

Orinda



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Tue. Nov. 3rd** 7pm- Officers Practice.
- Wed. Nov. 4th** Meal Reservation Deadline for our Visitation to Texas Lodge. Please RSVP
- Thu. Nov. 5th** Stated Meeting Dinner. 6:30pm
 P.M.'s Turkey Cook Off.
 Silent Auction - Benefiting Jobs
 Daughter's Bethel 218
- Presentation In honor of Veteran's Day-
 Wr. Leonard shares some of his
 experiences as a U.S. Marine.
 8pm-Stated Meeting/Election of
 Officers.
- Sat. Nov. 7th** Orinda Visitation to Texas Lodge.
 9am- light breakfast.
 3rd Degree to follow- for our Br. Curtis
 Trenor. BBQ following degree.
- Tue. Nov. 10th** District Officers School of Instruction
 Bay Cities Lodge. 6:30pm-Dinner.
 Instruction on Installation-Officers
 Assoc. For 2016 and 2016 Schedule.
- Wed. Nov. 11th Veteran's Day!**
- Thu. Nov. 12th** 1st Degree for: Mr. Guss Annan. 7pm
- Sat. Nov. 14th** Masonic Memorial Service at Orinda
 Lodge- Celebrating the life of: David
 Macauly Shull. 6pm- Memorial Service.
 Reception to follow. Please RSVP with
 Acalanes Lodge (925)596-3312.

**Nov. 18th - 21st XIV World Conference of Regular
 Masonic Grand Lodges** (Please
 reference Grand Lodge of California
 website for registration, agenda, and
 other detailed information). Grand
 Lodge of California-111 California St.
 S.F. CA (415)776-7000.

Thu. Nov. 26th Happy Thanksgiving!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tue. Dec. 1st** Orinda Lodge Volunteer Night at the
 Food Bank of Contra Costa County. 6-
 8pm. 4010 Nelson Ave. Concord CA
 94520. Please RSVP
- Thu. Dec. 3rd** Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30pm-Ham
 Dinner 7:10pm-Encore vocal
 performance-by crooner-Jeff Wessman.
 Master's Farewell to follow.
 8pm- Stated Meeting.
- Thu. Dec. 10th** Officers Practice For Installation of
 Officers-2016 at 7pm.
- Sun. Dec 13th Installation of Officers-3pm.**

*****Reservations Required for all planning to
 attend. 150 Maximum, we already have 63
 reservations and invitations haven't been mailed
 out yet. (925)254-5211 Option #2.**

Happy Holidays!!!

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Dear Brethren and Ladies,

The month of October went by at the speed of light. As the holiday season approaches, our Calendars begin to fill-up.

Starting out with our Stated Meeting Dinner on Thursday November 5th. Get ready to enjoy a delicious "Thanksgiving Style" Dinner. It's our Annual Orinda Lodge No. 122- Past Master's Turkey Feed/Competition And Jobs Daughter's Fundraiser. This event is open to members and non-members alike, so feel free to bring a friend (with a reservation) and enjoy your holiday turkey and all the fixings a little early. A silent Auction, benefiting the Job's will take place. Our beloved Worshipful Jim Leonard, PM-in honor of Veteran's Day, will share some of his experiences as a Marine. Cost \$15 per person. Please make checks payable to: Job's Daughter Bethel 218.

***Just a friendly reminder that our November Stated Meeting Dinner will be that last opportunity to donate food for our food drive. Orinda Lodge's food Drive officially ends on November 5th, after the Stated Meeting.

