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## 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.

*"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday."*

- Bro. John Wayne

Raised July 11, 1970. Marion McDaniel Lodge No. 56

Tucson, Arizona

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## *Master Mason School of Instruction*

All Master Masons are invited and all Officers are required to attend the Master Mason School of Instruction at Clearlake-Callayomi. There is a \$10.00 lunch so please RSVP with the District Inspector.

# Officers & Committees

## Naval Lodge No. 87 Officers for 2011

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## Committees

### *Audit*

Henry Budding PM, Albert  
Lawson PM, Keith Wattles PM

### *Budget & Finance*

Leo Guison, Bill Hems III,  
Barry Hughes, Joe Yow

### *Candidates Coaching*

Leo Guison

### *Charity*

Leo Guison, Barry Hughes,  
Joe Yow

### *Constitutional Observance*

Albert Lawson PM

### *Entertainment*

John Schaefer, Yassine Talha,  
Joe Yow

### *Funeral*

Henry Budding PM, Barry  
Hughes, Tom Langford PM,  
Keith Wattles PM

### *Lodge Ambassador*

Bob Prenton

### *Masonic Formation*

Frank Peterson, Brent Wolke

### *Masonic Homes*

Kerry O'Brien PM, Gary Pirkig

### *Membership Retention*

Albert Lawson PM, John Wasson,  
Robert Wilson PM

### *Public Schools*

Charlie Bailhache, Gerry Bettman

### *Scholarship*

Bill Hems III, Albert Lawson PM,  
Jeff Massingham

### *SMEF*

Charles Bailhache,  
Henry Budding PM, Barry  
Hughes, Jim Jaeger, Matt King,  
Glenn Munkres PM, Russell  
Parker-Taft

### *Telephone/Phone Tree*

Bill Hems III, Robert Wilson PM

### *Trustees*

Glenn Munkres PM, Bob Prenton,  
Brent Wolke

### *Widows*

Brazen Pillars  
(Gary Pirkig, Chairman)

### *Youth Groups*

Albert Lawson, Bob Prenton  
Joe Yow

### *Hiram Award*

Bill Hems III, Barry Hughes, Tom  
Langford PM, Russell Parker-Taft:  
Albert Lawson PM Recipient

### *Mason of the Year*

Bill Hems III, Barry Hughes, Tom  
Langford PM, John Schaefer:  
John Wasson Recipient

As the Sun Rises in the East

Brethren,

I congratulate Bros. **Joe Crudo**, **Jessie Go**, & **Nee Lau**, on their first step in our ancient craft. I hope your journey's are as rewarding as mine has, and continues to be, in Masonry. It is a lifelong pursuit of enlightenment.

Our Hiram Award and Dinner for Wor. **Albert Lawson** went very well. Congratulation's Worshipful Brother **Albert!**

Our breakfast was well attended and we even made a few dollars for the Lobby Fund. Thanks to all that helped out, especially the Brazen Pillars. We couldn't have done it without you guys.

On May 21st we will have our Widow's Luncheon. I have arranged for some special entertainment that I think the ladies, as well as a lot of members, will like. The Brazen Pillars will take care of this event as the Widows are their charge for this year. If any Widow needs a few honey-dos done, please let me know and I will get them to help you.

In May, we will also have a first, second, and third degree. Check the calendar for dates and times. I need a few brothers to step up and help out with the degrees so please see me if you want to help out with the parts; they are small but important.

