

# THE VALLEY MILL

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November - December 2016

## MILL VALLEY LODGE'S ANNUAL MEETING

*All Masons are respectfully and Fraternally requested to  
attend and participate in the  
Annual Meeting of Mill Valley Lodge  
Wherein the Annual Election of its Officers will occur*

*Tuesday, November 1st, 2016*

*At the Mill Valley Masonic Center, 19 Corte Madera Ave., Mill Valley  
Stated Meeting 8:30 p.m.*

## Achievement of the Golden Veteran Award

Several brethren of Mill Valley Lodge have reached the threshold of a half century of Masonic Membership and will be invested with the Golden Veteran Award! Heartiest and most fraternal congratulations to all of these Brethren.

Due to distance or inability to travel to Lodge, arrangements will be made to get certificates and pin to: Paul Chartrand (his Lodge by affiliation making the presentation in Salmon, ID), Orville Gotcher (Mill Valley), Hugh Lancaster (Illinois), John Linker (Santa Rosa), and Wor. Harry Thomas (Pasadena on November 6th).

Others will be presented the regalia and testimony in our Lodge Room on Tuesday, November 1st at 7:45 PM. The auspicious ceremony will be presided over by Wor. David Von Bima, Inspector of the 121st Masonic District. These Brethren include Carrol Madsen, John Schmiedel, Douglas Paul, Wor. Dennis Williams (Hiram Award), and Colin Wong. Please join us for the Pot Luck Dinner, the Annual Stated Meeting and our acknowledgment of our newly recognized Golden Veterans on Tuesday, November 1st!!!

# VISITATION TO MONARCH LODGE NO. 73, PHGL

On Friday evening, November 18th, we have been invited to join in with Brethren of Sonoma County Lodges in a visitation to Monarch Lodge No. 73, Prince Hall Grand Lodge in California and Hawaii. Past Masters of Monarch Lodge and members of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge will be conferring the Degree of Master Mason.

A bus has been reserved and if there are enough riders, it will depart from the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds at 4:30 PM, and pick up those in Marin County (Heatherton and Mission Ave., San Rafael) at 4:45 PM. Cost for the bus is \$25 per person with

payment to Wor. Horst Winkel (707-481-0998; [HorstOWinkel@comcast.net](mailto:HorstOWinkel@comcast.net)) BY November 10.

Limited parking is available at Monarch Lodge, 925-30th St. (@ Myrtle St.), Oakland. They open up promptly at 7:00 PM. A complimentary dinner follows the ceremonies.

Only Master Masons may attend, bringing their current dues card and apron. It is Monarch Lodge's custom to pass the Box of Fraternal Assistance at all meetings.

Join in some of the best fraternal spirit the Craft has to offer! Make it a point to attend!

## DISTRICT 121 HOLIDAY SEASON DINNER AND PARTY

Saturday, December 3, 2016

MARIN MASONIC CENTER, 888 FOURTH ST., SAN RAFAEL

Social 5:30pm --- Dinner 6:30pm

\$30.00 per person, Brethren and Ladies and Friends {Children under 12 Free}

Make reservation by sending check with your RSVP to Marin Lodge #191 F&AM

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 2016

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## Bro. Benoit Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft

Bro. Thomas Benoit, EA, was Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on Tuesday, October 18, in very fine fashion.

The Officers did a worthy exemplification of our Mill Valley Lodge ritual's finest tradition. Wor. Cullen and Schmalz did the honors in the East, 1st and 2nd Sections, respectively; Bro. Benjamin Berk did an outstanding debut in the Staircase Lecture; and Wor. Hoyez did his usual fine job in the Charge.



It was terrific seeing Bro. Hugh West there and Wor. Dennis Williams...missing from the picture (as they were preparing for the bounty): Jim McCullough & Randy Lavasseur.

## RE-INVIGORATION COMMITTEE

Brothers, your input is needed!

