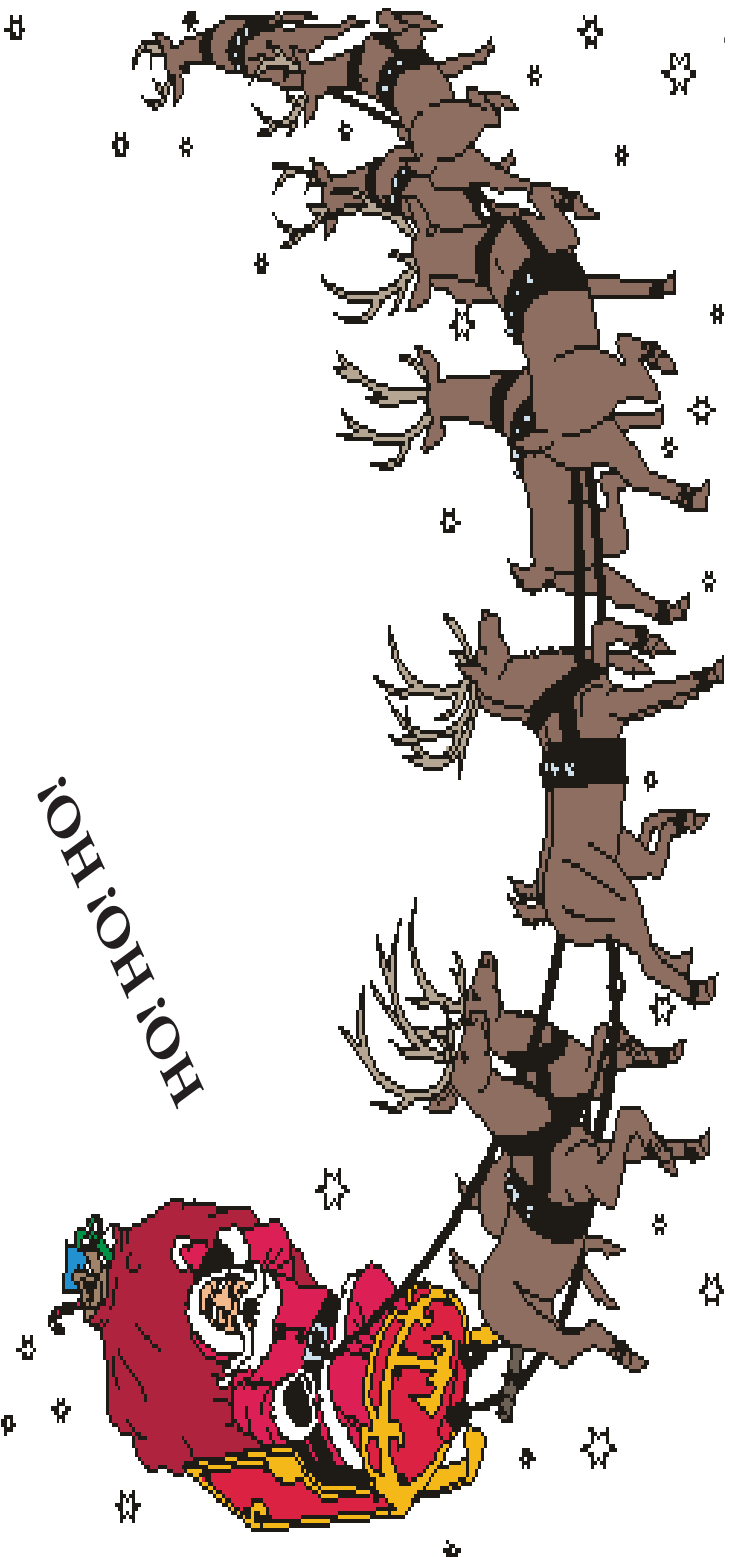


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RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

We have been very busy having fun in Gilroy these past few months. First was our District's OV, which was held on the afternoon on September 13. Our theme was "Rainbow Goes Greek." Together with our sisters in Santa Cruz, we decorated the Masonic Lodge in Gilroy inside and outside with pictures of Greece, and Mrs. Breuer taught us how to make our new favorite dish: pasticcio!

