



# Gold Country MASON

## Wishing You a Happy Thanksgiving

### Will EDCCSR&SC Continue?

*The answer is YES, well, sort of...*

In a seemingly last-ditch effort to save the El Dorado County Combined Scottish Rite & Shrine Club, current President Brian Kennedy rallied the troops to a meeting at Hiram Lodge on Saturday October 15 in the morning. The meeting had about 15 in attendance of members of Both Hiram and Placerville Lodges. There was an informal poll taken at the meeting and 93% who attended were Scottish Rite, yet only about 60% were Shriners. The good work that the club has done, with a very successful blood drive and the hosting of the sweethear's lunch was not lost to all those who attended but it was pointed out that much of the work was done by the same people who step up to the plate again and again. The problem of the philosophy of "if you want something done, ask a busy person" is that the busy person eventually gets burned out. The philosophy of "many hands make light work" should be more at the forefront. Most of the attendees at the meeting already wear many hats have busy families and busy lives, but they felt it important enough to spend their Saturday morning to find

out the fate of their club. Brian laid out the current situation as dire. That success or even survival of the organization relied on some creative thinking, more participation by the membership and involved leadership. The structure of the club was discussed and it was brought up that the clubs were combined in the first place because apart they were both floundering and that the strength would come from combining them. In Hal Barker's words, "in hindsight, maybe it wasn't the best idea". There was first an exploratory nomination of "should the club(s) continue" or not? Unanimously, those present felt that it should continue [in one form or another]. Then it was brought to vote on separating the two clubs back to their original form. There was very good discussion and reasoning on both sides of the issue, but when it came down to the vote, it was clear that the majority felt that the two clubs should continue separately. Each with their own President, Secretary,



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**Meeting on the Level,  
Acting by the Plumb, and  
Parting upon the Square**

Hiram 25 Website: <http://www.eldoradomasons.org/>  
Placerville 26 Website: <http://www.calodges.org/no26/>  
Grand Lodge: <http://www.freemason.org/>

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## Trestleboard

Worshipful Master - Brian Ludwig • (530) 647-0872

As most of you know, I have been in Missouri for this past month working on a major archaeological survey project for the Mark Twain National Forest. Although the weather has been great, the fall colors have been fabulous and the local bluegrass music and BBQ have been a real treat, as I write this I'm already planning on wrapping things up and getting back to Placerville just in time for our November meeting.

During my absence our officers and members have, as usual, been keeping busy. If you weren't able to make the October meeting and dinner you missed a great Oktoberfest meal prepared by Larry Lococo and my better half Charlane. At the end of the evening the sausages, "kraut", and desserts were really cleaned up and little in the way of leftovers went home with anyone. Scott Bertram held the first of his classes offering further light for our entered apprentices and we've started making arrangements for what will be a busy end-of-year push to confer several third degrees. Scott's efforts are quickly bearing fruit and he has taken on the effort of educating our candidates with great enthusiasm. In fact, he has made contact with a number of long-lost entered apprentices who are now reinvigorated and diving back into their studies with great enthusiasm.

We've pretty much been working seven days a week all this past month and very long days in addition so I'll keep this short. Like I said, we'll be having several third degrees coming up soon along with another bunch of first and second degrees so I'll be sure to keep everyone informed through our robo-call system and don't forget brethren; November is election month so please come and support your officers. Also, at the November meeting Charlane will be having another opportunity draw-

ing. This has been a very successful program this past year and I can assure everyone that another great bunch of items will be offered in November and at the "grand finale" auction in December.

I hope everyone is having a great fall and I'll see ya'll at the November meeting!

Brian Ludwig - Worshipful Master  
Placerville #26

### Placerville Masonic Center

2820 Cold Springs Road • Placerville, CA 95667  
Stated Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month.  
Fellowship is at 6:00 p.m. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.  
Stated Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Website - <http://www.calodges.org/no26/>

