

Gold Country Newsletter

May 2025

Madison Lodge #23

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From the West:

Greetings Brethren,

As we turn the page on a busy yet rewarding April, we look forward to the fraternal fellowship and activities that May brings. The energy within the Lodge continues to be positive, thanks to the dedication of all our members.

Hall Board Updates & Appreciation

Significant efforts are underway to enhance our Masonic home. The Hall Board is diligently working on several projects aimed at improving our Lodge building, ensuring it remains a comfortable and welcoming space for our fraternity and community use.

We are especially grateful for the commitment of our new Hall Board members who have stepped up to lead these important efforts. Please join me in welcoming and thanking:

- **Tim Brown** - President
- **Ben Lewellen** - Vice President & Treasurer
- **Bob Hickey** - Secretary
- **Case Walters** - Hall Board Director

Thank you, Brothers, for your dedication and service to Madison Lodge #23! Your hard work is truly appreciated.

A Moment of Remembrance

May often feels like the unofficial start of summer, a time for warmer weather and looking forward to the months ahead. As we enjoy this season, let us also take time to reflect, particularly as Memorial Day approaches at the end of the month. Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the soldiers, marines, airmen, and sailors, past and present, who have bravely served and continue to serve to protect our freedoms and way of life. Their sacrifices ensure the liberties we hold dear.

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

District Fellowship Breakfast: Don't miss our next District Breakfast! Join us for food and fellowship with Brethren from across the district and bring your family.

When: Saturday, **May 3rd, 2025**, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Where: Madison Lodge #23

Who: All Masons, Families, and Friends are welcome!

Menu: Pancakes, sausage, granola, berries, yogurt, coffee, and juice.

Lodge Stated Meeting: Our regular Stated Meeting will be held **Tuesday, May 6th, 5:30 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM Stated Meeting**. Please plan to attend as we conduct the business of the Lodge.

Mark Your Calendars: Public Open House - June 7th! Get ready to showcase our fraternity! Madison Lodge will open our doors to the public by hosting an **Open House celebration on Saturday, June 7th, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM**. That same morning, there will be a car show located in the front of our lodge, so we're expecting a large turnout and a great opportunity to engage with the community. Please show your support for Masonry and your Lodge by being a part of this celebration. We encourage all members who can attend to **please be present in your Masonic regalia**. We plan to conduct lodge tours, which will include demonstrations and explanations of various items throughout the lodge, offering visitors insight into our history and traditions. Refreshments will also be offered in the lodge dining facility. Let's make this a welcoming and informative event! We hope to see you there!

Looking Ahead

Looking further ahead, please note that just around the corner in June and July, we anticipate celebrating a Hiram Award ceremony or two. This prestigious award recognizes Masons who have served the Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary. More specific information regarding the recipients, dates, times, and locations will be shared as we begin the summer and finalize the plans. Stay tuned for these special occasions!

Let's make May another productive and fraternal month for Madison Lodge #23.

Fraternally,

Brother Jon Waller

Senior Warden

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From the Secretary's Desk: Masonic Calendars

Our Secretary, Brother Tom Krummell, shares the following interesting facts about the various calendars used by concordant bodies within Masonry. You may see these different year designations on official documents or cornerstones.

- **SYMBOLIC or ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY:** Ancient Craft Masons commence their Era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A. L.), "in the Year of Light," adding 4000 to the common calendar. Thus, A. D. **2025** equals A. L. **6025**. Symbolic Lodges hold Communications.
- **CAPITULAR MASONRY:** Royal Arch Masons date from the year of the commencement of the building of the second Temple by Zerubbabel, calling it Anno Inventionis (A. I.), "in the Year of the Discovery," adding 530 to the common calendar. Thus, A. D. **2025** equals A. I. **2555**. Royal Arch Chapters hold Convocations.
- **CRYPTIC MASONRY:** Cryptic Masons date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, calling it Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.), "in the Year of the Deposit," adding 1000 to the common calendar. Thus, A. D. **2025** is equivalent to A. Dep. **3025**. Cryptic Councils hold Assemblies.
- **CHIVALRIC MASONRY or TEMPLARY:** Knights Templar commence their Era with the organization of their Order, calling it Anno Ordinis (A. O.), "in the Year of the Order," subtracting 1118 from the common calendar. Thus, A. D. **2025** is the same as A. O. **907**. Commanderies of Knights Templar hold Conclaves.
- **ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD:** Anointed High Priests date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, King of Salem, calling it Anno Benedictionis (A. B. or A. Beo.), "in the Year of the Blessing," adding 1913 to the common calendar. Thus, A. D. **2025** equals A. B. **3938**. Councils of Anointed High Priests hold Conventions.
- **SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY:** The Scottish Rite dates as do Ancient Craft Masons except that they use the Jewish chronology, calling it Anno Mundi (A. M.), "in the Year of the World," adding 3760 to the common calendar. Thus, A. D. **2025** equals A. M. **5785**. Scottish Rite Consistories hold Reunions or Rendezvous.

SHRINEDOM: Temples of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, mark time by cycles. Each 30 years from the Hegira of July 15, A. D. 622 constitutes a cycle, in which 19 of the years contain 355 days and 11 years contain 356 days. Shrine Temples hold Sessions.

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Penrhyn Gold Hill #32

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From the East...

Penryn Gold-Hill No. 32 Newsletter

April 2025 Edition

Fraternal greetings brethren,

Thank you all who were able to attend our last stated meeting and meal. Thursdays have been designated as Penryn Evenings, where we will hold Executive Committee meetings, fellowship gatherings, and ritual practice, and other Lodge/Masonic-focused events.

Our brothers have been busy with cleaning up the library space for rental, making small repairs around the lodge. The library is just shy of being ready to be listed for rent. The aim is to get a tenant in there that meets the requirements to be a fairly long-term tenant and execute a three to five year rental agreement for the space. This revenue helps us defray the cost of repairs and allows us to maintain and improve our building.

At our April meeting we were able to affiliate to our lodge, brother Samir Geydarov, I invite you all to attend a meeting and welcome our brother. We are also planning two Entered Apprentice degrees soon, so please stay on the lookout for that correspondence.

I am also looking for brothers that are interested in assisting us with our social media campaign to create public and Masonic awareness of our goings on here in Penryn. This will enable us to let the public know that we are here and are interested in ways to partner with them to increase our community awareness of who we are and what we can bring to them. It will also keep our brothers informed of our happenings and make them aware of where we are and what we are doing.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Here's a snapshot of the events planned for May 2025

- 1st-- Penryn Executive Committee/Hall Board/Committee Meetings
- 8th-- Penryn Dinner/Stated Meeting
- 15th-- Penryn Lodge (Ritual Practice)
- 22nd-- Penryn Lodge
- 28th-- DSI Roseville 1st Section of the 3rd Degree (Focus on LMW and Signs for Opening)
- 31st-- Roll Call (Lunch)

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Something additional I wanted to alert you all to is our upcoming **Lodge Roll Call luncheon/stated meeting, scheduled for May 31st, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served in the dining hall beginning at 1100 followed by our meeting/roll-call at 1300.**

Closing Thoughts

Brethren, the strength of our Lodge lies in its unity and the commitment of each member to the principles of Freemasonry. Together, we can achieve great things.

Fraternally and with warm regards,

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