



Central Coast Lodge # 237

Trestleboard

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A Message From the East

October Lodge Events

Hesperian Lodge Dinner 6:30PM Stated Meeting 7:30 PM	6th
Central Coast Lodge Dinner 6:00 PM Stated Meeting 7:00 PM	7th
AVID BBQ Central Coast Lodge All Day	11th
Officer's Practice 7:00 PM	14th
Cook Yur' Own & A Movie 6:00 PM	17th
OSI 542 Hesperian Lodge 7:00 PM	20th
Temple Board Mtg 6:30 PM Officer's Practice Work TBD 7:00 PM	21st
Executive Committee 6:30 PM Officer's Practice Work TBD 7:00 PM	28th

Greetings from the East

We have a few things going on at the Lodge in October. First, we are going to have our Octoberfest dinner on Tuesday the 7th cooked by Worp. Braun . Second, is the annual Avid BBQ on Saturday October the 11th. As we all know this is a very busy day at the Lodge so if you can, please come down and help us out.

I have included a very interesting article this month on Masonic History from the Central Valley. I hope you enjoy the story of Worp. Edward Farris Storey.

As usual we always meet on Tuesday nights and the doors open around 6:00 pm, so come down for a cup of coffee and fellowship.

Fraternally,
Worp. Dave Murray, PM

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From the West

Over the last few months, I've become very reflective on life and how I've been affected by the teachings and symbols of our fraternity. At our most recent Inspectors' Retreat there was a breakout session that was extremely profound. It dealt specifically with the symbolic and ceremonial significance of our ritual and its effects on us as men and Masons.

The session started with this opening.

"Our ritual is not just tradition — it's transformation. As Masons, we live its lessons. As mentors, we guide others into its meaning. Today, we'll explore not just what ritual says, but why it matters — and how understanding this equips us to be better mentors."

During this session we were asked several questions, and, in this article, I am only going to ask two of those questions. One I will give you the answer I gave at the retreat because of its significance to me. The other I will give as a question for you to ponder as we look at our world today and how we can affect it in a positive way.

Which Masonic symbol has spoken most deeply to you, and why?

My answer to this question was the compass. Keeping myself centered in the bounds that this instrument draws for us has not always been easy. Many times, I have been tempted to make decisions that would make life easier or more fun for me but were not truly in the bounds of good character. I have and do hope that when I am guided by the thoughts of this instrument, I have been able to keep my passions and prejudices in due bounds. Hopefully guiding me to be a better man.

Now the question for you to ponder,

What lesson from ritual do you think is most needed in today's world?

Happy Octoberfest,

Sincerely & fraternally,

Zack
Senior Warden

October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to . .

Harold David Borgman	2nd
Ronald James Blakey	3rd
Dale Harry Okpik	14th
Jeffrey Lee Massingham	17th
Nicholaus Joe Miller	18th
James Edward Harris	24th
Arthur John Spoo	25th
William Harold Hays, Jr.	29th

Masonic Birthdays

Ronald James Blakey	2nd
James Bell Freckleton	2nd
William Harold Hays, Jr.	5th
John Frederick Bewick, Jr.	21st
John David Lander	22nd
Tildon Howard McGill	24th
Barry Duane Erlich	27th
John Lee Jenkins	27th
Scott Jay Naumann	27th
Fred Allen Schulenburg	27th
David Allen Murray	28th
Jeffrey Donald Stricklin	30th

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6:00 PM

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Meetings: 2nd Saturday

9:00 AM

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dinner 6p

4th Monday casual/potluck dinner 6p

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Meetings: Mayors Place, Nipomo 4th

Saturday of the month.

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7:30 PM

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Greetings Brethren

Greetings Brethren. I am in Germany at the moment and will offer a repeat of last months notes and point / question for discussion....

I have been working hard to clear out the vault storage area. Files that we decided to keep will be moved to an upstairs storage closet.

The lodge has recently been rented to the Scottish Rite and the Five Cities Shrine Club. It is good to see both groups increasing their activities. I'm glad we are able to support them.

