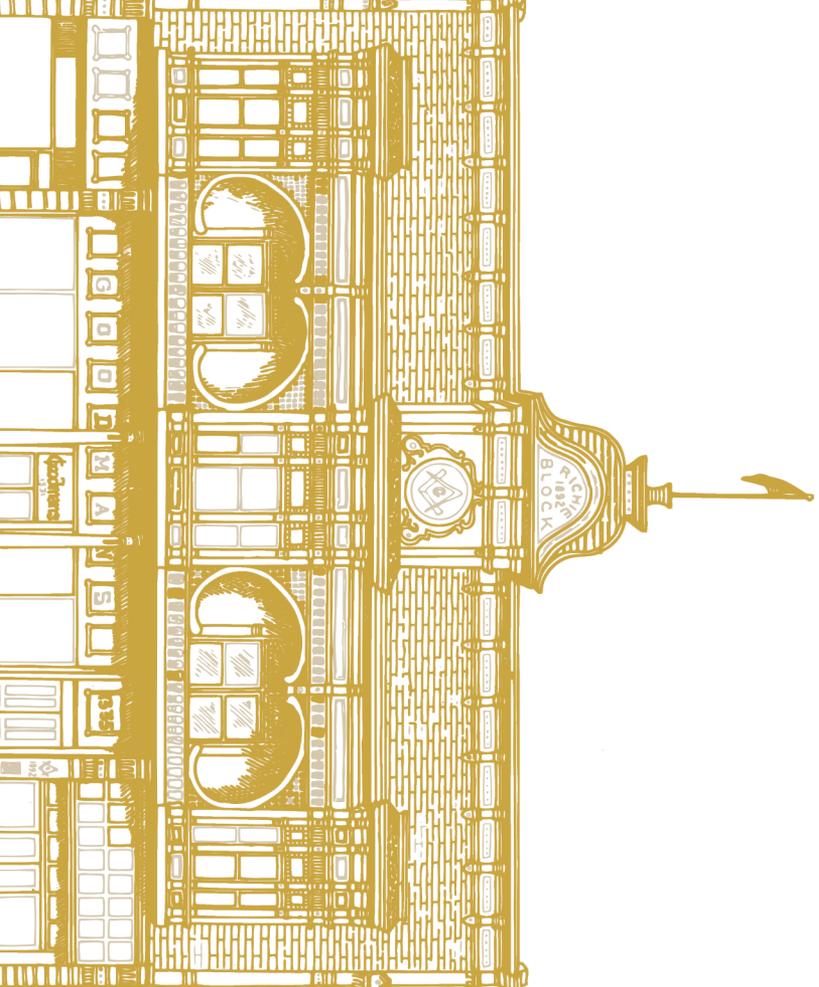




Napa Valley Lodge No. 93 F. &A.M.  
1335 Main Street, #102  
St. Helena, CA 94574-1940



MARCH 2023

# IT'S THE EVENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

## ST. HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



### APPRECIATION DINNER AND PRESENTATION

**WHERE:** NAPA VALLEY LODGE No. 93 F&AM  
UPSTAIRS MASONIC LODGE DINING ROOM  
1335 MAIN STREET  
ST. HELENA, CA 94574

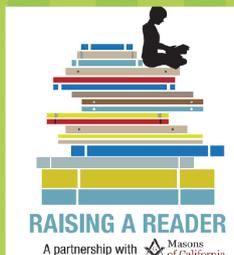


**WHEN:** SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

**TIME:** 6:00 PM WELCOME RECEPTION  
6:30 PM BUFFET DINNER  
PREPARED BY RESIDENT CHEF, JOSH WHEELER

**DRESS:** BUSINESS CASUAL

**RSVP REQUESTED:** HECTOR R. MARROQUIN PM,  
(720) 841-7340 OR EMAIL  
ADMINISTRATION@SHMTA.ORG



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER JEFFREY WILKINS**  
PAST GRAND MASTER,  
MASONS OF CALIFORNIA

# HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



AS THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST

## **WORSHIPFUL MASTER**

MIKAL LITZZA

Greetings from the East.