On Saturday November 7th, Orinda Lodge will visit our good brothers at Texas Lodge No. 46. This will be Orinda Lodge's 3rd Annual Visitation to Texas Lodge. They are looking forward to seeing all of us at 9am. Texas Lodge will prepare us a light breakfast. After the degree they will also provide us with a "Texas-Style" BBQ Lunch. Orinda Lodge will confer a Third Degree upon Brother Curtis F. Trenor. Officers Degree Attire to be: White shirts, black pants, black shoes and bolo ties! If you do not have a bolo tie to wear- Wr. Bloom PM may lend you one. Please RSVP for this event by calling: no later than by Wed. Nov 4th. Texas Lodge is located at: 405-2D San Juan Bautista CA 95045. (831)623-4020.

On Thursday November 12th, please join us for a 1st Degree upon Mr. Guss Annan. 7pm - Degree. Cake and refreshments to follow.

On Saturday November 14th- There will be a Masonic Memorial Service at Orinda Lodge -

Celebrating the life of: Brother David Macualy Shull. 6pm- Service. Reception to follow. Due to the popularity of our departed Br. Shull- This Memorial Service will fill up fast. Carpooling and early reservations are highly advised. Please RSVP- ASAP directly with Acalanes lodges Senior Warden- Br. Marion Rogers-(925)596-3312.

October was move-up stations month for Orinda Lodge Officers. All Officers performed extremely well. But, especially Br. Vic Vickers. Brother Vickers was Master for the evening. In particular, while in the banquet hall- Vic Vickers demonstrated that he has what it takes- to be a great Master (subject of course, to being elected). Br. Vickers is bright, kind, a great father to his children and has a great sense of humor! It is my sense that Orinda Lodge will only continue to improve upon the great lodge that it is. Thanks to all of our Excellent Past Masters who have continued to refine our Wonderful Lodge.

On Thursday October 1st, at our Stated Meeting Dinner- Mountain Travel Sobek delivered a non-formal presentation on Iran. Thank you Brother Wint Mather for arranging this presentation.

On October 8th, The Jobs Daughter's Bethel 218 had their Official Visit of the Grand Guardian of California. This event also included the Majority Ceremony for Ms. Jaquie Miller- her final ceremony as a participating daughter. This was truly a heartfelt event.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday October 9th-11th- We enjoyed The 166th Annual Communications at Grand Lodge. New proposals were adopted. For specific details, please visit The Grand Lodge Website- for resolution results.

On Tuesday October 13th, Orinda Lodge Officers enjoyed an informative (D.O.S.I.), at Acalanes Fellowship. We reviewed The Reception of the Flag and Election of Officers Process. We also reviewed Grand Lodge Resolutions.

On Thursday October 15th, Live Oak Lodge visited Orinda Lodge for the 88th time since 1927. We celebrated by savoring fillet steaks with shrimp and

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**The Annual Turkey Cook-off
Orinda Lodge No. 122**

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 Stated Dinner

**Place: Orinda Masonic Center
9 Altarinda Road, Orinda**

Time: 6:00 p.m. Social and Libations

**6:30 p.m. Dinner – Turkey prepared by your Orinda lodge
Pastmasters**

(All proceeds going to our very own Bethel 218 Jobs Daughters)

Cost: \$15.00 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 150 people and this event is sure to fill up.

!!SPACE IS ABSOLUTLY LIMITED TO 150 PERIOD!!

If you would like to come:

1) Must Call 925-254-5211 to make a reservation,

See you November 5th !!!



Message from the Sr. Warden



Greetings Brethren and ladies

November represents the beginning of a very busy month, starting with the Election of Officers, and proficiencies, and ending with The World Conference being held in San Francisco. However I am sure you have read all about those in Worshipful Johnson's Message.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Worshipful Johnson on an outstanding year. Worshipful Erik managed to get our lodge back to the root of our mission which is public assistance and aid. During his year we have worked with the food bank in Concord, a middle school in Walnut Creek, held a food drive at the lodge, had an outstanding masons-for-mitts fundraiser and concert, and received the grand Master of the state of California. He managed to do all of this while providing more entertainers for us in the dining hall for stated dinner, than I have seen at the lodge since I have been a member. It has been an outstanding year under Worshipful Johnson's leadership, and we were all proud to serve under you.

