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## DATES TO REMEMBER

11/03 7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
11/06 630pm	Stated Dinner	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Public
11/06 8pm	Stated Meeting	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
11/07 8pm	American River	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Casual	Master Masons
11/08 8am	Shrine Club	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Shriners & Wives
11/11 730pm	Amaranth	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Amaranth Memb.
11/12 7pm	Hall Association	Natoma Lodge	Casual	Masonic Adults
11/18 7pm	Rainbow	Natoma Lodge	Bus. Formal	Masonic Adults
11/27 730pm	York Rite Bodies	Sutter Creek	Bus. Formal	York Rite Masons
11/28 7pm	District S.O.I.	TBA	Casual	Master Masons



### FROM THE EAST

Greeting Brothers and Ladies

It's that time of year again when we will be soon enjoying some turkey, pumpkin pie, and good fellowship of our families. The appearance of Thanksgiving indicates that the holiday season will soon be upon us and our Masonic year is coming to a close. This means it's also time for election of those brothers who will lead our lodge as its principal officers for the ensuing Masonic year. I highly encourage the brethren to attend November's stated meeting on the Sixth to provide a voice in who leads this lodge as its officers for the ensuing year. In November, we will not only be electing the next leaders of our Lodge, but we, as a country, will be electing the next President of the United States of America.

I highly encourage you all to turn out on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and vote to add your voice to determine who will become our next president. Along with electing the next leader of our great country, we honor and give thanks to those servicemen and women who have spent their lives serving and defending it and our way of life.

We will also be honoring two brothers who have reached the important milestone of 50 years in the Masonic fraternity with the presentation of Golden Veteran Awards to Brothers Wayne Armstrong and James Nielsen. So come on out and help make Brothers Armstrong and Nielsen's Golden Veteran Award presentations a memorable evening for these two brothers and their families.

A few thanks are in order for last month's Make-A-Different project, I would like to thank all of the brothers, ladies, Rainbow girls and adults who volunteered

their time to collect supplies for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan for our Make-A-Different Day project. I especially want to extend my and the Lodge's thanks to Brother Mike Titus for again organizing our Make-A-Different Day project.

Finally, to those brothers who will be travelling during the Thanksgiving holiday, I wish a safe and joyous trip. And don't forget to get out and vote on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Warmest Regards,  
Geoff

### FROM THE WEST



Greetings from the West—

November is here, and we are preparing for colder weather outside. As good neighbors, we assist those who seek refuge from the inclement weather without question. Human Beings, in general, are all the same—what separates us is our inner fortitude, our sense of righteousness and our ability to give of ourselves to others without the promise of reciprocation, without the assurance of "quid pro quo". We give because we can, because we want to.

Charity entered the English language from the Latin *Caritas*, which means *preciousness*, or *high-priced*. And what is precious or high priced to a poor man may not be to a rich man, therefore it is in the giving of one's best that makes charity *caritas*. Though we have not funds, we give charitably of our time. Though we have not strength, we give charitably of our wisdom. Though we have disparate talents, some more than others, we give charitably of our efforts and our labors of love. A wise teaching

urges us to give in accordance to who can *best work and best agree*...you get the idea!

*Caritas* has evolved into the concept of *paying it forward*, which, like charity, chooses a benefactor to bestow an act of charity. In turn, that bestowment then becomes to someone else another act of charity. These acts are truly good and kind, but the point is to not wait until someone has given you the gift of their generosity. The point is for you to give of your generosity without prior cause. The act can be simple and it can be thrifty, but it is of your own self and it will have the utmost value to those who receive it, because it has been given in love.

Charity is the most distinguishable characteristic of our Fraternity. We are defined by what we do and not for what we have. The act of charity is just that—a powerful volition in which we seek to *sooth the unhappy as well as restore peace* to those who are troubled in mind or spirit. Hence, we are all capable of true *Caritas*, of boundless love in giving, regardless of how much we may have in physical possessions.