Another month has gone by, with another right around the corner. For March, we are looking to have the Ladies Tea (on 3/11), our Public Schools dinner (on 3/25) and, if all goes well, a Third Degree (on 3/29). Hope to see you all for these events. I also hope to see some of you at our Youth meetings and events.

Now for a bit of trivia:

Things that happened March 4th:

1793: The Electoral College elected Washington unanimously for a second term and on This Day 1793 he was inaugurated for a second term in the Senate Chamber of Congress Hall in Philadelphia, PA with John Adams as Vice President.

1801: Thomas Jefferson who had been the principal author of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 became the Third President of the United States.

1936: The Hindenburg makes its first official flight in Germany. The Hindenburg built by the Zeppelin Company was 804 ft long filled with highly inflammable hydrogen to provide the lift and four 1,200 hp Daimler-Benz diesel engines giving the airship a maximum speed of 135 km/h (84 mph). To put this in context The Hindenburg was three times the length of a current Jumbo Jet and could carry less than 100 people including passengers and crew. (Jumbo Jet carries circa 500 including passengers and crew)

1933: Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated as the 32nd president of the United States pledging to lead the country out of the Great Depression. (<https://www.thepeoplehistory.com/march4th.html>)

See you in Lodge. ☺

Mikal Litzza PM

Master

My Brothers, I am dedicating my article this week to the speech I gave for WB Hector Marroquin PM, for his Hiram Award Presentation.

Hector and I both know that the presentation of the Hiram Award is supposed to be an individual event. But as we were both selected during the covid pandemic, and taking into consideration how busy our lodge officers are coming out of the covid pandemic, we decided to combine our events into one night. And as such, we decided to present for each other.

One of the well known axioms of Freemasons is that we make good men better. It goes without saying therefore, that to be a Mason, one must already be a good man.

He conducts himself well in any company, is well regarded, true and trusty, and valuable in his vocations.

This is before ever even becoming a Mason, because to even be considered for membership, Masons must already have confidence in a man. That he is of high moral character, and will bring honor to the fraternity.

If all masons begin their masonic journey as good men with a high degree of confidence among their peers, the bar of becoming better along the way might seem a daunting and lifelong task. But the truth is, service is not a ladder. There are no set goals. Brothers are surrounded by the examples they themselves hope to exemplify. And in any pursuit, when you are among excellent people, you tend to find ways of rising with them.

But even among good men there are those that stand out and give of themselves far beyond what is normal or routine. Hector Marroquin is such a Mason.

The Hiram Award is not a merit badge, or a gold star. It isn't achievable by checking off boxes. Nor is it a lifetime achievement award that only requires the passage of time. It is the ultimate recognition of your lodge brothers, who at some unplanned and unforeseen moment, decide that a brother is worthy of special recognition. Because he isn't just a good man. He's become better.

Hector was born in SF and grew up in the St Helena area, graduating from St Helena High School. He graduated the University of Colorado in 1999 with a degree in communications. He is happily married to Emily for 11 years. He's worked in fine dining, mortgage and finance, and project management. He currently operates as an independent notary public which gives him the flexibility in raising his two boys, Teddy and Benjamin.

If the Hiram Award was based on achievements in a Masonic Career, Hector would certainly have a lot of boxes checked. Since being raised a Master Mason in 2012, the year I was Master he has:

- Served as Master twice
- Is a Member of the Oakland Scottish Rite
- A Member of the Commandery
- Cryptic Council
- Royal Arch
- Masters and Past Masters Association
- St Francis Conclave - Knights of Red Cross of Constantine, which is by invitation only.
- Hector serves as the lodge's primary Liaison for the City of St. Helena
- Has served for many years and is currently President of the St. Helena Masonic Temple association

# MARC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			 <p>STATED Dinner 6: Meeting</p>
5	6	7	
 <p>12</p>	13	 <p>14</p>	
19	20	21	
26	27	28	

# H 2023

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>MEETING</b> 30 7:30			
1	2	3	4
8	9	10	11 <i>Ladies Tea Party</i> 2-4 pm @ the Lodge 1335 Main St. St. Helena
15	16	17	18
			
22	Silverado Chapter OES 7:30PM St. Helena 	23	24
			St Helena Public Schools Appreciation Dinner 6PM
25			
29	30	31	

- He is currently serving as Sr. Warden and on his way to the east again.