Fraternally,  
**Barry Hughes**, Master  
Naval Lodge #87  
707-333-7866

From  
the  
East

California Masonic Code 804.620 ADVANCEMENT

*A Lodge may advance an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft to a higher degree only if;*

*A. He has given satisfactory evidence, by examination in a tiled Lodge, that he is proficient and well qualified in the degrees which he has already taken. To demonstrate such proficiency, an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall only be required to recite from memory the obligation of each degree, together with the signs and modes of recognition of each degree. Any number of applicants may be examined at a meeting, but not more than five shall be examined at any one time with the questions being asked in rotation. Such examination shall be held in front of the East between the altar and the Master's station.*

*B. He has completed the Basic Masonic Education Course in the degrees which he has already taken. He shall demonstrate such completion by answering in writing and in open book fashion the questions appertaining to each of the pamphlets of the Basic Masonic Education Course, as such questions and pamphlets may be promulgated from time to time by the Grand Master for this purpose. The candidate's written answers shall be approved by a committee of three elective officers of the Lodge or three Past Masters of the Lodge or a combination thereof and shall be retained as a part of the Lodge records for a period of not less than one year.*

*If for any reason there is an erroneous conferral of a degree or degrees, the candidate retains the status reached but must wait one year, present an application for higher degree or degrees and comply with the provisions of this section.*

One of the Senior Warden's duty and responsibility is to make sure that the candidate is progressing at a reasonable rate. Having said that, I would like to thank and commend brothers who always volunteered as mentors and coaches for the candidates. Thank you Brothers.

Fraternally,  
Bro **Leo Guison**,  
Senior Warden

From

the

West

I greatly appreciate all of you who have been attending the stated meeting potluck dinners and sharing side dishes. The main course for the May dinner will be carne asada, which is marinated beef. Again, I greatly appreciate those who helped before, during and after the meal, regardless of how much help you contributed.

As I progress up the line toward Senior Warden and then Master of the Lodge, I find that I am increasingly responsible for ensuring that brethren support those whom have chosen to journey through the degrees of our craft to the sublime degree of Master Mason. I beseech all brothers who read these words to attend the degrees and lend them your support. These men are putting in time and effort to initiate, and to learn the necessary material to advance. A show of support can make a tremendous amount of difference to them. I am reminded of a story of a young man who sought to be a mason, and walked through those doors that were open unto him:

*Craig's hands worked automatically, expertly tying the knot that would complete the black tie around his neck. As he did so, he thought about the many Masons he had met over the last few months, as well as their families and friends. He had met over fifty Masons from the lodge at various functions, which included two stated meeting potluck dinners, the last to which he brought his favorite casserole. His tie now completed, he gave himself one quick check in the mirror, and feeling both nervous and excited, he head for the front door. Craig was one hour away from his initiation into Freemasonry.*

*Craig was certain that this was the most important step he had ever taken in his 22 years of life. As he drove up the hill and into the temple parking lot, he noticed immediately that there were few cars present. But Craig was undaunted, thinking to himself, "I'm early. I'm sure lots of people will show. Especially since they were so friendly and seemed so excited about my joining the lodge." The feeling of being part of a large fraternal family was a significant part of his interest in the fraternity.*

*Inside the temple lobby, several Masons greeted him warmly and teased him mercilessly. The warm manner displayed by the lodge members further convinced Craig that he had made the right decision. However, it was obviously evident that there were nowhere near the amount of Masons present compared with the number he had met these past months. "I wonder if said or did something to upset or insult them," was one of the many thoughts and questions running through his concerned mind.*

*Then a stunning realization came to him, causing the doubt and concern to promptly desert his mind: "This is a test!!! They are testing me to see if I will remain dedicated even if most of them do not show up! Well, I'm sticking with this, and I'm sure they will show up later and congratulate me for my dedication!"*

*As the stewards prepared him to be initiated, Craig's thoughts focused on the impending ceremonies. During the initiation, he found the ceremonies quite interesting and fascinating, and afterward felt immense pride at being accepted among the brethren. Yet, as he looked around the lodge room after his initiation, his previous concerns returned. He finally asked the Master why so few brothers showed up for this very important moment in his life. The Master assured him that this was the usual turnout, and this was not a reflection on him. Craig was noticeably disappointed. The months of excitement and anticipation of being part of a strong, supportive fraternity began to dissipate. He felt oddly deflated. Craig was assigned a coach to help him prepare for passing to Fellow Craft. However, the coach found it increasingly difficult to get Craig to meet with him for practice. By the end of the second month after his initiation, Craig completely distanced himself from the lodge and its members.*

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From  
the  
South



*Naval Lodge No. 87 proudly invites everyone to our...*

# *Widow's Luncheon!*

Saturday, May 21, 2011 @ 12:00 Noon

Springbrook Masonic Temple  
101 Temple Way, Vallejo, CA 94591

No charge for Masonic Widows and their one guest.  
\$10.00 per person for everyone else.