Paul wrote in his letter to the Church of Corinth (Chapter 13) that "*Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity...I am nothing.*" To give of yourself is to be on the path of righteousness. Always remember, it is not *what* you give, it is *that* you give that matters most. Travel well, and give shelter to those who accompany you on your journey down the path of righteousness.

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINES**  
15th OF EVERY MONTH

**SUNSHINE REPORT**

**Rod Crawford—**  
Rod's struggle with cancer continues.  
Everyone is encouraged to visit Rod. You should call first at 916-725-1274.  
The family has asked that visits be limited to 5 minutes.  
Rob's address is 8469 Olivine Ave. Citrus Heights, Ca 95610.  
For more information please contact Paul Tibbens at 916-726-4007

**November 2008**

SUN DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy						1
2	3 Rainbow 7:00PM	4 Get out and <b>VOTE</b>	5	6 Stated Meeting 8:00 Dinner 6:30	7	8 Folsom Shrine Club 8:00AM
9	10 Rainbow Board Mtg 6:15 PM	11 Amaranth 7:00PM <b>Veteran's Day</b> 	12 Hall Associa- tion 7:00 PM	13	14	15
16	17 Rainbow 7:00PM	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 York Rite 7:00PM Sutter Creek	25 District School of instruction	26	27 THANKSGIVING 	28	29
30	Thou hast given so much to me, Give one thing more, - a grateful heart; Not thankful when it pleaseth me, As if Thy blessings had spare days, But such a heart whose pulse may be Thy praise.					



## FROM THE SOUTH CONTINUED


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Recent downbeat events, so close to our celebration of thanksgiving, may easily steal your spirit of celebration –don't allow it to happen. Despite these past few months, nowhere on earth has The Great Architect of the Universe bestowed more blessings. Nowhere on earth do more people live in a higher standard of living. Nowhere on earth are people allowed to speak more freely and disagree more openly with their political leaders, to freely worship their God, and freely pursue their individual happiness. Nowhere on earth has a political system been established for more than 200 years, which allows its citizens such democratic access to the selection of their leaders. For more than 200 years, nowhere on earth have political leaders peacefully relinquished their attained power, even to an opposing political party, simply because by ballot the people bestowed that power to another.

When you and yours begin your Thanksgiving celebration this year, let go of the immediate problems, with prayer and time they too will pass. Give thanks for our democratic-republic system and the men of high morals, many of whom were Masons, who founded it. Give thanks and pray for the men and women who have fought and died, and continue to do so to protect our freedoms. Give thanks for all that you have, which is more than most. Give thanks for your family, those you love and who love you. Give yourself and all those who celebrate this Thanksgiving with you, memories the will forever cherish. We are justified in our unabashed patriotic egoism, other nations and societies have and may continue to celebrate a holiday similar to our Thanksgiving, but none ever have had, or have now -- even today, more to celebrate than those of us blessed to live in the United States of America.

Fraternally & Sincerely,  
Mike Titus

# Santa Claus is Coming to Town ...



At Nimbus Winery  
Hazel Avenue and Highway 50

Each and Every Saturday and Sunday,  
between December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup>  
from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

\$5 Each      2 for \$9      3 for \$12  
\$4 per picture if over 3

Brought to you by the Shrine Clowns and Natoma Assembly  
#90, International Order of  
the Rainbow for Girls, a Masonic Youth Group

*The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a  
Masonic youth order that performs public service, supports  
the Shrine Hospitals and raises funds for this year's  
Grand Service Project, Family Soup*



## FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren and Ladies,

As this is written, preparations for this year's "Make a Difference Day," to be held on Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>, are being made. I thank in advance, all of you who will participate in this year's event. Without your support, our goal to surpass the accomplishments of the past two years cannot be met. Thank you!

