowing lodges to meet less than once a month.
- Permit lodges to conduct virtual sessions during the business portion of their stated meetings.

This second item is very exciting to me. This will allow virtual attendance to the business portion of the stated meetings. Do you want to be more involved in Lodge but cannot attend? This may be the solution to the issue if this recommendation is passed.

You can find out more from the Masons of California website at <https://freemason.org/anncomm22/>.

The other major item on the upcoming calendar is the new Grand Master's Reception hosted by South Valley Lodge on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Scottish Rite Center in San Jose. This will be the new Grand Master's first event after the Annual Communication, and he will be in San Jose to start his new year as Grand Master. Tickets can be purchased by sending an email to our Senior Warden, Amir Safakish, at [amir@eta-usa.com](mailto:amir@eta-usa.com). Or call us at the lodge at 408-782-2198 and we'll make sure you get a ticket to this great event.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions, concerns, or requests. I'm here to help.

Kindest Fraternal Regards,

Brad Meyer  
Communications Manager





## **MANZANITA STAR CHAPTER #342**

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
DIANNE SCHULENBERG – ACTING WORTHY MATRON  
FRED SCHULENBERG – WORTHY PATRON

Manzanita Star Chapter congratulates Maria Miller on her appointment as Grand Warder for California Order of the Eastern Star for 2023. She will have a busy year traveling our state and presiding as Worthy Matron. We all wish her well and know she will spread enthusiasm up and down the state.

We will be initiating a new member on October 11. Because Grand Chapter is being held late in October our next stated meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Also it is Farewell for our Worthy Patron and the 2022 officers. If you are able, please come join us as we would really like to see you in Chapter.

At our September meeting, Sister Margaret Wolford presented the 2022-2023 Budget. After discussion and revisions, the Budget was approved. Sister Margaret will make the necessary changes and provide copies. If you want a copy, contact her and she will be happy to provide you one.

At our last meeting, Kelley Carmichael, Steve Munyon and Amir Safakish were in attendance. It was so nice seeing them in Chapter. Kelley, with a broken toe, and Amir actually filled offices.

Update on our Worthy Matron, she has informed me she is not in the direct path of the hurricane. She has placed all frozen food in a refrigerator in her garage which is hooked to a generator. She is optimistic she will not be affected by this storm. She is settling into her new digs and even sent a picture showing her TV was mounted, recliner chairs in place and ready for her shows.

We hope all are doing well but, as we always state, if you or you know someone, who could use a card or call, please contact Maria Miller, 408 476-4532 or [mariajomiller@hotmail.com](mailto:mariajomiller@hotmail.com). I can be reached at 408 807-1522 or [dschulen@pacbell.net](mailto:dschulen@pacbell.net).

Star love,

Dianne Schulenburg  
Acting Worthy Matron

Fred Schulenburg  
Worthy Patron



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



Happy October !!!

And just like that...fall has arrived!

Gilroy-Morgan Hill Assembly will be taking part in our annual IORG state wide canned food drive. We are asking our Masonic Family for donations to benefit the local Prado Foundation, who does a massive food drive prior to Thanksgiving. There are bags and instructions at the lodge and we appreciate all that is donated. Please have them returned no later than 19 November.

Although it was tough to see her go and spread her wings, Rylie (our PWA) is LOVING college life in Ohio. I had a wonderful text from her mum last month, that read "Rainbow really got her ready for this life she is living. It gave her confidence and helped her feel ready to face the challenges at college.... I am indebted". Wow, every Mother Advisor wishes she has 20 Rylies and 20 families like the Francis Family. I feel indebted to them.

Our Grand Deputy Mrs. Pat Gewin is still recovering from her back surgery last month and is looking forward to attending Grand Chapter in Visalia next month for Youth Day. If you get a chance, she would love cards sent to her home: 10850 Guibal Ave, Gilroy 95020.

Our board consists of: Dr. Michelle Francis, Chairperson and Board Secretary; Mr. Amir Safakish, Treasurer Advisor and Mrs. Catherine Aylesworth, Assistant Mother Advisor. If you know of a girl, who wants to be of service, would like to be a part of an amazing group of girls, learn leadership and public speaking skills, please contact me.

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Kelly Carmichael  
Mother Advisor



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