After the OV, it was time to begin a new term. We again worked together with our sisters in Santa Cruz to help each other have our two Installations in one day. It was a very long day but a memorable one. I was installed as Worthy Advisor for Gilroy assembly, and my friend Bryn McFarland was installed as Santa Cruz's Worthy Advisor. My theme was "The Service Is Out There"; and Bryn's was "Be Excellent To Each Other."

My first meeting was, unfortunately, cancelled due to a huge rainstorm that closed down many of the local streets in Gilroy, and the same storm cancelled a service project AND a fundraiser we had planned for the weekend. However, our spirits were improved when Morgan Hill Lodge invited us to dinner and to see Hank Vlcek perform his magic. He was amazing! We also went to the Lyric Theater production of "Cinderella," which was paid for with the proceeds from one of our bake sales last term.

Our new Faith, Cassi Nelson, held a fun Halloween membership party in mid-October. I didn't know bobbing for apples was so hard! And we attended the "Disco Fever Senior Ball" at the Masonic Retirement Home in Union City, where we danced the night away with some of our sisters in San Jose. And last night we saw "The Mark of Zorro" (1940) at the Stanford Theatre in Palo Alto. We loved the movie, but when are they going to turn on the color? We loved hearing the organist play after the movie.

Coming attractions in Gilroy include Mrs. Breuer's Official Visit, an Initiation, an open meeting before Christmas, and Caroling for Grand Service. Stay tuned!

Rainbow Love,
Mandy Stanley



Morgan Hill Christmas Party Friday - Dec 18th, 2009

Hors-Deuvres : 5:00 pm

Dinner : 7:00pm

In Attendance : Masons, Concordant Groups and Guests

Attire : Men: Coat/Tie, Women: As appropriate

RSVP : +1.408.782.2198 or +1.408.779.7471

Cost \$10.00 per person, kids free

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FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY**Happy Birthday to these Brethren****December Birthdays**

Paul S. Friebel 14th Dennis W. Pinion 18th
 Stephen L Millich 19th

December — 3rd Degree Anniversaries

David C. Kunkel 20th (36 Yrs.) Jack W. Kalp 20th (30 Yrs.)
 James L. Somers 11th (6 Yrs.)

We congratulate Brother Joe Sciabica upon his receipt of the “Golden Veteran” (50 yr.) award.

Brethren:

This being the final month of me being your Secretary, I want to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to have served. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Jim Hoover, Secretary
 Morgan Hill Lodge No. 463
 Tel: 408-779-3582

NOTE #1:

Beginning in February, anyone who does not make a reservation for dinner will be charged an extra \$5 for the event. It is impossible to know how much to prepare without reservations. So it is just common courtesy to make them. We are very flexible with reservations allowing them to be made up to the day before, but please, call or email in your reservations for dinner. If this doesn't solve the problem, the next step will be turning away those that don't reserve a spot, so please don't force us into that position.

NOTE #2:

Our information is badly out of date, please take a moment to write down the information requested below and either mail it to the lodge or email it to me so I can get our information updated.

MORGAN HILL MASONIC LODGE**CALENDAR**

Dec	3	6:30 pm	Family Dinner
		7:30 pm	Stated Meeting
Dec	17	7:00 pm	Degree/or Practice
Dec	20	1:00 pm	Installation Of Officers

Brethren, It has been my distinct pleasure to have served as your Master for the last year. It has been very interesting to say the least. It started in March with the departure of Culinary Express, and the contents of our Kitchen. We had some great events, with three 50 year presentations, and the Hiram Award for Worshipful Schall. It's just too bad that more of you didn't put in an appearance at these events for your own enjoyment as well.

I believe the opportunities we now have are great, we have total control of our lodge, we have a renewed cooperation between the Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star, we have the public interested in the use of our building, we have renewed support of our youth orders, we have a fitting library, and we even have some fresh paint along the way. So, while it hasn't been without it's challenges, I'm declaring it a good year.

We had our annual elections in November, which also included the revival of the Turkey Dinner prepared for us by the Eastern Star, this was our oldest single tradition as a Lodge. Hopefully it will continue as we move forward. During the elections, I was chosen to be your Secretary, so I know you'll be hearing from me as we move forward as well. I want to Thank Jim Hoover for his years of service as our Secretary. It is often a very thankless task, but honestly, this particular position is every bit as important as the Master in a well run Lodge.

