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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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Keith Wattles

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NAVAL LODGE NO.87





From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Happy fourth of July. I would like to start out by thanking all those who volunteered that time at the Contra Costa/Solano food bank last month. I can say for certain we all had an enjoyable time during and after our two our session. All those interested in helping can do so by joining for another session of volunteering on 22 July from 6-8 PM.

I want to reiterate my emphasis on keeping our eyes on the ball and focusing on what's important. No headline speaks of growing COVID-19 case counts, and in some states pain and patient population remain fewer than 20% while in others it has risen to over 80%. While increased testing will result in more cases being identified, it also means we can begin treating people sooner which results in better outcomes. The headlines don't always get it right, but you can have spread the good work.

In parallel with COVID-19, I have, like many of you, been following the national conversation on race, justice and equity. This week, I've been thinking a lot about inclusion: In my mind, it means challenging long-held beliefs and norms and seeking to understand; it also means being inquisitive and courageous in thought and action.

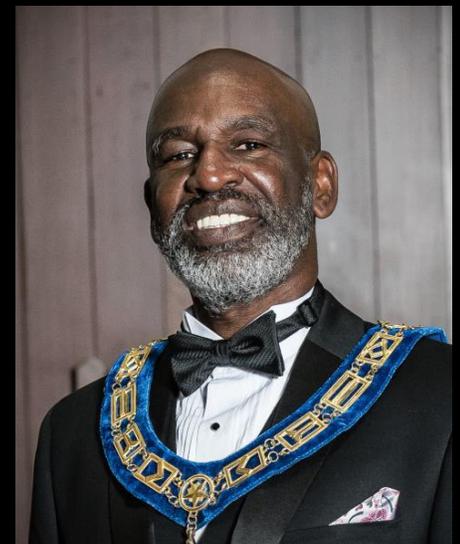
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I was taught from a young age to respect authority figures. From teachers to hold her neighbors, I was expected to follow the rules and do what was asked of me. Respect is still a critical value I hold, but I am asking new questions and challenging norms and new ways. This is going to be an ongoing and challenging conversation but gets one that will make us all stronger and better.

My safety brief going into the holiday is an obvious one, but as someone who loves fireworks and other things that go boom as much is any current or former military personnel, I feel I should say that anyway: Please be very careful with your celebrations, whether they involve small explosions or not. We need you and all your fingers and toes back and the lodge now and in the near future. Thank you again for your do. I know some of you are working over parts of the holiday, and I admire what you are doing to celebrate material friends and family during this difficult time. Have a wonderful and happy Independence Day.

Fraternally yours,

Mervyn B. Nicholas
Worshipful Master
Naval Lodge #87



From the Senior in the West

Wow! Another month has come and gone and we still have NO idea what's next! As we face another month of uncertainty, I ask that all of you keep in touch. It is during times like these that we remember why we became Masons. We are here to help and support each other and our community as we face this TOGETHER!

I want to take the time to thank Brother Gairan for taking time out his schedule to contact the Solano/Contra Costa Food Bank to find out what we, Naval Lodge No. 87, could do to assist them in their attempts to aid those in need. Through Brother Alex, we were able to have 11 Brothers work in the warehouse counting and bagging potatoes and carrots. Thank you, Brother Alex, and As the Sun is in the West at the Close of the Day... the Brothers who stepped up and worked. There will be another opportunity to assist the Food Bank on July 22nd. If you're interested, contact Brother Gairan for the particulars.

I also want to once again stress the importance of keeping in touch with your Candidates and vice versa, your Candidate Coaches. When we finally get to come back together, we want to start where we left off, not over. PLEASE, if you're having trouble getting in contact, call me and I'll do whatever I can to help. I'm at the Lodge Monday thru Friday and am willing to help ANYONE with their ritual. Until then, I stand ready 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

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| July 2nd, 2020 | Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM |
| July 16th, 2020 | Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM |
| July 22nd, 2020 | Food Bank 6:00 PM-8:00 PM |

