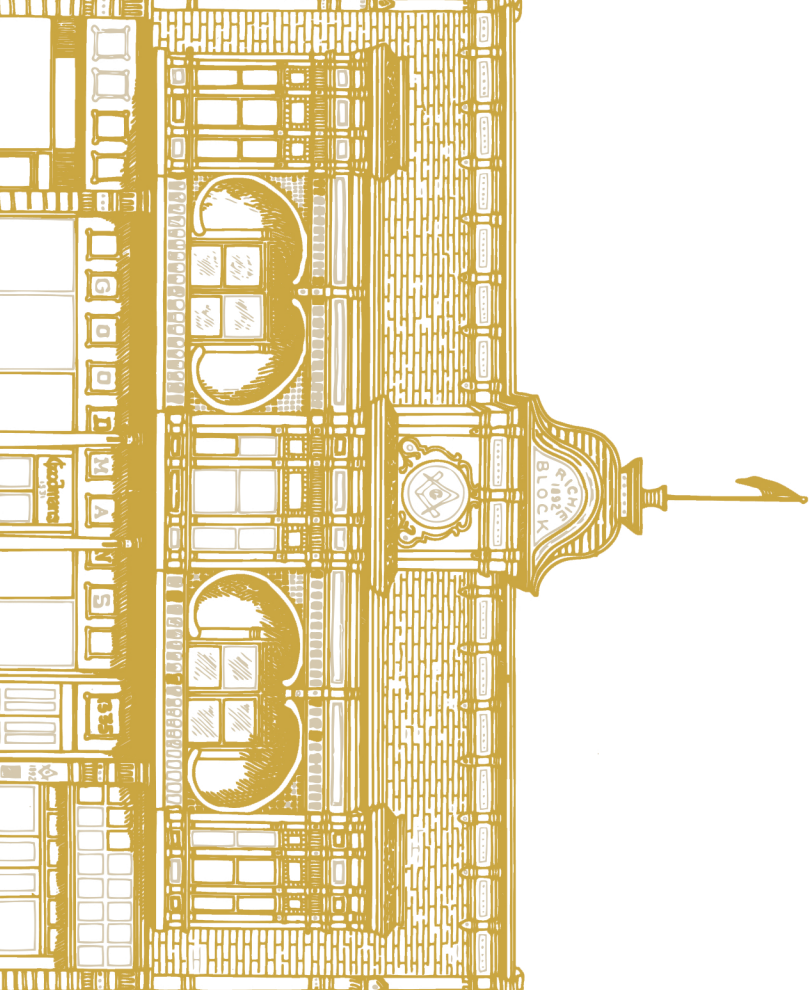




Napa Valley Lodge No. 93 F. & A.M.
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APRIL 2023



AS THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST

WORSHIPFUL MASTER

MIKAL LITZZA

Greetings from the East,

Hope all of you are well and enjoying some of the rain we have gotten so far this year. Though it is grey and rainy, I see this as a welcome thing as we have not had much rain the past couple of years.

A quick look at some of the events we had in March, the Ladies Tea. If you were unable to come, it was a fun time. Some of our brethren and myself served the ladies a Mad Hatter Tea that went over well, please check out the pictures on our Facebook Page. Though the event has not happened at the time of my writing this, we presented Saint Helen School District with a nice check, as well as Give Big Saint Helena (which assists the schools in Saint Helena) at a dinner on March 25th. I have no doubt it went very well. 😊

Now a bit for our youth groups. Though they are struggling for membership, they are still around and are in need of your assistance. Please talk to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers about these great groups. I have seen firsthand what they can do for kids these days. Napa Rainbow (for girls aged 11 – 20) meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at Yount Lodge in Napa at 7PM. Napa Job's (for girls aged 11 – 20) meets the 1st Saturday at 10AM and 3rd Wednesday at 7PM at Yount Lodge. Napa DeMolay (for boys aged 12 – 21) meet the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7PM at Yount Lodge. Help support those who will be our Brothers in the Lodge and Sisters in Eastern Star in the future.

