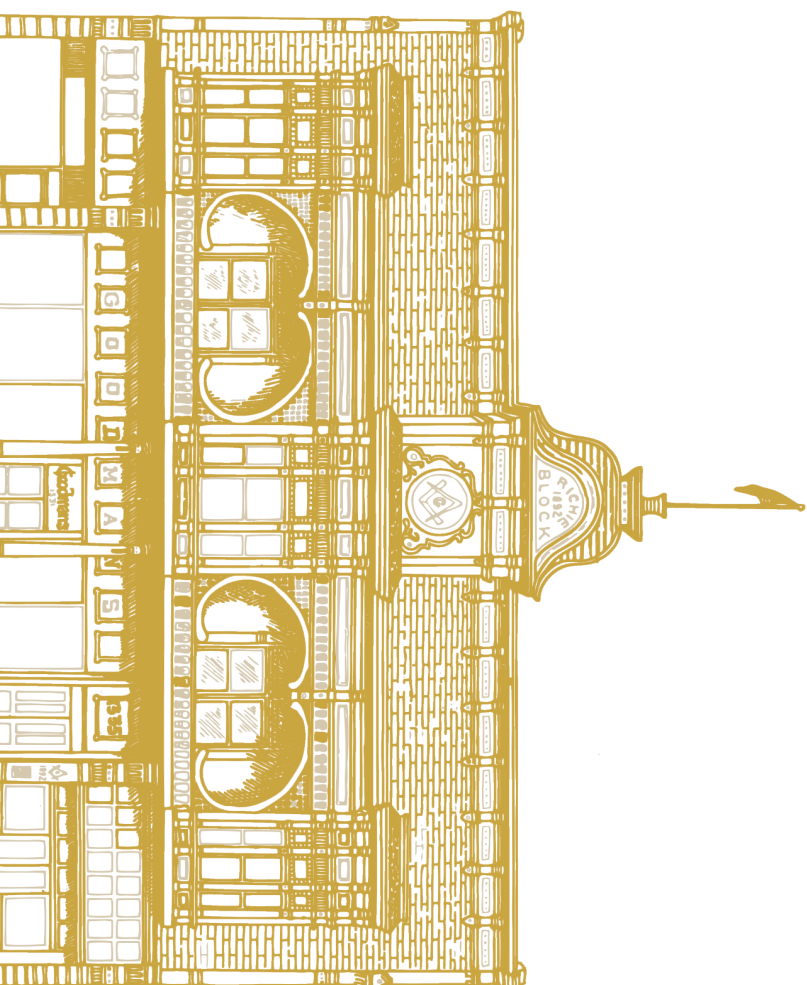




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JANUARY 2024



**NAPA VALLEY LODGE #93**  
**FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS**

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*cordially invites you to the*

**169th ANNUAL  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**Saturday, January 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**HECTOR R. MARROQUIN PM**  
*Master Elect*

**KENNETH MILLER PM**  
*Senior Warden Elect*

**JAY HUTCHISON**  
*Junior Warden Elect*

**Reception 5:00p.m.**

**Dinner 5:30p.m.**

**Installation Ceremony 7:00 p.m.**

**Coffee and Dessert to follow**

*Formal Attire*

**Reservations Requested**

*Please RSVP to Hector Marroquin*

*administration@shmta.org or 720.841.7340*



AS THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST  
**WORSHIPFUL MASTER**  
MIKAL LITZZA

Greetings from the East,

As I write my final missive from the East, I look back on a year filled with a lot accomplished. We Raised two brothers, Initiated five, and of those five, two have been Passed and are ready to be Raised. We have had multiple successful events and have shared in good Brotherhood. Though I am finally stepping away as being an Officer of Napa Valley Lodge, at least for a year, I will not be far away. As some know, I was asked to become an Inspector for Grand Lodge, and I accepted. I have been placed to take over for our current Inspector, so I will still be in Lodge helping out but will also be assisting three other Lodges.

One of the items our current Grand Master is focusing on is our Youth Groups, and as you all know I am a big proponent of them. If you know of any kids between 11 and 21, please point them to the appropriate Group or Groups. I am always available if you have questions or need to know who to reach out to. The youth of today is our Lodge Brothers or Eastern Star Sisters, as well as possible Leaders of our Communities.

Now to a Tidd-Bit of Knowledge: (<https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/january.htm>)

- January 1, 1776 - During the American Revolution, George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

- January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

- January 3, 1924 - British Egyptologist Howard Carter found the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor after several years of searching.

