



## TRESTLEBOARD

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**From the East**



Greetings, esteemed brethren! As the crisp air and vibrant colors of September herald the arrival of a new season, we gather once again to delve into the pages of our Masonic Trestle Board. In this month, let us embrace the essence of knowledge, reflection, and renewal, guiding us on a profound journey of self-discovery and Masonic growth.

September, often associated with the back-to-school season, symbolizes a time of learning and intellectual pursuit. As Freemasons, we are committed to the pursuit of knowledge and the cultivation of wisdom. Let us embrace the opportunities that present themselves to expand our understanding, to engage in intellectual discourse, and to explore the depths of Masonic symbolism. We are speculative mason's, let us speculate! As we continue to seek light, may we also share our knowledge with others, inspiring them to embark on their own journey of self-improvement and enlightenment.

This month of September I have planned for our stated meeting dinner to have Suzanne Burnett come out and refresh our awareness of what Masonic assistance and Masonic homes have to offer and provide for our Masonic family. I am also looking to arrange a BBQ on our back pavilion behind lodge the Friday after our stated meeting to have an opportunity for fellowship as our summer now comes to an end. Keep an eye out for an email regarding that and please do join us for good food and good company. Lastly, Paradise lodge is having a special outdoor degree Sept 16 where the Shriner/Scottish Rite Past Masters team will be putting on a 3rd degree. Dinner will begin at their lodge at 4:30pm and go to 6pm and will be a donation of \$15, then we will be traveling out to the destination for the degree. Contact their WM Doug Campbell at 530-519-1695 or email him at [ParadiseFreemasons@gmail.com](mailto:ParadiseFreemasons@gmail.com) to RSVP for this special event.

Cameron Ellis, W.M.

### **Sunshine Committee**

If you or a brother you know needs anything, please let them know to reach out or let us know. Call Ken Carlsen at 530-520-0873. We want to be of support and if its needed, even relieve our distressed worthy brothers.

## 2023 Lodge Officers:

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**354-4754**

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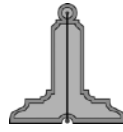
**Richard Wanacott**

**Officers Coach**

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**Brad Marr PM**



**From the West:** By the time you read this the summer will be over and we will be heading into fall. The days will start getting shorter and nights longer. The days will start getting cooler. Also we will start having more time since we will not be going in fifty directions, like summer seems to make everyone do.

This time will give us more time to reflect upon ourselves and to participate in events before the holiday season kicks off. There are many ways to participate in your lodge. Officer elections, events, other bodies and maybe an idea of your own that you can express in lodge. Let's come back from summer and make our lodge stand out and become a jewel in our community.

-Glenn Story, P.M., S.W.

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## Chico-Leland Stanford Masonic Cemetery

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Darrel Hunter Trustee Chairman (530)891-6270



# Sutter Creek Weekend

## Mark Master Degree

At Historic Sutter Creek Masonic Temple

Saturday, September 9, 2023

1:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled weekend on September 9 at historic Sutter Creek! Gold Country Royal Arch Chapter No. 11 will confer the Mark Master Degree in the Sutter Creek Masonic Temple beginning at 1:00 p.m. While we are conferring the degree, our non-Masonic guests can enjoy the boutique shopping district on Main Street. We will then have dinner together that evening at a nearby restaurant. For those who would like to stay overnight, there are three historic hotels in town.



Hotel Sutter



Hanford House



Sutter Creek Inn

For More Information

*John L. Cooper III, PHP*

(650) 224-9189 or [jlcooper@freemason.org](mailto:jlcooper@freemason.org)



## Royal Arch: Which “Degree” do you Receive First??

The Mark Master Degree is the first Degree in Royal Arch Masonry and is a continuation of the Blue Lodge Degrees. In order to receive the Mark Master Degree, you must petition a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for membership. If you are interested in learning more about Royal Arch Masonry, please contact one of the following: Darrel Hunter, Ray Dunham, Cameron Ellis,

Steve Moody.

-Darrell Hunter, P.M.  
[de.hunter@att.net](mailto:de.hunter@att.net)



## Order of the Rainbow

The Rainbow Girls helped at the Masonic Family booth at the Thursday Night Market to recruit membership. They served their Masonic family at a stated meeting dinner; then served their community by volunteering at the Chico Community Food Locker. The Official Visit of the Grand Worthy Advisor was held in Red Bluff on August 26th. CA IORG will host a Dakeover Day at Disneyland in September, and seven girls will participate in a lead training, as well as strengthen their sisterhood bonds.



