

York Rite – April 2024

Greetings All,

Welcome to the new district trestleboard. The vast majority of the recipients will be receiving this publication by email. For those that do not have access to an email we will make a hard copy available. It will take a little time to identify those who require a mailed copy, so please bear with us.

Eureka York Rite has an exciting year coming up. In addition to our regular monthly meetings (2nd Wednesdays at 7pm), we will be celebrating the Installation of our Companion Jeff White as the new Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of California on Friday, May 17th in Burbank. Look for a special reception in the coming months as we honor one of our own.

The next meeting of the Eureka York Rite is the Humboldt Chapter No. 52 stated meeting on April 10th at 7:00pm. Wear your Red Coat if you have one. We look forward to seeing you and sharing some fellowship. If you are interested in joining the York Rite, or just learning more about it, you are welcome to come to our meeting early to chat with the Companions and Sir Knights. You can also email me at grquintrell <at> gmail.

Best regards,

Gary Quintrell

Secretary/Recorder

Eureka York Rite: Humboldt Chapter No. 52, Royal Arch Masons; Pacific Council No. 37, Cryptic Masons, and Eureka Commandery No. 35, Knights Templar.

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 at 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

Rohnerville-Redwood Chapter No. 76 – April 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

At the time of writing this letter there is no Treastlboard as we have known it. I would like to know the email addresses of the members of Rohnerville-Redwood Chapter who are willing to receive quarterly letters by email. I am more than willing to mail these letters, or copies of a district newsletter when one is available. Please let me know how you would like to receive your newsletter.

The March meeting was Deputy Grand Matron Lisa McCombs' Official Visit. It was nice to see a full core of officers on the floor. Thank you to all those who filled that different stations so we could exemplify examination of an unvouched for visitor and balloting, and thank you Sister Tricia who beautifully gave the Associate Conductress candidates lectures.

April 3rd, chapter members will be preparing and serving the Masonic dinner. As always, we welcome anyone who would like to help. We will also prepare and serve a dinner on May 1st. During the summer the Mason's prepare their own dinners, but we will be back in action in September.

The theme for the April meeting will be '*Spring Bonnets*', so wear your favorite hat to the April 11th meeting.

Also in April, we will prepare and serve a dinner for Scottish Rite. This dinner will be on Thursday, April 18 at 7:00. Please let Christie (707 496-8171) or Karen (707 725-3532)

know if you can help.

May 9th, the theme for our regular stated meeting will be '*Western*'. Put on your favorite pair of jeans, or western outfit, and plan to attend the 7:30 meeting.

At the end of May, or first part of June, we are planning to attend the Ferndale Rep. to see a production

of '*The PROM*'. '*The PROM*' expertly captures all the humor and heart of a classic musical comedy with a message that resonates with audiences now more than ever." We will be attending this on a Friday/Saturday evening, or Sunday afternoon, with Eel River Empire Lodge members and their families. Family and friends will be invited to join us. More information to come.

A Memorial Service will be held at our June 8th meeting. This is the evening when the alter is draped in memory of our departed members. Women officers, please wear white, and men a suit.

UP COMING EVENTS

April

3 – Masonic Dinner (6:30)

11 – Regular Stated Meeting (7:30) – Theme '*Spring Bonnet*' – Wear your favorite hat.

18 – Scottish Rite Dinner (7:00)

May

1 – Masonic Dinner (6:30)

9 – Regular Stated Meeting (7:30) – Theme '*Western*'

The PROM – Evening or afternoon at the

Ferndale Rep. (May24-June 16)

June

8 – Regular Stated Meeting (7:30) – Memorial.

July

NO MEETING IN JULY (Enjoy Fortuna Rodeo Activities – July 15 thru 21)

August

8 – Regular State Meeting (7:30) – 50's night and honoring 50-year members.

