

Orinda



Lodge

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TRESTLEBOARD

February, 2016

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Thur Feb 4th** Stated Dinner Sponsored by our very Own Worshipful Greg Bloom (meal TBA) Dinner 6:30PM
Stated Meeting 8PM
- Mon Feb 8th** Diablo Star Friendship Night
6:30PM @ Orinda Lodge
Refreshments, appetizers, and Games
- Sun Feb 14th** Happy Valentine's Day
- Thur Feb 18th** DOSI District School of Instruction
Orinda Lodge 1st Degree 1st & 2nd
Sections (long form) & JW Proficiency
Review Meal 6:30
- Wed Feb 24th** Hall Association Meeting 7PM
- Fri Feb 26th** Annual Crab Feed hosted by our very own Worshipful Greg Bloom
Nibbles start at 6PM
\$45 Per-Person 130 Max Occupancy

Upcoming Events

- Thur Mar 3rd** Stated Dinner Sponsored by our very own Sr. Deacon Sean Mergy
- Tue Mar 15th** DOSI at Acalanes Lodge
2nd Degree Mid Chamber (Long Form)
SW Proficiency Questions Review

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Brethren and Ladies

We have been very busy thus far. The year has gotten off to a blistering pace. We have performed three degrees, a memorial service, heard four proficiencies. Five Brothers in all were advanced in the month of January, Congratulations to you all. Thank you Worshipful Larry Becker PM for sitting in the East for both our double Second Degrees. Thank you Worshipful Greg Bloom PM for your hard work in the kitchen, and the great meals you prepared. Thank you to all the officers for your commitment to excellence and your outstanding ritual work.

I would also like to thank the ladies of Diablo Star for serving our meals for those degrees. We are looking forward to working closely with you during the remainder of the year. Finally, I want to Thank Worshipful Erik Johnson PM for his help this month, with set up, cakes and libations.

We also had an outstanding January Stated Dinner, where we listened to the sounds of James Harman. Later in the evening the ladies were pampered by Antitragus Beauty Salon, in Orinda.

Moving forward we have an outstanding February planned for you starting with our Stated Dinner which will be sponsored by our beloved brother and friend Greg Bloom PM. **The menu is to die for!!!** This Dinner is donated to assist in raising funds for the Masters Project. There are several such events scheduled throughout the year. We are hoping fill the dining hall for each of these events. I want to personally thank my

brother and my Friend Greg Bloom PM for putting on this meal for us.

February means it is time for our annual Crab Feed, **The Best Crab Feed in the World!** This event is presented by Greg Bloom PM as well. (refer to Flyer)

Fraternally Vic C. Vickers Master

Orinda Lodge #122



Worshipful Vickers has expressed a desire to raise funds during his year as Master of Orinda Lodge. To further that goal, some of the brethren and ladies will be putting together certain Stated Meeting Dinners this year, at their sole cost and expense.

Greg Bloom and Friends, will be putting together for your dining pleasure, the following menu for the February Stated Meeting dinner. Thursday February 4th, 2016.

Oven Roasted Brisket of Beef, Smoked Turkey Breast, Rice Pilaf, Stuffing, Steamed string beans, Salad, Bread and Butter, Dessert, most of which will be served buffet style. Please come to the February Stated Meeting and Dinner and take pride in knowing all proceeds will go toward the charitable efforts and goals set forth by WR. Bro. Vickers!!

We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events.

Sincerely

Orinda Lodge Family

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



It has been an exciting start to the year in the ritual department, with five degrees in the month of January. The officers and coaches have been doing an exemplary job of conveying the teachings of the craft. For all of you Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts out there, I will be checking in with you over the coming weeks to discuss your status and see if any help can be provided to continue your progression in our ancient craft.

Alan J Miller Senior Warden

Starlight News - Diablo Star Chapter OES

We have enjoyed our time with the members and wives of your lodge at recent stated meeting dinners. Look for us in the future - you are wonderful hosts!! The Order of the Eastern Star is alive and well in Orinda! We meet @7:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month. You are welcome to join us for pre-meeting activities. Worshipful Vic Vickers of Orinda Lodge joined us in January for our Soup Potluck!

Our next meeting is February 8th. All members of the lodge and their ladies are cordially invited to join us at 6:30 PM for refreshments/appetizers and ice breaker games prior to our meeting start.

March 14th is our All Member party and is open to guests. There is a dinner at 6:00 PM where we share news regarding all of the chapters in our district. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

SAVE THE DATES

--Brothers....our 1st annual Battle of the Bay - A's vs. Giants - Baseball & Brats simulcast is scheduled for April 2nd @ the Lafayette Masonic Lodge. This is sure to be a fun event for the whole family! Bring your friends.... there will be food, drinks, the game and fun for non-baseball fans - all for a modest ticket price! Check this corner next month for more details!

--Ladies...our Fashion Show and Luncheon is set for April 10th @2:00 PM. We hope that you and the women you love are able to join us! More details next month.

The Annual Crab Feed of Orinda Lodge No. 122

Date: Friday, February 26, 2016

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: \$45.00 per person

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.

!!SPACE IS ABSOLUTLY LIMITED TO 130 PERIOD!!

