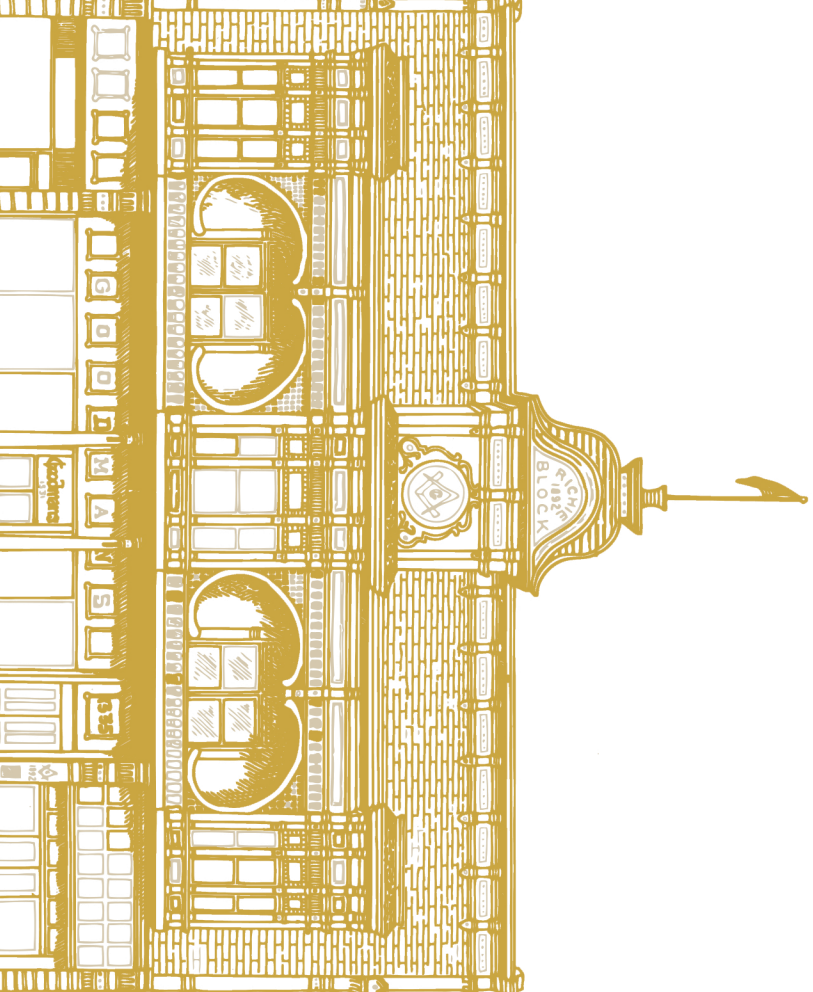




Napa Valley Lodge No. 93 F. & A.M.
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JULY 2023



AS THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST

WORSHIPFUL MASTER

MIKAL LITZZA

Greetings from the East.

Hope all had a good June and looking forward to the Summer Months. This is normally the time for travel or relaxing at home with family by the pool or other cooling location. I am hoping you will attempt to come to Lodge for our fabulous Dinners. We do have the Scholarship dinner happening on Saturday, July 29th, where we will present the Scholarship checks to those students who were deserving of them. Please come out to support them in their next step in the journey. I will say that one of our recipients is a member of Napa Chapter DeMolay, and a newly obligated Entered Apprentice in our Lodge.

As I am a big advocate for our Youth Groups, please talk about them to your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, and neighborhood kids. DeMolay, Rainbow, and Jobs do impress upon our youth a great moral base that I have seen lacking in the world recently. So many youths can benefit from their teachings, as well as the comradery that happens within these groups. Many lifelong friendships have come out of them, trust me, I have heard the stories. 😊

Now to keep it short, here is a Tidd-Bit of Knowledge:

History of July

The old Roman calendar started in March. The fifth month was called mens quintilis. In the year 154 BCE, a rebellion forced the Roman senate to change the beginning of the civil year from March to January 1. With this reform, Quintilis officially became the seventh month but kept its name (for the next 110 years).

After the murder of Julius Caesar on the Ides of March in 44 BCE, Rome was on the brink of civil war: Many within the Roman aristocracy wanted Caesar to be condemned as a tyrant who needed to be purged from history while the Roman citizens admired and adored Caesar. To stabilize the situation, the Roman senate chose to side with the people. They gave Caesar's birth month Quintilis the new name mens iulius, the month of Julius.

(<https://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/months/july.html>)

Hope to see you in Lodge.

