

# Six Rivers Lodge No. 106 – June 2024

My Brothers,

Here's what's happening at Six Rivers Lodge in June. We start the month with a "Celebration of Life" for our dear departed brother, Brother Herman Bouler. A man who lived a full and adventurous life. He was a member of Semper Virens Lodge and Six Rivers Lodge. He was a Mason's Mason, always ready to help a brother with a smile and firm handshake; he will truly be missed. We will be holding a Masonic Funeral for Brother Herman on June 1st at 2:00 PM at the Six Rivers Lodge in Bayside; all are welcome.

On June 15th, we will be holding the Annual District Trap Shoot at the Humboldt Trap Club in McKinleyville starting at 10 AM and running until 2 PM with a BBQ lunch at Noon. All district lodges are invited to attend.

On June 18th, we will hold our annual Festive Board at Six Rivers Lodge starting at 6:00PM.

Eastern Star will be preparing the meal of beef stew and appropriate sides. There will be seven toasts with fines for those who cannot handle their "cannons", bring plenty of \$1's. Please RSVP as there is no charge.

Looking ahead to July, we will be raising Brother Charlie Johnson to the degree of Master Mason on July 13th at 11:00 AM at Worshipful Steve Jacobs forest Hide-a-way. Lunch will be at Noon followed by the degree at 1 PM; all Master Masons are welcome.

Photos from the recent Fellowship Barbecue with Humboldt Lodge No. 79:







Fraternally,

George Durfee, WM

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## **Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – June 2024**

Greetings, brethren.

June is finally here. Temperatures are rising and the weather has been beautiful lately. It's the perfect time to enjoy the great outdoors of Humboldt County. Whether it's strolling on the beach, or hiking in the redwood forests, now is the time to be outside.

I would like to take a moment to thank all the brothers that showed up at Ocean View and Sunset cemeteries to put flags out for Veterans Day. It was a fun time, except for those blood thirsty mosquitoes. In the end, we put out and collected about 3,000 flags in total.



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Quote of the month:

***“What lies behind us, and what lies before us, are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”—Ralph Waldo Emerson.***

Our June calendar of events is listed below.

June 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Humboldt Lodge Stated Meeting at 7:00pm

June 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – District School of Instruction at Crescent Lodge in Crescent City. Starting at 10:00am.

June 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Taco Thursday for the Eureka Police Department, where the lodge will be treating EPD to a free taco lunch. Also, we will have a rehearsal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at 6:30pm.

June 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Father’s Day Dinner at the VI in Ferndale starting at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and can be purchased on the lodge website. When you buy your ticket, please specify your meal choice, chicken or steak.

June 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday – Humboldt Lodge Festive Board at Six Rivers Lodge No. 106 starting at 6:00pm. This year, we will have our annual festive board with our brothers in Arcata. This is a free event. Please RSVP to [info@humboldtlogge79.org](mailto:info@humboldtlogge79.org) if you’d like to attend.

June 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Rehearsal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at 6:30pm.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday – Coffee with the Master at Humboldt Lodge starting at 9:00am. Come on out and enjoy a cuppa with the leadership team and share your ideas for future lodge events.

June 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree for Brother Leo Herrera at

6:30pm.

June 30<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Crabs baseball game at the Arcata Ballpark starting at noon. \$10.00 a person and this includes the game ticket, food and drinks. Bring the whole family. Tickets can be purchased on the lodge website.

And now, I'd like to introduce you to Joshua Lawrence.



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In his spare time Josh likes to work with his hands. One project that Josh enjoyed was remodeling his AirBnB. It gave him the chance to, “do something that doesn’t require a computer” he told me. I understand that feeling. (I also work with computers all day.)

And he has done some traveling. He was telling me about a trip to Machupicchu in Peru, before COVID and how he enjoyed taking pictures and trying some of the local delicacies, including fire roasted guinea pig on a spit. “Gamey” was how he described its flavor. Funny, I thought it would have tasted like chicken.

When I asked Josh what he most liked about Freemasonry, he said it was the friendships he has made over the years with his lodge brothers. “I have made friends with guys that I might have never crossed paths with outside of the lodge.”

