



South Valley Lodge No. 187 Trestleboard



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View from the East



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Brethren of Masonic lodge 187:

I hope everyone is doing well. Here are the recent events in our lodge.

Congratulation to our brother Eric Kallio for being raised to the 3rd degree on September 19th. It was a great evening. This is our first 3rd degree event after over 5 years. Thanks to San Jose 10 for presenting this degree for our lodge and our Wor. Brother Scott Preston for his long form lecture.

New lodge doors have been installed. The door has been stained and painted by our Wor. Gopp and brother Kallio. Thanks for your hard work for the door and installing a new drinking fountain in the lodge. Just a quick note. We have not rekeyed the new door yet so these new doors cannot be opened by the old keys. If you need to have access to the lodge, please contact Wor. Gopp to provide you with access. jeffgopp55@gmail.com

Our lodge will be a polling place for Santa Clara County for the upcoming Presidential election starting 10 days before election day.

ANY SANTA CLARA COUNTY RESIDENT CAN VOTE AT OUR LODGE AS EARLY AS 7 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY. There is no need to go to any specific location to vote as it used to be. Any Santa Clara County registered voter can vote at our lodge as early as 7 days in advance of the election day. This makes it much easier and less hectic to vote in advance instead, instead of only voting on the election day. This is also a good boost for our lodge and our hall association.

The Winchester Mystery House tour is set for Saturday, October 26th, at 4 pm, organized by our brother Brad Meyer. Please contact him for reservations if you are interested and if there are tickets available. brad@milmey.com

Please note that elections for next year's lodge officers is at the November stated meeting, and I encourage our brothers to attend and vote. Any brother who wants to become officer of the lodge, please participate in our November stated meeting.

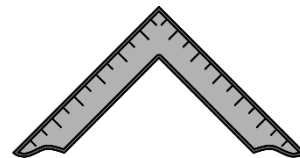
I wish everyone a great month.

Brotherly Love

Amir Safa-Kish

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 3rd	6:00 PM	Stated Meeting and Family Dinner
October 10 th	7:00 PM	Hall Board Meeting via Zoom
October 26 th	4:00 PM	Winchester Mystery House Tour
October 31		Halloween



The Secretary's Desk



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October is a Busy month for South Valley Lodge. Our stated meeting is on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 7:30 pm. This month will include the 175th Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of California October 25 - 27 in San Francisco. The Grand Lodge has submitted 12 resolutions for the ensuing year. These items will be discussed at our October meeting, and these items will be voted on at the Annual Communication in San Francisco.

Tickets are available for the Grand Master's reception at the Scottish Rite Hall in San Jose on Saturday, November 2nd - Social Hour 4:00-5:00 pm, Dinner 5:00 pm. Theme: Hawaiian Style casual dress (no flip flops or shorts). The menu will consist of chicken, vegetable, rice and dessert; vegetarian options are available. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

Congratulations to our newest Golden Veterans: Brother Allen Chaney and Brother John Stoops III. Neither of the brothers were able to attend lodge due to logistics and personal commitments. The certificates and pins were mailed to the worthy brethren.

Congratulations to our newest Master Mason, Brother Eric Kallio. Eric was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in due form on September 19, 2024. Many thanks to our brethren from San Jose 10 who assisted us (ten members) in conveying the degree. Our newest member Scott Preston gave the MM Lecture.

Finally, in the spirit of Halloween Brother Brad Meyer has acquired tickets to the Winchester Mystery House for our lodge for a dedicated tour of the house on October 26, starting at 4:00pm. This is an exclusive tour for SVL, our families and friends only. Contact him at Brad@MilMey.com for more information.

Finally, the Lakota calendar name this month Canapekasna Wi (Moon when leaves fall). I guess that's why they call it fall.



October Actual Birthdays	October Masonic Birthdays
Scott Preston, PM – October 2	Scott Sirianni – 9 years
David Myers, PM – October 8	Ryan Alter – 12 years
Brandon Duenas – October 9	Henri Raab, III – 14 years
David Wright – October 14	Jerry Price – 15 years
Allen Chaney, PM – October 18	Craig Hunt – 15 years
Geoffrey Adrian – October 19	David Fent – 19 years
Fryan Frias – October 19	Carl Meisterlin – 23 years
Everett Burchell, PM – October 24	
William Speegle – October 24	

Communications Corner



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Aloha Brethren,

I was traveling in Hawaii at the end of September, and it made me wonder about Freemasonry in this beautiful state. I did a little research and found some interesting information.

“The early Masonic Lodges in Hawaii trace their roots to France, California, and Scotland. The formal establishment of Freemasonry in Hawaii occurred during the reign of King Kamehameha III, under the A.A.S.R., Supreme Council of France. This pivotal moment took place amidst the British occupation of the Hawaiian Kingdom by forces led by Lord George Paulet of HMS “Carysfort”, who briefly flew the Union Jack flag over the Islands from February 25, 1843, to July 31, 1843.”