This committee is chaired by Brother Junior Warden Anderson Silveira, and includes the Senior and Junior Deacons, Cort Crosby and Benjamin Berk, respectively; the Stewards, James McCullough and Randy Lavasseur; and Fellowcraft Tom Benoit. For their contact info see the Officer listing on the back page of the Valley Mill [for Tom Benoit: (415-381-4906; tom.benoit@comcast.net].

The principal goals of the committee are to increase the participation of current members and improve the engagement of newly-raised brothers, as well as to attract new candidates.

At the most recent meeting at the end of October, Randy suggested the concept of emergency assistance for our Brethren and widows. A Masonic Emergency Response Team

(MERT) would consist of Masons and their family members over 18 years in age, trained to be better prepared to serve Lodge widows, Lodge members and their families, their neighborhoods, and their country in a disaster situation. There are no physical limitations since there are all types of opportunities to serve (Barry Young reports that as he has a chain saw, he and Donna serve on their response team).

Please come with your ideas and suggestions to a Stated Meeting, an upcoming committee meeting (Tuesday Fellowship Nights) or e-mail, snail-mail or otherwise to:

The Re-Invigoration Committee  
c/o Mill Valley Lodge  
P.O. Box 2011  
Mill Valley, CA 94942-2011

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~ IN MEMORIAM ~

**THOMAS "TOM" JAMES RYAN**

**BORN: MAY 3, 1968; ENTERED INTO REST: OCTOBER 14, 2016**

**AGED: 48 YEARS, 5 MONTHS, AND 11 DAYS**

**INITIATED: SEPTEMBER 17, 2002; PASSED: NOVEMBER 12, 2002; RAISED: JANUARY 28, 2003**

**ALMIGHTY GOD: INTO THY HANDS WE COMMEND THE SOUL OF OUR DEPARTED BROTHER**

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## *News From the Quarries*

WEDDING BELLS!!! September was an usually busy month! Congratulations to the newly weds: **Ms. Mygam (Mimi) Nugyen** and **Bro. Anderson Silveira**, JW, on their wedding September 17th; the following week, **Ms. Jessica Young** and **Mr. Christopher Simmons** (daughter of **Donna and Wor. Barry Young**); and almost the same type of blessed bliss with the re-uniting of **Deusa and Wor. Stanley Bransgrove** (after the worst of government bureaucracy and ineptitude lasting over three years and four months!) in Chicago for a multi-day train trip back to the Bay Area...SO GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK, DEUSA!!!...**Bro. Eric Azinger** is back in Mill Valley after spending some well needed time with his father in Oregon - he has some great stories on his visit to Seaport Lodge, No. 7 and its facility in the Historic District in Astoria...it was great to see both **Wor. Dennis Williams** and **Bro. Hugh West** at the Fellowcraft Degree of **Bro. Tom Benoit**.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, November 1st    | 6:30 PM<br>7:45 PM<br>8:30 PM | Pot Luck Supper<br>Golden Veteran Awards (public ceremony)<br>Annual Stated Meeting & Elections                       |
| Tuesday, November 8th    |                               | DARK - Election Day   |
| Tuesday, November 15th   |                               | Officers' Rehearsal; Opening and 1st Sections of the Third Degree   |
| Wednesday, November 16th | 7:30 PM                       | District School of Instruction @ Marin Lodge, 888-4th St., San Rafael   |
| Tuesday, November 22nd   |                               | DARK for Thanksgiving Holiday   |
| Tuesday, November 29th   | 6:30 PM<br>7:30 PM            | Hall Association Meeting<br>Fellowship Night and Committee on Reinvigoration  |
| Saturday, December 3rd   | 5:30 - ?                      | District Holiday Party @ Marin Masonic Cntr., 888 4th St., S. Rafael. Reservations & payment due Wednesday, Nov. 30th |
| Tuesday, December 6th    | 6:30 PM<br>7:45 PM            | Pot Luck Supper<br>Stated Meeting   |
| Tuesday, December 13th   |                               | Mill Valley Lodge Installation of Officers; Mason's only  |
| Rest of December - DARK  |                               |   |
| Tuesday, January 3rd     | 6:30 PM<br>7:45 PM            | Pot Luck Supper<br>Stated Meeting   |