We also voted recently to become a sponsor of the San Luis Obispo Veterans Museum. Our Lodge will be the first local Fraternal Organization or service club to do so. I am proud that we are supporting our veterans who have served us so well.

Food for thought, if less may be more. Should Stated Meeting dinners be once per quarter rather than once a month? This change may improve our current attendance and would reduce the workload and stress on those who take care of all the effort in preparing the monthly dinners. It would also reduce expenses. Comments welcome. Thank you.

Brother Jeff Massingham
Jr. Warden & Lodge Manager



From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers

I have little this month except to continue to learn how to navigate the Secretary's Chair and once again ask for your input to the question below...

On another note, It has been suggested that we don't show a movie on 'Cook Yr' Own and a Movie night. This would make the evening shorter and might help with attendance. Please let me know what you think...

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Secretary, Trestleboard Editor

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Join us on the 3rd Friday of the month for 'Cook Yr' Own and a Movie! Bring what you want to throw on the Bar-B-Q and we provide the sides!

The fire is ready by 6:00 PM and the movie starts at 7:00 PM. Bring your Lady, friends and adult beverages. It's all good!.

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A STORY OF LOVE, TRAGEDY, & SURVIVAL

Words by Terry Ommen

It's been said that the family is the cornerstone of society. Whether it's nuclear, extended, or any combination of people who share an emotional bond, the family relationship plays an important part in people's lives. And this special connection isn't a modern phenomenon-its history goes way back.

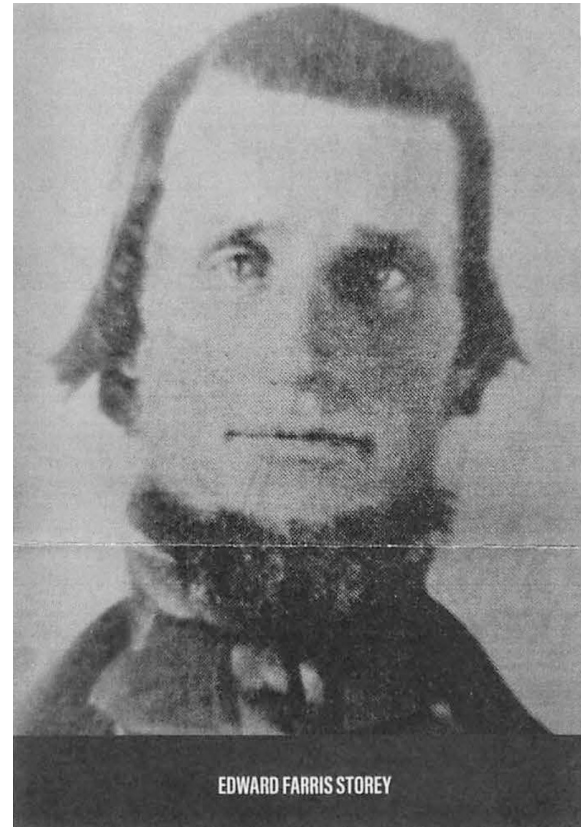
One amazing Visalia story showcases how tragedy within a family changed everything, and how the community came to the rescue of an orphaned little girl.

Edward Farris Storey was born in Jackson County, Georgia on July 1, 1828. In 1844, the teenager left his native state with his parents and settled near Gonzales, Texas. By 1849, the adventurous young man was a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and had already been a Texas Ranger and a veteran of the Mexican-American War. The same year, he married Adella Johnson and the couple had a daughter they named Julia Ann Adella. Tragically, Julia's mother passed away, leaving the 2-year old toddler for her father to raise.

In 1853, Edward Storey organized a group of Texans to go to California. On horseback, he carried his daughter across Texas and Mexico, arriving in Mazatlan on the west coast. From there they went by ship to Monterey, California.

From Monterey, Storey and his daughter moved to San Juan Bautista, where he raised cattle and horses. He also reportedly helped organize a Masonic lodge while living there.