Mikal Litzza PM, Master 2023

Happy July everyone,

Last month I announced the implementation of our NVL #93 Affiliated Teachers Assistance Program. I'd like to publish the details again to be sure it's circulated sufficiently.

This program is intended to help our affiliated teachers with their operational expenses, that year after year seem to cut into their own personal incomes. And as our fraternity cares deeply about our public schools and is aware of the waning interest in pursuing a profession in teaching, we want to be part of the solution in helping talented and dedicated individuals choose education while easing the burden on some of the costs that get passed onto them personally.

Below is the policy adopted that outlines the eligibility for the program.

NVL#93 Affiliated Teachers Assistance Program Implemented May 3, 2023

Description

To assist our affiliated Grade-school teachers with their inherent burden of providing school supplies to their students at their own expense, which only seems to have gotten worse over the years.

The Lodge will allocate up to \$600 annually to each teacher, directly affiliated with our lodge to help cover their operational expenses, according to the eligibility listed below.

Base Eligibility

Masonic Connection: (one or more of the below)

Master Mason in Good Standing (NVL93)

Spouse or legal domestic partner of Master Mason in Good Standing (NVL93)

Female Member in Good Standing of Silverado Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

A majority member in good standing of Napa's DeMolay,

Jobs Daughters and/or Rainbow for Girls until age 25.

Teaching Eligibility

Institution (all of the below)

Teaching in grades K - 12

Public, Charter or non-religious private, or special needs program

Compensation -

\$600 Annually - Full-time, fully credentialed teachers

\$300 Annually - Full-time, teachers assistant

\$150 Annually - Part-time, teachers assistant or Substitute Teacher

Our intention is to pay out assistance in the July-Aug time frame as our teachers are getting started with the new school year. If you are one of our affiliated teachers and believe you have eligibility based on the criteria above. Please send an email to seanharris007@gmail.com. Please describe your affiliation and eligibility. The Scholarship Committee will review your application and if approved, you will be added to the program and will be notified. The program will run annually, and eligibility will need to be reconsidered each year by the Scholarship Committee as long as the program is still active. Please get your application in before our August stated meeting if you'd like to be considered for this Masonic Year.

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 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

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



JULY Birthdays

Stanley Waggoner Jr. PM	07-02
Al Carravajal	07-03
Orville Humfleet	07-03
James Nolan	07-17
John Zopfi	07-25
Joseph Plain	07-31

happy
birthday
to you!

HAPPY
3RD DEGREE
Anniversary

Nicholas Leija	07/08/18
Russell Medina	07/08/16
Jeremy Webb	07/20/02
Sean Harris PM	07/25/07
Alexander Miller	07/31/13

From the South...

Brethren, Ladies, and Friends,

As summer is upon us, I pray all are enjoying the weather (wherever you may be), and are having fun with family and friends.

With this message I would like to invite all of our Master Masons and Fellow Craft Masons to attend to their Lodge in St. Helena on any Wednesday night to partake in the Meetings, Practices and Fellowship we all enjoy. The only exception being the second Wednesday when the entire District will be at the Masonic Family Center in Napa for the monthly School Of Instruction, which all Masons are welcome to attend for some refreshments and fellowship, and Instruction by our Inspector.

With Sincere and Fraternal Regards,

Ken Miller, PM
Junior Warden



Hall Board Officers

President: Hector Marroquin

Vice President: Mikal Litzza

Secretary: Allen Holland

Chief Financial Officer: Sam Maffei

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	<p>3</p>		 <p>STATED Dinner 6: Meeting</p>
<p>9</p>		<p>11</p>	
	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	
<p>23 30</p> <p>12-3pm Youth & Family Day with Silverado Chapter 189</p>	<p>24 31</p>	<p>25</p>	

2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5  MEETING 30 7:30	6	7	8
12	13	14	15  NATIONAL GUMMI WORM DAY <small>#gummiwormday</small>
19	20 Silverado Chapter OES 7:30PM St. Helena 	21	22
26	27	28  Happy Milk Chocolate Day!	29



BATTER UP!!
DONATE A TANK WORTH OF GAS
Be a Supporter by
Funding a Child's Mitt
For the 2023 Masons4Mitts Fundraiser
supporting the San Francisco Junior
Giants Program for
North Bay Area youth

For each \$20 donation a quality baseball glove will be provided to a needy youth in the San Francisco Junior Giants program. This summer experience is more than just about baseball and softball. Kids and parents attend programs about leadership, teamwork, health, safety, finances and good citizenship.

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
www.masons4mitts.org

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.

OES Secretary Message

Hello family and friends.

