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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Thur. Sept. 3rd- Stated Meeting Dinner at 6:30pm. Chicken Florentine. 7:30pm- Guest Speaker, Food Bank Of Contra Costa County. 8pm- Stated Meeting. \$15 per person. Guests, widows and children under 12 are at no charge.

Mon. Sept. 7th- Happy Labor Day!

Wed. Sept. 9th- German Exemplification of the 1st degree at the Oakland Scottish Rite. 6pm., social hour, followed by degree and festive board. For reservations contact General Secretary at (510)451-1903.

Sat. Sept. 12th- Combined School Of Instruction at Live Oak Lodge. 3rd degree opening, 1st section - long form closing. (8am breakfast; 9am-12 school).

September 12th Job's Daughters Reception honoring Michele Miller, Grand Junior Custodian for the State of California, 7:00PM at Orinda Masonic Center. Refreshments to follow.

Thur. Sept. 17th- Past Master's Night/2nd Degree for Br. Ben Bloom. 6pm- dinner Sponsored by Hick'ry Pit Chicken. Reservation required

Sat. Sept. 19th- 50 Year Award Presentation for Don Weisse PM, and Orinda Lodge Picnic. Event will be held at Hap Magee Park in Danville. 11am-4pm. Please bring a dish and show off your cooking skills. If your last name starts with: A-E, bring a Desert. If you last name starts with: F-J,

bring a side dish. If you last name begins with: K-O, bring some beverages. If your last name begins with P-T, bring some meat to grill. If your last name starts with U-Z, bring snacks.

Sat. Sept. 26th- Tom Kavishi, PM, receives his "Red Hat", at the Oakland Scottish Rite 2pm. RSVP with the General Secretary (510)451-1903. Ladies and Family members are welcome,

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Dear Brethren, Ladies and Friends,

It's hard to believe that summer is winding down. Autumn officially begins on September 23rd. The children/ grand-children/and/or great-great grandchildren are back in school. With fall just around the corner, the month of September promises to be another enjoyable month for Orinda Lodge.

Starting out with our Stated Meeting Dinner on Thursday September 3rd at 6:30pm. Our guest speaker for the evening will be coming from the Food Bank of Contra Costa County. Our speaker will be informing us how we may help those in need by donating canned/ non-perishable foods. For the months of September and October, Orinda Lodge will be having a food drive. There will be 2 donation barrels in our lodge lobby. Please be sure to bring a can or more to donate.

Thanks in advance for your kindness. Or featured meal for the evening is: Chicken Florentine. Be sure to make reservations for our September Stated Meeting Dinner by calling (925)254-5211 Option 2. Only \$15 per person. Please specify alternate or veg. meal request

with your reservation. Non-Mason guests and Widows are free of charge.

On Wednesday September 9th, The Brethren of Academia's Sister Lodge Sarasto No. 913 in Sturttgart, Germany will be traveling from East to West, for Masonic Visitation, to exemplify a German Initiation and joining -in on a German Festive Board. The event will commence at 6pm with a Social Hour, followed by the Degree Exemplification and Festive Board. The degree will be exemplified by brethren of Sarasto Lodge, including members of the Grand Lodge of Germany and the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in Germany. This event is the first of its kind in California history and should not be missed. It is open to EA, FC, and MM. in good standing. Please bring your current dues card. We hope that you can attend. It will be held at the Oakland Scottish Rite. Please RSVP directly with Academia's Treasurer, Brother Sebastian Ilka: sebastian.ilka@gmail.com or (510)451-1903.

On Saturday September 12th, there will be a Combined School of Instruction with the 305th, 301st and 309th Masonic Districts. Live Oak will be exemplifying the work. 3rd degree opening and 1st section/ Long form closing. (8am- Breakfast; 9am-12noon School).

On Thursday September 17th, Orinda Lodge will have a Past Master's Night/ 2nd Degree for Br. Ben Bloom. Chicken Dinner catered by the Hick'ry Pit at 6pm. 2nd Degree to follow. Please RSVP with Br. Alan Miller our Junior Warden by Monday September 14th, with your dinner reservations.

On Saturday September 19th, Orinda Lodge is Celebrating our good Brother Don Weisse, PM's -50 Year Award with a picnic at: Hap Magee Park located in Danville. Please RSVP for this fun event by calling the lodge at: (925)254-5211 Option 2 by Monday September 14th. The picnic is from 11am-4pm.