Every New Year in the Officers line brings new challenges and hurdles that we must all overcome. Scheduling Practices, Degrees, Dinners and special events. Getting enough help to set up and practice is always a tricky thing to manage. When it comes to stated meetings Don and Pat are and have been our most steady contributors. This I am sure most of you know because we are always thanking them for their help, and without their help I am not sure what we would do. But when it comes to help in the lodge room, with ritual, being a candidate, playing a part in a degree or just showing up to support the officers' crew. There is no one that supports us like Emilio Augustine PM.

Worshipful Augustine has been a regular fixture in the lodge room for degree practice, degrees or any and every masonic event since I have been in the line. He is as dedicated to Orinda's ritual work and the high standards set by our predecessors in ritual as any of us Officers. He brings a passion for us being the best we can be. When he walks into the

lodge room for a practice or meeting, he always raises the level of intensity for the better. I would like to say for myself and all the officers of Orinda Lodge, Thank You Worshipful Augustine for always being there for us!

Fraternally Vic C. Vickers Sr. Warden

MESSAGE FROM JR. WARDEN



Greetings

It is hard to believe the year is already winding down, and Thanksgiving is almost upon us. Which of course means it is time for the annual Past Masters Turkey Cook-off, to be held at the November 5th Stated Meeting. Come join us as our fabulous Past Masters compete for the coveted Best Turkey award. The Job's Daughters will be preparing all of the fixings, so no one will go away hungry. All of the evening's proceeds benefit the Job's Daughters, so come out and show your support.

We will also be celebrating our Veterans that evening, and Wm Jim Leonard has been working with the Jobies to perform a rendition of the Marine Corps Hymn, so you will not want to miss that.

Alan Miller
Junior Warden

In Memoriam

Jack Ward Neumann
Born September 04, 1951
Raised February 17, 1973
A member of Orinda Lodge
Entered into rest August 01, 2015
Age 63 years

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

garlic mashed potatoes. We enjoyed each other's company while listening to the sounds of Lilan Kane and James Harmon. Afterwards, Live Oak Lodge Officers conferred a Double First Degree upon our candidates- brothers Ken and Stacy Ferguson. Now Ken and Stacy are not just biological brothers, but Masonic Brothers as well! Congratulations Ken and Stacy! We look forward to seeing you advance in your Masonic Journey. Big Thanks to Live Oak Lodge Officers for a job well done! Thank you Worshipful Carlson, PM for filling-in as Marshal as well as giving the charge. Special Thanks to Orinda Lodge Officers who helped to serve dinner- including Worshipful Inspector Brother Gary Peare, PM and Worshipful Don Carter, PM. Thank you Wr. Don Carter, PM, Vic Vickers, Alan Miller, Ed Lana, Shirely Reynolds and Beatrice Ball for your help with clean-up and break-down.

Fraternally and all the best,

Erik Johnson, Master

November Birthdays

Day of Birth	First Name	Last Name
1	Kyle R.	Schmid
3	John A. W.	Densem.
4	Robert J.	McNair
6	Larry P.	Becker PM
7	James G.	Dickow PM
9	George O.	Chapple
9	H. Joel	Curtis-Brown PM
10	Wilford D.	Roe PM
11	Donald G.	Carter PM
11	Kenneth S.	Knapp
14	Marston	Watson
16	Stewart L.	Wade PM
18	Michael M.	Ganitch PM
22	Weylin G.	Eng
23	William D.	Nason
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We salute Emilio Augustine PM our big supporter!



Job's Corner

The Jobies will be selling Christmas wreaths again this year, to help everyone get into the Holiday spirit. It is one of their main fundraisers for the year, and in addition to the charities for whom they normally raise funds, such as Canine Companions, they are also hoping to purchase new capes for the Honored Queen and Princesses. So look for their table in the lobby during the stated meeting.