



# South Valley Lodge No. 187 Trestleboard



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## View from the East

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Here we are again at the end of one year and the beginning of a new one. The Lakota Moon of Waniyetu Wi (Winter Moon).

South Valley Lodge elections were held at the November Stated Meeting and the officers selected. We install our new slate of officers on December 1st for the ensuing term as follows:

Worshipful Master -	Jeffrey Gopp PM
Senior Warden -	Scott Preston PM
Junior Warden -	Steve Chase PM
Treasurer -	Don Harley
Secretary -	Brad Meyer
Marshall -	Vacant
Chaplin -	Dan Manuto
Senior Deacon -	Steve Cole PM
Junior Deacon -	Eric Kallio

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

Dec. 1	11:00 am	Installation of Officers
Dec. 5	6:30 pm	Lodge Dinner, Stated Meeting
Dec. 12	7:00 pm	Hall Board Meeting via zoom

Senior Steward -	Vacant
Junior Steward -	Vacant
Tiler -	Tom Tefft

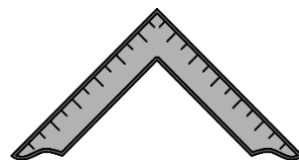
I have gained an enormous amount of knowledge serving as Secretary of this Lodge and Masonry in general for the past two years. It's not easy teaching this "old dog" new tricks. It is always a pleasure to serve. As the incoming Master, I look forward to working with all the brethren of South Valley Lodge, particularly on membership. South Valley has a unique history and a great story particularly with the merging of Keith Lodge and Morgan Hill Lodge. We can all embrace that history.

It has been said,

"Change what you don't wish to accept, accept what you can't change."

We can change the course of South Valley Lodge, one step at a time. I'll see you on that first step on Sunday, December 1st, at the installation and then again on Thursday, December 5 at the first Stated Meeting of this new term.

In Brotherly Love,  
Jeff



# Secretary's Communications Corner



**Brad Meyer**

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With this new edition of the Trestle Board, we are reflecting the new leadership team in South Valley Lodge. The new executive team of W. Jeff Gopp, W. Scott Preston, W. Steve Chase, Br. Don Harley, and myself are eager and excited for the next year and the possibilities it holds for us.

I want to personally thank W. Amir Safakish for his unselfish dedication to the lodge and leading us over the last several years. His efforts won't soon be forgotten as he now focusses on his business, community volunteerism, and his family. Thank you Worshipful for all you've done.

As your new secretary, I look forward to serving the Lodge in a different and expanded capacity. I know there is a tremendous amount to learn about this new position. But with expert assistance from W. Gopp and others, I know I will learn quickly and, hopefully, help expand the membership and the reach of the Lodge into our community. I look forward to working with each and every one of our members, both current and future.

Now, down to business. Don't forget that your dues are due. The dues for 2025 are \$186.50. The most convenient way to stay current with your dues payments is to go online at [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org) and pay your dues through the Grand Lodge. They will process your dues payments and then remit the lodge portion directly to us. Or you can do it the old fashion way by writing a check to South Valley Lodge and mailing to our PO box address, which you can find in this newsletter. Either way, you keep current with your annual dues.

Other business, one of the resolutions that passed at Grand Lodge for 2024 was the approval for emailing our stated meeting minutes out to the brethren. That will be a new responsibility for the secretary as we move into 2025. So, keep an eye out in your email for that each month. Hopefully you'll find the meeting minutes a useful way of keeping up to date on what's happening in the lodge.

I look forward to the challenge of learning this new position and bringing more information to you, our members of this great fraternity. And, as always, I look forward to your feedback on how I can do things to serve you better and grow in Masonry.

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving surrounded by love, family and friends. Have a great Holiday season. I look forward to 2025!

<b>December Birthdays</b>	<b>December Masonic Birthdays</b>
Robert Morton – Dec 3	David Kunkel – 51 years
Harry Sherwood – Dec 9	
Eric Kallio – Dec 13	
Henri Raab – Dec 17	
Jerard Benes – Dec 16	
BJ McCuiston – Dec 19	
Stephen Millich – Dec 19	
Andrew Trincherro – Dec 27	



## Lodge Officers 2024

Master Amir Safakish, PM  
Senior Warden Dan Manuto, PM  
Junior Warden Steve Chase, PM  
Secretary Jeffrey Gopp, PM  
Treasurer Don Harley  
Chaplin  
Senior Deacon Brad Meyer  
Junior Deacon Ryan Jojin  
Marshall Nick LeBouef  
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Junior Steward  
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## International Order of Rainbow for Girls Gilroy-Morgan Hill Assembly #125



### Cindy Schulenberg

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As we enter in to all the festivities this time of year brings, Gilroy-Morgan Hill Assembly would like to take a moment and wish each of you a joyful and safe holiday season.

The month of November was very busy for the girls. We had a couple projects that got the girls out into the neighborhoods around the Masonic Center.



The first project had the girls passing out flyers and bags to houses on Dunne to collect donations for the local animal shelter. They came back a couple weeks later and collected the bags that had been left on the doorstep.

The next project had the girls passing out flyers and bags the other direction on Dunne to collect items for a Teacher Appreciation basket. Items were again collected 2 weeks later, and a basket of goodies was presented to PA Walsh to be placed in the teachers break room for them to enjoy.



The girls were also busy planning for their Grand Officers reception on November 24. It was beautiful. They did a wonderful job to put on this reception for Aurora and I couldn't be prouder of each of them.

The girls will have a tree at Christmas in the Park this year. They have been making decorations that celebrate the various charities the California Rainbow has supported over the years. We got a great spot, right next to the candy store display. If you find our tree, take a selfie with it and send it to me. We would love to see your pictures.



We would also like to announce that Gilroy-Morgan Hill Assembly will once again host the Bay Area Pledge holiday party on December 15th. If you know a girl who is Pledge (7-11) or Rainbow age (11-20) this is a great way to introduce her to Rainbow.

The girls are still selling See's candy. All proceeds help the Assembly general fund. It's quick and easy and gets delivered to your door.

Last thing I want you to know is the date of our next installation. Get out your calendar and save the date of January 4th at 7pm. Eleanor has been elected Faith and we are so excited for and all the girls as they take on new offices and hope you can come out to support the Assembly.

**Bay Area Pledge Holiday Party**

You're invited for some holiday cheer to celebrate this special time of year!  
Everyone Welcome!  
Dress Code: Holiday Pajamas/Holiday Festive Wear

Sunday, December 15  
3 pm - 7 pm  
Gift Exchange OPTIONAL (limit \$20)  
RSVP Mrs. Aylesworth (248) 930-2527

Leverton Masonic Center  
380 W. Dunne Ave  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

## See's CANDIES.

Our virtual candy store opens 9/26/24 every purchase of See's goes to Gilroy Morgan-Hill Rainbow Assembly #125 general fund.

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/gilroymhr\\_gilroymorgan\\_hill\\_rainbow22/ElEle2572/candy](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/gilroymhr_gilroymorgan_hill_rainbow22/ElEle2572/candy)

Help us reach our goal by shopping our virtual candy shop!

See's CANDIES  
**'Assorted. Lollypops.'**



