



# **VALLEJO MASONIC NEWS**

**FRIEND TO FRIEND, BROTHER TO BROTHER**

## **NAVAL LODGE #87**

**FEBRUARY 2021**

### **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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## 2021 COMMITTEES

**LODGE AUDIT:** Dennis Timmons (Chairman), Lee Horton

**SMTA:** President- Barry Hughes, PM (2023)  
Vice Pres.- Seth Thomas (2022)  
CFO- Mario Cruz (2021)  
Secretary - Ralph Lindeman (2022)  
Member- Stephen Roberson (2023)  
Member- Rick Lauziere, PM (2023)  
Ex-officio's: Master & Sr. Warden

**SMTA AUDIT:** Albert Lawson, PM (Chairman), Mervyn Nicholas, PM

**MEMBER RETENTION:** Keith Wattles, PM (Chairman), Guy Benjamin, Mario Cruz

**CANDIDATE COACHING:** Guy Benjamin

**CHARITY:** Keith Wattles, PM (Chairman), Guy Benjamin, Mario Cruz

**FUNERAL:** V. Thomas Langford, PM, John Wasson, PM, Keith Wattles, PM

**MASONIC FORMATION:** Keith Wattles, PM

**PHONE TREE:** Barry Hughes, PM

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Gerald Bettman, PM (Chairman)

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Gerald Bettman, PM (Chairman)

**SMEF (Elected):** Albert Lawson, PM - President, Glenn Munkers, PM, Jim Jaeger, Matthew Vallarino, Keith Wattles, PM

**TRUSTEES (Elected):** Glen Munkers, PM (2021) (Chairman), Guy Benjamin (2022),  
Douglas Campbell, PHD (2023)

**WEBMASTER:** Joaquin Loayza

**YOUTH ORDERS:** Jim Jaeger (Chairman), Gerald Bettman, Seth Thomas

**Sunshine:** Guy Benjamin

**Community Outreach:** Bryan Shields

**Property:** Mike Nesmith (Chairman)

**Mason of the year Bro.** Seth Thomas

**Hiram Award Recipient Bro.** Ralph Lindeman

## TWENTY-FOUR INCH GAUGE

**THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO BE INCAPACITATED, PLEASE LET THEM KNOW THAT YOU ARE THINKING OF THEM. PLEASE SEE THE SR. WARDEN TO REPORT ANY SICK OR DISTRESSED BROTHER:**

As the Sun Rises in the East...

As we begin a new chapter in the history of Naval Lodge No.87, I want to take this time to thank our 2020 Master and his corps of Officers for a job well done. Those of you who have not been able to be with us on our bi-weekly Zooms, have no idea what it took to keep the ball rolling at a time when it looked like the world had stopped spinning! If not for the Master and those who were here to support him, Naval Lodge would have also stopped spinning!

Because of the hard work of those behind the scenes, we were able to accomplish many things. We provided over 400 coats and jackets to those less fortunate than us. Through the hard work of many Brothers and family members, we were active at the Contra Costa/Solano County Food bank packing meals for the Homeless and Low Income Families in our area. In addition to these projects, we were able to keep in touch with our Members and our Widows, insuring that if they were in need, they knew we were here to help. As you can see, we may have been down, but thanks to all of you, we weren't out!

Many projects were completed at the Lodge during this past year. Due to the aid of many, new floors were installed, painting that hadn't been done because it seemed like the building was always in use was completed. With the exception of the downstairs, all of the lights have been changed over to LED's, which we hope will be a savings when the electric bills come in. The kitchen has all new ovens and ranges and a new item called a Salamander. An updated fire suppression system will installed this month to accommodate the expanded appliances.

As far as the upcoming year, we have many plans in the works. But, again, they won't happen without your support. I want to remind everyone that the Master serves at the will and pleasure of the Lodge, not vice versa. That being said, I encourage all of you to express your ideas for projects and events. They may not all occur but a lot more of them will if we know that that's where your interests are. We will accomplish so much more if we work together!

I would also like to congratulate our Hiram Award recipient, Brother Ralph Lindeman, and our 2021 Mason of the Year Brother Seth Thomas. Thank you to both of you for all you have done and continue to do for your Lodge.

Again, I say THANK YOU to our outgoing Officers and to our incoming Officers.

Fraternally,

Keith E. Wattles, PM

Worshipful Master

NO MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN IN THE WEST THIS MONTH

AS THE SUN AT MERIDIAN HEIGHT

**Brethren,**

**As you all are very aware, we unfortunately cannot meet at the lodge, and subsequently will not be having a stated meeting dinner. Which is very disappointing, because as some of you may not know, we have all brand new kitchen equipment!!! I'm really excited to put the new ranges and salamander to good use in the future, and prepare great meals for the brethren and their families. I have some great ideas for those meals, when we are able to sit down together again, but until then, I wish you all good health and prosperity!!**

Warmly,  
Bro. Mario Cruz  
Junior Warden

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

Brethren,  
If you have not paid your 2021 dues you are not in good standing please pay them as not to be suspended for non payment of dues, you can pay online at Grand Lodge or send them to the lodge dues are \$271.50 for 2021.

Fraternally,  
Barry Hughes, PM  
Secretary Naval Lodge #87