I would like to invite you and your family to this event. It will be in the dining room. There will be a small lunch and an ice cream bar Willy Wonka would be proud of. I hope you and your families can make it. Please rsvp to me to reserve your spot.

I would also like to thank you all for the support you give our masonic family and hope you will help all of our groups of all ages to grow and stay around for years to come.

Rosalyn Litzza
Worthy Matron
Silverado 189
St Helena.



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of California

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- Information and referrals
- Senior communities in Covina and Union City
- Statewide Masonic Outreach Services for members of all ages and their families
- Transitions short-term care for neurological and post-surgical rehabilitation (Union City)
- The Masonic Center for Youth and Families in San Francisco and Covina—with telehealth services now available everywhere
- **NEW!** Shared housing for seniors in Covina

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mcyaf.org
(877) 488-6293 (San Francisco)
(626) 251-2300 (Covina)

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masonichome.org/ValueNetwork

Greetings, Brethren!

As we enter the month of July, we celebrate the anniversary of American Independence. The values of Freedom, Democracy, and Brotherhood that we cherish as Americans and Masons. We also reflect on the many contributions that our Masonic forefathers made to the founding of this great country. Historic American figures such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, and Paul Revere are Brothers of emulation who remain in Masonic lore. Additionally, 2023 marks the 300th anniversary of what's known as the "1723 Constitutions" (AKA Anderson's Constitutions), the publication whose Enlightenment principles provides the philosophical foundations of modern Freemasonry and template for the U.S. Constitution. Let us celebrate and take pride in the many accomplishments our Masonic brethren have achieved for the betterment of our society, while today follow their example in providing leadership in our local communities. Remember, we must not only be men of virtue, but men of action. It's only through our individual actions that positive influence and change can happen.

In our Napa Valley Lodge, we strive to work on our mission for relevance in our Up Valley community, with a vision to grow as a Brotherhood and remain a place of fellowship that we all can enjoy. The new "Club 93" membership lounge is up and running, so I invite all to take time and visit the Lodge as we continue to grow in number. I am also grateful for the leadership and support of our Worshipful Master Mikal Litzza, who entrusts me with the responsibility of assisting him in opening and closing the Lodge and presiding over it in his absence this July 5th for Stated Meeting.

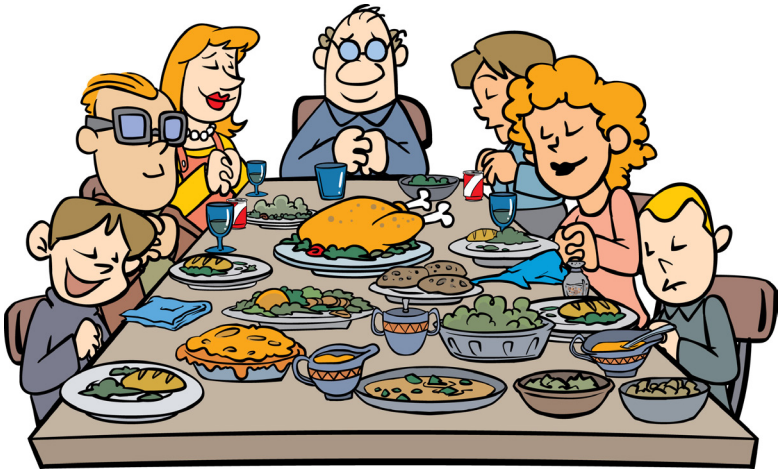
Please always know that as your Senior Warden I am here to listen. I value your feedback on how we can improve our Lodge, making it a more vibrant and attractive environment to new members.

Finally, I want to remind you of an important date coming up in July. On Saturday, July 29th at 6:30pm we are hosting the annual Napa Valley Lodge No. 93 Scholarship Dinner and Presentation. That evening we're hosting this year's scholarship recipients, their families

and scholarship administrators from the various public high schools who are part of our program here in Napa County. Our resident Chef Josh Wheeler will be putting together an outstanding dinner for all to enjoy. Please come and participate in this memorable evening. I look forward to seeing you all and share in some quality time.

Fraternally Yours,
Hector R. Marroquin PM
Senior Warden

Come join US for Dinner!!!



Here's the menu for the July Stated Meeting:
BBQ Baby-Back Pork Ribs • BBQ Chicken
Quinoa and Summer Vegetable Medley
Corn on the Cob • Arugula and Watermelon Salad Ice
Cream Bars for dessert

BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



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Napa Valley Lodge #93

1335 Main Street

Wednesday, **September 13**

Wednesday, **November 8**

Wednesday, **February 14, 2024**



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