

Channel Islands Lodge No. 214  
Free & Accepted Masons of California  
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#### **Channel Islands Masonic Lodge 214 is open for Stated meetings, dinners, practices, and degree work**

- Dinners are \$15 each for reservations and prepaid accounts. **Dinners without a reservation are \$20.** Use the Lodge web site or call (805) 641-0214.
- Please make all checks payable to **Free & Accepted Masons Channel Islands No 214**
- Please see the Lodge calendar for the latest information: <https://channelislandslodge214.org>

#### **Schedule of Events**

**September 3** - Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM

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**September 19** - OES Dinner & Boutique 5:00 PM

**September 22** - South Branch Oxnard Library 9:00 AM



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## Trestleboard



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As we continue our yearlong celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, another memorable date approaches. The U.S. Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787. September 17 is now observed as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. The dual observance reminds Americans of the benefits we enjoy as citizens and lays out some of our accompanying responsibilities. This concept is not lost on our Brethren, who are charged to walk and act as upright Masons.

As Masons, we likewise enjoy many benefits, which are sustained by adherence to our responsibilities. We work on ourselves, and then labor for the benefit of our Brethren, our communities, and beyond. When we neglect our working tools, disharmony can quickly spread. This effect is amplified among the Lodge Officers, who have the added responsibility of setting an example others may follow.



Our Officers are doing just that. They have worked hard this year and are actively working toward qualifying for their positions next year. They have overcome hurdles and, after some recent adjustments, harmony prevails. I am excited to see what they will accomplish next.

I have said before how proud I am of our Lodge. Our Brothers have a heart for service and they lead, regardless of title, recognition, or honor. We sow harmony, and our Lodge reaps the benefits. As we observe this year's Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, let us reflect on the successes of the year so far, recognize what has made them possible, and consider where we can further improve.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally,  
Jared Padgett,  
Worshipful Master

Brethren,  
September moves in with a quiet steadiness, carrying the subtle shift from summer's loosened pace into a more intentional rhythm. It does not announce itself loudly or demand attention, but instead settles around us with a gentle reminder that the year is progressing and that our own internal work deserves renewed focus. The days begin to shorten, the evenings cool, and the familiar routines of daily life return. In this way, September mirrors the work of a Mason, inviting reflection, discipline, and thoughtful adjustment rather than dramatic change. This month encourages us to pause and consider where we stand. We are far enough into the year to see the results of our choices, yet there remains ample time to refine our direction. September offers a natural moment to recalibrate our



intentions, to revisit the quiet promises we made to ourselves, and to strengthen the habits that support our growth. It is a month that values consistency over urgency, reminding us that meaningful progress often comes from steady, deliberate effort.

The symbolism of the season aligns closely with our Masonic journey. As the harvest period approaches, we are reminded that every action, every decision, and every investment of time eventually bears fruit. What we cultivate within ourselves becomes the foundation upon which future endeavors rest. Discipline, compassion, humility, clarity, and patience are not traits acquired in a single moment but nurtured through repeated practice. September encourages us to tend to these qualities with care, recognizing that the inner work we perform now shapes the path ahead.

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(Junior Warden cont'd)

It is also a time of reconnection. After the scattered, flexible days of summer, September draws us back into shared spaces and shared purpose. Fellowship regains its familiar rhythm, conversations deepen, and the sense of collective effort strengthens.

Brotherhood is not sustained solely through grand gestures but through the simple act of being present for one another.

September reminds us of the value of showing up, listening, supporting, and engaging with sincerity.

As we move through this month, let us carry forward the virtues that define our Craft. Let us approach our daily responsibilities with intention, our interactions with kindness, and our personal challenges with patience. The work of a Mason is not confined to ritual or ceremony; it is lived out in the quiet corners of everyday life, where character is tested and refined. September offers the perfect environment for this kind of steady, thoughtful development.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Malley  
Junior Warden

Channel Islands Chapter No. 78, OES

Invites you, your family, and friends to join us for



### Dinner and Boutique

**Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm**

Channel Islands Masonic Center  
482 East Santa Clara Street • Ventura, CA 93001

Donation per person with Reservation: Adult \$25.00

Child age 5-12 \$10.00

Donation per person at the door: \$30.00

Dinner includes:

Jagerschnitzel, Bratwurst, Goulash, Linzen and Spaetzle, Kartoffelsalat  
Rotkohl, Zweibelkuchen, and Apfelstrudel

Pork tenderloin with mushroom hunter sauce, German sausage,  
beef stew, lentils and dumplings, potato salad, red cabbage, onion tart  
and apple strudel

**RSVP Required by September 15, 2026 to Diane Lotspeich, PM**

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All proceeds will benefit the fraternal purposes of the Channel Islands Chapter.

## Blue Bag Day

Blue Bag Day, our Raising -A-Reader event, will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at 9:00 AM at the South Branch Oxnard Library.

This is the event where the children in the Raising-A-Reader group "graduate" from their red bags to a blue bag. In addition to their blue bag, they will receive a library card, a tour of the library, among other events.

This event recognizes their progress as a reader and is an important event for our Lodge.

Please let the Worshipful Master know if you intend to participate.

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## Golden Veterans

**Mark Allan Vest 2026**

**Gregory Malcolm Fowler 2026**

**Richard Lewis Myatt 2026**

Gary Lee Vess 2025

James William Rasey PM 2025

Hubert Thomas Curnett 2025

Kenneth Glen Miller 2025

David Levell Knutson 2024

Paul Efraim Lovemark 2024

Michael Paul Blackmer PM 2024

William Noel Scruggs 2024

Donald Phillip Meyer 2024

Steven Alan Weiss 2024

Jerry Lee Jeffery 2023

William Robert Kavanaugh PM 2023

Jeffrey Kosowitz 2023

## 3° Service Years

Lawrence Gary Belshe 64

Robert Dean Pritchett 55

David Bruce Gillette PM 54

Joe Floyd Storment Jr. 47

David Ted Drake 45

Gary Michael Frick 43

Woody Rush French 40

George Michael Chtouros 27

Francis Villareal PM 18

Michael D. Blodgett PM 16

Wesley Allen Wallace 16

Robert Allan Davis 15

Victor Hugo Berber 15

Michael Dale Henry 14

Ethan Thomas Mitchell 3

## Birthdays this Month

Christian Veloz 2

Mark Allan Vest 3

Donal Neil Ziemer 4

Larry Lee McNeese 4

Konner Joshua King 6

Arturo Valencia Padua 8

Gerald Roy Price 10

Harald Gunther Ot Marschall 10

John Kent Weiss 11

Jeffrey Kosowitz 13

Tim Michael Youmans 14

Kevin Andrew Florine 16

Wilbert Andrew Little PM 20

Mark Evan Hurd PM 25

Steven James Marcus 25

Serafin Perez 26

Erbie Daw Jr. 28