



Vallejo Masonic News

Friend to Friend, Brother to Brother

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NAVAL LODGE No. 87 VISION STATEMENT

Naval Lodge

attracts and brings together good men of diverse generational, racial, religious, and cultural backgrounds for self improvement, friendship, and service;

Because,

We provide an authentic initiatory experience and engaging education programs based on a tradition of living and animate speech to effect a personal transformation that inspires each man to a principle driven way of life based on brotherly love, relief and truth.

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As the Sun Is In the East

My beloved Brethren, this will be my last article as your Master. The time passes so slowly if you are unaware of it and so quickly if you are aware of it. It is now time for me to provide you for the Installation of my successor, as my last official duty. I would like to thank all of you for involving yourselves in the activities of our Lodge. With your involvements, I have had one of the truly memorable experiences of my Masonic journey, likewise my personal life. My time under that "black hat" has been a memorable one. I have heard of other Masters who eagerly anticipated the day they could step aside. I am not one of them. The efforts of the officers and members of this Lodge to perform not only the business we do, but to join in all activities and work projects have made the job of the Master a pleasant endeavor. Brethren, to my Officers and members, I am very grateful and thank you for all your support during my tenure. Without you, I am nothing . . . with you we were able to accomplish a lot of things for the community and for Masonry in general. Let us continue the so called "Brotherly Love".

For the last few months our lodge was pretty busy for the preparation of our degrees and ritual works. At this time, I am pleased to inform you that our lodge is now ready to perform any degrees. I am truly confident in no time our incoming officers will be just fine, familiar as we expect. They are capable and responsible to guide us for the betterment of our lodge. Congratulations to you all brothers.

Again, I would like to invite you all to attend our 164th Installation of Officers to be held at our Lodge on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 5:00 PM sharp.

Lastly, I therefore, urge you to continue your fine tradition of commitment, dedication and leadership in the service of the community and our Fraternity. I hope we will all continue to provide our unselfish support to the next officers in achieving all of the Lodge future goals and endeavors. There comes a time, I think, when one should step aside, and for me that time has come !!!

Wish you all have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Blessed Prosperous New Years to come. My greetings to one and all, God speed

Fraternally,

Rollie Q. Caabay
Worshipful Master



From the Senior in the West

THE SUN IS IN THE WEST

From the Senior in the West

The Sun is in the West

Hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving Holiday and very glad to see everybody back in the Lodge for rehearsals and good fellowship. Some folks are coming in with masks and not feeling too well but yet they were still at the Lodge supporting our team. Naval Lodge Officers were finally qualified for the 3rd degree proficiency. It was a very tense moment having the inspector observe the ritual. The inspector claimed that he's not intimidating but the look on every officer's face dictated otherwise. It was a struggle, but we were all relieved that our best efforts came to fruition. I again like to thank the coaches (Ying and Yang) for their perseverance, tenacity and the patience of Mother Theresa (applies to Yang), and the attitude of Luca Braci (applies to Ying) to stay with us through the whole process. This is indeed the reflection of a total team effort. Kudos to everyone and I will be remised if I don't mention the supporting cast e.g. PM John Snell, PM Rick Lauziere and Bro. Ralph Lindemann whose presence made a big difference in our rituals rehearsals.

I'm glad to see WB Barry Hughes in the Lodge after the rumor we heard that he had some heart issues. We were all relieved when the news came out that his heart was functioning like of an 18-year-old and just like the Duracell commercial...it just kept on ticking. We were all very happy to see you in the Lodge last week.

We attended the Gateway #3 Order of the Eastern Star and quite pleased with the change of command or we call it installation of new Officers for the civilians. My first act as an elected Master of Naval Lodge was to be a Flower Boy and I enjoyed the moment considering that I was presenting it to our very own Worthy Matron Heidi Benjamin. Of course, I had to present a spirited bottle to the Worthy Patron Guy Benjamin.

. It was quite a sight to see and very impressed with the gala and gracious manner the officers performed. There were quite a few Grand Officers of CA who were part of the installing team. The rendition of the song "Love can Build A Bridge" by Cecile Stifle was so captivating that it brought everybody to blissful moment in the middle of the ceremony. The reception after the installation was superb. So many wines and hors oeuvres were served. A very class act and worthy of all imitation.

I'd like to thank you my brethren for supporting me all these years and giving me a chance to serve you as your Master next year. I look forward to our year along with the officer's core and will see to it that we have a successful year. Thank you for that vote of confidence and will always be grateful for your continuous support.

If you haven't paid your yearly dues, please see the Secretary to fulfill your obligations.

If you know of any brother who I need to contact and get an update on their health issues, please give me a call or text me.

Fraternally and On the Level,
Manuel "Sam" Sarmiento
Senior Warden



Twenty-four Inch Gauge

The following brethren have been reported to be incapacitated.

Please let them know that you are thinking of them.

Please see the Senior Warden for updates regarding brother's current health and wellbeing.

Anniversaries

December:

Brother

Balot 44

Hazlak 41

Hems 25

Robison 60

Van Schaack 46

Webber 67

Birthdays

December:

Brother

Campbell 01

Craft 02

Monzon

02

Stauch 05

Dominguez

13

Garvin 19

Knott 27

Miller 29

Saunders 31

