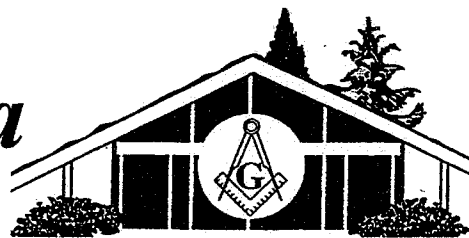


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TRESTLEBOARD

June-July, 2013

## CALENDAR

- Thurs. June 6 6:30 p.m. Stated Meeting dinner. Menu: BBQ Tri Tip by Lodge officers. Reservations required for alternate meal or for those not on permanent list: 925-254-5211. Cost \$12 per person.
- Two 50-year pin presentations.
- 8:00 p.m. Stated Meeting. Movie for the ladies.
- Tues. June 11 7:00 p.m. Acalanes Lodge. District School of Instruction. Funeral Certification Class.
- Thurs. June 13 7:00 p.m. Third Degree practice. All Master Masons welcome.
- Sat. June 15 8:00 a.m. Masonic Home: Inspectors' School for officers' coaches only – Wor. Don Weisse, Jr. PM.
- Tues. June 18 7:00 p.m. Third Degree practice. All Master Masons welcome.
- June 21,22,23 Reno Trip. Please sign up for this **great** trip. See p.4
- June 22 & 23 13th Annual California Masonic Symposium. P.3
- Mon. June 24 6:00 p.m. at Oakland Scottish Rite: Feast of St. John. Dinner & refreshments \$70 per person. All Masons are welcome. Reservations required: 510-451-1903, x26. Tickets are limited; payment must be made when making reservation.
- Tues. June 25 7:00 p.m. Third Degree practice. All Master Masons welcome.
- Thurs. June 27 6:30 p.m. Third Degree for Bro. Sean Mergy  
8:45 p.m. Dinner. Officers: Tuxedos. All Master Masons welcome.
- Thurs. July 4 Happy 4th of July. Downtown Orinda: 4th of July Parade – Chairman Wor. Tom Kilgallen, PM. Contact [tkilgallen@msn.com](mailto:tkilgallen@msn.com).
- Thurs. July 11 6:30 p.m. Stated Meeting dinner: BBQ New York steak, corn & beans. Reservations required. (See reservations details June 6th above).
- 8:00 p.m. Stated Meeting. Movie for the ladies.

## MASTER'S MESSAGE



Happy Summer to everyone. I hope that this season will bring you and your families great health, joy and happiness.

In the month of May we accomplished many great tasks and events. Our May Stated Meeting dinner celebrated Cinco De Mayo with delicious Mexican food. Our Public Schools Night was very special with two Miramonte High School students, Nicholas Olivier and Gina Nerone presenting outstanding performances. Our special thanks go to Brother Weylin Eng for arranging this event.

Our Sweethearts' Luncheon on Saturday, May 4th was a great success. Special thanks go to Brothers Johnson, Gorsuch, Ganitch, and Augustine, and all who participated in putting together this event. Special thanks go to Shirley Reynolds for coordinating with Alex Perez, Master Counselor of De Molay Redwood Empire Division who performed a Mother's Day flower ceremony for us. Alex's presentation was beautiful and touching, which everyone enjoyed very much. Thank you Alex.

Congratulations to the Job's Daughters' members who were initiated on Monday, May 6th. We appreciate your ongoing support and great services to our Lodge.

On Thursday, May 16th we initiated Michael S. Breuner to the First Degree of Masonry. Congratulations Brother Breuner and welcome to our Lodge.

On Saturday, May 18th our combined District School of Instruction held in Live Oak Lodge, which was very informative and productive, was conducted by three inspectors: Gary Peare, Greg Thompson and Teddy Garner. Thank you brother inspectors.

On Tuesday, May 21st Brother Alan Miller gave his Third Degree proficiency letter perfect with great care and dignity. Congratulations Brother Miller.

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**(Master's Message continued):**

On Saturday May 25th we visited Texas Lodge #46 in San Juan Bautista to confer the First Degree of Masonry upon Mehran (Ron) Afshar. Congratulations brother Afshar. Our Junior Warden, Erik Johnson acted as Master for the degree and did an excellent job.

The reception by the brethren of Texas Lodge was warm and welcoming. We were served a great country breakfast prior to the conferral of this degree. The Worshipful Master of Texas Lodge, Brother Tony Averill presented all of us with special Texas Lodge belt buckles as gifts. We will wear these belt buckles with pride and joy. Our special thanks go to Brother John Densem for coordinating this visitation. We especially thank WM Brother Averill, the officers who worked with us in the degree, and the brethren of Texas Lodge for their sincere hospitality and delicious food.