If you would like to come:

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

Richard G. Anderson, Secretary
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Pacheco, CA 94553-5263

Checks are due by Friday, February 20th!!!



February Birthdays

2 Charles S. Crane	13 Donald R. Stebbins
4 Ronald E. Dawson	16 Morgan J. Swiggett
5 Christopher Johnson	17 Timothy F.M. Brown
5 Phillip J. Brooks	17 Curtis F. Trenor
5 John F. Hutchens	18 Vivian C. Flanagan
8 Kenneth F. Edwards	19 Kenneth A. Ferguson
9 Marvin B. Rasmussen PM	
9 Behzad Raufi	19 Thomas E. Lorenté III
10 Gregory W. Bloom PM	20 David C. Goss
10 William F. Peterson	20 Sean P. Finney PM
11 Craig E Andrews PM	22 Burnette R. Gorham
28 William G. Kirkham	28 Mark W. Glasgow

Memoriam

Jack W. Neumann, PM

Born September 4, 1951 in California

Raised April 17, 1973

A 42-year member of Orinda Lodge #122

Entered into rest August 1, 2015

Age 63 years

David A. Bryant, Sr., PM

Born December 11, 1942 in Montana

Raised June 13, 1985

A 29-year member of Orinda Lodge #122

Entered into rest October 19, 2015

Age 72 years

William A. Jacob, Jr., PM

Born August 4, 1924 in Illinois

Raised January 22, 1947

A 68-year member of Orinda Lodge #122

Entered into rest September 20, 2015

Age 91 years

Norman L. Hawkins

Born October 27, 1920 in California

Raised August 11, 1949

A 66-year member of Orinda Lodge #122

Entered into rest October 14, 2015

Age 94 years

Norris A. Casey

Born January 11, 1925 in Maine

Raised January 23, 1958

A 57-year member of Orinda Lodge #122

Entered into rest October 16, 2015

Age 90 years

Alexander J. MacDonald

Born April 30, 1931 in North Dakota

Raised November 19, 1970

A 44-year member of Orinda Lodge #122

Entered into rest May 31, 2015

Age 84 years

FROM THE SECRETARY

Thank you all who have given me a lot to do at this time of the year by paying your dues in a timely manner. There are still several of you who haven't sent in your dues and you are not in good standing. This affects your eligibility to enter the Masonic Home should you desire to do so. You also cannot have a Masonic funeral should your survivors want that option for you.

There are several of you who are in arrears for two years or more. You know who you are and you will be receiving letters shortly telling you that you will be suspended for non-payment of dues. There are options available to you to prevent this. Please contact me if paying your dues has become a problem either for health or financial reasons.

Finally, I'm asking each and every one of you to create a list of things your survivors should do when you "croak". In that list, tell them where your important papers are, what your desires for funeral services are, and who all to notify in case of your demise. Include in that list: Notify the lodge of your passing. It is very embarrassing to receive a dues bill back several months after you're gone that you've passed on. It leaves us with egg on our face that we don't know you're not with us anymore. We've also spent money on you for postage on the trestle board and in many cases we are paying Grand Lodge per capita on someone who is no longer with us. So please, please, make sure your survivors notify us if something should happen to you.

I have received notices back with no forwarding address because the time to forward has expired. We can't keep in touch with you if we don't know where you are. Please add notify the lodge to your list of folks to notify when you move. Have a great new year and thank you in advance for all your help making my job a little less frustrating.

Richard Anderson Secretary

MESSAGE FROM JR. WARDEN



Brethren, Ladies and Friends,

I was sitting and watching a 1st degree in Vegas lodge # 32 when after the charge they did what they called a protocol lecture, in when they explained the term So Mote It Be. So I decided to do a little research into this famous masonic term. First, So Mote It Be, is an Anglo-Saxon

term meaning; so be it, so may it be, or God wills it (what the Knights Templar always used to say).

Second, the earliest origins of the term So Mote It Be, comes from the Regius Poem written about 1390, the oldest known Masonic document and thus, continuing over 600-year-old Masonic tradition.

Third, the term Amen (more about this term in a later talk) is also translated, "So be it". So the term Amen and So Mote it be have very similar meanings!!

Fourth, the term So Mote it Be is also used in; Rosicrucian's, and recently in Neopaganism rituals (who probably borrowed it from us). So after a prayer, remember a little of the history and tradition when you say, So Mote it Be!

We are updating the permanent meal list please remember to let me know if you want to continue on the list. New list will be completed prior to April diner.

Fraternally Bro. Earl Love Jr.

2016 Officers

Erik Johnson PM receiving his life membership



Newly Elected Officers of Orinda Lodge 2016



2015 LODGE OFFICERS

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President	Cary Carlson, PM (E)
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Secretary	Tom Dewing

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Donald E. Weisse, Jr., PM
Harold Ballard
Mike Gooding
Emilio Augustine, PM

Orinda Lodge #122 Trustees

Chairman	Jim Dickow, PM Jim Gibson, PM Henry Gannett, PM Cesar Salinas
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Dated Material

Manicure night at Orinda Lodge!



Jobie Corner

The Job's Daughters want to remind everyone of the upcoming crab feed on Friday February 26th. They will again have the popular gift baskets available, which serve as a major fundraiser for the girls. Be sure to get your reservations in to the Lodge Secretary.