

Santa Cruz -San Lorenzo Valley Lodge No. 38 represents the consolidation of two lodges from north Santa Cruz County, California. Santa Cruz Lodge No. 38, F.&A.M. and San Lorenzo Valley Lodge No. 718, F.&A.M. Each voted in early 1994 to form a new lodge: Santa Cruz - San Lorenzo Valley Lodge No. 38, Free and Accepted Masons.

In July of 1953, Santa Cruz Lodge No. 38 celebrated its 100th anniversary with various festivities and the publishing of an abbreviated history. San Lorenzo Valley Lodge No. 718 was formed in 1953 with the gathering of Masons who were living in the upper reaches of the San Lorenzo Valley. As our members look forward, the year 2003 looms ahead when we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of a lodge of Masons meeting in Santa Cruz, California.

The history of Masonry in the northern reaches of Santa Cruz County is presented in four parts. First we present the contents of a pamphlet published by Santa Cruz Lodge No. 38 on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

Following the first 100 years we will present histories of

Santa Cruz Lodge No. 38 from 1953 to 1994,

San Lorenzo Valley Lodge No. 718 from 1954 to 1994 and

Santa Cruz - San Lorenzo Valley Lodge No. 38, formed in 1994.

In addition to this, we have included the work of a local historian who assembled a history of the building the Masons built in 1887 and used until the mid-1950's; Mysteries of the Old Masonic Castle

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