11 – Masonic Picnic (noon) – Rohner Park **(Yes, it is the 2nd Sunday this year)** 31 – Grand Electa Deanna's Reception

Karen Parlato, Secretary

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 4th 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

Six Rivers Lodge #106 – April 2024

Brethren,

This being the month of April, the first order of business is the listing of this month's special activities. Our Stated meeting is on April 2nd, starting with dinner at 6:15PM, provided by Gary and Heidi Quintrell. Business meeting is at 7:00 PM; which is the new official time. On April 19th we will adjourn to the Elk's Lodge for "Cook your own steak" Night which starts at 6:00 PM. The cost will be \$27 for the meal. Please RSVP to George Durfee at (530) 262-0986, all are welcome. April 27th at 10:00 AM will be a School of Instruction at Humboldt Lodge, all Officers are required to attend.

Our new website is up and running, it can be accessed at lodge106.freemason.org. I have updated our lodge calendar now thru the end of June so please get used to checking in for our activities. We are practicing the Third Degree Ritual, in order to prepare for our next "raising" in the coming months. It is imperative that all Officers show up as we have several new men who need the instructional help.

I assume a good time was had by all at our Crab Feed which occurred on March 24th; 140 lbs. of crab can't be wrong. Congratulations to Bro. Barry Smith on being installed Exalted Ruler of the Eureka Elks Lodge.

This Trestleboard should be uploaded onto our new website if I can figure it up. Also we should be able to display pictures there as well; stay tuned.

Fraternally,
George Durfee, WM

Eel River Empire #147 – 2nd Degree

We will be conferring a second degree at Eel River Empire #147 in Fortuna on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 pm.

Thanks,

WM Mike Flockhart

Ferndale Chapter #23 – April 2024

We had such a fun March meeting. For members who were not in attendance at the meeting, and a reminder to those who were, we will have two Coin March baskets at the next two meetings. One will be for our regular coin march, the second will be for our “OES Outreach” program. We have a member who has graciously pledged to match the funds donated to the “Outreach” basket. What an opportunity this is to help our Eastern Star Program grow and provide help to our Eastern Star Brothers and Sisters.

It was with much pleasure that Sister Joni Hewston, Worthy Matron of Camellia Star Chapter and myself had the pleasure and Honor to Present Brother Lee Astorino with His 25 year Certificate and Pin.

Major Date to include on Your April Calendar.

The Deputy's OV was postponed to the April 10th Meeting. Our Meeting begins at 7:30 PM. We will exemplify the following ritual work – Proving the Chapter, Examining Committee, and Balloting.

A very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our members with April birthday's! Amy McCracken, 4/7; Susan Young, 4/7; David Guggenbickler, 4/11; David Peterson, 4/17; and Honorary Member Karen Parlato 4/27.

Nancy Bay, WM and Kirby Bay, WP

"April is the sweetest month of the year, the mellow season of rebirth and renewal."





Bethel No. 86 – February 2024

On December 18, we were very happy to welcome two new members into our Bethel: Emily and Lily. We were also grateful to Mrs. Betty Lampson for driving up from Ukiah to be our Musician for the evening. Thank you, Mrs. Lampson! Welcome, Emily and Lily!

That evening we also installed our council members, who are mostly the same people as before, but some of them have changed offices. The new council member is Brooke Hansen as our Director of Epochs! Thank you to Brooke for continuing to be active with our Bethel!

That evening we also had our traditional Christmas sock

exchange and wore our new socks during the meeting.

We want to say a Big Thank You to everyone who supported our Fall/Holiday Fundraiser and bought our Masonic-themed ornaments and our beaded bracelets! We greatly appreciate all your support! On the evening of December 22, we had a Bethel Holiday Party and invited prospective members to join us to get to know us and to enjoy a drive around Eureka to view Christmas lights, and games and food and fun back at the Lodge.

We had a business meeting on January 1 (yes, New Year's Day!).



