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Freemasonry and the Holiday Season

As the holiday season arrives, I'm reminded of how quickly traditions fade in today's world. Families are scattered; schedules are full, and many of the old rituals that once anchored us are slipping away. In that shifting landscape, the brotherhood of Freemasonry has become one of the most meaningful connections in my life.

The Lodge gives me something rare, which is men who show up, who care, and who choose to walk this path together. In a season that's meant to bring people closer, I'm grateful to have a place where connection isn't accidental; it's intentional. The steady handshakes, the familiar smiles, the shared work and shared values... these have become my modern traditions.

While the world outside feels rushed and divided, the Craft reminds me of the importance of slowing down, supporting one another, and keeping our light steady. For me, that's the true spirit of the holidays.

I am privileged and deeply grateful to be part of my Masonic family.

Bro. Frank Udvarhelyi



Harmony Lodge 164

Brother Mike Galan

Greetings Brethren and friends!

I am saddened to report that our dear Brother Mike Galan laid down his working tools on November 15, 2025 and passed to his eternal reward. Mike's widow Karen has informed us that the funeral is scheduled on December 5, 2025 at Hooper and Weaver Mortuary in Nevada City. The service will begin at 11:00 am and will include the Masonic Funeral Service. A lunch will be served at the Nevada City Elks Lodge following the funeral. "Soft and safe to thee my brother, be thy resting place."

At our November stated meeting, we elected and installed officers for the 2026 Masonic year. As I'm again manning the Secretary's table, I'll be focused on the annual dues process during the next two months.

Our lodge dues amount for 2026 is \$123.00 and is payable prior to January 1, 2026. Many of you have already received a bill, sent by Member Services at Grand Lodge because our lodge participates in the Grand Lodge dues processing service.

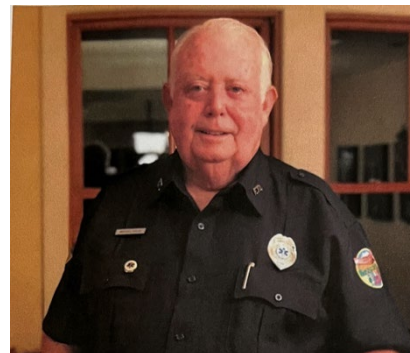
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You may pay online or by check. If you choose to pay by check, please send it to our new mailing address: 108 ½ N Pine Street, Nevada City, CA 95959 (Nevada City Masonic Temple).

As always, if you need assistance with dues or have difficulties which will prevent you from paying dues this year, please contact me directly. I'll forward your request to our lodge charity committee for their consideration. This process is kept in strict confidence.

Wishing you a happy holidays and a healthy New Year!

Sean Metroka



**Tommyknockers
Shrine Club invites
you to our
Installation of
Officers and
District Breakfast
on Saturday,
December 6 at 9
am in the Third
Floor Dining Room
of Madison Lodge,
Grass Valley**



Nevada Royal Arch
Chapter No. 6 will meet
next for our stated
convocation will be held
on January 14 at 7:00
pm.

Nevada Commandery
No. 6 will meet next on
Thursday December 11
at 7:00 pm.

Sierra Nevada Council
No. 13 will meet next for
our stated assembly on
Monday February 8 with
dinner at 6:30 and the
meeting at 7:30 pm.
Please contact Sean if
you plan to join us for
dinner so we may be sure
to have enough food.



MARYSVILLE COMMANDERY No. 7

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Cordially Requests Your Presence
At Our Annual

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE AND DINNER



Monday, December 15,
2025

At Enterprise Lodge No. 70
501 Second St., Yuba City, CA



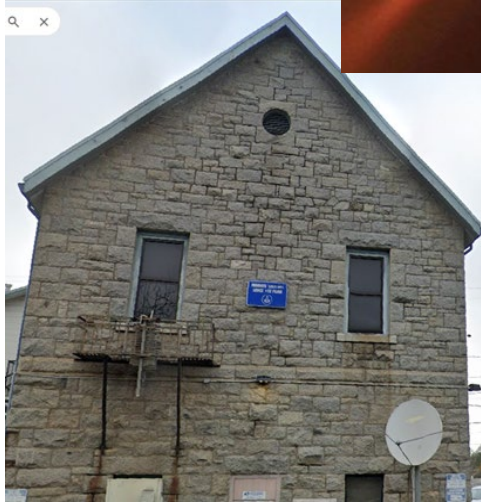
5 pm Social Hour
6 pm Dinner
7 pm Christmas Program

