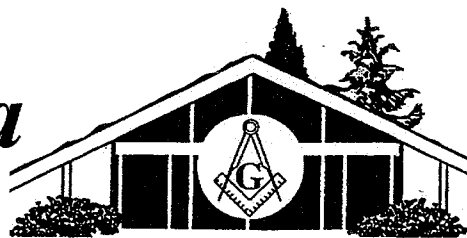


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TRESTLEBOARD

December 2013 - January 2014

CALENDAR

- Thurs. Dec. 5 6:30 p.m. Stated Meeting dinner. Reservations required for those not on permanent list: 925-254-5211. Cost \$12 per person.
- 8:00 p.m. Stated Meeting
- Sat. Dec. 7 3:00 p.m. Live Oak Lodge Installation of Officers. Reservations: 510-653-4671.
- Tues. Dec. 10 6:30 p.m. Officers' practice for Installation.
- Sun. Dec. 15 3:00 p.m. Orinda Installation of Officers; dinner to follow. Reservations required: 925-254-5211.
- Tues. Dec. 17 6:30 p.m. Orinda officers' practice for lodge funeral services.
- Thurs. Dec. 19 6:30 p.m. Orinda roll call memorial service. All Masons cordially invited.
- Wed. Dec. 25 Merry Christmas
- Wed. Jan. 1 Happy New Year
- Thurs. Jan. 9** **6:00 p.m.** Stated Meeting dinner. Menu: Baked salmon with lemon caper sauce.
- Speaker: Worshipful James Gibson, PM – The History of Orinda Lodge #122.
- 8:00 p.m. Stated Meeting
- Thurs. Jan. 16 6:30 p.m. 3rd Degree practice
- Sat. Jan. 18 8:30 a.m. Combined School of Instruction: 1st Degree. Bay Cities Lodge.
- Tues. Jan. 21 6:30 p.m. 3rd Degree practice
- Thurs. Jan. 23 7:00 p.m. 3rd Degree for Bro. Ron Afshar. Refreshments to follow.
- Thurs. Jan. 30 7:00 p.m. 3rd Degree for Bro. John McPartland. Refreshments to follow.

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Dear Brethren and Ladies,
It has been my distinct honor, pleasure and privilege to serve you this year. Having ascended to the Master's chair was definitely a highlight of my life and one of my most joyful experiences.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and services you have offered to our Lodge. May God bless every one of you and grant you the will and strength to continue in the path of serving your Lodge, your communities and humankind.

Masonry has taught me many valuable lessons, which I will cherish for the rest of my life. As the famous Iranian poet, Sadie writes:

Human beings are members of a whole,
In creation of one essence and soul.

If one member is afflicted with pain,
Other members uneasy will remain.

If you have no sympathy for human pain,
The name of human you cannot retain.

Think about the question; from whence came you? We have all come from the same place belonging to the same stock. What came you here to do? We are all here for the same aim and hope. We are all connected to one and another no matter where in the world we were born. We may speak different languages, we may eat different foods, we may have our own values and cultures, etc. But at the end of the day, we are all members of a whole created by one almighty God who has granted what we need to live our lives and help one another.

I would like all of you to know that I served you from the bottom of my heart with utmost sincere intentions and with gratitude. I am humbled to have been a servant of yours for this past year. My love for you all and our craft is forever. All of you have a special place in my heart.

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(Master's Message continued):

Well, enough said! Our November Stated Meeting dinner was a total success. The crown "King of Turkey" was awarded to our dear brother Worshipful Emilio Augustine. Congratulations my dear brother for a job well done.

Please join me in congratulating the following brothers who have been elected and appointed to serve our Lodge for 2014:

Brother Worshipful Cary Carlson, PM – Elected Master
 Brother Erik Johnson – Elected Senior Warden
 Brother Vic Vickers – Elected Junior Warden
 Brother Norman Gorsuch – Elected Treasurer
 Brother Worshipful Dick Anderson, PM – Elected Secretary
 Brother Worshipful Mickey Ganitch, PM – Appointed Chaplain
 Brother Alan Miller – Appointed Senior Deacon
 Brother Earl Love – Appointed Junior Deacon
 Brother Worshipful Bill Richmond, PM – Appointed Organist
 Brother Mike Gooding – Appointed Senior Steward
 Brother Sean Mergy – Appointed Junior Steward
 Brother Robert Traxler, PM – Appointed Tiler

Congratulations to brother Mehran (Ron) Afshar for passing his 2nd Degree proficiency. Brother Afshar, we are all looking forward to your 3rd Degree in January.