Josh frequently attends our lodge events with Ann and you can also find him at our monthly stated meetings.

Respectfully,

Dan Sarver

Master

Humboldt Lodge No. 79

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# Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – Additions to the May Events Schedule

Hello Brothers.

We have some additions to the Humboldt Lodge events schedule for May 2024 and beyond. They are as follows:

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – 1<sup>st</sup> degree for Mr. Sheyenne Stillinger at Humboldt Lodge– 6:30pm

May 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday – Cook your own steak night at the Elks – 6:00pm

May 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Two events: Coffee with the Master at Humboldt Lodge – 9:00am. Humboldt Lodge group blood donation at Northern California Community Blood Bank – approximately 11:00am

May 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday – Humboldt Lodge carpet repairs begin.

May 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal at Humboldt Lodge – 6:00pm. This will take place in the library (read through) or the dining room due to the lodge carpet repairs.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal at Humboldt Lodge – 6:00pm. This will also take place in the library (read through) or the dining room due to the lodge carpet repairs.

May 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Place flags on the graves of veterans at Ocean View Cemetery – 7:30am. The whole family is welcome. We usually put out a few thousand flags in a few hours. Donuts are also provided.

May 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – BBQ with Six Rivers Lodge at Six Rivers No. 106 – 6:00pm. Brothers this is a FREE event. There will be standard BBQ food, with whiskey and cigars by the campfire!

May 27<sup>th</sup>, Monday – Remove flags from the graves at Ocean View Cemetery – 3:00pm

May 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal

***June 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday – Herman Bouler Masonic Funeral at Six Rivers Lodge No. 106 – 1pm. Brothers, if you only attend one event this month, this is the one. Herman was a beloved brother of the fraternity, and he is sorely missed. Please join me as we pay our respects to Herman and his family.***

June 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – District School of instruction at Crescent City Lodge – 10am to 12pm

June 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Two events: the annual trap shoot at the Humboldt Trap Club – 10am to 2pm. See Buster Garrison for more information. Father's Day dinner at the VI in Ferndale – 5:30pm to 8pm

June 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday – FESTIVE BOARD at Six Rivers Lodge No. 106 – 6:15pm. This year, our festive board will be sponsored by Six Rivers and will take place at their lodge. Brothers, this is another FREE event. Beef stew is the main course this time. Please RSVP to me at [info@humboldtlodge79.org](mailto:info@humboldtlodge79.org) if you'd like to attend. Masons only.

Take care, talk soon.

Dan Sarver

Master

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# Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – May 2024

Greetings, brethren.

The month of May is here, and Spring is in full bloom. It's my favorite season for a lot of reasons, the beautiful flowers, the mild temperatures, but mostly, it's the fragrances. Lilacs blooming, their sweet smell on the breeze. Falling asleep at night to the scent of Jasmine flowers right outside the bedroom window. And my wife's favorite, viburnum, sweet and spicy in all its splendor.



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Congratulations to Brother Doug Brown for obtaining his 3<sup>rd</sup> degree proficiency. Well done! And a special thank you to

Worshipful Nick Bertell for being his coach.

I would like to thank all the brothers that attended the district school of instruction on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The brethren's ritual is coming along nicely and I'm proud of the commitment you all have shown. A special thank you to Sandy Lambo for the absolutely excellent meatball sandwiches.

### **Upcoming events:**

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Stated meeting at 7pm.

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** – The all-important 1<sup>st</sup> degree for Mr. Sheyenne Cimaron Stillinger at 6:30pm. Brothers, I want as many masons on the sidelines as possible for this degree. Let's give Mr. Stillinger a 1<sup>st</sup> degree he'll always remember!

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Coffee with the Master at 9am. We have some things to discuss regarding the upcoming cornerstone events in September. Right after coffee, there is a Masonic Blood donation at the Northern California Community Blood Bank, approximately 11am.

**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal.

**Thursday, May 23<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal.

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** – There are two events. First at 8am, we are meeting up at Oceanview cemetery to put flags on the graves of our veterans. Flags will be collected on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 3pm. All masons and their families are welcome to attend.