And finally, my Tidd Bit of Knowledge:

- The Revolutionary War in America began on April 19, 1775
- Our first President, George Washington, was inaugurated

on April 30, 1789

- The United States Library of Congress was established April 24, 1800

- The first Webster Dictionary was copyrighted by Noah Webster on April 14, 1828

- America's first astronauts were announced by NASA on April 9, 1959

(<https://www.americantraininginc.com/aprilfacts/>)

Hope to see you all in Lodge

Mikal Litzza
Master 2023



Greetings Brethren from the West,

I would like to thank Worshipful Brother Sean Harris for his generous and kind words spoken at our Hiram Award Ceremony back in February and sharing it in the March 2023 Trestle Board. I am truly humbled. I feel it's only proper for me to dedicate my April Trestle Board to Sean and share with all of you my speech that I presented that evening.

Good evening, friends, family and brethren.

I ask why are we here this evening? Does anyone know?

Plato once said: "A hero is born among a hundred, a wise man is found among a thousand, but an accomplished one might not be found even among a hundred thousand men."

We are here to celebrate a friend and recognize a brother who is truly one of a hundred thousand. A man of accomplishment. A devoted husband and father. A Brother who truly emulates the character of a Mason and does it unceremoniously. A friend and confidant and dare we say, man of "wisdom". Whose voice is esteemed, and his counsel taken to heart. Whose vision for success in life is admired and for this Lodge entrusted.

Who is this superman you ask? We are speaking about our dear friend Sean Harris. A Brother whom I deeply admire and respect.

Sean Anthony Harris was born April 3, 1969 to Paul and Julie Harris. He spent his formative years in Livermore California graduating from Granada High School in 1987 and Graduate of Chabot College in Hayward, California. Sean's early career started in law enforcement and 7 years after high school he married his high school sweetheart Mariana in 1994 and are approaching their 30th wedding anniversary. Their only daughter Angelina was born in 1998. After his career in law enforcement concluded, Sean has since built a career in growing and advancing technology start-ups. He's been with his current company Backblaze since 2010, having been one of its first few employees, which is now a successful Silicon Valley data storage company that has since this past November gone public and now has over 400 employees. Sean is an avid Raiders and Oakland A's fan. A lover of wine, Tiki drinks, cruise ships and the Star Trek Enterprise. If you were to ask him who his favorite Captain of the

Enterprise is, Jean Luc Picard or James Tiberius Kirk, that's not even a competition. We all know it's Kirk, hands down.

By and large Sean was fascinated with the Masonic fraternity prior to his application. He loved the fellowship, esoteric and secretive nature of it. However, it was primarily Mariana's family connection to the various Masonic organizations that Sean felt it only proper that he continue the tradition, especially since Angelina was then in the Youth Orders, and submitted his application for the degrees in 2006. Sean was initiated in Napa Valley Lodge No. 93 on October 25th 2006 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 25, 2007. In 2011 he was elected Master of Napa Valley Lodge No. 93 and installed as Master of the Lodge on January 14, 2012. After his service to the Lodge, like many of us who wanted to take a break from official an official leadership position, he did. But just when he thought he was out, "we pulled him back in", and in 2015 he was elected Napa Valley Lodge Secretary. Sean has remained in that position to this day.

Sean also shares his time with other Masonic orders as well. He's a Past Patron of Silverado Chapter 189 Order of the Eastern Star and member of Ariel Chapter 42, which he both participates in with Mariana. Sean is also a distinguished recipient of the Service Award, Order of the Eastern Star. He also supported Angelina in her time as a Jobs Daughter as a bethel guardian.

Now again, I ask why are we here? I say we are here because Brother Sean epitomizes everything that the Hiram award stands for. It is intended for the Brother who, year after year, displays his devotion without receiving special recognition or special honor. Who donates his time and talents for the betterment of our fraternity and our Lodge. Sean goes above and beyond all these things. He's a brother of respect, intelligence, and influence. I admire him tremendously and I'm so lucky to call him a friend. On behalf of the Brethren, thank you Sean for all that you do!

Faternally,

Hector R. Marroquin PM
Senior Warden

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From the South...

Just a quick Hello from the sunny side of the Lodge room.

