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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,

Recently, I received an email asking for my thoughts on the VA's I CARE values.

Very few times in my career have I felt so closely aligned to his vision or values statement. The Army's "I will never leave a fallen comrade" always stood out to me as I delivered medicine in uniform. Early in my career, I worked for a healthcare system whose motto was "we are providers of faith" which always stuck with me as a great example of a unifying statement.

In my present system, we have our I CARE values. As we navigate the remarkable events of this year, I have been thinking a lot about them. These other values that bring us to get many of you have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to them and each other. Many have written reflecting on them, reminding me of how they reach each of us.

In these difficult times, I have been focusing on our value of respect. Today in our nation we need to be able to be respectful of one another even when we disagree. Those we care for expect nothing less.

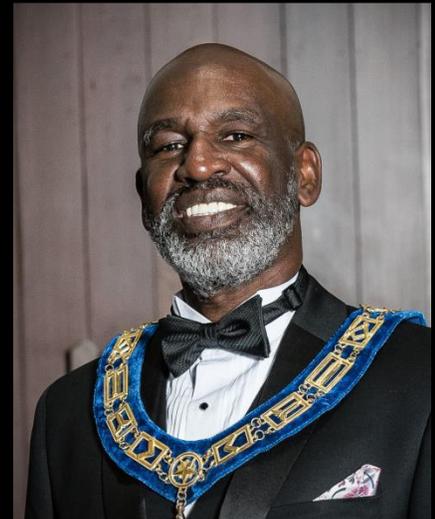
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I would love to hear from you as you think about our values and what resonates with you. Hearing from you keeps me going. I appreciate all you do. This month, I hope you will take a moment, think back to the past few months and see how much we have all learned and how far we have come. I hope you will share your optimism and what has helped you through this with me as well as with your brothers and family.

Thanks again to all who volunteered serving those in need at the County food bank. I will be out of town from 9/15-9/26. If you can offer some time to this cause on 9/23 from 1800-2000, please contact brother Alex Gairan @ 707.567.0277.

Fraternally yours,

Mervyn B. Nicholas
Worshipful Master
Naval Lodge #87



From the Senior in the West

As the Sun is in the West...

As another month comes to an end, we are all still asking “when?” When will this come to an end? When will we be able to meet again in person? What will those meetings be like? My answer: I have no idea!

As far as what’s going on at the Lodge, SMTA continues to make improvements and changes that will enhance our return. The new Ranges have arrived and with the expertise of “former Plumber” WB Hughes they are up and running. To add to the proficiency of the kitchen, we have added a Salamander and a professional grade mixer. Our future Junior Wardens should have no problem preparing great meals for us!

In addition to the upgrades that have been made to the kitchen, we have ground the flaking gray paint off of the entry way in front of the door, making that area more attractive. We have also painted the entire chair room and added power to it, making it possible to use that room during our rentals which will keep some of the mess out of the Reception Hall. That floor is in the process of being stripped of the paint so it can have an epoxy sealer applied to it.

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All in all, we are working very hard to have the Lodge ready for you when the all-clear is given. Projects that had been put on hold because of the amount of rentals that were taking place have been started or completed.

This past month has been one of multiple challenges for many of us. As most you already know, Brother Lee Horton and his wife Gigi were evacuated from their home in Vacaville and were forced to stay in their RV behind the Lodge. Brother Angel Dumaop and his wife Theresa were also evacuated and forced to stay with their cousin in Vallejo. I want to thank all of the Brothers, who at a moments notice made themselves and their vehicle available to aid in these evacuations.

In closing, I ask that ALL of you stay safe and healthy. We want everyone to be able to come back to Lodge as soon as it reopens. If you know of any Brother or Widow in need of our assistance, PLEASE let me or one of the Pedestal Officers know so we, as a Lodge, can swing into action.

Fraternally,

Keith E. Wattles, PM
Senior Warden



From the Junior in the South

As the sun at Meridian Height

No Message from the Junior Warden this month

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

We still have several Brothers that have not paid their 2020 Dues I will give the list to the Retention Committee for Collection or Remit recommendations, our final annual per capita invoice will be paid by October 1st. We are also looking for an assistant secretary for 2021 to learn the system as I will be stepping down in 2022 due to medical issues, if interested see me or the SW for more information.

Fraternally,

Barry Hughes, PM

Secretary