The second event, later that evening at 6pm, we are having a masonic barbecue at Six Rivers Lodge No. 106. This is a no cost event that will feature fellowship, food, whisky, and cigars. All masons are welcome.

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> degree rehearsal.**

A very busy month indeed. I'm looking forward to it.

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Born in Oklahoma, Pete moved to Florida at age 7. He then moved to Humboldt in 1999 to attend college.

Pete is a direct support professional for Humboldt Community Access and Resource Center (HCAR) and works at The Studio, helping people with disabilities. Over time, he worked himself up the ranks and now manages the program.

Pete has a lot of interests and hobbies. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, going to the beach, kayaking, fishing, photography, collecting marbles, rock hunting and rock tumbling.

Caitlan is Pete's wife of 7 years. And they have two fur babies, Ved the dog and Davey the cat.

When I asked Pete what he most enjoys about free masonry he said that the fraternity gives him the opportunity to have a larger effect on the world than just by himself. "It's a better framework for improving myself. Making me a better person. And let's not forget helping Santa get tuned up for Christmas as his masonic elf!

Respectfully,

Dan Sarver

Master

Humboldt Lodge No. 79

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## **Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – 3/24/2024 update**

Hello Brethren,

I just wanted to post a quick update on the letter C, suspended in the east (yes, we had a letter C for a while). I met with Brother Biesen this morning and together we replaced

all six lights in the lamp with new LED bulbs. Hopefully we won't have to replace them again for a very long time.





A couple of things to note about the G lamp. First, there is a single flathead screw on the back left side that holds the entire back piece in place. There is no hinge. Once that screw is removed, the entire back panel pulls off. Secondly, I was zapped twice when replacing the top dead center bulb. After replacing the back piece, I was able to touch the outer metal case without issue, but I think as some point the lamp will need to come down and be rebuilt so as not to zap any one else.

I'd like to thank Brother Biesen for helping out this morning. We're all ready to go for Brother Toland's 2nd degree on Thursday.

Respectfully,

Dan Sarver

Master

Humboldt Lodge No. 79

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# Humboldt Lodge No. 79 – April 2024

Hello brothers,

April is nearly here and everywhere I look; I see the delightful signs of Spring in bloom. It's so pleasing to see the flowers popping up everywhere, and it reminds me of the time I spent in my youth with my grandmother. She loved her garden, and I was her little helper; always quick with the trowel or the watering can. Together we planted countless annuals and bulbs each Spring. It was time well spent, and I still remember it like it was yesterday. Those are some very fond memories and to this day, I love gardening and the springtime as much as grandma did.



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The guys have been putting in some good practices in preparation for our upcoming degree. Please brothers, come out and support our candidate.

March 28th is a Second Degree for Brother Darren Albert Toland.

We also have a new candidate and a third degree on the horizon. I'll keep you posted. More updates to follow shortly after I review the events calendar.

Our next stated meeting is Thursday, April 4th and we'll be enjoying a presentation from Bethel No. 86 – Job's Daughters and the triumphant return of Sandy Lambo's famous meatloaf dinner! So glad you are feeling better Sandy.

Another favorite quote:

***“There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self.”***

– Ernest Hemingway

And now, I'd like to introduce Brother Cory Ng. Cory hails from San Francisco and spent some time in Minnesota while his father worked for what would become Northwest Airlines. In the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, he moved back to the bay area where he lived until 2003. At that time, he moved to Humboldt County, and met Brother Josh Lawrence while working at the Bay Shore Mall. They became fast friends and kept in touch when Cory moved back down south to Sacramento a year later. In 2018, Cory made the move to Humboldt permanently. By that time, Josh was a member of Humboldt Lodge and introduced Cory to Freemasonry. A few of Cory's uncles that live in San Francisco are masons, and his friend Aaron Eaton is the master of Redding-Trinity Lodge No. 27.



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In his spare time, Cory enjoys the great outdoors. Hiking,

walking his dog, and shooting at the range are some of his favorite activities. He is also a big fan of Star Wars and Disney. I'll bet he is looking forward to the next season of The Mandalorian as much as I am.

Respectfully,

Daniel Sarver

Master

Humboldt Lodge No. 79