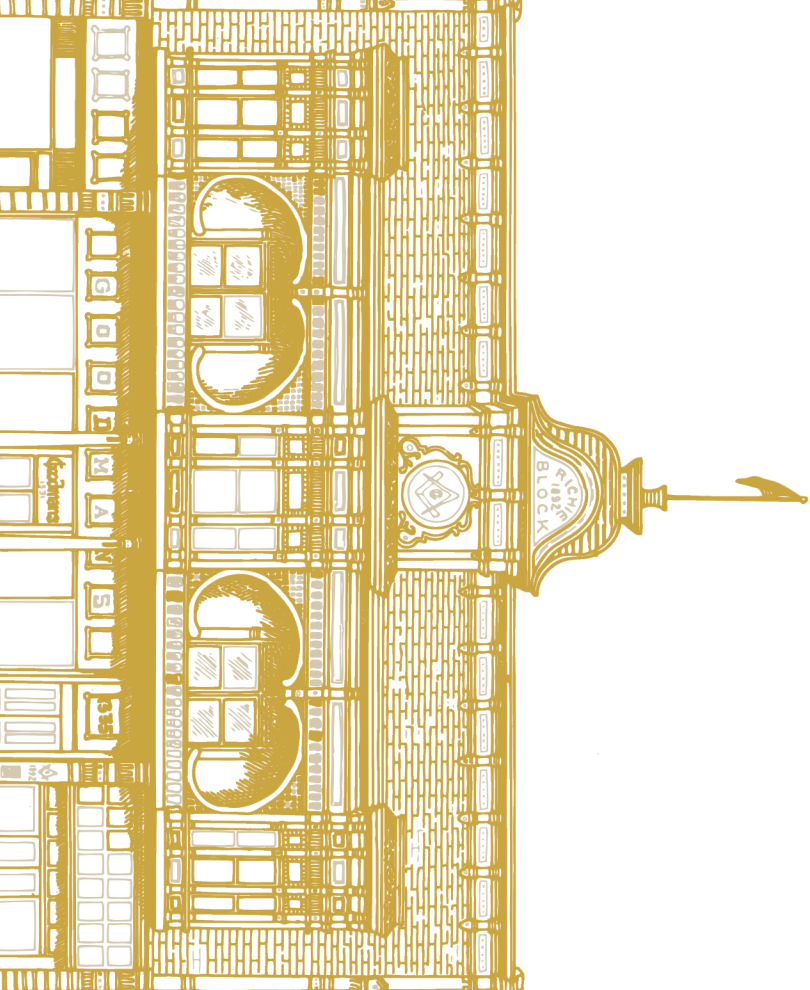




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AUGUST 2023



AS THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST

WORSHIPFUL MASTER

MIKAL LITZZA

Greetings from the East,

Hope everyone had a great July. Once again, a congratulations to our scholarship recipients that were given out on July 29th. Also in July, I had the opportunity to go back to Philadelphia to visit with my son, who now lives out there. We visited many historical locations, including the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. If you have a chance to go back there and see it, I fully recommend it. As many of you know, I am into history. It is said that if you do not learn from your past, you are doomed to repeat it. Seeing all that history being preserved is a great thing for those that will be coming after us.

That is a perfect segway into supporting our Youth Groups. ☺ They are our future, both for Lodge and Eastern Star Chapter, but most importantly for our community. The three Youth Groups give a great moral base for our youth on which to build. You do not need to become an Advisor, but just being there for them is what counts. My Grandfather George was never an Advisor to my knowledge, but he was always there for the kids. Showing up to DeMolay and Jobs meetings, as well as being Rainbow Dad for our Rainbow Assembly. He was a role model for them, and I know the youth all appreciated him being there. We all can be that next role model; we can make an impact.

Now for a Tidd-Bit of History: (<https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/august.htm>)

- Star-Spangled Banner author Francis Scott Key (August 1, 1779) was born in Frederick County, Maryland. After witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was enthralled to see the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak. He then wrote the poem originally entitled Defense of Fort McHenry which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

- August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

- August 14, 1945 - V-J Day, commemorating President Truman's announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies.
- American frontiersman Davy Crockett (August 17, 1786) was born in Hawkins County, Tennessee. He was a farmer, scout and politician who perished at age 49 during the final heroic defense of the Alamo in Texas.

Hope to see you all in Lodge.

Mikal Litzza PM

Master 2023



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OES Secretary Message

Hello from Eastern Star!

I just want to thank everyone who came to our family movie day and lunch. Also let you know we have had a busy year. We have initiated 6 new member and had 2 members affiliate with our chapter. That is a growth of 8 members.

Back at the beginning of the year we had a joint port pal making party with our youth and other chapters and lodges in our chapter. We made over 150 port pals and prepared for the making of so many more.

Our district has been busy. We have had our official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The stars really do shine bright in our district. We even had a wonderful reception for our Sister who is a Representativesat for Utah. So many Mickeys to be seen. We are past the half way point. So proud of our OES Chapter. You still have time to catch a meeting and see what we are doing.

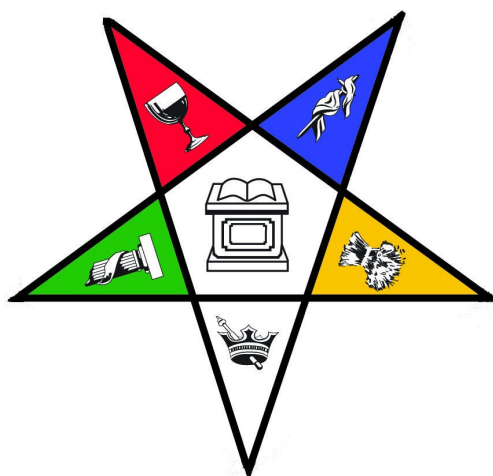
Making Memories in 2023

Worthy Matron

Rosalyn Litzza

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From the South...

