



October Lodge Events

AVID Bar-B-Q All Day	3rd
Hesperian Lodge Dinner 6:30PM Stated Meeting 7:30 PM	5th
Central Coast Lodge Dinner 6:00 PM Stated Meeting 7:00 PM	6th
Grand Lodge San Francisco	9th - 11th
Officer's Practice 7:00 PM	13th
Cook Y'er Own and A Movie 6:00 PM	16th
OSI 7:00 PM Hesperian Lodge Finance Committee 6:00 PM	19th
Temple Board Meeting 6:30 PM Mr. Hunter Starr 1st Degree 7:00 PM	20th
Executive Board Meeting 6:30 PM Officer's Practice 7:00 PM	27th
Breakfast at The Mayors Place Nipomo 8:00 AM Every Thursday Morning!	

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Central Coast Lodge # 237

Trestleboard

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A Message From the East

Greetings from the East

Happy October!

Congratulations to Bro. Bullock on receiving his 2nd Degree. Also, thank you to the Brothers doing the degree work for Bro. Bullock. Great Job!

We will have a 1st Degree on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 PM for Mr. Hunter Starr. Attend the Degree and support our new Brother as he begins his Masonic journey!

Saturday, October 3rd is the AVID Bar-B-Q and we can use all the help we can get. Please come to the Lodge and give a hand. This is the biggest Bar-B-Q of the year!

We have a new addition to the Trestleboard starting this month, On page 5 is 'Masonic History' To start we have a story about one of our Brothers, Bela Clinton Ide (1842-1922): Arroyo Grande Pioneer, Civil War Veteran and Postmaster, He was a charter member of Arroyo Grande Lodge No. 274, Enjoy the article.

Fraternally,
Worp. Dave Murray, PM



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**From the West****Brothers of Central Coast Lodge,**

As we approach 2027 it seems I am to be honored once again to serve as Master of our Lodge. I don't take this position lightly, we have struggled for a number of years and it now looks as if we may have turned a corner and are on an upward path. I revel in the energy that is now circulating within the Lodge. The renewed interest of long time Brothers coupled with the enthusiasm our new members are showing has energized me to work with you to continue with the direction we are headed.

If elected I would like you all to know that it is my intention to listen to the new ideas that may come up. I hope that all my Brothers will be open to this new kind of thinking and the excitement and enthusiasm it can engender. If we are to continue to move forward, we must be willing to listen to and constructively act on these ideas as well as retain an eye on the traditions of our Lodge.

Remember, our Lodge will only be as strong and vibrant as we want to make it. Let's strive in 2027 to make Central Coast Lodge a force to be dealt with in Masonry.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Zack Braun PM Senior Warden

October Birthdays*Happy Birthday to . .*

Harold David Borgman	2nd
Ronald James Blakey	3rd
Johnathan Frederick Bullock	6th
Jeffery Lee Massingham	17th
Nicholaus Joe Miller	18th
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
Barry Duane Erlich	27th
John Lee Jenkins	27th
Scott Jay Naumann	27th
Fred Alan Schulenburg	27th
David Alan Murray	28th
Jeffrey Donald Stricklin	30th

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Meetings: 1st Wednesday
6:00 PM

Secretary: Christian Marano, PM
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SLO Commandry No. 27

Meetings: 2nd Saturday
9:00 AM

Secretary: Christian Marano, PM
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Santa Lucia chapter #95 OES

Meets: 2nd Monday 7p Stated mtg/
dinner 6p

4th Monday casual/potluck dinner 6p
Secretary: Cathy Veley
(805) 471-0183

Central Coast Shrine Club

Meetings: Mayors Place, Nipomo 4th
Saturday of the month.

Secretary: Rusty Kern
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SLO Masonic Center

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Meetings: 3rd Friday
7:30 PM

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From the South

Greetings Brethren

Halloween items and Christmas items are already being displayed in our stores so I guess summer really is over.

We are working on hanging our new restored Masonic symbol charts and are waiting for carpet to arrive.

Shriners will be meeting in our Lodge on October 15 and the Lodge is also rented on December 5 and the sixth.

Take care and see you at the Lodge. That's all for now.

Bro. Jeff Massingham
Jr. Warden & Lodge Manager .



From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren

This is the last Trestleboard done with 'Publisher', the program many of us use to build newsletters like this. It will be gone October 1st. I am learning a new program to continue keeping the Brothers informed, however, I am older and slower. Please bear with me and I will do my best to be on time for November's issue...

Charlie Kears PM
Secretary, Trestleboard Editor



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Masonic History

Bela Clinton Ide (1842–1922): Arroyo Grande Pioneer, Civil War Veteran and Postmaster



Bela Clinton Ide was born May 5, 1842, in Cattaraugus County, New York, the son of George Ide (c.1810–c.1861) and Rosannah Ide (c.1815–c.1863). His father and mother were both born in New York, and the family was living in Persia, Cattaraugus County, when the 1850 census was taken. When Bela was thirteen, his parents moved with him to Michigan, where the family settled in the Grand Rapids area. He attended school there and later learned the blacksmith's trade at Plymouth, Michigan.