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## GOLD COUNTRY LODGES SENIOR SUPPORT SYSTEM

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		1	2	3 <b>Volcano Stated Meeting</b>	4 <b>B</b> Hiram #25 Stated Meeting Fellowship 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	5 Drytown Lodge Stated Meeting 10:00 am Plymouth
6 <small>Daylight Saving Time Ends</small>	7 <small>Eid-al-Adha</small>	8 <b>A</b> Placerville #26 Officer's Practice 7:00 pm <small>Election Day</small>	9 <b>B</b> Hiram Lodge Dual 1st Degree 7:00 pm	10 <b>A</b> P'ville #26 Stated Meeting Fellowship 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	11-11-11 <b>B</b> Eastern Star Meeting 7:30 pm <small>Veterans Day</small>	12
13	14 <b>WIDDLE WEELS 7:00 VETS HALL</b> <b>York Rite Chapter 7:30</b>	15 <b>A</b> Placerville #26 Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	16 <b>B</b> Hiram Lodge Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	17 <b>December G.C.M. Deadline</b>	18	19 <b>A</b> Placerville Masonic Ctr. Bethel 74, Job's Daughters
20	21	22 <b>B</b> @ HIRAM District Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	23	24  <small>Thanksgiving</small>	25	26
27 <b>A</b> Eastern Star Installation 3:00pm	28 <b>A</b> Rainbow Girls 7:00 pm	29 <b>A</b> Placerville #26 Officer's Practice 7:00 pm	30 <b>B</b> Hiram Lodge Officer's Practice	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>NOV 19th 2 BOWL GAMES</b> at American River College See Page 6 - &amp; Breakfast at the Shrine center!</p>  </div>		

**A**=Placerville Lodge • Est. May 6, 1853

Placerville Masonic Center • 2820 Cold Springs Rd., Placerville

**B**=Hiram Lodge • Est. May 3, 1853

6201 Main St., El Dorado

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25 <small>Christmas</small>	26 <small>Boxing Day</small>	27	28	29	30	31

## - Crestleboard -

Worshipful Master - Jason Burgess • (916) 501-3812

Brethren,

November is here and it is election time again! Come and join us and cast your ballot. This year, our succession of officers is not the traditional line succession. Many of the anticipated nominees are fairly new to our fraternity while others are simply new to officer positions. Since the line is not progressing in the "traditional" order, some of these men may be unknown to you and, thus, would be a surprise come stated. Therefore, I felt it necessary to take a non-traditional approach this year myself, and let you know here who those anticipated nominees are.

This year, Bro. John "Dusty" Deryk, our current Senior Deacon will be nominated for the station of Master. Bro. Joseph Carlson, our current Junior Warden will be our one traditionalist and be nominated for Senior Warden. Bro. Denny Luce, new to an officer's role, will be nominated for Junior Warden. Bro. Bobby Diesel, our current Assistant Secretary, will be nominated for Secretary. And, Bro. Jim Yates, also new to an officer's role, will be nominated for Treasurer.

As you can see, aside from Bro. Carlson, all of the anticipated officers for next year will be brand new or taking a role not in the traditional line of advancement. I urge you to get to know these brothers before you cast your ballot

to satisfy yourself that they are worthy of your vote for their anticipated positions. Then, come out and support these men who are giving their time and talent to keep your lodge going.

With the Thanksgiving holiday approaching, travel and family will take precedence in most of our lives. But, let us not forget to be thankful for all that we have while celebrating. And, let us not forget those who do not have the bounty we might enjoy. If it is not already your practice, you might consider donating to a local food pantry or your church soup kitchen. Give back of that with which you are blessed. My poem this month speaks to that and hopefully helps us to remember our blessings.

One more month to go my brothers, and we welcome our new leadership! Join us to help select who they will be. See you in Lodge!

Fraternally,

Jason W. Burgess, PM  
Hiram #25

### Schedule of the upcoming

## 2011

## YORK RITE MEETINGS

*We meet at the Sutter Creek Masonic Hall located at 45 Main Street in Downtown Sutter Creek.*

**November 14, 2011 - 7:30 pm Chapter**

### *Thanksgiving Schedule*

**December 12, 2011 - 7:30 pm Commandery**

### *Christmas Schedule*

*Many members usually meet before the meeting for dinner beforehand at 6 pm at a local Sutter Creek restaurant.*

*The choice of restaurant is announced via email by the presiding officer for that meeting a few days before the meeting.*

### Hiram Building

6201 Main St. El Dorado, CA

Stated Meetings are the 1st Friday of the month.

Fellowship is at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Stated Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

It is recommended that you call for Reservations to Jackie Bozeman at (530)333-4732

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### 2011 OFFICERS

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Tyler:	Roy Kilday, PM	(530) 677-3068

**HIRAM LODGE NO. 25**  
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6201 MAIN ST. EL DORADO, CA.

The Masons, their wives and families of Hiram Lodge No. 25,  
Placerville Lodge No. 26, and Drytown Lodge No. 174

are invited to the

*Installation of Officers*

on

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011**  
**10:00 A.M.**

All Lodge officers are installed annually  
after election to one-year terms,  
which commence with a formal installation.

