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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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## NAVAL LODGE NO.87





## From the East

**G**reetings Brethren,

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to honoring our heroes and the many lives lost in the defense of our great nation. This tradition has been recognized and celebrated on the last Monday in May since 1971 and is formerly known as Decoration Day.

This year, however; America as a nation experienced increased sorrow as we clearly watched racism and anarchy raise its ugly head in the name of law and order. A Caucasian police officer (who is sworn to protect and serve) in full view of eyewitnesses (to include other police officers and medical professionals who were Caucasian, Black American and Asian) brutally subdued and pressed his knee into the neck of a Black American man who died while pleading for his life. America is now left to express outrage and discontent at the horrific act of this police officer who some choose to see as representing the majority.

Should we be upset.... Absolutely, but no form of pandemonium or chaos is ever productive!

As Gandhi so profoundly stated, “We must be the change that we want to see”

## Continued...

During the month of May, our nation reached a new milestone of 100K COVID-19 fatalities. I am saddened by the heartbreak of the family and friends who were unable to participate in a farewell celebration of their love ones who were overtaken by the virus; as well as their yearning of the opportunity to provide a level of comfort during their love one’s last moments.

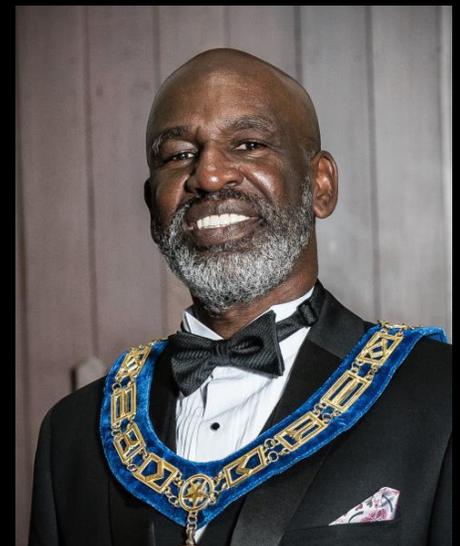
Fortunately, we can find solace in the idea that our nation is researching remedies to defeat the COVID-19 virus, and that our lives will begin to accept a new normalcy with the support of each other during this unprecedented time. As the economy commences to regain its momentum and individuals return to work, we must pause to thank all the essential and non-essential COVID-19 workers who placed people over practice.

As Naval Lodge members, we will continue to do our part by volunteering one (1) day a month at the local food bank. For those brethren who are interested in donating your time by helping others please contact Brother Alex Gairan or WM Mervyn Nicholas.

Until next time continue to be safe

Fraternally yours,

Mervyn B. Nicholas  
Worshipful Master  
Naval Lodge #87



## *From the Senior in the West*

As we come to the end of May, I'm sure that you, just like me, have to be asking yourself, "When will the Shelter-In-Place Order be lifted?" When can we meet on the Level and Part on the Square? Well, I wish I knew! I am just as anxious as you are! I miss all of you! ZOOM meetings are great, but they sure fall short of seeing each of you. But then I remember what we tell our Candidates during their Initiation and further Degrees: "You will wait a time with pa5ence."

I want to remind our Candidates and their Coaches that just because we can't meet right now, that doesn't mean that we can't talk. There are several ways to continue our Masonic Journey. I want to stress that ZOOM is not is not an assist you in any way I can. acceptable media for Proficiency training. However, I have conversed with our Inspector and he agrees that a Candidate and his Coach is not a "Masonic Gathering" and therefore I can allow you to meet here at the Lodge Proficiencies. All I ask is that you call in advance to assure that we don't have too many of us here at the same time. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me. My cell number is (707) 334-5514 or you can call the Lodge at (707) 644-8470 as it rolls over to my cell.

On a different topic, I have not heard from anyone about any of our Brothers who are in need of our support. That support doesn't have to be financial. It can be whatever a Brother needs, even if it's just a call to say hello. If you are aware of a Brother who is in need, please contact me so we can get involved.

Some of you have already agreed to take part of our Member Roster and contact Brothers to make sure they are doing well. I want to personally thank those of you who have taken on that task.

I also want to thank Brother Alex Gairan, who has taken on the task of arranging for 11 Brothers to assemble as Masons at the Solano/Contra Costa County Food Bank warehouse on June 24th to prepare bags of food that will be distributed to those in our community who are either shut-ins or cannot afford nutritious food. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!** And to the 11 Brothers who volunteered to help **THANK YOU!** We hope to make this a monthly event and give everyone the opportunity to serve.

With that I will close. Remember, I am here for you and assist you in any way I can.

Fraternally,

Keith E. Wattles, PM  
Senior Warden



# *From the Junior in the South*

As the sun at Meridian Height

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**

Fraternally,

Barry Hughes, PM

Secretary



## *Upcoming Events*

|                 |                             |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| June 2th, 2020  | Bill Zoom Meeting 6:00 PM   |
| June 4th, 2020  | Stated Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM |
| June 18th, 2020 | Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM        |
| June 24th, 2020 | Food Bank 3:30 PM-5:30 PM   |
| June 30th, 2020 | Bill Zoom Meeting 6:00 PM   |