When the Civil War began, Ide was working in an iron foundry. At twenty years old, he enlisted in Company C of the 24th Michigan Infantry on August 8, 1862. He was mustered into Federal service at Detroit on August 15 and became part of a regiment that would see some of the war's heaviest fighting. The 24th Michigan served with the Army of the Potomac in the First Army Corps and became part of the Iron Brigade. Ide was promoted to the third corporal spot on September 20, 1862.

During his three-year enlistment, Ide participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, as well as several smaller engagements and skirmishes. At Gettysburg, he was captured and later released. The 24th Michigan suffered exceptionally heavy losses during the battle. Ide's military record also shows that he was hospitalized at the United States General Hospital at Fairfax Seminary, Virginia, in July 1863.

In February 1864, Ide was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps. The following month he was assigned to Company H of the 6th Veteran Reserve Corps, where he was later promoted to sergeant. He remained in military service until the end of the war and was discharged at Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 5, 1865.

After returning to Michigan, Ide worked at a sawmill in Grand Rapids while continuing working as a blacksmith. In 1868 he moved to Dodge County, Wisconsin, where he became a farmer. On December 24, 1868, he married Adelaide Wood Hawkins (1840–1906) at Neosho, Wisconsin. Adelaide was a native of Pennsylvania and had previously been married to Samuel W. Hawkins. Her son, Arthur Wheelock Hawkins (1862–1935), became Ide's stepson.

Bela and Adelaide had one son, George Pitt Ide (1870–1932), who was born April 23, 1870, at Neosho, Wisconsin. George later became a resident of Arroyo Grande and served as postmaster there. Ide continued farming in Wisconsin until 1872, when he moved to Rice County, Kansas. After approximately two years in Kansas, he traveled to California.

Ide arrived in Arroyo Grande in 1874. The community was then little more than a small village and stage station, with relatively few settlers in the surrounding area. Much of the valley remained covered with heavy timber, while farming was concentrated largely on the uplands. During his nearly five decades in the area, Ide witnessed the clearing of the valley and its transformation into an important agricultural district.

His first work in the Arroyo Grande area related to farming. He operated a threshing machine for R. S. Brown and then worked for Steele Brothers as a teamster on their large ranch. He later became superintendent of their dairy. Ide subsequently worked for Schwartz, Harford & Company in its lumber yards about a mile east of Port Harford.

Adelaide and the children followed Ide to Arroyo Grande in 1875. The family established its home in the community, where Ide became increasingly involved in civic affairs. He was among the first residents to build a house near the railroad tracks and eventually constructed three houses in town. Ide Street was named after him, as he had built the first home on the street.

Ide served for several years on the local school board and worked to promote education in the community. He also participated in the volunteer fire department. In 1909 he was elected first assistant chief, serving under Oscar Eldridge.

In 1902, Ide was appointed postmaster of Arroyo Grande. He held the position until 1910. His son George later served as postmaster for Arroyo Grande and eventually was Orcutt's postmaster as well.

Ide remained active in veterans' organizations. He belonged to Fred Steele Post No. 70 of the Grand Army of the Republic in San Luis Obispo before becoming a member of Colonel Harper Post in Arroyo Grande. He eventually served as commander of the local post.

Freemasonry was another significant part of Ide's community involvement. He was a charter member of Arroyo Grande Lodge

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No. 274, Free and Accepted Masons, and played a part in establishing the lodge. He served as Master, Senior Deacon, and Senior Warden and was also a member of the Masonic chapter. The lodge remained associated with him until his death and conducted his funeral services.

Adelaide Ide died June 24, 1906, and was buried in Arroyo Grande Cemetery. Bela remained in Arroyo Grande. His son George continued his career in the community, while his stepson Arthur Hawkins became a prominent local businessman and civic leader. Arthur worked for the Pacific Coast Railway, later became associated with Hawkins and Miller, managed the local Santa Maria Gas Company interests, served as an early city councilman, and eventually became superintendent of the city water department.

During his later years, Ide's military pension records document two stays at the Pacific Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Los Angeles, one in 1911 and

another in 1916. He returned to Arroyo Grande after each stay and was living there when the 1920 census was taken.

Bela Clinton Ide died at his home on Ide Street on September 2, 1922, at the age of eighty. He had lived in Arroyo Grande for approximately forty-eight years. His funeral was held the following day at the George B. Cleaver undertaking parlors, with Arroyo Grande Lodge No. 274 conducting the services. Masons from San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria attended, along with members of Colonel Harper Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Ide was buried at Arroyo Grande Cemetery.

Thank you, Worp. Frank Luenser for finding this bit of history from Central Coast Lodge!

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