Shriners



Rainbow Girls

## Chico Masonic

Brotherly Love  
Relief  
Truth

Faith  
Hope  
Charity

## Family Center



Demolay  
Youth Group



York Rite



Job's Daughters  
CALIFORNIA

Chico-Leland Stanford Lodge #111  
1110 W. East Ave  
Chico, CA 95926

**Masonic Bodies Info :**

**Blue Lodge** Stated Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month. 7:30 P.M. Dinner @ 6:30  
Contact: Secretary . . . . .893-3171

**Royal Arch** Stated Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month. 7:30 P.M.  
Contact: John L Barneson, secretary. . .354-4754

**Chico Shrine Club** Stated Meeting: 1st Wednesday of the month. 6:00 P.M.  
Contact: Larry Willis . . . . .895-0156  
Contact: Darrin Deatherage . . .774-7110

**Eastern Star** Stated Meeting: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. 7:30 P.M.  
Contact: Kyna Hendra . . . .  
Chico326JDI@gmail.com

**Daughters of the Nile** Meeting: 2nd Monday of the month. 10:00 A.M.  
Contact: Jill Ramsey . . . . .893-5750

**DeMolay** Stated Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. 7:00 P.M.  
Contact: Michael Meyer . . . . .514-0252

**Job's Daughters** Stated Meetings: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. 7:00 P.M.  
Contact: Kyna Hendra . . . .  
Chico326JDI@gmail.com

**Rainbow** Stated Meetings: 1st & 3rd Monday of the month. 7:00 P.M.  
Contact: Laura Ray . . . . .345-4967

**Black Butte Scottish Rite Club**  
Contact: Steve Moody . . . . .343-2030

**Butte Council No. 50** 3rd Monday of the month. 7:30 P.M. Contact: Cameron Ellis. . .345-4754

**Butte Commandery No. 5** 3rd Wednesday of the month. 7:30 PM  
Contact: TBD

**2023 Board of Directors:**

- Dan Heal- President
- Ray Dunham, P.M., Vice President
- Steve Moody, P.M., Chief Financial Officer
- Paul Moreno, Secretary
- Cameron Ellis, Ex-Officio
- Glenn Story P.M., Ex-Officio
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- Darrel Roe

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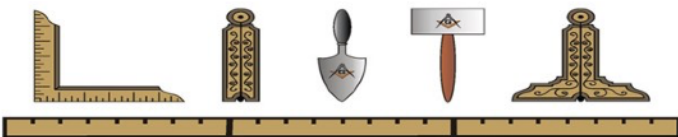


Cameron Ellis 2023  
Sid Crane, Secretary

**(530) 893-3171**



**The Rainbow Girls did a great job helping with our August Stated Meeting Dinner. Thank you for all you do ladies!**





**Josephine Chico Chapter No. 104  
Order of the Eastern Star**

We hope everyone has had a nice summer time. We had a great summer event with our Members Dinner and we honored our Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Kari Graham, for her help and guidance during our 2023 term. Our 1st meeting on September 13th, we will celebrate and honor our Masonic Brothers and our Masonic Heritage. The Ladies of the Chapter invite our CLS Masonic Lodge Brothers to join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
-Kyna Hendra, Worthy Matron, Gary Hendra, Worthy Patron



**Chico Nile Club  
Daughters of the Nile**

While we have enjoyed our summer break, we are ready, willing and able to get back together to our projects for the Kids at Shriners Hospital. We can always use help with our projects and you do not need to be a member to participate. We meet on the 2nd Monday in the small dining room at 10 am and would love to have you join us for lunch at 12 noon.

-Jill Ramsey, Club President



**Job's Daughters, International  
Bethel 326**

Several of the Daughters were able to attend Grand Bethel in Ontario and had a great time, celebrating with our Sister Bethel the Installation of the Grand Bethel Guide. We are ready to return to our regular meetings after the summer break. We welcome new members to our Bethel, between the ages of 9 and 20 years old. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the Chico Masonic Family Center. Please contact Kyna Hendra, Bethel Guardian at [bethel326@CAJDI.org](mailto:bethel326@CAJDI.org) for more information.

**!BROTHERS NIGHT! Tuesday, September 5th !BROTHERS NIGHT!**

Brothers, don't forget, we've got a very special Brothers Night next week. It will be from 6:00 to 7:30 on Tuesday, Sept. 5th. As usual it will be a Potluck. If you have any questions on what to bring contact Worshipful Cameron Ellis (530/354-4754). You get extra credit for bringing a brother who has not been to a previous Brothers Night.

What: Monthly Brothers Night  
When: Sept 5th from 6 to 7:30pm  
Where: Chico-Leland Stanford Lodge No. 111  
1110 W. East Ave. Chico



# Spotlight Mason of the Month

## Brother Irvin Israel I. Noval



### What induced you to become a Mason?

Growing up and knowing quite a few friends who were Demolay's and Freemasons, out of interest and curiosity I knocked the door of Freemasonry during the year 2019. Brother Secretary Sid and WM Cameron were my mentors. Enduring the daunting task of going through the rites of the different degrees, I successfully became a Master Mason that year. Being a Freemason has opened the doors of brotherhood, friendship and personal growth. Moreover, I became a "Traveling Master Mason", and my travels has gained me valuable experiences and knowledge. I am a traveling man, and my journey is never ending.