He heard of good cattle grazing land in Tulare County, so in 1856, Storey and his daughter arrived in Visalia. Presumably, he continued to raise cattle while also organizing a Masonic lodge in his new home. On



May 14, 1859, his effort led to the issuance of a charter for the new lodge, and he became its first "Worshipful Master."

Storey was active in community and lodge affairs, and in 1859 he ran for the office of Sheriff of Tulare County, ultimately losing the election to John C. Reid. Lodge activities-like being a featured speaker for St. John's Day festivities, celebrated on December 27th kept him busy.

In 1860 when his term as Master ended, Storey got a case of wanderlust. The silver ore discovery in Nevada, then part of the Western Utah Territory, had many fortune seekers excited, and the rush was on. He caught the bug and left for the Comstock Lode, leaving his 11-year old daughter with a member of the Visalia Methodist Church.

When he arrived in the boomtown of Virginia City, Nevada, he joined a militia group called the "Virginia City Rifles"-a unit created to protect and defend the town. He was elected captain. At about that time, a conflict with the local Paiute Indians was brewing at nearby Pyramid Lake, so the armed paramilitary group left to confront the Native people. On June 2, 1860, the 32-year old captain was killed in battle, a casualty of what would be called the Paiute War.

His body was taken by wagon back to Virginia City, and on June 10th, the town gathered for his funeral. A procession made up of Masons, citizens, and a hearse passed quietly through town to the cemetery. At the grave members of the Virginia City Rifles who fought with Storey gathered. (Storey County, Nevada in which Virginia City is the county seat, is named for Edward Farris Storey.) The Visalia Weekly Delta described the somber scene: "There came around the grave

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another band of brethren-his comrades in arms. Men, rough in appearance but bearing in their breasts, resolute though sorrowful hearts, as they performed the last sad offices for their former chieftain."

When the Visalia Masons heard of Storey's death, "The Lodge immediately met ... and passed a resolution authorizing the Master to see that Brother Storey's orphaned daughter was provided for, and authorizing him to apply to the court for appointment as her guardian. Joseph N. Thomas, the second Master of the Lodge, immediately filed a petition for the appointment of himself as guardian." The court immediately approved his request.

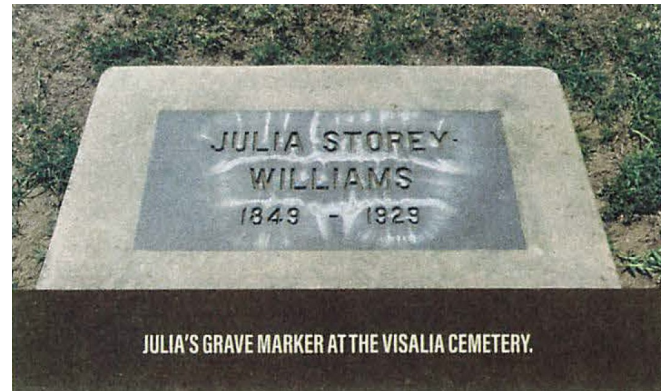
Soon after, a man from San Francisco, said to be Julia's father's cousin, claimed guardianship. The lodge challenged his claim and said, "... that they would fight the matter through the courts and if that did not result in a decision that was acceptable to them, they would fight it out with pistols." The San Francisco man dropped his claim.

In the fall of 1861, a woman named Lockley claimed to be Julia's aunt. She lived in Snelling, California and offered to let the young girl stay with her for a short time. Thomas agreed, but later received word that she was being abused. Immediately, Thomas left to rescue her. When he arrived, the aunt said that she would have Julia ready for him to pick up the next morning. But when he returned, Julia was gone. The aunt had asked a confederate to take the young girl away. Thomas pursued and caught up with the abductor, and returned her to Visalia.