As one of the fraternal organizations in El Dorado,  
the Lodge invites its neighbors who receive  
the Gold Country Mason trestleboard  
to be a part of this celebratory occasion.

There will be a light luncheon after the ceremony.

If you plan to attend,  
and wives and families are invited, too,  
please RSVP to Dusty or Brian.

Dress: business suit.

Contacts: **Dusty Deryck, 621-1222,**  
**dusty@gotsky.com**

**Brian Kennedy, Sec'y, 621-3702,**  
**b.kennedy@bloodscene.com**

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**El Dorado Foothills Chapter #62**  
**Order of Eastern Star**

cordially invites you to attend their  
**131st Installation of Officers**  
**Sunday, November 27, 2011**  
**at 3 o'clock in the afternoon**

**Placerville Masonic Center**  
**2820 Cold Springs Road**  
**Placerville, California**

**Jackie Bozeman, PM**  
**Worthy Matron Elect**

**Jim Whitley, PGP**  
**Worthy Patron Elect**

**Heather Ann Dawson**  
**Retiring Worthy Matron**

**John Dawson, PP**  
**Retiring Worthy Patron**

**Please RSVP before November 15**  
**Cherri Whitley, PM**  
**(530) 344-0265**  
**rainbowpog@aol.com**

*Please bring an item to donate to  
the El Dorado Food Bank*

**Slow Me Down**

*John G. Ottis*

**Slow me down Lord, I am going too fast:  
I can't see my brother when he's walking past.  
I miss a lot of good things day by day;  
I don't know a blessing when it comes my way.**

**Slow me down, Lord I want to see  
More of the things that are good for me.  
A little less of me and a little more of you,  
I want the heavenly atmosphere to trickle through.**

**Let me help my brother when the going is rough:  
When folks work together life isn't so tough.  
Slow me down, Lord so I can talk  
With some of your angels.  
Slow me down to a walk**

2:00 p.m.

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5:00 p.m.



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etc. Michael Day reluctantly volunteered to stand as interim President of the Shrine Club and Brian Kennedy for the Scottish Rite. It must be mentioned that Brian has battled health issues (a heart attack) and has steadfastly stood in the Secretary position at Hiram Lodge since Merv Purdy retired from the job 2 years ago. Both Brother Day and Kennedy are filling the positions TEMPORARILY, until someone steps up to take the reigns. If no one can be found then the choice is to close the club. I would say that the general feeling that day could be classified as "cautiously optimistic". It will depend on finding the right leadership who can turn the two ships around and an engaged and interested membership who will attend planned events and help out where needed. In our increasingly busy lives it is important to find a balance and it is also important to balance what is important. If you feel that The El Dorado Shrine Club is important, let Michael Day know. If you feel that the El Dorado Scottish Rite Club is important, let Brian Kennedy know. If you are not a member, become one. YOU can make a difference.

Opposite is the message from Brian Kennedy with further details on the meeting.



## Order of Eastern Star

— El Dorado Foothills

Calendar for 2011

Nov 11 – Last Night, Veteran's Day –  
Wear Red, White & Blue--  
Potluck dinner Chairman-Jackie Bozeman

Nov 27 – Installation of 2012 officers  
General Chairman-Cherri Whiteley  
3 pm, Placerville Lodge

## El Dorado County Combined Scottish Rite & Shrine Clubs

October 15, 2011 a meeting of the combined Scottish Rite and Shrine Masonic Clubs was held at Hiram Lodge #25.

Of the current membership, fifteen Brothers attended the meeting. The members want the clubs to continue, but not in combination. A motions were made, seconded and passed that directed the following:

The Clubs, Scottish Rite and Shrine, will no longer be combined and will be independent of each other.

Each Club is seeking Brethren of commitment who wish to fill the following positions:

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Board Members

If you, or a Brother you know is willing to commit to the Mother Lode Scottish Rite Club, CALL or EMAIL your nomination to:

Brother Brian Kennedy, 320, KCCH  
530-621-3702 or 916-712-2891  
Email: b.kennedy@bloodscene.com

If you, or a Brother you know is willing to commit to the El Dorado Shrine Club, CALL or EMAIL your nomination to:

Worshipful Michael Day, PM, 320  
530-622-6440  
email: day10@comcast.net

It is very important that Scottish Rite and Shrine members participate and volunteer to run these organizations, or they will be disbanded.

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