Please RSVP before Wednesday, May 18, 2011  
Naval Lodge Office Phone: (707) 644-0124

Luncheon Hosted  
by the

BRAZEN PILLARS CHAPTER

Widow's Sons International  
Masonic Motorcycle  
Riding Association

[www.brazenpillars.org](http://www.brazenpillars.org)

## MENU

Apple Filling Stuffed  
Chicken Breast



Rice Pilaf



Vegetables



Desert

Coffee

Tea

Punch

Musical Entertainment  
by

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trio of singers which has cap-  
tured the Big Band Swing Era  
and brought it to the 21st cen-  
tury.

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# May 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 DEMOLAY 7:30 PM	3	4 RAINBOW BOARD 7:00 PM	5 <b>NAVAL LODGE</b> POTLUCK 6:30 PM STATED MEETING 7:30 PM	6	7 BRAZEN PILLARS 9:00 AM
8	9 <b>NAVAL LODGE</b> PRACTICE 2ND DEGREE 7:00 PM	10 ROYAL ARCH 7:30 PM	11 THIMBLE CLUB 12 NOON  RAINBOW 7:00 PM	12 <b>NAVAL LODGE</b> 2ND DEGREE BRO. JOSE ANGULO 7:30 PM	13 OES 8:00 PM	14 CANCER SUPPORT 10:30 AM
15	16 <b>NAVAL LODGE</b> PRACTICE 3RD DEGREE 7:00 PM  DEMOLAY 7:30 PM	17 SMTA 7:00 PM	18	19 <b>NAVAL LODGE</b> 3RD DEGREE BRO. DON SCHAEFER	20	21 WIDOW'S LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON
22	23 <b>NAVAL LODGE</b> PRACTICE 1ST DEGREE 7:00 PM	24 <b>OSI MARTINEZ</b> 7:00 PM  DEMOLAY COUNCIL 7:00 PM	25 THIMBLE CLUB 12 NOON  RAINBOW 7:00 PM	26 <b>NAVAL LODGE</b> 1ST DEGREE MR. ROQUE	27 OES 8:00 PM	28
29	30	31				

Make sure you check us out on  
Facebook and flickr.



# May

# Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
Seth Coon	May 02
John Irving Sr.	May 04
John Huber	May 07
Gary Shiner	May 07
Wyatt Windom	May 08
Edward Craft Sr.	May 09
Ronald Richardson	May 09
Nee Lau	May 09
Peter Axtman	May 10
Rick Lauziere	May 10
Michael Lara	May 12
John Cowgill	May 12
Frank Tool	May 15
David Lidell	May 18
Lloyd Grubbe	May 21
Timothy Farrell	May 21
Eric Throne	May 21
Jessie Go	May 21
Marion Freeman	May 26
Vance Langford Esq., PM	May 26
Arnold Augustin	May 28
Warlito Moises	May 28
James Mitchell PM	May 29
Wayne Caldwell	May 30
William Moody	May 30
Matthew King	May 31

