



South Valley Lodge No. 187

Trestleboard



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MASTER'S Message

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Worshipful Amir Safakish

Master: South Valley Lodge No. 187

Brethren of Masonic lodge 187:

We have now completed our 2023 terms and moving forward to our 2024 year. Since we have started to attend the lodge after Covid, we have managed to increase our membership. All the officers of your lodge contributed greatly to the lodge and the future is bright. As a result, the same officers elected for the same position in 2024 ensuing year.

I am grateful of our officers, who have supported our lodge to stay viable & active both in community as well as expanding the lodge activities & membership.

Worshipful Manuto have assisted in supporting the lodge in practices and also conducting degrees when was needed along with trestle board publication. Worshipful Chase who travels with his wife, Melonie, from Nevada every month to make sure that lodge is active as well as supporting Eastern Star chapter (Manzanita Star #342). Worshipful Gopp who efficiently acting as our secretary and make sure that we keep up with our schedules. Worshipful Cole who supported us in all of our degrees at different station. Brother Taft who has attended all degrees and lodge activities. Brother Harley who kept all our books up to day as lodge treasurer. Brother Meyer who kept up our website activities and managed our lodge rental

activities along with brother Winter. Brother Lebouef who supported us as our Marshal during the degrees and participated in other family activities.

In addition to our officers, we had the benefit of our other newly raised brothers who are actively participate in lodge revival; such as brother Kallio supported our lodge maintenance program along with brothers Jojin; Winter, Shores & Worshipful Gopp. Brother Aranda along with his wife Mrs. Aranda who several times volunteered in providing dinner for us in 2023 & in 4th of July celebration.

I extremely thankful for all their unselfish volunteering in support of the lodge in 2023 and continues support in the future.

We are expecting to have number of 3rd degrees program in 2024 and expand our membership with brothers who are all ready to join as line officers and lead our lodge in the future.

In 2024 we will have several 50th year anniversaries. We also have number of candidates interested to join the lodge. It will be a busy year; your participation is greatly appreciated.

Our installation is at 11:30am Sunday December 3rd, 2023, please join and enjoy the program followed by lunch.

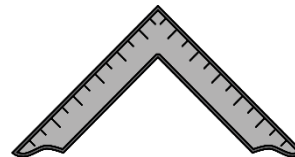
I wish everyone a great Holidays

Brotherly Love

Amir Safa-Kish

Dates to Remember

Dec 3 – Sun	11:30pm	Installation
Dec 7 – Thurs	6:30pm	Dinner
Dec 7 - Thurs	7:30pm	Stated Meeting
Dec 14 – Thur	7:30pm	Hallboard Meeting



LODGE SECRETARY'S SECTION

From the Secretary's Desk
Wor Jeff Gopp
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December is always a busy time for everyone both personal families and the masonic families. December always kicks-off with our Annual Installation of Officers this year the 156 annual Installation is as follows:

When: December 3, 2023

Time: 11:30 am

**Place: South Valley Masonic Lodge
380 West Dunne Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

Practice: 10:00 am. For officers to be installed.

Our stated meeting will be held on December 7, 2023 (82 years after the attack on Pearl Harbor). Our December meeting will also include several proficiencies to be given. Dues for the 2024 term are \$183.50. our dues are calculated annually per our membership in our annual Per Capita Assessment report for the Fiscal year. Which means that the dollar amount may change each new year. Anyone can pay their dues in several ways:

- 1) The Online on the Masons of California website site.
- 2) Send payment to:
South Valley Masonic Lodge
P.O. Box 463
Morgan Hill, CA 95038
- 3) Contact me at 408-710-7497 or jeffgopp55@gmail.com

Once again, the Lodge is growing, we need to keep the momentum heading in the direction of growth. We have some very enthusiastic new members in the Lodge.

