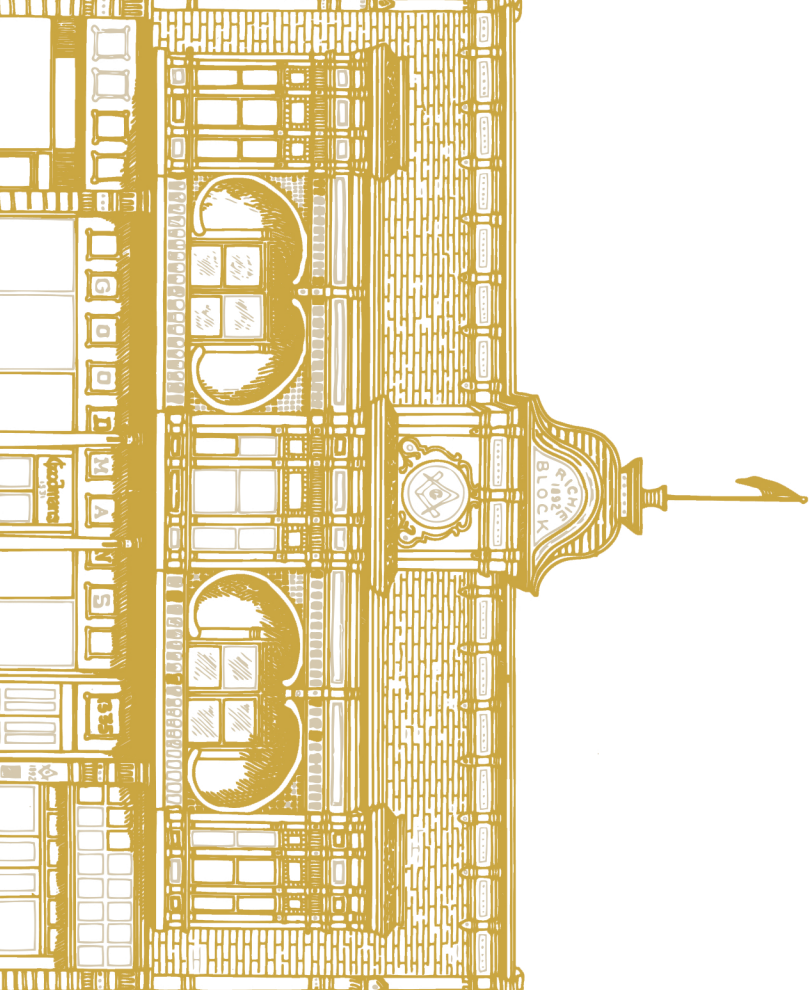




Napa Valley Lodge No. 93 F. & A.M.
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JUNE 2023



AS THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST

WORSHIPFUL MASTER

MIKAL LITZZA

Greetings from the East.

It is June, half the year has gone by quickly. First and foremost, I want to welcome our newly obligated Brethren who were initiated on May 20th. I hope the day was memorable for you. I am looking forward to how you all progress and to again let you know that we are all here to help you.

The next bit I would like to bring up is, as always, our Youth Orders. They are in need of our help, both with helping to add members and as Advisors. They are our future, both with respects to our Lodge and Chapters, but also in our communities. Our youth need those mentors and adults whom they can learn from and emulate. Plus, being around them is both fun and rewarding. They learn from you, but you can also learn from them.

Now onto the Tidbit of Knowledge: (<https://www.ducksters.com/history/juneinhistory.php>)

- The month of June comes from the Roman, or Julian, calendar. June was initially named Iunius. The name either comes from the Roman goddess Juno, wife of Jupiter, or from the word “iuniores”, the Latin word for “younger ones”. In the early Roman calendar June only had 29 days. It was Julius Caesar who added the additional day giving June 30 days.

- It is the first month of the summer season.

- June in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to the month of December in the Southern Hemisphere.

- June is known as a great month to get married.

- The famous English tennis tournament Wimbledon is played during the month of June.

- The longest day of the year occurs on either June 21st or 22nd.

- Several countries celebrate their flag days during this month including the United States, Sweden, Denmark, Romania, and Argentina.

- June 21st is Go Skateboarding Day.

See you all in Lodge.

Mikal Litzza

Master 2023

Happy June everyone,

We are rolling along with new degree conferrals. Congratulations to all of our new Entered Apprentice Masons. Your journey has begun!

At the May Stated Meeting, the brothers approved adopting a program that is designed to assist teachers that are more directly affiliated with our lodge. 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.

Thank you to all of our teachers and all that you do!