We have also seen an uptick in interest in our craft. We read an Application for Affiliation from Brother Robert Pollard, formerly of Three Great Lights Lodge, as well as a petition for the Degrees from Pascal Siamey. The Investigations are proceeding, and we will be voting on these Applications at the December Stated Meeting. Several other petitions for the Degrees have been requested, including at least one from one of Ken Leverton's grand kids, it would be wonderful to see some of our members families join the lodge.

Congratulations to Brother Joe Scibica on reaching 50 years in Masonry!

Finally, on December 20th, we will have our Installation of Officers. The installing officer will be the Most Worshipful Ken Nagel, Grand Master of Mason's in California. We have never had our officers installed by the Grand Master, and this Grand Master does the ceremony from Memory. It will be as perfect as you'll ever see it done, so please come out to share the event, and to support your incoming corp of officers.



Worshipful Gregg Hall
 Master, Morgan Hill Lodge #463

SAN BENITO SHRINE CLUB**CALENDAR**

San Benito Shrine Club meets on the third Tuesday, at 6:00 PM.

Monterey Shrine Club meets on the 1st Wednesday, at 6:30 PM at Anthony's

Salinas Valley Shrine Club meets on the second Monday, at 5:30 PM at.

The Landing Zone Restaurant, Salinas Airport

**CONTACTS For all San Benito Shrine Club dinners are:
Gilroy: (TBD)**

**Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and the San Benito County: Gene Bishop,
831-637-4454 - erbishop@razzolink.com**

**Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy: Warren Blakeley,
408-779-2471 - wrb@garlic.com.**

CLUB PRESIDENT — Gary Albert, 831-623-2495, harry@harryalbert.com

CONTACTS — For other Shrine Clubs:

Monterey: Leonard "Label" Green, 831-373-5320.

Salinas Valley Shrine Club: Bob Bramman, 831-443-0161

Dear Nobles and ladies:

The San Benito Shrine Club serves San Benito County and Southern Santa Clara County. The Club meets at the Sunrise Café on the third Tuesday of each month. All Shriners and Potential Shriners are cordially invited to attend.

RSVP: Please RSVP before the second Friday of the month — 408-848-1200

When: Third Tuesday of the Month.

Where: SUNRISE CAFÉ.
6120 Monterey Street.
Gilroy, CA 95020.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, AND PLAN TO ATTEND.

See you at the SUNRISE CAFÉ, GILROY,

Harry Albert, President

**MANZANITA CHAPTER****Order Of The Eastern Star**

Masonic Family,

Steve and I would like to thank all those who made Manzanita Chapter's installation so special. I hope all who were able to attend enjoyed it as much as Steve and I. We extend a special thanks to Ken and Virginia Leverton. Ken made the beautiful birdhouses the officers carried and that were around the room. Virginia did a wonderful job as chairman pulling together the decorations to the food. Thank you to Margaret Wolford and Fred Shulenburg, you did a great job as head of our installing team. I hope our year is as successful as yours was last year.

Margaret represented our Chapter well traveling throughout state last year as Grand Organist. Her kindness, giving nature, and wonderful sense of humor touched many hearts through the year. Sharon Acevedo also did a great job as Deputy Grand Matron. We are so pleased to see our Grand Representative of North Dakota, Marilyn Blaustein, getting stronger and joining us more and more. We know Jackie Cole, 2010 Deputy Grand Matron, will have a great year. Steve, Kayla and I would like to invite you to join us on our travels as I join the Grand Family as Grand Martha. Congratulations to John Fletcher who joins the Grand Lodge Family as Grand Marshal.

This year will be a year of rediscovery. We have invited speakers to reacquaint us with the charities California Star supports and how our members can benefit from these programs. The hardships and illness of some of our members last year helped us realize that many of us were unaware of the help and support Eastern Star can provide. We will also participate in the Morgan Hill Relay of Life. We challenge all of you to join us. Cancer has touched each of us in some way. As you walk the track or rock in the rocking chairs, you know you are making a difference in this fight. Help us show our community the love and strength of the Masonic Family. Contact Maria Miller, our Chairman, for information as to when and where. Our Oktoberfest will be the end of September. It is always a lot of fun. We hope to be joining with the Lodge in some fun activities. I will do my best to keep you posted on the coming events. We look forward to welcoming back many of our regular members and we already have a petition to welcome a new member. With your support, we are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Star Love,

Melanie Chase
Worthy Matron

Steve Chase
Worthy Patron



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