



South Valley Lodge No. 187 Trestleboard



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View from the East



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Brethren, February will be a busy month with some events and items coming our way.

Good news for the February meeting is that I have spoken to a few new prospective Lodge members to attend our stated meeting dinner. We'll likely have 2-3 visiting prospective members. Let's give them a warm welcome and show some of that South Valley hospitality.

Our Worshipful Inspector - Tim Lynch plans to make his official visit to our lodge at our stated meeting on February 6, 2025. Business Dress is the attire for the meeting.

Next, we will need to hold regular practices on Thursdays either the third or fourth Thursday of the month, this may be discussed at Lodge. The Santa Clara Officers Association met on January 23 and practiced the Jewel March and Opening of the

Lodge. We can all use the practice especially your WM.

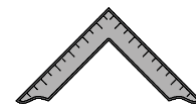
Next, we will need to vote on our Hall Board and Trustees at the meeting as well. The Lodge voted to accept the annual budget for the ensuing term, and we will need to also elect an audit committee.

The Annual Past Masters' meeting will take place on February 8, 2025, from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. Also, I have forms for the Lodge Sweethearts and Members of the Masonic Home with beautiful Carnations for Valentine's Day for \$25.00. These will be given to the wives and Sweethearts of our brethren and the widows of our fallen brethren. We need to fill out the forms and submit them to Valley Oak 128 OES by February 8, 2025.

Also, the Lodge will throw a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 9, 2025. More information will be provided by our Secretary.

Finally, The Old Farmer's Almanac calls the February full moon the "Full Snow" which seems to be appropriate since even northern Florida had some snow this month. The Lakota Calendar calls this month, "Cannapopa Wi" the Moon of Popping trees.

Fraternally, Jeff



Upcoming Dates to Remember

February 6	6:30 pm	Stated Meeting and Family Dinner
February 8	9:30 am	Past Master Association Meeting
February 9	12 noon	Super Bowl Party
February 13	7:00 pm	Hall Board Meeting via Zoom
March 6	6:30 pm	Stated Meeting and Family Dinner
March 13	6:00 pm	Annual Chicken Feed

Secretary's Corner

Brad Meyer

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Greetings Brothers,

As I continue to learn this new position of Lodge Secretary, I am beginning to understand the breadth and depth of the responsibility to our Lodge and to you, our members. I'm learning quickly and new things pop up that expand my knowledge of Lodge management. With your help, I will continue to learn and grow in this new position.

I know. I sound like a broken record... But your dues are due. I will be reaching out to the individuals have yet to resolve their membership fees outstanding balances. You can pay online via the Grand Lodge website (www.freemason.org) or send a check directly to the lodge. Please reach out to me if you need any assistance at all.

With the last Grand Lodge Communication in October, Carry-Over Resolution 23-01 passed allowing the Lodge Secretary to email meeting minutes to members. I will be asking for the passing of a standing resolution that the Secretary of South Valley Lodge can distribute the meeting minutes via email to the members of record of the Lodge. If passed, the minutes will be distributed via email for review no later than 72 hours prior to the next stated meeting. Then at the subsequent stated meeting, the brethren can move to dispense with the formal reading of the minutes of the prior meeting and the minutes will stand approved as distributed.

This resolution helps to streamline the stated meetings and keep our brethren, many of whom cannot or choose not to attend stated meetings, informed as well as enable greater participation in the lodge.

We will start having two separate editions of the Trestle Board starting with this edition. I'm creating a "Print Edition" and an "E-edition" of this publication. The print edition will have a more concise version of the information found in the fuller E-edition. This will save us a little money on the printing and distribution. I will publish the full "E-edition" via email and on the website. The E-Edition will contain more posters, photos, and fun things free from the print restrictions of cost-per-page. If you are only receiving the print edition and want to receive the full E-Edition, then please let me know and I'll add you to the email distribution list or you can view it on the website.

Next, we're having a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 9th. Doors open at 12 noon and the game starts at 3:00 pm. Bring your favorite Super Bowl food and drinks to share. Watch your email for more information.

Lastly, don't forget about the Annual Chicken Feed on March 13th. Our new Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Arthur Salazar will be speaking at the event. You don't want to miss it. Reach out to me for information and tickets.





Lodge Officers 2025

Master	Jeff Gopp, PM
Senior Warden	Scott Preston, PM
Junior Warden	Steve Chase, PM
Secretary	Brad Meyer
Treasurer	Don Harley
Chaplin	Dan Manuto
Senior Deacon	Steve Cole, PM
Junior Deacon	Eric Kallio
Marshall	Nick LeBouef
Senior Steward	(open)
Junior Steward	(open)
Tyler	Tom Tefft

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February Birthdays	February Masonic Birthdays
Michael Brookman – Feb. 10	Brad Meyer – 5 years
Eric Spencer – Feb. 10	Gregg Hall – 20 years
Doug Dailey – Feb. 12	Steve Munyon – 41 years
John Foster – Feb. 13	Everett Burchell – 48 years
Craig Hunt – Feb. 14	Robert Kyle – 57 years
Nick LeBouef – Feb. 18	
Winfield Johnson – Feb. 26	
William Tapogna – Feb. 26	

MANZANITA ATHENA STAR CHAPTER #46

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Worthy Matron, Shelley Ware - shelley4721@att.net

Worthy Patron, Bob Gentry - gordybg@gmail.com

The month of January was rather busy. We started off the year with the AMI and the OV on the same day. This made for a very long day for the chapter members that attended both events. Thank you to Terry Gentry for organizing the food and her kitchen crew who helped get everything ready. The AMI was a great success even with the extra members who came, we were able to feed them all. With a quick turn around after the AMI we went into the District OV. It was great event.