# 3rd Degree

## Anniversaries

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date Raised</i>	<i>Years</i>
Byron Donlevy D.P.M.	05/20/1943	67
Merton Perry	05/29/1945	65
David Potter	05/10/1947	64
John Huber	05/18/1949	61
Eugene Bunnell Jr.	05/24/1951	59
Richard Nivarel PM	05/20/1954	56
Robert Fulton Sr.	05/22/1956	54
John Clutter	05/13/1968	43
Donald Demmon	05/25/1967	43
Augusto Quezon PM	05/11/1972	39
Harley Johnson	05/13/1972	39
Michael Lara	05/17/1972	39
Maximo Potente	05/12/1973	38
Pedro Generao	05/26/1977	33
Herbert Dillender Jr.	05/24/1978	32
Apolonio Luna	05/05/1980	31
James Mitchell PM	05/15/1980	31
Renato Mangabat	05/31/1979	31
Edward Craft Jr.	05/27/1981	29
Gerry Jones	05/11/1985	26
Jeffrey Massingham	05/21/1986	25
Ronald Richardson	05/28/1987	23
Vicente Atoigue	05/30/1987	23
Lorenzo Rodriguez Sr.	05/10/1990	21
Emerick Zavatsky	05/22/1991	20
Carl Wade	05/26/1990	20
Anastacio Marquez	05/11/1995	16
Gary Shiner	05/27/1995	16
David Lidell	05/23/1996	15
Robert Cowgill	05/28/1998	12
Frederick Regala	05/17/2007	4

# 24" GAUGE

The following Brethren have reported as being ill, injured, or indisposed. Please feel free to call, drop off food or medicine, visit, and/or send a card. Call the Master, or the Secretary, if you need phone numbers and addresses. Please notify the Senior Warden to report any Brother not on this list.

Jose Bautista

Jim Cowan

Antonio Espinosa

Kenneth Kershner

Jack Kirkley

Brad Larson

LeRoy S. Lindbloom

Eddie Martinez

George Miller

William A. Pratt

Ned Shamlan

Horia Tanasescu

# *The Old Masters Wages*

Author Unknown  
Submitted by **Bill Hems III**

I met a dear old man today,  
Who wore a Masonic pin,  
It was old and faded like the man,  
It's edges were worn quite thin.

I approached the park bench where he sat,  
To give the old brother his due,  
I said, "I see you've traveled east,"  
He said, "I have, have you."

I said, "I have, and in my day  
Before the all seeing sun,  
I played in the rubble, with Jubala  
Jubalo and Jubalum."

He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son,  
It's good and sweet and true,  
And if you've traveled as you said,  
You should give these things their due."

The word, the sign the token,  
The sweet Masonic prayer,  
The vow that all have taken,  
Who've climbed the inner stair.

The wages of a Mason,  
are never paid in gold,  
but the gain comes from contentment,  
when you're weak and growing old.

You see, I've carried my obligations,  
For almost fifty years,  
It has helped me through the hardships  
and the failures full of tears.

Now I'm losing my mind and body,  
Death is near but I don't despair,  
I've lived my life upon the level,  
And I'm dying upon the square.

Sometimes the greatest lessons  
Are those that are learned anew,  
And the old man in the park today  
has changed my point of view.

To all Masonic brothers,  
The only secret is to care,  
May you live your life upon the level,  
May you part upon the square.

# *Upcoming Events*

## *June*

June 23rd - Past Master's Dinner

June 30th - Game Night

## *July*

July 4th - Independence Day BBQ and Chili Cook-Off

# Masons4Mitts

Masons & Baseball: A Perfect Partnership

The CHALLENGE is back for another year!

As of April 12, 2011, the official count stands at:

North Bay Bees	59
San Francisco Sluggers	25
South Bay Bombers	19
East Bay Aces	14
Delta Dogs	1
Sacramento Cyclones	1

Just \$20 buys a mitt for a deserving boy or girl in the Junior Giants program.  
Let's make this year a three-peat victory for the kids!

Check the count and make your donation online at [www.Masons4Mitts.org](http://www.Masons4Mitts.org)

Campaign concludes on Masons Night at AT&T Park on Monday, September 12.  
More details about Masons Night tickets coming soon!

Let's show 'em what Masons can do...