- January 21, 1954 - The USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut.

- January 24, 1848 - The California gold rush began with the accidental discovery of the precious metal near Coloma during

construction of a Sutter's sawmill. An announcement by President Polk later in the year caused a national sensation and resulted in a flood of "Forty-niners" seeking wealth.

- Birthday - Betsy Ross (January 1st 1752-1836) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was a seamstress credited with helping to originate and sew the Stars and Stripes flag of America in 1776.

- Birthday - Louis Braille (January 4th 1809-1852) was born in France. Blinded as a boy, he later invented a reading system for the blind using punch marks in paper.

- Birthday - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) was born in Salzburg, Austria. From the age of five, through his untimely death at age 35, this musical genius created over 600 compositions including 16 operas, 41 symphonies, 27 piano and five violin concerti, 25 string quartets, 19 masses, and many other works.

With that, I wish you a wonderful New Year, and see you in Lodge!

Mikal Litzza  
Master 2023



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(626) 251-2300 (Covina)

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Hello family and friends.

Hope the new year is finding you with lots of new adventures. I want to thank you all for all you did in 2023. I also want to invite you all to support our masonic family. We have youth groups for the kids starting at ages 8 to 21. They are Napa Chapter Demolay which is a group for boys 9 to 12 for squires and 12 to 21 for the older boys. There is Jobs Daughter for girls 9 to 20 and they also have a younger group for jobee to bee for ages under 9. There is also Rainbow for Girls ages 11 to 20 and pledge is 8 to 11. They are always looking for members. If you know any one who would like to join or get more information please contact one of the emails below.

Thank you

Napa Demolay  
Hunterlitzza@hotmail.com

Jobs Daughters  
toobusysue@msn.com

Rainbow for Girls  
Rozlitzza@gmail.com



*Job's Daughters*

I N T E R N A T I O N A L ®

Hello my brothers and happy New year!

I certainly hope you all had a healthy and productive 2023 and are prepared to head into 2024 with renewed enthusiasm.

### Dues Information

The per capita assessment for the fiscal year November 1, 2024, through October 31, 2025, as proposed by the Senior Grand Warden, was adopted and fixed at **\$65.50**. As a result the TOTAL 2024 lodge dues for each member are now **\$90.50** per year. (\$25(lodge-dues)+\$65.50)per-capita))

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; \$2172  
50 to 54 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 20 times annual dues; \$1810  
55 to 59 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 18 times annual dues; \$1629  
60 to 64 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 16 times annual dues; \$1448  
65 to 71 inclusive, a factor equal to or greater than 14 times annual dues; \$1267  
and Age 72 and over, a factor equal to or greater than 12 times annual dues. \$1086

### **2023 dues cards expire on Dec 31, 2023.**

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](http://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

Faternally,

Sean Harris PM  
Secretary



# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	 1	 2	 STATED MEETING Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:00
7	8	9	
14	 15	16	
21	22	23	
 28 National Kazoo Day	29	30	

# JANUARY 2023

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b>  <b>MEETING</b> 10:00 11:30	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Apple Tree Day</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Lodge Installation 5:00 p.m.
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> NATIONAL <b>CHEESE</b> <b>LOVER</b> DAY 
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Silverado Chapter OES 7:30PM St. Helena 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>31</b>			

## Greetings Brethren, from the West. . .

Happy New Year 2024 Brethren and Friends!

The new year is upon us, and as such a new Masonic calendar. Installation of the new officer corps for Napa Valley Lodge No. 93 is set to take place this Saturday January 13, 2024, at 5 pm at the Lodge. Dinner will once again be prepared by our own Josh Wheeler, and we will have a few distinguished Grand Lodge Officers in attendance to help with the installation of our new line of officers. All friends and family are welcome to attend, and please keep an eye out for the invitation in the mail if you have not received it already. I would again like to say how much of an honor it is to be serving the Lodge as Worshipful Master for the ensuing 2024 year. I am very proud of the achievements of our Lodge in 2023, such as the initiation of several outstanding new Brothers, the completion of various charitable projects, memorable recognition dinners for our public school and scholarship recipients, just to name a few. Let me take this time to congratulate Worshipful Brother Mikal Litzza as being appointed our new Inspector the 129th Masonic District. Worshipful Mikal is such an integral part to this Lodge, its function and success, that I know he will bring that same level of dedication to his new position as inspector with our California Grand Lodge.