On Saturday September 26th, Orinda Lodge's newest Hiram Award Recipient will be receiving his: "Red Hat" from the Oakland Scottish Rite at 2pm. Br. Kavishi requests that all of his brothers come out and support him. For those interested in attending please make a reservation with the General Secretary's Office by calling: (510)451-1903. Ladies and family members are welcome.

At our August Stated Meeting Dinner on Thursday August 6th, Orinda Lodge was presented with a check for \$200. On behalf of the Diablo Star Chapter No. 215, Kathie Ketels-Lichtig presented us with a donation intended to help the children at Masons4Mitts. Big Thanks to Kathie and the Eastern Stars of Chapter 215!

Special Thanks to the Eastern Stars Chapter No. 215 for joining Orinda Lodge in the 4th of July Parade! You are appreciated!

On Saturday August 8th, Orinda Lodge participated in volunteering at the Food Bank of Contra Costa County. We volunteered from 2-4pm. It was truly a rewarding day. The following people participated: Br. Vic Vickers, Senior Warden, Br. Don Weisse, PM and his gal Pat Hedl, Br. Greg Bloom, PM and Nancy Bloom, Br. Jim Leonard, PM, Katie Pintado - Building Manager, Tyler, A.J (Katie's Sons), Br. Tom Steig, PM and Erik Johnson, WM. (Myself).

August 13th was a very memorable day for Orinda Lodge. Our Outdoor Community Service Event was well attended. We all broke into work groups. There was a group working on implementing a drip watering system. There was another group working on building wood benches. There was yet another group digging. There was still another group painting fences, etc.

The following Masonic Organizations helped participate in this event: The Prince Hall Masons of Monarch Lodge No. 73, The Job's Daughters of Danville and Orinda Bethels, The DeMolay Boys of Castro Valley and El Cerrito Chapters, The brethren, Inspector, ladies and friends of the 305th Masonic District. There were even the Officers of the Grand Lodge of California- including the MW Grand Master-Russ Charvonja and his wife Linda participating!

Thank you Br. Alan Miller, J.W., for managing the work on the day and for all of your preparation beforehand.

Big Thanks go out to our designated Committee Leaders for the event: Br. Alan Miller, J.W. - Project Leader, Wr. Greg Bloom, PM- Wood/Carpentry Consultant/Leader, Br. Harry Burt, JW. (Acalanes Lodge) Br. James Petersen

Br. Harry Burt from Acalanes Lodge summed it up well- "I was most impressed with the spirit that you all exhibited. It was a day to be a Mason and see all who could best work and best agree".

Special Thanks to: Br. Petersen for transporting the trencher. Br. Vic Vickers, S.W. and Alan Miller, J.W. for the extra work that they performed. Thank you to all who participated. Thank you to everyone who brought a tool to be used. Back at Orinda Lodge at 5:30pm- we enjoyed a Social Hour filled with the beautiful sounds of Lilan Kane and James Harmon.

At 6:30pm, we enjoyed a delicious Hiram Award Dinner, which the Officers of the 305th Masonic District

and Grand Lodge Officers helped to serve. We then celebrated our beloved Worshipful Tom Kavishi, PM, as he received the auspicious Hiram Award. We enjoyed both Tom Kavishi's and the Grand Master's speeches. It was definitely a day/night to remember!

Thank you to all the people behind the scenes who helped to make this event happen- Don Weisse, Pat Hedl, Shirley Reynolds, Beau Ball, Katie Pintado, Vic Vickers, Alan Miller, Greg Bloom, Dick Anderson, Ed Lana, James Petersen, PBS Catering and our Worshipful Inspector Greg Thompson.

Fraternally and all the best,

Erik Johnson Master

Message from the Sr. Warden



Greetings Brethren and ladies

On August 13th Orinda lodge had a very glorious day, one that will be remembered for years to come. We held a community service event that morning and afternoon, later that evening held our annual Hiram

Award dinner, and making the day even more glorious, was the visitation and participation of the current Grandmaster of Masons for the State of California. This is a very rare honor indeed and one that we all have to thank Brother Loren Piper for facilitation.

Brother Piper worked with Grand Master Russ Charvonina on the grand lodge finance committee and has the privilege of knowing him personally. It is through that connection that MW Charvonina ended up at Orinda making us one of only hand full of blue lodges visited by the Grand Master this Year, which is truly and honor and privilege.

Orinda lodge also celebrated the 76th birthday of Worshipful Don Wiese, PM. It was a surprise party that took place at Mangia Restaurant and Pizzeria. It was a wonderful event that was very well attended. Orinda lodge and friends filled more than half the restaurant. Worshipful Wiese is a very blessed man to have so many people love you. His lady Pat and Worshipful Erik worked very hard putting this event together.