“Amid this uncertain period, Joseph-Marie Le Tellier, aboard the French Whaler “Ajax,” constituted Lodge Le Progres de l’Océanie on April 8, 1843. This historic event occurred under the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of the Supreme Council of France, hosted at the store of Jules Dudoit, the French Consul at the time. Le Tellier, seeking repair work for his vessel in Honolulu, catalyzed the establishment of the first Masonic Lodge in the Hawaiian Islands. Over time, the lodge’s charter transitioned to the Grand Lodge of California (www.freemason.org) in 1905, eventually finding its place within the Grand Lodge of Hawaii (<https://hawaiifreemason.org/>) in 1989.” (Copied from the website of the Lodge Le Progres de l’Océanie, <https://leprogresfreemasons.org/>)

As of today, there are eleven active Masonic lodges throughout the islands, each contributing to the cultural and philanthropic landscape of Hawaii.

One of the key features of contemporary Freemasonry in Hawaii is its commitment to inclusivity. The lodges reflect the multicultural makeup of the islands, welcoming members from diverse backgrounds, including Native Hawaiian, Caucasian, Asian, and Pacific Islander communities. This diversity enriches the Masonic experience, fostering a sense of unity among members who come together under shared ideals. Many lodges actively promote outreach programs using social media and other technologies aimed at engaging younger generations and encouraging participation from all segments of society.

As Freemasons continue to foster fellowship and community service, they uphold a legacy that is deeply woven into the cultural fabric of the islands. By embracing both tradition and innovation, Freemasonry in Hawaii is poised to thrive, ensuring that its principles of brotherhood and charity endure for future generations.



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
Senior Steward Steve Cole, PM
Junior Steward
Tyler Tom Tefft

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MANZANITA ATHENA STAR CHAPTER #46 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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Dear Sister and Brothers,

At our September 24th meeting, our Chairperson, Sister Sue Bishop, PGM, started us off with a bake potato and fixings dinner at 6 PM. After the meeting, we retired to the dining room again for refreshments.

This month we honored our 25- and 50-year members. Joyce Honerlah received her 25-year pin and certificate. Others receiving their 25-year status but not able to attend were Elaine Behrmann, Melissa Bales, and Merry Kaye Leatherbarrow. Nina Klapac Fields reached her 50 years in Eastern Star however she was unable to attend. Congratulations to our new recipients. Following the presentation, the Worthy Matron presented a love token to all 50- and 25-year members.

The 2024-2025 fiscal year budget was presented, discussed and some changes were made. It was voted on and passed as amended.

Reminder that October's meeting is the election. Those running for an elective office must have their request on the podium before the start of the meeting.

The CD from Athena has now been closed and moved over.

There was a delay in making our new name badges, but we are moving forward now. All the officers and active members are already on the list. If you also wish to get a new badge text or e-mail Melanie Chase, Secretary at 408-892-9093, melsmoment@outlook.com.

New business: Since we consolidated, we have 43 members who do not have life sponsorship in the home endowment. To bring us back up to 100%, the chapter voted to pay the life sponsorship fee for those members.

Circle of Concern: Still keep these members in our prayers: Marty Lamb, Margaret Wolford. Nina Fields' husband Bob had open heart surgery. Send "thinking of you" cards to Nina and Bob. Dori (Dorothy) Horn Will be having back surgery on October 15th.

Coin march went to Grand Chapter Outreach.

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Upcoming events:

- Oct. 16-20 Grand Chapter
- Oct. 22nd 6 PM Dinner 7:30PM meeting. This is Farewell and Election. Sue Tefft is chairperson. Please RSVP for dinner 408-772-2046, phone/text
- Oct. 26th South Valley Lodge trip to Winchester Mystery House, Contact Brad Meyer at Brad@Milmey.com or call 408-203-1227 for more info.
- Nov. 26th 7:30 PM Installation of the 2025 Officers.

We Wish Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in October.

Oct 1	Thomas Baker	Oct 22	Bill Costa
Oct 1	Marlene Mezicko	Oct 26	Sandra Smith
Oct 3	Karen Velasco	Oct 26	RobertvLouis Wilson
Oct 5	Peggy Thurber	Oct 27	Sandra Elrick
Oct 6	Dana Edger	Oct 28	Beryl Spalding- Forrester
Oct 9	Marion Martinez	Oct 28	Joyce Honerlah
Oct 16	Jill Ann Billos	Oct 29	George Huston
Oct 19	Patricia Faler	Oct 30	Steven Carpenter
Oct 4	Karen Battaglia	Oct 31	Sally Denbow
Oct 22	Denise Robertson	Oct 31	Marty Lamb

Have a great month. Look forward to seeing everyone on October 22nd

Star Love

Rhoda Johnson Worthy Matron

Amir Safakish Worthy Matron



RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW



Winchester Mystery House Tour **Saturday, October 26, 2024** **4:00 pm**

Sponsored by South Valley Lodge for their members,
family, and friends.

Get into the Halloween spirit at San Jose's spookiest
house.

RSVP: Secretary@SouthValleyLodge187.com
25 spots, first come, first served

