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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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Vice Pres.- Seth Thomas (2022)

CFO- Mario Cruz (2021)

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Gerald Bettman, PM (Chairman)

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2021 COMMITTEES

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TRUSTEES (Elected).....

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NAVAL LODGE NO.87

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Joaquin Loayza

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Sunshine: Keith Wattles, PM**

Guy Benjamin

Bryan Shieds

Mike Nesmith (Chairman)

Brother Seth Thomas

Brother Ralph Lindeman





From the East

Greetings Brethren,

As the Sun Rises in the East...

As February comes to an end, we're still asking, "when?" When will this all end? When will we be able to meet again, in person? When will things start to go back to normal? And more importantly, what will NORMAL be like? These are all great questions. The unfortunate answer is, "I have NO idea!"

My Brothers, all I can say is stay strong. We all want to get back together. We all want to start holding regular Stated Meetings. We all want to Pass and Raise our Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Brothers who have been waiting for what seems like FOREVER, but there's nothing any of us can do to make these things happen. Until the State says, have at it, our hands are tied.

Continued...

In the meantime, I want everyone to know that we are still holding Virtual Stated Meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm, and Virtual Get-Togethers on the third Thursday of each month also at 7:30pm. The Zoom information can be found on I-Member 2.0 in the "posts" section and if you unable to find it there, text one of your Pedestal Officers and they will forward you the link. Through these meetings, we have been able to keep in touch with some of you but it would be great if more of you were to attend the meetings so we can keep in touch with more of you. During these meetings, we aren't just conducting business, we are also brainstorming some ideas that some of the Brothers have mentioned to see if we can accomplish them now or if they are something that we can plan for when we reunite. One of the main topics that has been brought up, is Community Service. This is something that in my opinion, Naval Lodge has been lacking in for some time now. If you have any ideas as to what we as a Lodge can do to not just make ourselves look good but also accomplish great things that will improve our community and the citizens of Vallejo, PLEASE attend our Zoom Meetings and share your ideas. Two ideas that have been brought up are more support for our Public Schools and our First Responders. We are exploring these but there's always room for more.

In closing, I just want to ask that all of you stay safe and healthy and keep your Brothers and their families in your prayers as we work together to get through these trying times.

Faternally,

Keith E. Wattles, PM
Worshipful Master



From the Senior in the West

As the Sun is in the West...

Greetings Brethren of Naval Lodge. As your Senior Warden, I am charged with ensuring the wellbeing of the Brethren of the Lodge. Under our present circumstances, it is more difficult for me to learn of Brothers in distress or facing illness. So, I am seeking your assistance to help me learn about any issues our brothers or widows may be facing and how we may be able to assist them. At the end of this column I will be putting my contact information, if you are in need of assistance or know of a Brother or Widow needing help please do not hesitate to contact me.

I also wanted to reach out to our Entered Apprentices and coaches. You are the future of our Lodge; it is vital that you continue to practice your work during this time of in person inactivity. This is actually a great time to be practicing and learning so that when we are able to meet again you will be ready for your proficiency. I am quite hopeful that later this year we will be able to do Degree work again and be able to pass several Entered Apprentices to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

Lastly, I want to encourage you to join us at our Stated Meetings on the First Thursday and at our fellowship meeting on the Third Thursdays of every month by Zoom. There are several ways to join in and you don't even need a smart phone or computer. Below you will find details on how to connect with us easily for our meetings. I am more than willing to assist you with any questions you may have about connecting with Zoom. Please let me know how I can help you; it is so important that we stay connected in the time.

Zoom Details:

First Thursday at 7:30PM

By Computer of Smart Phone – Simply Click on the below link and it will take you to the meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86372347853?pwd=UWRvNGpQLzlkQ2dQLzVCTWd2eUZnQT09>

Alternatively

You can go to www.zoom.us and click on join meeting and enter the below information

Meeting ID: 863 7234 7853

Passcode: 344574

You can also Dial into the meeting from any telephone
Call: 1-669-900-9128 and enter the above meeting ID and passcode – You will enter with sound only when connecting by telephone

Third Thursday at 7:30PM

By Computer of Smart Phone – Simply Click on the below link and it will take you to the meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87941971272?pwd=NDZNaURubWFUQ2VlVE13Nk85VE9vZz09>

Alternatively

You can go to www.zoom.us and click on join meeting and enter the below information

Meeting ID: 879 4197 1272

Passcode: 014073

You can also Dial into the meeting from any telephone
Call: 1-669-900-9128 and enter the above meeting ID and passcode – You will enter with sound only when connecting by telephone.

Again – Please do not hesitate to contact me with any needed assistance

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From the Junior in the South

As the sun at Meridian Height

Brethren,

As another month goes by with us unable to meet in person, I struggle to deliver you an “easy to read” article. I understand that many of our members have recently received the Covid-19 vaccine and more continue to do so. I pray that this will help slow the number of cases in California and ultimately allow us to meet sooner. I’m really looking forward to serving you and your families some great meals in the near future, while putting that beautiful new kitchen gear to good use. Until then, again, I wish you all the very best and hope you remain happy and healthy.

Warmly,

Bro. Mario Cruz

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 have 26 members that have not paid their dues as yet and are not in good standing until paid, they are due January 1st of each year, 3 notices have been sent to date if you're not getting them you need to update your information on I-member 2.0 or send it to me and I will do it for you. I will be sending another dues request to all in arrears in the next few days please send them ASAP so you're in good standing if you want to pay with a credit card please consider adding a donation of \$8.50 in addition to your dues of \$271.50 to cover the transaction fee charged by the credit card company otherwise the lodge has to cover it. If you're having financial issues, please let me know and I will give it to the charity committee for resolution.

Fraternally,

Barry Hughes, PM

Secretary