Worshipful Wiese will also be receiving his 50 year pin at our upcoming picnic at Hop Magee Ranch Park September 19th.

Fraternally

Vic C. Vickers Sr. Warden

Greetings from the Jr. Warden



Brothers, Ladies and Friends:

One of the summer's highlights was a fantastic day of community service, coinciding with the visit of the Most Worshipful Russ Charvonina. With the help of lodge members from across

Wr Greg Thompson's 305th Masonic District, Grand Lodge officers, youth orders, Eastern Star and Prince Hall Masons, we were able to help beautify Gregory Gardens Elementary School in Pleasant Hill in preparation for the upcoming school year. The work included installing piping for a drip irrigation system, refreshing and gopher-proofing raised garden beds for their vegetable and sensory gardens, installing gravel paths, constructing benches for outdoor learning, painting, and organizing the pre-school classrooms – all accomplished in a three-hour period. (Okay, there were a few hours of planning and preparation work that also went into the projects). Participants included MW Charvonina and his wife Linda with other members of the Grand Lodge; Brothers from Orinda, Acalanes, Bay Cities and Castro Valley lodge; Job's Daughters from Bethels 218 Orinda and 247 Danville; DeMolay chapters from Castro Valley and El Cerrito; and Brothers from Monarch Lodge 73 of Prince Hall Masons. The work and the effort received glowing praise from Principal Cheryl Kolano and the staff of Gregory Gardens, and was a great example of how Masons unite to make a difference in the community.

Special thank-you's to MW Russ Charvonina and the Grand Lodge for their participation; Wr Greg Bloom for leading the carpentry projects, and his friend Trevio for all of his hard work; Br Harry Burt of Acalanes Fellowship for project planning and arranging the trencher; Br Jim Peterson for supplying leadership, tooling, and transport of the trencher; to the many brothers who supplied drinks to keep us hydrated; and to Round Table Pizza for their generous donation of lunch to keep us energized.

Fraternally

Alan J Miller Jr. Warden

September Birthdays

Day of Birth	First Name	Last Name
2	Edward J.	Lotti
3	Gene F.	Trimble
3	Roger	Kimble III
4	Jack W.	Neumann PM
4	Robert L.	Behrens
5	Donald M.	Jones
5	Sydney B.	Saperstein
8	Robert E.	Johnson
9	Robert D.	Young PM
10	Donald D.	Bishop
10	Delano D.	Rush
11	Brian J.	Stewart
12	Edgar W	Lana
16	Emanuel	Jimenez
17	Leo M.	Malliaris PM
17	Donald I.	Thiess
22	David R.	Nicholson
24	John L	Mc Partland
25	Richard W.	Westlake
25	Douglas C.	Gompertz Sr.
25	Donald A.	Odell
28	Peter L.	Carter
28	Robert J.	Streeter
28	Robert Keith	Harrigan
29	Kent W.	Hawley

Jobs Corner

Bethel 218 of the Job's Daughters have several exciting events coming up to which your attendance is welcome. First up, on Saturday September 12 at 7:00PM, is a reception honoring Mrs. Michele Miller, Grand Junior Custodian for the State of California, at the Orinda Lodge. Refreshments will follow the ceremony. Formal attire.

Then, on Thursday October 8th, is a visit from the Mrs. Carol Ann Hayden, Grand Guardian of the State of California, and the Majority Ceremony for Ms. Jacquie Miller. 7:00PM at the Orinda Masonic Center. Attire is formal. Refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Finally, on Friday October 9th, is a benefit Golf Tournament for the California Job's Daughters Foundation, which provides leadership training and educational scholarships to worthy girls. It will be held at the Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon. Cost is \$140/player for golf, lunch and dinner (\$125/player if booked as a foursome), or \$45 for the dinner only. Contact Tom or Teri Steig for more details (tsteig82@sbcglobal.net).

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Thank you Brother Loren Piper for helping to make August a stellar month for Orinda Lodge, one for the ages. After 58s in masonry, you continue to work very hard in your pursuits to promote the growth of Craft to the world and to the brethren already among us. Keep up the great work, we appreciate your continued efforts.

Happy 76 Birthday Worshipful Don Wiese, and thank you for 50 years of service to masonry. You continue to always be available when to a brother or the lodge needs you. Congratulations on reaching the 50 year milestone, and we are looking forward to pinning you later this month.