I wish you all a very happy holiday season and a new year filled with excellent health and much prosperity.

Tom Kavishi, Master

ORINDA ACCENTS

PM Mel and Joan Augustine flew to India last month. This will be their 70th country to visit and explore; they traveled by land, sea, and air.

Dr. Weylin Eng and Rose returned recently from Southeast Asia, visiting Myanmar (Burma) and Thailand. Myanmar was the most interesting country that they have visited in recent years; it is the next hot spot to visit in Asia. Dr. Eng, why do you think we want to visit a hot spot!?

PM Bill and Bonnie Richmond will spend Christmas and New Year in Alaska with their family and grandchildren.

PM Mickey and Barbara Ganitch flew to Ohio to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of their daughter.

By the time you read this, I will have spent Thanksgiving in San Jose to help my great grandson, Austin celebrate his 19th birthday. He is my grandson, Scott Williams' son.

Readers, this is my Swan Song. After 25 years writing Orinda Accents, which I have enjoyed, it is time to retire.

I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a very healthy, happy New Year, and do stop and smell the roses!

Winnie Brewer (510-530-8589)

FROM THE MASTER ELECT

Brethren, with the 'new order' there will be some changes. Please note that our Stated Meeting for January will be held on January 9th. I decided that Jan. 2nd was too close to the New Year holiday. Pushing it back a week will be best for attendance. Our Worshipful Inspector Greg Thompson concurred. Please also note that **dinner will commence at 6:00 p.m. and that tables at the back will be reserved for later arrivals.** The extra half hour will allow speakers not to feel rushed. Further, it is my aim to begin our Stated Meetings promptly at 8:00 p.m., thus ending them earlier.

Our speaker on January 9th will be none other than our own beloved Bro. James Gibson, PM. He will regale us with excerpts from our 150th Anniversary history, which he edited. There will be an opportunity for you to reminisce about old times during a question and answer period after Jim's talk. Come join us for what will be an enjoyable evening.

Please, when next you see Ron and Valerie Montes give them thanks for having agreed to publish our Trestleboard for 2013 and part of 2012. We desperately needed them and they stepped up magnificently. This will be their last edition. Brother Vic Vickers and I will try to fill in until such time as we can find another editor. Carol Dickow has also asked to step down from doing the actual mailings, but has agreed to keep at it into the New Year. Many thanks for your service, Carol. Our dear Winnie Brewer has also asked to be relieved from the Orinda Accents after this publication. Many thanks for your service, Winnie. So you can see there will be changes in the new term. We'll all pitch in and "get 'er done".

I am so looking forward to serving you during the ensuing year. Many of you know that I was Master of Berkeley Lodge in 1982 – a scant 32 years ago! The ritual has not changed nor has the great character of the men who enter our portals. It is not often that one has the opportunity to do something with so high an honor twice in a lifetime. I look forward to the challenges with as much alacrity and zeal as a 67-year old can muster! One of the beautiful things about the present line of officers is that I am the only PM. All the junior officers are going through for the first time – this is a true sign of the good health of a Lodge going into the future.

You will all agree that this past year has been a great one for Orinda Lodge. The largest part of our success is attributed to our beloved Master, Tom Kavishi. He has showered us with his brotherly love and shared with us his expertise in leadership, and has been munificent with his treasure. How can one say enough? On behalf of all the brethren, I say thank you and Bravo Worshipful!

Hope to see you all at the installation.

**Cary Carlson
 Senior Warden**

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN ELECT

Brethren,

As many of us are thinking about the holidays and family, I'd like to reflect on what gratitude means. Gratitude is one of those words we can spell and use in a sentence; however, what is the exact definition and what does it mean?