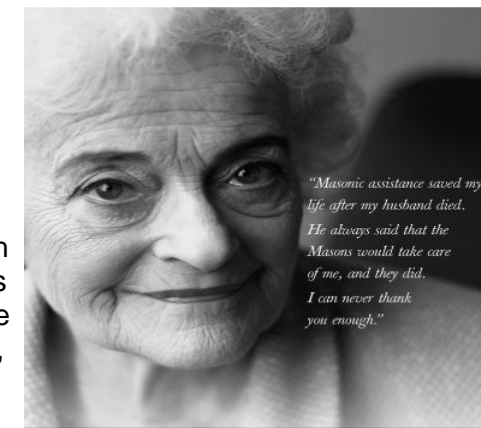
November is a traditional time for reflection and giving of thanks for all the blessings the Great Architect of the Universe has bestowed on us within the past year. This American tradition was first recognized in New England circa 1621, and officially first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1777. The celebration date changed several times through the years before our Congress set forth the fourth Thursday of November as the official day to celebrate Thanksgiving in America.

While many may consider this an exclusive American holiday, especially with our traditional understanding that the first

American Thanksgiving took place when the early Colonists and Indians broke bread together giving thanks after an exceptional harvest that was preceded by more difficult times and a series of harsh winters, in actuality similar celebrations have existed for centuries and are held around the world. The ancient Chinese, Greeks, and Romans all held a Fall or harvest celebrations, and currently Brazil, the British Isles, Canada, Germany, Israel, Japan, Korea, Liberia, Mexico, and Switzerland are among those who have similar Fall celebrations. Of course in our finest patriotic tradition we naturally and proudly believe ours is the most excellent of Autumn festivities.

I know your recollections of Thanksgiving, like mine, are warmed with memories of family and friends, the smells of roasting turkey, herb stuffing, sweet potatoes and homemade pumpkin pie. Holidays and their memories are blessed and cherished milestones by which we correlate our lives with the world in which we live and pass through. Holidays, especially those traditionally spent with our families, build precious memories for all.

During our time in this world, our generations have lived through some of our nation's preeminent accomplishments. We have experienced the greatest development and expansion of our economy, and seen remarkable advancements in medicine, science, and technology, all of which provide us a lifestyle that is the envy of the world.



*"Masonic assistance saved my life after my husband died. He always said that the Masons would take care of me, and they did. I can never thank you enough."*

CALIFORNIA MASONIC PHILANTHROPIES

## IT'S TIME TO EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY!

November Dinner Menu:

*Starter:* Green Salad, Dinner Rolls & Butter

*Entree & Side Dishes:* Turkey W/Stuffing Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Candied Sweet Potatoes

*Dessert:* Jell-O Salad.

Don't forget...RSVP your attendance to our Stated Meeting meal at [michealtitus02@gmail.com](mailto:michealtitus02@gmail.com)  
 . Masonic Widows are always no charge, Adults \$12.00, and children \$1.00 per year to age 12.



RAINBOW GIRL HAPPENINGS

Wow! Summer is already over and it seems like it had just begun!

September was a good month for Natoma Rainbow. We started off the month with a meeting on Labor Day, where we spent our afternoon writing letters and cards to our servicemen and women that are serving our country and eating a potluck dinner that everyone contributed to. It was a great and rewarding way to spend our Labor Day Monday!

We also were able to honor one of our Grand Officers for this year with a Southern-Style Barbeque for Miss Kira Davis, Grand Representative to Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. We spent our afternoon at Livermore Park in Folsom and ate ourselves silly with lots and lots of southern-style dishes such as pulled pork, red beans and rice, jambalaya, pecan pie and sweet tea! Who knew that the parents, girls and other adults of Natoma Rainbow were such good cooks? We were also proud to see three of our young ladies perform tributes to the flags of the great states that Kira represents (tributes, by the way, that were written by Kira herself). Brittney Cofer, Erin Seeley and Jennifer Spear all did a great job with their tributes!

At our second meeting in September, we said goodbye to our latest Worthy Advisor, Miss Carolyn Sweeney. Carolyn was nice enough to serve our assembly for the last two consecutive terms and she did an excellent job presiding over our meetings. We aren't really saying goodbye to Carolyn, since she is just taking a few steps down the floor to Faith's chair as she was elected to serve the assembly again as Faith and will be going through the line again. We had our installation at our first meeting in October and she also did an excellent job as installing officer!