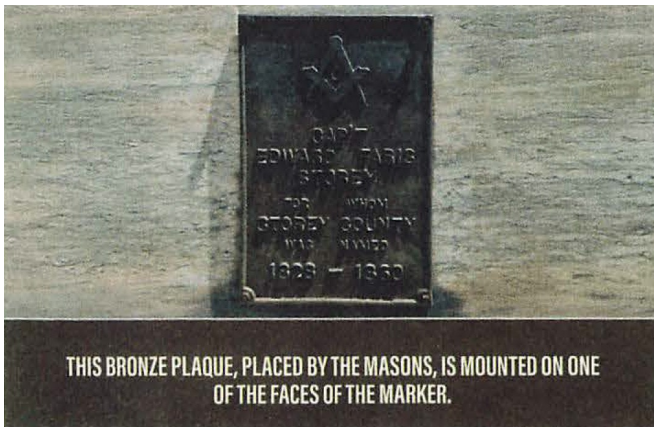
For the next four years Julia stayed with Thomas, her guardian, and attended Father Daniel Dade's Academy of the Nativity school. On June 24, 1865, 15-year old Julia married John W. Williams, a well respected man who was over twice her age. The ceremony was simple and took place in the home of Joseph Thomas.

For over 35 years, the couple was happily married and became an active part of Visalia's social scene. In 1902, Julia's husband, a long-term Visalia City Marshal, died. Again she was alone. Julia lived for another 27 years, passing away on January 21, 1929, at the age of 79. Her early family life had been a challenge, but through it all she persevered. Both Julia and her husband are interred in the Visalia Cemetery.

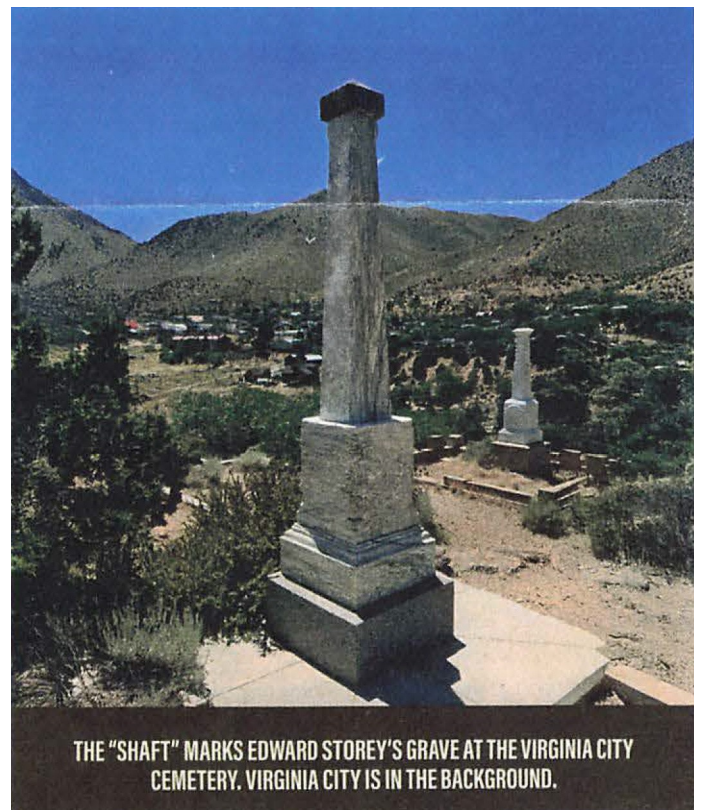
Special thanks to Dallas Pattee for her helpful research



JULIA'S GRAVE MARKER AT THE VISALIA CEMETERY.



THIS BRONZE PLAQUE, PLACED BY THE MASONS, IS MOUNTED ON ONE OF THE FACES OF THE MARKER.



THE "SHAFT" MARKS EDWARD STOREY'S GRAVE AT THE VIRGINIA CITY CEMETERY. VIRGINIA CITY IS IN THE BACKGROUND.

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If you have something you think might be of interest to the Brothers please let me know. You can send articles and pictures to me at cekears@gmail.com. Thank you! Charlie Kears, PM Editor