The following weekend we were able to provide dinner for the Grand Officers of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in California. The girls enjoyed the dinner before they went back to continuing their practice and lock-in for the night at the lodge prior to their last OV the next day. Thank you to those members that came to help with the dinner Sue Bishop, Rhoda Johnson, and Cindy Schulenburg.

At our meeting this month members enjoyed a great dinner beforehand and participated in the renewal of obligation.

Please join us at our next meeting on February 25, 2025, at 7:30 pm. Dinner will be provided before at 6 pm. Balloting practice will be at 6:30 pm.

Shelley Ware, Worthy Matron

Bob Gentry, Worthy Patron





International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Gilroy-Morgan Hill Assembly #125



Cindy Schulenberg
Mother Advisor
Rainbowcls@sbcglobal.net

Happy New Year Everyone

The girls of Gilroy-Morgan Hill Assembly started the year off running. Our installation was January 4th, and Aurora was installed as WA, with Ariel moving up to Worthy Associate Advisor, Eleanor starting her journey through the Line at Faith and Maddie guarding our inner doors as Confidential Observer. It was a beautiful evening, and we appreciate all who were able to come out and celebrate the beginning of a new term with us.

The other big event for January was the last Official Visit of the Grand Worthy Advisor and the Supreme Inspector. Our area was host for this event and we could not have pulled it off without the support of our wonderful Masonic family. To Manzanita Athena Star Chapter, thank you so much for providing dinner for our Grand Officers on Saturday. It was much appreciated by everyone in attendance. To South Valley Lodge, thank you thank you thank you for getting up early on Sunday morning to prepare breakfast for the Grand Officers. It was delicious (hey someone had to taste test the food - it's called quality control). Also, a huge thank you for allowing us to take over the Masonic Center for the weekend. We are truly blessed to have your support.

Additional shout outs to Sue and Tom Tefft for hauling tables, pedestals, flags and other paraphernalia between the Lodge and Sobrato High School.

The whole weekend was a success because of our Masonic family here in Morgan Hill. ❤️💎💎💎💎💎💎💎

On February 23rd the Assembly is planning a trip to the Discovery Museum in San Jose. This is a great opportunity for membership. So, if you know of any girls who be interested in Rainbow, they are more than welcome to join us (see flyer).

SAVE THE DATE - April 13th, from 8am- 12 noon, Gilroy-Morgan Hill Assembly will be putting a Pancake Breakfast. There's a rumor that a certain some bunny 🐰 is planning on attending. Flyer and more information will be in the March trestle board.

The girls (and adults) are getting excited for Grand Assembly which will be held in Visalia the first weekend of April. With Aurora on the floor and Ariel in Grand Choir, Eleanor and Maddie are making plans show off our Assembly spirit.

Well, that's all for now. Remember if you would like any information about our activities, please feel free to contact me.

In Rainbow Love & Service...





South Valley Lodge Super Bowl Party

Leverton Masonic Hall, Morgan Hill

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Doors Open at 12 Noon, Game Starts at 3:00 PM

Family Friendly
Event

Potluck – Bring your
favorite Super Bowl dish.

Games, Prizes,
Fun!

Bring something to BBQ

Bring your own drinks



SUPER BOWL



**Join the Gilroy/Morgan Hill
Rainbow Girls Assembly
#125
at the Discovery Museum!**

**We will be meeting at the
Curtner Light Rail Station at
12:30**

Sunday 2/23/25 from 1:00-4:30

**RSVP to Ms. Schulenburg
by 2/21/25 to
rainbowcls@sbcglobal.net**



And now... The final word...

The Paper Trail

A Newly Organized Archive of Grand Lodge
Records Brings Masonic History to Life

By Ian A. Stewart

The Masonic fraternity of the early 20th century was an influential institution in California. It was also one that was influenced—deeply—by the world around it. Nowhere are the dynamics of that relationship more evident than in the thousands of letters, contracts, documents, and correspondence between the fraternity’s leadership and local governments, school boards, and other civic groups which have been recently organized by the Grand Lodge of California.



This year Joseph Evans, the Grand Lodge collections manager and head of the [Henry Wilson Coil Museum and Library of Freemasonry](#), has overseen a significant effort to collect and organize the archives of California grand masters, grand secretaries, and Grand Lodge committees dating back to the early 1900s. (Most records prior to then were destroyed in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire.) The vast majority of these records were entirely unaccounted for previously, hidden within unmarked file cabinets. For more than a year, Evans immersed himself in the documents to categorize them by date, subject, or author. The result is that now, for the first time, researchers will have access to the thoughts and words of the fraternity’s past leaders at a time of Masonry’s unprecedented growth.

Previously, Evans says, the Grand Lodge archive tended to focus on [Masonic objects like aprons, jewels, books, and so forth](#). These paper records, on the other hand, “tell us a lot more about not only what the Grand Lodge does, but where it sits in society and how it interacts with everyone else.”

It will be up to researchers of the future to connect those dots. Evans points to correspondence from [Earl Warren of Sequoia № 349](#) (now [Pleasanton № 321](#))—the grand master of California in 1935–36 who went on to become state governor, and later a Supreme Court justice—that may help illuminate the development of his political mind. There’s also important cultural context to Grand Master Charles Adams’s introduction of [Public Schools Week in 1921](#) and Grand Master Oscar Lawler’s handling of the aftermath of the 1906 earthquake. Says Evans, “I think this is really the jewel in the crown. This is the real stuff. It’s unique material that only we have and that tells the story of the Grand Lodge in a deep and meaningful way.”