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, Kira, RaeAynna, Kelli and I left really early in the morning and took the train to San Francisco so that we could attend Grand Lodge's Communication Day and Installation. We always have fun riding the train and the cable cars and this year was no exception! It was fun seeing men that we knew on the Grand Lodge floor and as always, we enjoyed the speeches given by the the heads of the youth orders at Communications Day. I know this is going to be a tradition of our assembly for a long time to come.

We still continue to work on our child-sized quilts for our current charity project. We will be working again at the lodge on November 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. if anyone cares to join us. All hands are welcome!

Please join us at our meetings on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>. We always love having people on the sidelines!

Rainbow Love— Karen Marshall, Mother Advisor



M.O.S. MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES

Would you know who to call if you or one of our members or widows needed help identifying and gaining access to no or low cost government programs for seniors?

MOS has extended their services to help answer those questions. They provide information and referral to government senior services available in each county in California e.g. nutrition programs (e.g. Meals on Wheels), in-home services, minor repair services, legal services, transportation services.

Their goal is to provide our fraternal family members access to the services and resources they need to stay healthy and safe in their homes or in retirement facilities in their own communities.

For more information, contact MOS at: (888) 466-3642 or intake@mhcus.org



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMMENDMENT RESOLUTION

Date: October 2, 2008

Natoma Lodge No. 64 F. & A.M. of California

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California:

This is to certify that at a Stated Meeting of this lodge held on the date of October 2, 2008, the following amendment to Section 1, Article IX of the By-Laws was presented in writing and noted upon the minutes of the lodge:

/\_/\_Article IX, Section 1: The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$50.00 plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.

BIRTHDAYS

- Mark Lamb 2-Nov
David Barnekoff 3-Nov
Rafael Secco 4-Nov
Max Josan 4-Nov
Jerald Clements 6-Nov
Mark Noel 6-Nov
John Holt 7-Nov
James Minton 8-Nov
D. W. Camden 10-Nov
Ken Darnell 10-Nov
Dennis Davis 10-Nov
Dennis Buckman 11-Nov
William Nichols 11-Nov
Joseph Catching 12-Nov
John Messerli 12-Nov
Peter Martin 14-Nov
John Holkko Sr. 15-Nov
Tal Norwood 15-Nov
John Mellberg 16-Nov
Philip Moeszinger 17-Nov
Brian Schilder 17-Nov
Charles Phillips 18-Nov

- Tim Roberts 20-Nov
Timothy Bowling 23-Nov
Malcolm Hill 24-Nov
Justin Barnes 24-Nov
Kenneth Lopez 24-Nov
Robert Warner 24-Nov
Joseph Bergen PM 27-Nov
Jere Jacobs 29-Nov

ANNIVERSARIES

- Armstrong, Wayne 1-Nov-57
Bowling, Timothy 8-Nov-07
Buckman, Dennis 20-Nov-85
Buwalda, Robert PM3-Nov-90
Carroll, Terry PM 17-Nov-71
Clarke, James Jr 15-Nov-07
Conley, James 11-Nov-86
Copeland, Robert Jr. 11-Nov-99
Critz, Wade 30-Nov-00
Cotton, Don 30-Nov-06
Davis, Craig 9-Nov-00

- Dodson, James 18-Nov-70
Galbraith, Carlton 9-Nov-88
Gilmore, Dwight 12-Nov-80
Grey, James 11-Nov-04
Hamilton, Laurence 16-Nov-54
Lamb, Mark 11-Nov-98
Ledoux, Roland Jr. 7-Nov-73
Leffler, Perry Jr. 16-Nov-00
Leonard, Dan 15-Nov-06
Lowery, Wayne 26-Nov-75
Manaresi, Albert 15-Nov-72
McCade, Theodore 3-Nov-90
Noel, Mark 11-Nov-96
Rice, Frank 11-Nov-61
Rivera, Abraham 10-Nov-81
Sarte, Randall 18-Nov-99
Titus, Michael 17-Nov-05
Wimer, Rex 23-Nov-53
Yost, Paul 13-Nov-43