Dinner \$35 RSVP Required

Please RSVP by December 8

Checks may be sent to 1771 Pheasant Dr, Yuba City 95993-1192

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Penryn Gold Hill

From the East...

Fraternal Greetings Brethren,

Happy holidays! Thank you to all who were able to attend our November meeting and dinner. We were treated to a fantastic meal prepared by our Senior Warden. We also had the privilege of electing and appointing new leadership, congratulations brethren. This being my last article as Worshipful Master, let me thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to head this group of wonderful men.

Our installation of officers will be a private installation (Masons) only on the 6th of December at 10 am. Worshipful Peter Ackeret will be installing officer. Light refreshments will be available. I need us to be at the lodge at 0900 to open and set up. Thursdays have now been designated as Penryn Evenings, set aside for Executive Committee meetings, Hall Board, ritual practice, fellowship, and other Lodge- or Masonry-focused activities. I encourage all brethren to take advantage of these opportunities to engage more deeply with our Lodge and one another.

Let us continue to labor together in harmony, as we build the future of Penryn Lodge—rooted in tradition, yet open to growth.

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 remarkable things.

Fraternally and with warm regards,

Jarrod Washington

December 2025

4th Penryn
Executive
Committee/Hall

Board/Committee
Meetings

6th Installation
10am

11th Penryn
Dinner/Stated
Meeting

18th Penryn
(Lodge Night)

25th Merry
Christmas

January 2026

1st Penryn
Executive
Committee/Hall

Board/Committee
Meetings

8th Penryn
Dinner/Stated
Meeting
(1830/1930)

15th Penryn
(Lodge Night)

22nd Penryn
(Lodge Night)

29th Penryn
(Lodge Night)

MADISON LODGE GRASS VALLEY



From the West: A Word of Thanks 🙏

Brothers,

As 2025 draws to a close, I want to extend my deepest **thanks for all your support** throughout what has truly been a **fantastic year for Madison Lodge #23**.

☀️ Looking Back at 2025

- **Welcome New Brother:** We were honored to welcome a new Entered Apprentice, **Brother Ross Clemens**, to our ranks. Ross has been diligently working on his proficiency and is on track to be **Passed to the Second Degree early in 2026**—a wonderful start to the New Year!
- **Focus on the Ranks:** While 2025 was successful, I recognize we have missed many of our Brothers—especially our Entered Apprentices—this year. I will continue to work tirelessly to bring our Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons back into the fold and into the light of the Lodge.
- **District Fellowship:** Our **monthly district breakfasts** have been a resounding success, allowing us to meet not just the brethren of our district but also fostering fellowship with the Jobs Daughters who have been regular attendees.

- **Concordant Bodies:** It has been my privilege to participate in the greater Masonic family, including the work with our **York Rite, Cryptic, and Knights Templar Brothers**.
- **Unforgettable Events:**
 - The year included an unforgettable **District Picnic at the Trauner Spread**. Thank you, Brother Dana, for your outstanding hospitality and for opening your doors for a terrific barbecue and great cheer for all!
 - I had the awesome opportunity to attend and play a role in this year's **Constitution Day parade**, sponsored by our Brothers in **Nevada City Lodge #13**. In today's social climate, it was great to once again bring light to what our founding fathers risked their lives to uphold.
 - The year was capped off with the **Nevada #13 Festive Board** where we were honored to have the **Grand Lodge in attendance**. Most Worshipful Trauner was given the distinct pleasure of opening the Grand Lodge session at the Lodge—a memorable and joyful evening for all! **FIRE! FIRE! GOOD FIRE!**

Jon Waller