### What do you do for a living?

I am currently working as a Registered Nurse in our local community hospital. I have a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree. Twenty-five years ago, since I got my license, my profession has allowed me to travel and work from the Philippines to England then to the United States. America has been my 2<sup>nd</sup> home since then. Being in the healthcare profession has been very rewarding for me as I have helped save lives! As a side hustle I trade Futures in the Stock Market and I have an LLC business license.

### What do you do for your community?

Being a member of the community with good standing, I am an active participant in activities that helps and improve our community. I have that sense of responsibility to connect to people and have that positive impact to make our community a better place to live.

### What do you do for your local lodge?

Attending the General Monthly Meeting for fellowship and business meeting is important for me long as work schedule permits. I also support and join the lodge socio-civic activities like fundraising activities whenever possible.

### How do you occupy your free time?

Work and my three kids kept me occupied. Lately, my eldest daughter just graduated from high school, but my two boys still keep me going with their basketball tournaments and school. I get them engaged with sports as much as possible. Forgot to mention that my family travels a lot too and that usually that takes up our holidays and weekends. On days when I am at home I do some cooking, laundry and fixing stuff here & there!

**Thank you, Brother, for all that you do!**

# Happy Birthday to our Brother's, Spouses and Widows!! Birthdays for the month of September!!

## Mason's

9/1 - Lewis Gage  
9/3 - Gregory Miller  
9/7 - Francis Pangburn  
9/7 - John Freitas  
9/9 - George Estes III  
9/11 - Robert Eberhardt  
9/12 - Owen Brown  
9/12 - Robert Swithenbank  
9/13 - William Wiard III  
9/20 - Louis Langie  
9/23 - Michael Gersonde  
9/24 - Russell Phillips  
9/27 - Robert Peters Jr.  
9/27 - Kenneth Silliman

## Spouses and Widows

9/1 - Laurie Freitas  
9/2 - Ulyse Noval  
9/4 - Jo Ann Lewis  
9/7 - Barbara Pangburn  
9/16 - Renee' Breeding  
9/18 - Connie Wakefield  
9/24 - Stephaney Hardie  
9/28 - Jan McCaig





# The Rusty Trowel

## Masonic Tools Refresher Event: Due Guards, Signs, Masonic Conduct, Where to Walk, Where to Stand and so forth

My Brothers, has it been a while since you have been to lodge? Either for a stated meeting, degree ceremony or an officer's practice (Which any brother with that degree can attend). Do you need help remembering the due guards and signs, where to walk, or any of the other "Masonic" items? Well, you are in luck! **September 23rd**, we will be holding a class to help brothers relearn or just knock off the rust off of their Masonic tools. It will be a fun class starting at **10:00 am**. Hope to see all the brother's there and let's make our lodge a destination where all good men feel welcomed and attend.

-Glenn Story, P.M.

## Masonic Outreach Service

Brothers, Suzanne Burnetti, from Masonic Outreach Services, will be giving a presentation on the services MOS provides. She will be here at our September 12<sup>th</sup> stated dinner. She is a wonderful resource and will be giving us a lot of valuable information we can use, maybe not today but who knows...I'm really thankful they're there.

What: Masonic Outreach Services Presentation

When: September 12<sup>th</sup>, following the stated dinner, around 7ish.

Where: CMFC small dining room.

-Sid Crane, Secretary



The youth groups and masons came together for Thursday Night Market for Masonic outreach. It was a great night and we look forward to doing it again mid September.

-Michael Meyer, Demolay Advisor





W.M. Cameron Ellis conducted a Masonic Funeral at the Veterans Cemetery in Igo on August 18th. Worshipful Ellis conducted a beautiful ceremony and honored Bro. Val. Smalley's memory. Brother Val was from Vesper Lodge #84 and for all those who knew Val was always happy to see you and catch up with you. I always loved how Val always went out of his way to make myself and everyone feel welcome and he will be missed.

Why am I talking about this on here? Well Brothers, sometimes Masonry isn't about fellowship, Lodge and socializing. Sometimes we have to say goodbye to our brothers that are no longer with us, but are at the Celestial Lodge above. Their Masonic funeral is a ceremony dedicated to them and their Masonic Service. The ceremony is also a token of appreciation to their family. It is our way to say thank you to them for sacrificing to allow our departed brothers to spend time with us in Lodge.

If you are interested in becoming a Funeral Master, and taking part in honoring a departed brother one last time, talk to Worshipful Ellis or our District Inspector and find out how you can become a Funeral Master.

-George Ghawi, Trestleboard Editor

