

Orinda



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JUNE/JULY CALENDAR

- Thu Jun 2nd** Stated Dinner 6:30PM. We will have Miramonte High School Public Speaking Program Presentations begin at 7PM Meeting begins at 8PM
- Mon Jun 13th** Diablo Star Birthday Dinner 6PM – 7:30PM at Orinda Lodge Orinda lodge Officers will be serving
- Tue Jun 21st** District School of Instruction Acalanes Lodge 3rd Degree 7PM (all Master Masons Welcome)
- Wed Jun 29th** Hall Association Meeting 7PM (Members of Orinda Lodge welcome)
- Mon July 4th** Orinda 4th of July parade All masons welcome, we will meet at 9AM at Bart Station Parking lot Call Worshipful Kilgallon for details (510)
- Thu July 7th** Stated Dinner meal begins at 6:30PM and Meeting at 8PM we will be having a BBQ Rib Cook-Off Prizes will be awarded

We will be Dark the Remainder of the month. We will miss you all! Enjoy your summer vacations and we will see you in August.

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren and Ladies



May was a very special month we hosted our second annual Cinco De Mayo Celebration that was outstanding. Thank you Brother Petersen for another great event. Everyone enjoyed the prizes and raffle style delivery of the gifts. Our annual Sweethearts luncheon was very nice as well, the number of sweethearts served was up from previous years and Brother Sean Mergy and his lovely wife Danica prepared and great meal. I wasn't able to attend but I hear that MW Alvin Weis had a very nice 50yr. Pin celebration on the 14th of May. Congratulations MW Alvin Weiss on 50 years in the craft. We will be heading back out to Sister Marcy's home to finish up some additional work.

On May 19 we had a very special 1st degree for now brother Michael Finein. The Officers performed very well, Brother Love did an outstanding job in the East for the first time, and Wor. Carson presented the charge in supreme fashion. Congratulations to all the officers that participated, you all did an amazing job.

In our Stated meeting June 2nd we will be entertained by the Miramonte High School Public Speaking Program. This will be the 16th year that we have had the school program present for us. Mrs. Sandy McGuire the original Teacher from the program will be in attendance. Our very own Ed

Lana will MC as his parents were very instrumental in getting this annual event going.

June also brings us the Diablo Star Birthday at Orinda Lodge. June 13 6PM -7:30 PM, the Officers of Orinda Lodge will be serving. Happy birthday in advance Ladies.

July is our dark month, a time for family and vacations, so the calendar is very sparse for the month. We have the annual Orinda 4th Of July Parade, and our stated dinner on the 7th. The Stated Dinner will consist of Rib Cook-Off. There will be music and something for everyone. So come out and have a Grand-O-Time!! All masons and their families are welcome to attend.

Fraternally

Vic Vickers, Master

GREETINGS FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brethren and Ladies

I had occasion in May to visit the Masonic home in Union City to attend the dedication ceremony of Job's Daughter Way and also the very special Golden Veteran Award to MW Alvin Weis. Both

were wonderful ceremonies. To fill the gap between the two events, I went browsing through the antique stores in Niles, and came across a book in a glass case, a two-volume set of 50 Years of California Freemasonry, published in 1898. After making sure I was a Mason, the proprietor let me browse through the volumes, and I came across the following picture of Alamo Lodge 122, Circa 1897:



HALL OF ALAMO LODGE, No. 122.

This got me thinking about our lodge history: We are comprised of 7 lodges: Alamo 122, East Bay 489, Acorn 494, Piedmont 521, Plymouth 560, Hillcrest 573, and Orinda 704, which over the years consolidated into Orinda 122. Orinda is of course in its original building as built by the brothers in the 1950's. The Alamo lodge building is still there on Mt Diablo Blvd in Walnut Creek. East Bay lodge was at 1837 Alcatraz Ave in Berkeley. It now houses the Most Worshipful Sons of Light Grand Lodge, a Prince Hall group that is alas not recognized by the Grand Lodge of California. Acorn Lodge was once on Madison Street in Oakland, near the Scottish Rite. It now houses the Islamic Center of Northern California. Piedmont Lodge was on Vista Ave near Highland in Piedmont. Between the address I have from my old Oakland city directory and Google maps, I can't tell if the building was razed or is now part of Haven Elementary School. Plymouth Lodge was once at 4021 Piedmont Ave, and now looks to be converted to apartments, with ground floor retail. Hillcrest Lodge was at 214 Hillcrest Road in Berkeley; the building has been taken over by the Claremont Resort and Spa. I tried to find out what they do in there, but they told me it was secret. Maybe Br Gooding can get me the inside scoop.

But a lodge isn't really a building, it is a group of brothers. And as such, I would love to hear the stories from the brothers who were raised in these other lodges, what these lodges were like back in the day. Feel free to give me a call, send me an e-mail or grab me at a stated meeting dinner. I'd love to compile them as an oral history, a small sampling of our most excellent institution.

Fraternally

Alan J Miller, SW

Starlight News - Diablo Star Chapter OES

The Order of the Eastern Star is alive and well in Orinda! We meet @7:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month. Guests are welcome to join us for pre-meeting activities.

June Birthdays

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

July Birthdays

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

Memoriam

Wor. John V. Hook
Born March 27, 1922 in California
Raised November 18, 1954
A 61-year member of Orinda Lodge #122
Entered into rest April 20, 2016
Age 94 years

Hall Association Report Update on AED

Our purchase of and AED device (Defibrillator) is getting closer to a reality. We are almost half way toward our goal! The cut-off date is July 1st. Please remit your checks to:

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, Thank you.

Cary Carlson, PM, President

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Dated Material

1st Degree for Michael Finein



Jobie Corner

The Job's Daughters would like to invite everyone to attend the semi-annual installation of officers on Saturday June 18th at 7:00PM at Orinda Lodge, featuring Incoming Honored Queen Kristin Tubbs. Formal Attire. Refreshments to follow.