**Tom Kavishi, Master**

## JUNIOR WARDEN'S MESSAGE



On Saturday May 25th, Orinda Lodge had the privilege of both visiting and performing the First Degree at Texas Lodge #46 F&M in San Juan Bautista, California. The degree was conferred upon our newest brother, Br. Afshar. No, not Sid Afshar, but his brother, Meyron (Ron) Afshar. He was a great candidate and we look forward to seeing him advance in his Masonic journey.

Texas Lodge provided us with the Red Carpet Treatment. They gave us a delicious Texas-style breakfast. All the brothers were both full and happy.

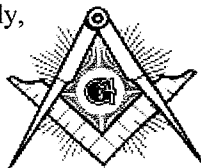
Texas Lodge's hospitality was both genuine and of 5-star ranking. They educated us all about their historic lodge dating back to the 1800s. The lodge room has been there since 1854.

The degree was performed beautifully by our Orinda Lodge officers, highlighted by the delightful Lecture by our Senior Warden Cary Carlson, PM, and Charge by our Marshal, John Densem.

I appreciate Wr. Kavishi for allowing me to sit in the East for this degree. I'm finally starting to feel relaxed in the big chair. Special thanks go to our Marshal, John Densem who is also the Texas Lodge Marshal. Br. Densem orchestrated this visitation event with both lodge masters and made it all happen! Thank you good brother John!

Hopefully in the future, Texas Lodge will come and visit us here in Orinda.

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
**Erik Johnson**



*Bro. Ron Afshar's 1st Degree at Texas Lodge #46.*



*Historic 1800s flag at Texas Lodge #46.*

## ORINDA ACCENTS

The Sweethearts of Orinda Lodge thank our Master, Tom Kavishi and his officers for the delicious lunch given in their honor on May 4th. Among them was Ruth Kelly who will be 100 years old in July. Lucille Madsen reaches her 100th birthday in October; congratulations! It was a beautiful day.

PM Mickey Ganitch and Barbara hit the jackpot – no, no, not the Lottery. An elementary school, Halle Hieki on the Hawaiian island of Oahu awarded Mickey the Heart of the Hero Award. Barbara also received an award for her dedication to our country. They were treated royally – first class air, food, and hotel for four days.

Gilbert and Kathryn Klingman flew to Chicago to see their granddaughter graduate!

Pat Hedl and PM Don Weisse, Jr. were also on the trip through the Panama Canal with PM Bill Richmond and Bonnie. I'm sorry I didn't mention it last month!

PM Alex Kirkpatrick and his son, John are visiting relatives in Scotland and attending a special Masonic event.

Wint Mather joined a group of 13 others for a 16-day trip of a lifetime, to Burma. They had 14 flights; he said he was worn out from taking off and putting on his shoes on a daily basis. I say there's no place like Home Sweet Home.

Our love and condolences go to the family of May Pressler who passed away in February. PM Alvin and May had moved to Texas to be near their daughter. Al was Master of Acorn Lodge #494 (merged with Orinda Lodge #122) in 1964 and was a career executive of the Oakland Post Office. He passed away four years ago.

Have safe travel on your vacations this summer.  
**Winnie Brewer (510) 530-8589**



## ORINDA ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Orinda Lodge/  
Hiram Award Picnic.

**Date:** Saturday, August 24th

**Place:** Castle Rock Park, Walnut Creek

**Time:** Noon until sunset

**Fun for all!**

**More information to follow**



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Luke McKeever                  | 18 Cesar Salinas        |
| 2 Louis F. Nagel                 | 18 Paul H. Williams, PM |
| 3 Victor W. Traverso             | 18 Carl F. Bessey       |
| 5 Phillip L. McAllister, Sr., PM | 21 Thomas A. Steig      |
| 6 Harold M. Ballard              | 21 George Y. Johnson    |
| 7 David A. Mitroff               | 28 William E. Miller    |
| 8 John E. Ogro                   | 28 Richard A. Kellogg   |
| 11 John W. Landregan             | 29 Aleck E. Syms        |
| 12 Thomas J. Kilgallen, PM       | 29 Thomas R. Lindeland  |
| 13 Robert V. Arabian             | 30 Jimmie L. Vaughn, PM |
| 16 Simon Kleinman                |                         |