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

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



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- The Masonic Center for Youth and Families in San Francisco and Covina—with telehealth services now available everywhere
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JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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4	5	6	 STATED Dinner 6: Meeting	
11	 HAPPY NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE DAY!	12	13	 FLAG
 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	18	19	20	 FIRST OF JUNE
25	 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE PUDDING DAY	26	27	

2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
 <p>MEETING 30 7:30</p> <p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
 <p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	 <p>17</p>
 <p>21</p>	<p>Silverado Chapter OES 7:30PM St. Helena</p>  <p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	

From the South...

Brethren and Friends,

I wish I had something profound or important to say this month, but at the moment, as I write this message, and after having gone through the exercise of preparing for and conferring four First Degrees, a question keeps looming in my head.

What was the connection, event or “spark” if you will, that brought You to our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity?

Fraternally Yours,

Ken Miller, Junior Warden

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Greeting Brethren from the West,

Summer has arrived and with it, opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family. For Emily and me it means summer break from school for Teddy and Benny. It means family trips or even just lazy summer days in the backyard. However we choose to spend these moments, remember they are ephemeral. Our present consciousness and these experiences are delicate. Cherish them and take the time to smell the roses. Hug your loved ones just a little longer. Donate an extra second to speak with a stranger, or even call a Brother to reconnect. As Masons we must reflect on the lesson that the “ringlets of time” continue to unfurl and reveal wise and serious truths. These truths no matter how inconsequential they appear, are always applicable to our daily lives. So, let's continue to apply these and be men of action and virtue.

I would like to take this opportunity and congratulate our newest Entered Apprentice Brothers who began their journey this past May 20th. The future of our Lodge remains bright, and I'd encourage any and all to come to Lodge and get to know your new Brothers. I'd also like to take the time to congratulate our 2023 Scholarship recipients and invite everyone to our Scholarship Presentation and Dinner where we'll present this year's winners with their \$2,500 check as we enjoy an evening of fine food, wonderful company, and fellowship. The dinner is Saturday July 29, 2023 at 6:30pm. Let's please have a good showing of members to show our support for our annual program and these fine young adults. The winners are, Elijah Ret and Akayla Fortuno (American Canyon High School), Atticus Fisher (Napa High School), Ryan Kmiec (Vintage High School), and Rowan Laird (St. Helena High School).

Thank you and I look forward to seeing all of you at Lodge!

Fraternally,
Hector R. Marroquin PM
Senior Warden



Left to Right: Akayla Fortuno,
Hector Marroquin, Elijah Ret
(American Canyon High School
Class of 2023)

JUNE *Birthdays*

William Foreman	06-12
William Grandrath	06-13
Robert Palmer PM	06-20
Frederick White	06-30

*Let them
eat Cake!*

HAPPY
3RD DEGREE
Anniversary

James Johansen	06/01/74
Hector Marroquin PM	06/13/12
Donald Morton	06/14/61
Robert Palmer PM	06/18/80



Serving Masons and their Families, Across the Lifespan

EMOTIONAL HEALTH DESERVES attention, just like physical health. In the same way you turn to your physician with medical questions, it's important to seek emotional support when you're facing difficult feelings or hard times. As California Masons, you have an incredible resource available in MCYAF, which has a team of licensed professionals ready to help. With a sliding-scale fee schedule and video-conferencing services available, MCYAF's model of care is available to all.

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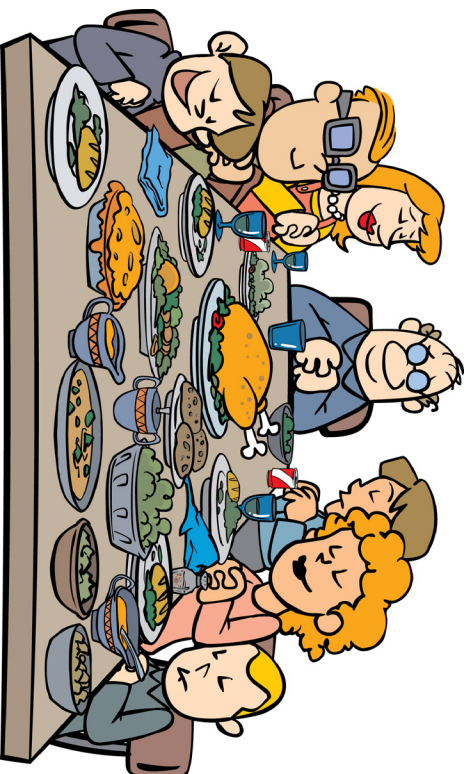


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Come join us for Dinner!!!



June stated Meeting dinner menu. . .

Spinach and strawberry salad, Roasted Pork loin w/ apricot glaze,

Roasted Fingering potatoes, Corn and saushn succotash,

Apricot Cake w/ lemon glaze