The definition of gratitude is the feeling of being grateful. It's easy for us to be grateful when life is going how we think it should go, but throw some adversity at us and all of a sudden we can start to forget about gratitude. So, a simple definition of gratitude is being appreciative for what we have, no matter what it is.

What can really spark a change in perspective is to make a conscious decision to help others, to give back.

Let us all feel gratitude towards everything. It may seem trite, but every experience we have, good or difficult, is beneficial. Let us all be grateful for what we have. I am grateful to be a Mason, an officer of Orinda Lodge and a friend and brother to all of our fraternity.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year!

Erik Johnson
Junior Warden



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Michael A. Rountree, PM	14 Mehran Afshar
2 John A. Falchetta	15 Terry C. Hamre
2 Dion M. Wilson	19 Jeffrey P. Williams
3 Harry W. Farrell	21 Frank E. Kalmar
6 Gordon A. Andrews, PM	22 Dimosthenis A. Sarigiannis
8 Louis C. Davis	23 Manual "David" Ramos
11 David A. Bryant, Sr., PM	23 Richard G. Anderson, PM
11 Carl J. Marble	25 Scott C. Williams
11 Emilio H. Augustine, PM	25 Jeffrey P. Little
13 Loren E. Piper	25 Alan H. Wandesforde
13 Alan J. Miller	28 Kenneth W. Kurtz
13 Ivan M. Pantic	31 Darien A. Beebe

FROM THE GRAND MASTER, JOHN L. COOPER III

Brethren:

You are aware of the disastrous impact of Typhoon Haiyan on the Philippine Islands recently. Many of you may wish to make contributions for the relief of victims there, and if so, one opportunity is through your Grand Lodge. Contributions may be sent to:

Masonic Grand Lodge of California
1111 California Street
San Francisco CA 94108-2252

Please indicate on your check that this is a contribution for Typhoon Haiyan Relief. Contributions will be forwarded to the Masonic Service Association, which will be the central point for the transmission of funds to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

(Edited from a letter on the Masons of California website: www.freemason.org (Member Resources: Typhoon Haiyan Relief).



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Robert P. Reedy	15 Jr. Richard Christensen
4 Jack J. Wilding	16 Charles B. Ugalde
4 Vic C. Vickers	17 Alexander E. Passovoy
6 Thomas J. Clark	18 John S. Kennedy
6 Dr. Robert O. Taylor	21 Peter M. Schantz
7 D. Paul Martyn	21 Gilbert E. Klingman
8 Albert A. Fernandes	21 Eugene A. Thomas
8 Michael S. Morse	23 David W. Feng
8 Le Bron C. Preston	24 Jay B. Little
9 Joseph H. Fulks	25 Eric M. Roberts
9 Jack R. Forseth, PM	25 James D. Gibson, PM
9 Alistair D. Ingram, PM	26 Lloyd J. Bosley
10 Luis Salvago-Toledo	29 John B. Peers
11 Norris A. Casey	30 Edward G. Comingore
13 Donald J. Buckingham, PM	30 Joseph L. Powell
14 Eric J. Weindel	30 Darwin H. Smith

The Annual Crab Feed of Orinda Lodge No. 122

Date: Friday, February 28, 2014

Place: Orinda Masonic Center
9 Altarinda Road, Orinda

Time: 6:00 p.m. Wine, cheese & nibbles

6:30 p.m. Dinner – Crab feed with salad, French bread and dessert.

(Rigatoni with meat sauce available for all;
roasted chicken for non-crabbers upon request)

Cost: \$35.00 per person (no increase from 2013!)

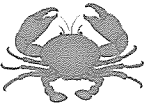
This event is open to members and non-members alike, so feel free to bring a friend. The lodge banquet hall will only accommodate 130 people and this event is sure to be a sellout.

If you would like to come:

- 1) Call 925-254-5211 to make a reservation, then
- 2) Send a check payable to Orinda Lodge #122 to lock in your reservation, to:

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Checks are due by Friday, February 21st!!!



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