Baseball season is upon us once again. The Giants will be back home for their opening series April 10th through the 12th against the Dodgers, and the Athletics will be opening March 30th through April 2nd against the Angels.

We're planning on a "Day at the Ballpark" theme for our Stated Meeting and the Master has given the go-ahead for the Officers and Brethren to wear their favorite team jersey, sweater or jacket. Come out to the Stated Meeting and at least enjoy dinner with us at 6:30, see what's been developing in your building, and if you have the time, attend the Meeting. I would love to see as many of you as possible back at the Lodge for at least some face to face time.

Time to jump on the stump for our Youth.

If you know anyone with boys between the ages of 8 to 21, or girls aged 10 to 20, please let them know about DeMolay, Jobs Daughters and Rainbow for Girls. These groups NEED our help.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Silverado Eastern Star Chapter for putting on a fine Tea Party for our widows and ladies. There were two dozen women present and I'm told they enjoyed it very much. And thank you to all the Brethren who showed up to help.

Until next month...

Ken Miller

Junior Warden

Hall Board Officers

President: Hector Marroquin

Vice President: Mikal Litzza

Secretary: Allen Holland

Chief Financial Officer: Sam Maffei

Important Dates:

April 7 (Fri) – 3rd degree Zack Carnessecca

The 2023 dues information:

The Grand Lodge approved raising the per-capita payment from \$57.50 to \$60.50 per year, per member.

As a result the **2023** lodge dues are now **\$85.50** per year. (\$25+\$60.50)

Our life membership is pro-rated based on age (which is good for older members). Those interested in a life membership should refer to the table below and contact me if you want to convert your membership to lifetime.

\$809.320. LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

A sum of money equal to the Lodge's annual dues at the time of purchase of the life membership multiplied by the factor indicated opposite the member's age in the following schedule:

Age 49 and under, a factor equal to or greater than 24 times annual dues; **\$2052**
50 to 54 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 20 times annual dues; **\$1710**
55 to 59 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 18 times annual dues; **\$1539**
60 to 64 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 16 times annual dues; **\$1368**
65 to 71 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 14 times annual dues; **\$1197**
and Age 72 and over, a factor equal to or greater than 12 times annual dues. **\$1026**

2022 dues cards expired on Dec 31, 2022.

With iMember2.0, members can now pay their dues themselves with a credit card online

How to Pay Dues By Credit Card

This new, convenient way to pay dues has been in affect since last year. Here's how it works:

1. Log in to the Member Center at member.freemason.org and follow the prompts to "Pay Dues". If members haven't already logged in, all **they will need is their member number, lodge number, and email address**. The system takes VISA and Mastercard.

2. Once paid, the member will be able to download a new dues card immediately.

3. Secretaries will be able to see which members have made their payment on a special dues dashboard, which will automatically update Intacct as well, if the lodge is using Intacct.

4. Every month, secretaries will receive an itemized report for all of the monies collected. Please note that credit card processing fees are charged to the member.

If you want to send in check you can still do so. Please mail directly to the Secretary:

Lodge Secretary (Dues)
Napa Valley Lodge #93
4450 Mira Loma Drive
Pittsburg CA 94565

If you would like to attend Lodge but are in need of a ride, please reach out to the lodge officers. Lack of transportation shouldn't be a factor in coming out and enjoying fellowship and great food with your Masonic family. I am certain arrangements can be made.

Fraternally,
Sean Harris PM
Secretary

APRIL

Birthdays

Errol Hinton	04-01
Sean Harris PM	04-03
Zachary Miller	04-06
Dana Hodnett	04-11
Michael Kmiec	04-11
Kurt Henke	04-11
Zachary Schunk	04-11
James Whiteley PM	04-19
King Cowdin	04-20
Robert Hinrichs	04-27
William Robertson	04-27
Michael McKeown PM	04-30

HAPPY

3RD DEGREE

Anniversary

Raymond Mc Mullen	04/14/83
Manuel Rodrigues	04/15/03
Richard Cabral	04/20/71
Robert Woods	04/23/92
Robert Sutton	04/26/94
William Robertson	04/27/95
Michael McKeown PM	04/28/10



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