But as the Hiram Award has nothing to do with Offices, affiliate organizations, or Titles, his impressive collection of achievements are not really relevant in this case.

Hector is quite simply the working hub of the lodge. There are brothers that serve, and there is Hector. No one can be suitably compared to his level of devotion and contributions to the community, our lodge and the fraternity. And if any brother was, they would fall incredibly short.

While serving on the hall, Hector ran a \$1.5million renovation that was 40 years overdue. It was a massive undertaking, that involved managing a general contractor and several subcontractors and took months to complete.

In the exodus of long time tenant Goodmans and nearly two years of searching, Hector secured the perfect tenant for our newly renovated space, Simon Bull. Having a world class artist utilizing our building to showcase his work only added to the exclusive and high end perception of our Masonic Lodge.

Hector was instrumental in working with our tenants at the onset of the covid pandemic to insure that we could survive the downturn together and still maintain the operational functions of the building. Our efforts served as an example for the other landlords in town, and ultimately, none of our retail tenants were forced to close.

But Hectors contributions aren't compartmentalized with our Hall Board. He also chairs our Scholarship committee each year, carefully vetting each of our candidates. And when excellence and qualification exceeds his mandate, he is always a passionate advocate of convincing the brothers to extend one more scholarship for a deserving student.

Hector is also the lodge's advocate for the blood bank. When the Blood Drive lost use of the facility they had been using, Hector not only spearheaded approval for allowing the blood drive to use our building, he also drove the campaign to promote it, and made the necessary electrical improvements to our dining room to accommodate their equipment.

And even if all that isn't enough, you simply haven't partaken of one of the lodges singular experiences if you haven't attended a dinner prepared by Hector himself, who in the Masonic world, would be deserving of a Michelin Star.

Hector raises the bar to heights few can ever hope to reach. But as Masons, we enjoy being among such excellent people. Because their example helps us all. Not only in our Masonic life, but our personal and professional lives as well.

Sean Harris, Secretary



Greetings from the West,

As we approach the spring equinox, it is a time for us to reflect on the renewal of life and the growth of our fraternity. Though, at times the growth of our lodge can seem stagnant, we are successfully making progress one new brother at a time.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to our craft. Whether by attending our Stated meetings and events or even staying home due to health concerns, your commitment to the principles of Masonry is unwavering. It's this commitment and love for our fraternity that helps us continue to grow and strengthen.

It of course wouldn't be Napa Valley Lodge if we didn't have several exciting events planned for the coming months. As always our events and dinners are FREE for all to enjoy. For this month of March, our annual Ladies Tea is scheduled for Saturday the 11th at 2pm-4pm. Then on Saturday March 25th, we are hosting our 2nd annual St. Helena Public Schools appreciation dinner and presentation prepared by our resident chef Josh Wheeler, also with Keynote speaker Jeff Wilkins PGM. The welcome reception starts at 6pm with dinner at 6:30pm. Please participate in these wonderful events put together by our Brothers and Ladies.

My friends, let us always take to heart the lessons of Masonry. The tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth continue to influence our daily lives as we continue to support and uplift one another. I am honored to serve and look forward to spending time with all of you in the months to come.

Fraternally,

Hector R. Marroquin PM

Senior Warden

# MARCH

## *Birthdays*

William Heller	03-09
Andrew Hingston	03-09
Robert Robertson	03-10
Peter Cunningham PM	03-12
Billy DeVore III	03-13
Zvonko Habek	03-21
Richard Hyde	03-24
Louis Carsner Jr. PM	03-29

# **HAPPY** **3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE** *Anniversary*

Robin Feckner PM	03/10/82
Frederick White	03/17/72
Hyke Markarian	03/19/64
M. David Perry PGM	03/23/88
Peter Cunningham PM	03/24/71
Eric Forrestall	03/28/18
Ariyeh Schmeder	03/29/17
Wallace Gardner	03/31/64



DON'T BE LATE  
for a  
VERY IMPORTANT DATE  
please join for a

# Ladies Tea Party

for the ladies of NapaValley Lodge #93

SATURDAY | MARCH 11th | 2-4PM

1335 Main Street  
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RSVP Deane  
deanemiller59@gmail.com or  
707-321-6535  
By March 8th