

TRESTLE BOARD MAY 2025 ISSUE

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## NOTICE OF THE MAY STATED MEETING

Our May Stated Meeting will be held Thursday, 1st at 7:30 p.m.

Our main doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with this and all future dinners commencing at 6:15 p.m. to afford a more relaxed dining atmosphere.

The meal for May will consist of:

- Rotisserie chicken.
- Vegetables.
- Mashed potatoes.
- Salad and dessert.

Reservations for this and all other dinners are a must! Please make your reservation by calling or emailing Worshipful Matt Lodge at 707-799-9173 or mylodge@aol.com.

Attire for this and subsequent meetings will continue to be business attire (suit or jacket and slacks with tie) for the winter and spring.

On behalf of the officers and members our Lodge we hope to see you at the dinner and meeting!

Our Lodge email address is: *santarosamasons@gmail.com*. It is checked regularly and may be used for questions, comments and reservations. Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate member for a response.

Need a ride to Lodge? If you do please contact our Chaplain, Jack Potter P.M. at (707)545-6028 or by email: jackpot@sonic.net.

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# CALENDAR

Thursday, May 1st State Meeting, Doors Open at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM, and Meeting at 7:30 PM

Thursday, May 22nd Officers' School of Instruction 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Mt. Jackson Lodge in Guerneville

Thursday, May 29th At 6:00 PM Renovation Committee Meeting. All interested parties are welcome.

Monday, June 2nd 6:00 PM Hall Board Meeting on Zoom. All interested parties are welcome. Please email the chaplain three days in advance if you plan to attend so he can make arrangements to get you the Zoom link.





### **FROM THE WEST**

Hello Brothers and Friends:

The 2nd meeting of the Renovation Committee for the Santa Rosa Luther Burbank Masonic Hall was held on April 10, 2025. Do recall that this committee has no authority, no budget and no agenda, entirely made up of volunteers with the sole aim of improving the Masonic Hall. Here is what was discussed:

#### Exterior

We received a report from Matt Lodge that the sidewalks have been completed. The painter has begun caulking the exterior of the building. The broken windows have been repaired and/or replaced. Ideas about the exterior included a professional electric sign outside to be able to give dates of events for the different lodge/users to display events. Plants featuring those of Luther Burbank featured in the yard e.g. potatoes, cactus (kidding). When discussing the moving of the Air Conditioning and Heating system a new word called "cascading dependencies" was introduced which means that "one problem leads to another". The exterior was put on the table with the idea that maybe we could have an iron gate at the front door which matched a fence around the front yard.

#### Lodge Temple Room

The piano and organ should be moved down to the Temple Room to the North/East corner as soon as possible. It was suggested that the North wall be explored to determine whether there existed windows and a door which could access the backyard.

### **Dining Room**

The closets in the southside of the room are 3 feet off the floor and look "stupid" (Charlie's vocabulary). Re-



member there was a stage in the dining room and the closets were storage for the stage.

Ideas about the glass included replacing the southern center glass with stained glass featuring Masonic family emblems. A stage was discussed which could be used for speakers or head table events. The lighting and ceiling in the dining room was discussed. Discussion of "must fixes vs. value to the building discussed.

Kitchen

A new commercial kitchen was discussed.

The group agreed to go over and prioritize the brainstorming ideas of the March renovation meeting. New Kitchen is #1; Dining Room is #2 and smaller items are as needed. The next meeting will be May 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.

If you have ideas for the committee to consider you can attend the next meeting or send them to Charlie Cochran at Chazcoch1954@gmail.com



## THE PASSING OF BROTHER BILLY AYERS



We lost our beloved Brother Billy Ayers a little more than a month ago but just learned of his death a few days ago. Billy passed suddenly at age 32. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice August 27, 2015, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft April 28, 2016, and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason May 18, 2017. Family services were held several weeks ago.

Billy became friends with a great many men when he became a Mason and joined Santa Rosa Luther Burbank Lodge No. 57 in Santa Rosa in 2015. His friendly, outgoing personality, sense of humor and interest in our craft made him fast friends with a diverse age group. Whether it be participating in lodge activities, motorcycle riding, visiting nightclubs or simply relaxing together, Billy's easygoing demeanor made everyone want to enjoy his company.

He loved his work, hunting, golfing and other activities. He spoke often of his girlfriend, Angel, and, lately, of how much he was looking forward to marrying her.

It is very hard to fathom that he has left us, decades

before his time. We are all richer for having known him. And we will all miss him deeply.

From one of his many friends.

Here is the obituary written by his family and just published this week:

"William "Billy" Ayers, 32, passed away on February 23, 2025, in Tracy, California. Born on November 17, 1992, in San Ramon, California, Billy lived a life filled with passion, dedication, and love for his family and friends.

Billy earned a business degree from Sonoma State University and dedicated 16 years to the construction industry. As the vice president of operations for WMA Landscape Construction Inc., he played a vital role in building and growing the business alongside his father. His creativity and commitment to his work were evident in every project he undertook, leaving a lasting impact on those who worked with him.

Beyond his professional achievements, Billy was known for his adventurous spirit and love of the outdoors. He found joy in skateboarding, dirt biking, hunting, mountain biking, snowboarding, golfing, and gaming. Whether carving through fresh powder on a snowboard or tackling rugged trails on his bike, he embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination.

Billy's faith was an important part of his life. He enjoyed attending Christian services with his mother and was a member of St. Isidore Catholic Church. His belief in kindness and community shone through in the way he treated others.

He is deeply missed by his loving parents, Debbie Ayers and William Ayers; his stepmother Shelly Ayers;





his six devoted siblings; his fiancée Angel Yang; and his cherished grandparents William Ayers and Linda Tunney. He was predeceased by Joanne and Darrell Bargfrede.

Billy's unwavering dedication to his family and career, along with the warmth he brought to those around him, will never be forgotten. His memory will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him."

(The foregoing was published by Legacy Remembers Mar. 23, 2025. To see the obituary online and/or to send a note of condolence or a message in the online guest book, please use this link:

https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/william-ayers-obituary?id=57958122)





## **THIRD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES**



Brother	Raised	Years
Marvin C. Hyman	05/31/1973	52
Richard J. Halvorsen	05/11/1982	43
Thomas O. Horgan	05/11/1982	43
Darrell W. Steele	05/25/1982	43
Everett D. Neil	05/17/1983	42
Michael L. Hagstrom	05/15/1984	41
John M. Fitzgerald	05/25/1988	37
Richard B. Baughn	05/28/1992	33
Ronald L. Welsh, P.M.	05/02/1998	27
Michael A. Voorhees,	P.M. 05/13/1999	26
Jerry J. Shultz	05/25/2000	25
Brian C. Bennett	05/13/2004	21
William Ayers, Ill	05/18/2017	08

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Merlyn W. Winton	01
Samuel Smith, Jr.	03
Darrell W. Steele	04
Wesley W. Daniels, P.M.	19
Ronald L. Welsh, P.M.	22
Charles L. Forrest	24
Paul Stathatos	30





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