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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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WEBMASTER	Joaquin Loayza
YOUTH ORDERS	Jim Jaeger (Chairman), Gerald Bettman, Seth Thomas Sunshine: Keith Wattles, PM
PROPERTY	Mike Nesmith (Chairman)





From the East

Greetings Brethren,

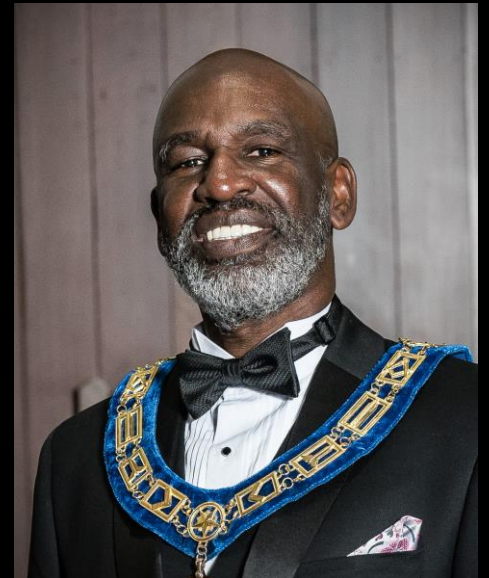
Our first community outreach activity was a major success. Over 135 coats were collected and donated to the local community church in Vallejo for distribution to the homeless. Many thanks to those individuals who contributed to this effort and much appreciation to Brother Angel Dumaop who organized the coat drive and solicited support from others. Additionally, our annual Black History Dinner was also a success thanks to the assistance of Vera (Max) Nicholas, Amanda Timmons, Rose Alfred, and Lynda C. Smith for their support in preparing the ethnic cuisine. Please remember our charge as a Master Mason regarding our obligation to mentor and encourage our Brothers as they move forward within the craft.

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It is also our responsibility to assist in developing the Brothers to ensure they are performing as expected within the fraternity. Therefore, we must provide counseling and coaching when we encounter activities that are contrary to the Masonic pledge. I am excited and looking forward to the upcoming community event, which will involve the local elementary school luncheon for the teachers. Also, I am looking forward to the upcoming Table Lodge, let's all get involved! Again, thank you to everyone who participated in making all previous events a success.

Fraternally yours,

Mervyn B. Nicholas
Worshipful Master
Naval Lodge #87



From the Senior in the West

AS THE SUN IS IN THE WEST AT THE CLOSE OF THE DAY

Wow, another month is gone! I hope this finds all of our 49er Faithfuls in better spirits than they were a month ago. Maybe next time. As we enter into March, I want to look back for a moment and thank those who made February a success. We started the month with an UNBELIEVABLE Stated Meeting Dinner produced by so many caring hands. What a way to get the month rolling! As the month progressed, every officer and many Brothers pitched in make our Rehearsals meaningful. Without the help of everyone, our traditional George Washington Daylight Degree would not happen. I was unable to be here as I was retrieving our motorhome from a Brother and Sister in Texas, but I was told that everything went as planned, from the doughnuts and coffee to get everyone awake, to the Degree and finally the scrumptious lunch that was prepared by Brothers of Naval Lodge. February will be a hard act to follow.

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As we enter March, I want to remind everyone that this is YOUR Lodge and without you, it doesn't exist. A lodge is not a building. It's the Brethren. Without you, Naval Loge No.87 F&AM doesn't function. I bring this to your attention because we miss those of you who have "wandered off." Remember, the first time I was Master, I challenged all of you to return to Lodge. Today, I renew that challenge. It doesn't matter if you don't have a suit and tie. Remember, "It is the internal and not the external qualities that make a man a Mason." In closing, I stand in the West, awaiting your desire.

Keith E. Wattles, PM



From the Junior in the South

As the Sun at Meridian Height

We are into the month of March and as I write this, it is 76 degrees outside and absolutely beautiful! How blessed we are to live in the State of California. Since we are working on the Second Degree this month, I thought I would turn my attention to the Stair Case Lecture. One of my favorite parts about my year as the Sr. Deacon was learning this lecture. If you are a Fellow Craft or Master Mason, I encourage you to look at this lecture from time to time. I have heard it often, that this is the most beautiful of all the lectures. Whether this is your opinion or not, there is much that can be learned by studying this from time to time. From the kitchen this month, we will be serving our traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage for our Stated Meeting Dinner. I hope you show up for the dinner and stay for the meeting.

Bro. Guy Benjamin Junior 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.

From the desk of the Secretary:

Brethren, If your dues card doesn't expire 12.31.2020 you are not in good standing, please send your 2020 dues of \$269.25 to the Secretary as soon as possible. I have sent out suspension notices to 14 Brothers for 2019. If you have a problem paying your dues contact me and I will get the member retention committee to contact you and maybe we can help.

Fraternally, Barry Hughes, PM Secretary