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Albert Donnici, PM    | 14 Stephen R. Renouf      |
| 3 Norman P. Gorsuch     | 15 Robert F. Marshall     |
| 4 Ronald J. Garwood     | 15 Donald T. Markert, PM  |
| 4 Richard A. Sperling   | 16 Jack A. Giolitti       |
| 4 Marvin C. Hoss        | 18 Troy R. Lyon           |
| 5 Melvin D. Loe         | 19 William H. Davis       |
| 5 Geoffrey B. Rester    | 20 Lorenzo Abrusci        |
| 7 Robert H. Traxler, PM | 21 Kent D. Matheson       |
| 8 Donal J. Connelly     | 25 Stewart R. Knudsen     |
| 8 John J. Rogers        | 25 Frederick E. Burks, PM |
| 10 Thomas K. Dewing     | 27 Donald S. Baillie      |
| 10 Robert L. Hobson     | 27 Edward A. Kurtz        |
| 11 Arolf Salo           | 30 David Pintado          |
| 11 Craig D. Kauffman    | 31 Guy P. DeGarmo         |
| 12 Ted H. Johnson       | 31 Earl D. Love, Jr.      |

## IN MEMORIAM

**James W. Casten**

Born July 14, 1918 in Buffalo, New York

Raised November 6, 1943

A 69-year member of Orinda Lodge #122

Entered into rest March 13, 2013

Age 94 years

**Thomas E. Morgan, Jr.**

Born May 30, 1925 in California

Raised March 16, 1948

A 65-year member of Orinda Lodge #122

Entered into rest May 21, 2013

Age 87 years

**Marcus Rice, Jr.**

Born May 16, 1932 in California

Raised May 25, 1954

A 59-year member of Orinda Lodge #122

Entered into rest May 28, 2013

Age 81 years

*Soft and safe to thee my brother be thy resting place, bright  
and glorious be thy rising from it.*

## 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CALIFORNIA MASONIC SYMPOSIUM

**Dates:** June 22, 2013 Pasadena Scottish Rite Cathedral  
June 23, 2013 San Francisco Scottish Rite  
Masonic Center.

**Subject:** Struggles for Control of Freemasonry: Great  
Britain and America in the Early Grand Lodge  
Era.

**Registration is \$10.** Enroll at [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org) > Member  
Center > Masonic Education.

**Questions:** Contact Kim Hegg, program services manager, at  
[khegg@freemason.org](mailto:khegg@freemason.org).

*Lectures by four prominent Masonic scholars:*

**John L. Belton, Ph.D**

**John L. Cooper III, Ph.D**

**R. Stephen Doan, J.D.**

**S Brent Morris, Ph.D**

*In eighteenth century England, rival grand lodges – the  
Antients and Moderns – battled for control of the craft. The  
impact of their division, and eventual reunification, affected  
Masonry throughout the continent.*

*Join us for an exploration and investigation into how this  
clash of Masonic titans impacted European Masonry, and  
traveled with pioneering Masons to the American Colonies.*

**RENO TRIP**  
**GROUP NAME: OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE MASONS**  
**June 21, 22, 23, 2013**

**All participants must drive their own vehicle or carpool with others to travel to The Peppermill Hotel & Casino in Reno**

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Activity</b>    | <b>Place</b>       | <b>Time</b>    |
|------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Friday     | 06/21/13    | Drive to Reno      | Peppermill         | 3pm            |
| Friday     | 06/21/13    | Cocktail Reception | Kavishi's Room     | <b>6pm</b>     |
| Saturday   | 06/22/13    | Free Time All Day  | As You Wish        | As You Wish    |
| Saturday   | 06/22/13    | Cocktail Reception | Kavishi's Room     | <b>6pm</b>     |
| Saturday   | 06/22/13    | Group Dinner       | <b>TBA (DOUTH)</b> | 7:30pm         |
| Sunday     | 06/23/13    | Free Time          | As You Wish        | 8am - 11am     |
| Sunday     | 06/23/13    | Check Out          | VIP Room           | <b>By NOON</b> |

**PACKAGE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING**

- VIP Check-IN
- Room for two nights (Friday & Saturday 06/21 and 06/22)
- Friday & Saturday Night Cocktail Reception Hosted By Kavishi & Margherio
- VIP Check-Out
- All Applicable Taxes and Resort Fees

**COST:**      **Single Occupancy \$ 250.00**      **Double Occupancy \$ 300.00**  
**Please make the Check out to: Oakland Scottish Rite**  
**Deadline to Sign Up: June 14, 2013**

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**Interested Parties, please complete the section below. Attach your check and return it to: Oakland Scottish Rite Front Office, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612-4520. Attention: Bruce Weissenberger.**

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**Signature**                      **Date**

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