Finally, during December and Waniyetucoken Wi (Middle of Winter Moon) we think express our Faith, no matter how that looks to us. Here is some Lakota Wisdom regarding Faith:

“After countless generations of living in countless and close interaction with the natural environment, the ancient Lokata people perceived that everything and everyone are related. Our prayers, whether apart from ceremony or in it, always conclude with mitakuye oyasin (all my relatives), a phrase that sums up the simple yet profound reality of our planet. Everything is related because all beings are on the earth and we are all connected, and that powerful connection can be invoked at any time we sincerely and respectfully say the words mitakuye oyasin. In this way, the prayers we say are carried to the Creator by all our relatives.”

So Mote It Be.

ACTUAL BIRTHDAY		
First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Andrew	Trinchero	27-Dec-85
Robert	Morton	03-Dec-74
Henri	Raab	17-Dec-69
Eric	Kallio	13-Dec-54
Harry	Sherwood	09-Dec-52
Stephen	Millich	19-Dec-44
Billie	McCuiston	19-Dec-42
Jerard	Benes	19-Dec-28

MASONIC BIRTHDAY			
First Name	Last Name	Degree Date	Years of Service
David	Kunkel	20-Dec-73	49.94

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

Communications Corner – December 2023

December is here and that means many things. The Holiday Season brings together family and friends from all over the globe. The hustle and bustle of being out and about, driving and flying from here to there. And don't forget the shopping, yikes! Is there enough time in the day?

We just finished our Thanksgiving celebration where we paused and gave thanks for things that have made an impact on us throughout the year. I am always thankful for the family and friends that surround and support me through good times and bad. Included in this list are the members of our lodge, and especially the leadership.

As December rolls around we start anew with a new core of officers for the ensuing year. However, our new core of leaders looks very much the same as last year. We asked W. Safakish, W. Manuto, and W. Chase to serve once again in the East, West, and South respectively and they, once again, answered the call. Also, W. Gopp continues his critical role as Lodge Secretary, without whom there would be no lodge.

These leaders of our lodge are dedicating themselves to keeping the lodge afloat while we bring up our newly initiated members. I greatly appreciate their efforts as these jobs are not easy. These jobs take time and passion, and they seem to have an endless supply.

So, as we move through December and onto the New Year, take a moment to thank our lodge leaders and the job they do for us on an ongoing basis. I am truly thankful for their presence and leadership for our lodge.



MANZANITA STAR CHAPTER #342

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

RHODA JOHNSON – WORTHY MATRON

AMIR SAFAKISH – WORTHY PATRON

Manzanita Star Chapter #342

Order of the Eastern Star

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Rhoda Johnson Worthy Matron

Amir Safakish Worthy Patron

Dear Sister and Brothers,

By the time this News Letter reaches you, we will have had our installation of officers for 2024. What a night! We were honored to have three Grand Chapter officers in attendance to assist in installing officers. The Grand Marshal Marina Kamariotis, Grand Warder Bonnie Jain and Grand Sentinel Jennifer Craig. Following the installation, refreshments and social time was enjoyed by all in the dining room.

We thank our Jr. Past Matron Maria Jo and Jr. Past Patron Steve Chase for a terrific year in 2023. We thank all of you who agreed to serve as an officer with us this coming year. It takes all of us working together to have a fun and prosperous year.

Our next meeting is December 12, 2023. Dinner at 6PM, Practice at 7PM Meeting at 8PM.

Our goal this year is to show support in our own community, and we will start by supporting the South Santa Clara County Firefighter's Association's Annual Toy Drive. In the past we have done a gift exchange or cookie exchange, this year let's help Kids less fortunate in our community and bring an unwrapped toy to our meeting for this toy drive. The toys that are collected will bring joy to the children of South County.

This same Firefighters association is having a Pancake Breakfast on December 2nd at Leverton Masonic Center between 8-11 AM, \$10.00 Donation. Let's come together and support this worthy cause.

Sunday, December 3rd, South Valley Lodge will have their installation at 11 AM. Our Worthy Patron Amir will be installed as Master again. Let's show our support for our Worthy Patron.

Save January 13, 2024 for the AMI to be held at our Chapter.

We wish everyone HAPPY HOLIDAYS. Stay safe!!

Star Love

Rhoda Johnson Worthy Matron

Amir Safakish Worthy Patron