As we embark on a new Masonic year, let us remember the words of our late Brother Robert Burns, the Scottish poet and Master Mason, who wrote the famous song “Auld Lang Syne” (Old Long Since or Long Ago). This song, which is traditionally sung at the stroke of midnight on New Year’s Eve, is a tribute to the bonds of friendship and the memories of the past. It also expresses a hope for the future, as we pledge to meet again and renew our ties.

Auld Lang Syne, is a beautiful expression of the Masonic spirit, which values the past, the present, and the future. As Masons, Brothers and Friends to one another, we honor our ancient traditions, our venerable landmarks, and our illustrious history. We also make use of the present, applying our Masonic teachings to live a virtuous life, and striving to help improve our society. In today’s world we are beset with much turmoil, however, we must maintain a vision forward, with faith, hope, and charity. We do not forget our old

acquaintances, our Brethren who have gone before us, or who are far away from us. We keep them in our minds and hearts, and we hope to meet them again, either in this world or in the next. We also welcome new acquaintances, new Brethren who join our ranks, and who bring new light and life to our Napa Valley Lodge. We share with them the cup of kindness, the bond of brotherhood, and the joy of Masonry.

Once more, as we sing “Auld Lang Syne” at the end of this 2023 year, let us also celebrate the beautiful gift of life, which is the most precious and sacred of all. Emily and I are full of love, rejoicing in the birth of our new baby girl, Chloe Arlena Marroquin, who was born on December 6, 2023. She is a blessing to our family, and a symbol of rebirth and new beginnings. Chloe reminds us of the innocence, purity, and wonder of childhood. The potential, promise, and purpose of adulthood, while she inspires us to be better men for the future. Chloe is our pride, our joy, and our hope.

My friends, please raise your glass....Let us toast to our Brother Robert Burns, who gave us this wonderful gift of song. Let us toast to our Lodge and our Craft. Let us toast to Chloe, our families, and our future.

“For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne.”

Fraternally yours,  
Hector R. Marroquin PM  
Senior Warden



# HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY



Mohammad Subaie	01-01
Robin Feckner PM	01-01
Mark Linder	01-04
John Kuykendall	01-05
Erik De Marco	01-10
M. David Perry PGM	01-12
Allen Holland PM	01-17
James Edginton Jr.	01-20
Robert Palmer PM	01-28
Samuel Maffei PM	01-30

# HAPPY

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

Donald Hudson	01/16/64
Andrew Hingston	01/20/99
Richard Hyde	01/23/14
Allen Holland PM	01/24/05
Stanley Waggoner Sr.	01/25/66
Charles Cunningham Jr. PM	01/26/77
Scott Small PM	01/28/03
Donald Thomas	01/28/59
John Zopfi	01/28/81
King Cowdin	01/30/13



## *From the South...*

As the new year begins, we look ahead to Spring just around the bend when our little corner of the world will be budding and blooming all around. We are also looking forward to continued growth in our Lodge with the steady addition of new members and advancement of our newer Brethren. If you have not been to the Hall in a while, you may find it worth your while to at pay a visit to see the upkeep and improvements that have been done in the last couple of years. Not to mention, it would be great to see folks come out to help celebrate and support our Annual Installation of Officers on January 13th. Looking forward to seeing you.

Fraternally Yours,  
Ken Miller, Senior Warden

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Hello  
Winter!



## Hall Board Officers

**President:** Hector Marroquin

**Vice President:** Mikal Litzza

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**Chief Financial Officer:** Sam Maffei



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### *January 3, Stated Meeting dinner menu...*

- Roasted Chicken with mushroom sauce
- Mixed Green Salad
- Herb mashed potatoes
- Roasted parsnips and carrots
- Lemon bars for dessert

### *January 13, Installation dinner menu...*

- Hors d'oeuvres reception (5pm)
- Dinner (5:30pm)
- Classic Braised Beef Bourguignon presented over buttered pasta.
- Roasted vegetable medley of seasoned carrots, turnips, and kale
- Arugula Salad with Citrus
- Tiramisu for Dessert after installation

# Save the Date!!!

## SWEETHEART BRUNCH



### BRUNCH & MOVIE

### COMPLIMENTARY CONSESSIONS

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 10TH**

**NAPA VALLEY LODGE #93**

**9:00 - BRUNCH**

**11:00 - MOVIE**

**BRUNCH WILL BE AT NAPA VALLEY LODGE IN ST. HELENA  
THE MOVIE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAMEO ACROSS THE STREET**

**Movie to be determined**