Greetings Brethren and Friends,

First up, I'd like to say how exciting it is that we will be conferring a number of Fellow Craft Degrees soon. Please be sure to come out and support our newest Brothers in their Masonic journey. The upcoming dates will be posted by our Worshipful Master.

I would like to paraphrase a past President and say, Ask not what your Lodge can do for you – ask what you can do for your Lodge. As we are all members of a Fraternal body who, each one of us, took the same Obligations at our Sacred Altar to serve, assist and protect each other, I am calling out to the noblest part in all of us. Be not afraid of reaching out to help. The only time we should be looking down upon a Brother is when we are reaching to help him up.

With Brotherly Love and Respect,
Ken Miller, Junior Warden

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AUGUS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			 STATED Dinner 6: Meeting
6	 7	8	
13	14	15	
20	21	 22	
27	28	29	

ST 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Greetings Brethren from the West,

As we enter the month of August, we are reminded of the importance of Harvest in our Masonic symbolism and ritual. Harvest is not only a time to reap the fruits of our labor, but also a time to reflect on our spiritual growth and moral progress.

Spiritual growth and moral progress are essential aspects of Freemasonry, as they enable us to become better men and better citizens. By spiritual growth, we mean the development of our awareness of the Supreme Being, the source of all light, and our connection to the universal order. Moral progress alludes to the improvement of our character, conduct, and virtues, in accordance with the moral law and the teachings of Freemasonry. These goals are not achieved overnight, but rather through a lifelong journey of learning and practice. Always remember that our Craft provides us with multiple tools and methods to aide us in this journey.

In the end is the final harvest, when upon the level of time, our deeds in this life manifest into one's individual legacy. Therefore, we should always strive to live in harmony with ourselves, with our brethren, and with all mankind.

As Senior Warden, I invite you to join me in celebrating the harvest season by supporting our lodge meetings and activities. Please continue with your generous donations toward the Masons for Mitts program and mark your calendars for Mason's Night at Oracle Park for the SF Giants game on September 26th. See you at Lodge!

Fraternally,
Hector R. Marroquin PM
Senior Warden



AUGUST Birthdays

happy
birthday
to you!

Hyke Markarian	08-03
Richard Heller	08-04
Richard Broaddus	08-09
Andrew Hingston	08-09
Kenneth Miller PM	08-09
Zachary Carnesecca	08-14
Thomas De Gaetano PM	08-18
Richard Doran	08-19
Larry Hansen PM	08-21
Harper Lowe	08-22
Manuel Rodrigues	08-22
Peter Gray	08-24
Donald Morton	08-26
Thomas Conwell PM	08-27

HAPPY
3RD DEGREE Anniversary

Paul Abbott	08/29/91
Richard Broaddus	08/24/02
Eric Brucia	08/13/14
Erik De Marco	08/19/89
William Grandrath	08/05/78
Zvonko Habek	08/20/94
Kurt Henke	08/08/87
Dana Hodnett	08/21/93
Harper Lowe	08/15/87
Samuel Maffei PM	08/29/12
Glenn Mefferd	08/28/95
Kenneth Miller PM	08/25/01
Zachary Miller	08/16/08
Joseph Plain	08/22/98



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For the 2023 Masons4Mitts Fundraiser
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The look on a child's face who receives a glove from us is priceless. Please support Napa Valley Lodge No. 93's participation in this truly impactful program.

Go to www.masons4mitts.org

Scan then Click the QR Code,
from your cell phone's camera feature, to donate.
Make sure to reference the "North Bay Bees".

Contact Hector Marroquin
at (720) 841-7340 or email,
administration@shmta.org
if you have any questions.



MASONS 4 MITTS

Inspiring Kids, One Mitt at a Time

Why Masons4Mitts?

BASEBALL IS AMERICA'S PASTIME. It is also our present and our future. Every season, millions of fans pack the stands to watch our professional teams play ball. Wide-eyed children watch their Major League heroes, and dream of playing baseball themselves. However, for many of the youths in our communities, the reality is that they can't afford the necessary equipment to play the game, let alone have access to safe and adequate playing fields.

That is why the Masons of California have partnered with four Major League Baseball (MLB) foundations in California: the San Francisco Junior Giants, Los Angeles Dodgers DreamTeam, Angels of Anaheim RBI program, and San Diego Junior Padres.

Since 2009, the Masons have raised money to

charitably support these MLB summer

programs. Not only do the programs give the children access to playing fields and sports equipment, but more importantly, they provide an enriching summer experience for the kids, while teaching important life skills and values like

hard work, good character, and teamwork.

Just as baseball is an important part of American culture,

MASONS4MITTS is

a vital youth program in our communities. One of the most rewarding aspects is that every child who participates receives their very own, high quality baseball mitt, emblazoned with the Square and Compass and Masons of CA logo. As we like to say, we are helping children, "\$20 at a time."

"The most rewarding part of this program is knowing that, for just \$20, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of these kids."

—RICH MODOLO, SF CAPTAIN



Why Support Us?

Any one of us can give \$20.

Support a child in need.

Be part of a great community experience.

Give online at

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What We Do

MASONS4MITTS supports our four Major League Baseball foundation partners in providing an enriching extracurricular experience for at-risk youth. All proceeds purchase baseball mitts and sports equipment for children participating in the program. This is an initiative of the California Masonic Foundation, and one of our most visible statewide community-based programs.

Each region has fundraising teams, comprised of area lodges, and led by our volunteer Captains, facing off in friendly competition to raise the most money they can to support these MLB foundations. The team from each region that funds the greatest number of baseball mitts will publicly present the cumulative check at their regional Masons Night at the ballpark.



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