Initiation Night with New Members Emily and Lily

Installation was on Sunday, January 7 with a theme of "Friends are like snowflakes, all different and all are beautiful" and the colors of shades of blue and white. The Daughters all carried white lanterns as their carrying pieces. Our newest members who had not even seen a whole regalia meeting yet did a great job as our new Custodians. All the girls and all the Installing Officers did a lovely job! Congratulations to all the Daughters and best wishes to you in your new offices:

Honored Queen, Betsy
Guide, Logan
Treasurer, Alice
Librarian, Aubrey

5th Messenger, Carl
Senior Custodian, Emily
Junior Custodian, Lily

Our first meeting of the new term was on January 15 as an instructional regalia meeting. Stay tuned for more plans for the term!

Best wishes!

Bethel No. 86 Eureka, Job's Daughters International

Humboldt No. 79 – February 2024

Greetings brethren,

February is here and it brought wet weather and chills. As I sit and write this article, I occasionally look out the window to see the rain falling sideways. The wind is blowing that hard. I don't know about you, but I'm really looking forward to drying out and getting some sun, hopefully soon.

We have started our regular degree practices. We will be meeting every Thursday evening at 6pm. A meal (usually pizza) will be provided. We have a third degree for brother Kevin Miller tentatively scheduled for February 29th. Confirmation of the date and time is forthcoming. Please come out and support our brother as he is raised to the sublime degree of master mason.

The next Humboldt 79 mason in our "Get to Know Your Lodge" series is brother Gabriel Cirrintano. Gabriel is originally from Chicago. He moved to Humboldt County in 2015 and settled in Willow Creek. He

volunteered and taught music. Guitar is his specialty, but he also teaches drums and piano. He spent time working at Dream Quest youth center before moving to Eureka and getting a position in the Eureka city school district as a behavior support assistant. Gabriel is currently studying psychology and is training to become a behavior analyst. In his spare time, he enjoys playing music, reading philosophy, and spending time with his partner Shelly and his 2 years old daughter Briah. When asked what he likes best about masonry he says, it is the esoteric teachings. This led him to join the Scottish rite, so he can learn more about the morals and dogma of our gentle craft. Gabriel is looking forward to meeting all the brethren and getting more involved in our lodge. You can usually find him at our stated meetings and as a sideliner at our degrees.

Respectfully,
Dan Sarver, Master
Humboldt Lodge No. 79

Ferndale Chapter No. 23 – February 2024

Happy Heart Fund Month!

February is a great month to remind Chapter members of California Eastern Star Foundation's Heart Research Fund. Donations to this fund go to an organization of the Worth Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron's choice, to help with research about heart-related issues and treatments.

Here are the three major dates for your February calendar:

February 14th – Ferndale's meeting falls on Valentine's Day!

Refreshments will be served beforehand, 6:45 p.m., provided by Leslie. Our meeting begins at 7:30. Attire: Business Casual. Valentine colors encouraged. Proficiency Party anticipated. Plans include honoring Brother Lee Astorino's 25-year membership. Property Committee, Nancy, Liz, Helene and Christie, please be prepared to present the committee's annual report.

February 24th – This year's Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron is combined with a Membership Event. Join the fun and invite friends to a complimentary tour (usually \$25 per person) of the historic Scotia Lodge. Although the time for the OV is listed as 7 p.m., plans are in the works to begin tours at 6 p.m. for those able to arrive early. Tour group size is limited to 16; multiple groups are planned. Attire is casual. Dessert-type refreshments will be served during the evening.

February 25th: All-Member Instructional. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ferndale Masonic Hall. This is Members only instructional and we look forward to having all members of the district present. Bring dues card. A nominal charge is anticipated to cover cost of food (breakfast snacks and sack lunch).

Happy Birthday to members celebrating in February!

Geoff Wright, 2/14; Liz Lorig, 2/27; and Andrea Guggenbickler, 2/29.

May your hearts be happy!

Nancy Bay, WM and Kirby Bay, WP