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TRESTLEBOARD

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April is Public Schools Month

Thu May 4th Cinco De Mayo Fiesta, hosted by Bro. Jim Peterson

Sat Apr 1st Job's Daughter Reception for GB
5th Messenger Mary Potts, 7Pm
Orinda

Tue Apr 4th Officer's Meeting 7PM

Thu Apr 6th Stated Meeting and Dinner 6:30PM
Spring Lamb Stuffed with Apricot
and Mint New Potatoes, Asparagus

Guest speaker from Raising A Reader
Program

Meeting 8PM

Mon Apr 10th Eastern Star Dinner & Meeting 7PM

Tue Apr 11th Officer's Practice 7PM

Wed Apr 12th Hall Associating Meeting 7PM

Thu Apr 13th Double 1st Degree 7PM

Tue Apr 18th Success in Scholarship Program at
Live Oak Lodge 5:30 PM

Thu Apr 20th DOSI – Live Oak 6:30PM

Fri Apr 21st Public School's celebration, Sankofa
School, Oakland 8:30 AM

Tue Apr 25th Officers Practice 7PM

Thu Apr 27th Annual Visitation: Live Oak host
Orinda, dinner at 6:30PM

3rd Degree – Orinda to confer work

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the East

The coming of Spring seems to have brought busy times for Orinda Lodge. Your Wardens and I just returned from the Master & Wardens Retreat in Monterey, where we went through extensive exercises in Lodge Planning, and picked up many ideas on keeping our lodge growing, vibrant and relevant in the community. Immediately prior to the retreat we had a double 1st degree, and welcomed Tony Soltani and Justin Martinez as our newest Entered Apprentice Masons. And we then turned around and rolled right in the Cornerstone Ceremony for the new Alamo Fire Station, complete with the opening of Grand Lodge in Orinda. Quite the busy end to the month of March.

April looks to be equally vibrant, as we celebrate Public Schools Month. First up, the lodge will be buzzing with the Job's Daughters as Bethel 218 hosts a reception for their Grand Bethel 5th Messenger, Mary Potts. All are welcome to attend the reception, which starts at 7:00PM on Saturday evening, with refreshments following the ceremony.

Next up is the Stated Meeting dinner on April 6th, where we will hear from a representative of the Raising a Reader Program, and present him with a generous donation as voted by the brethren. In the lodge, we will be filling some holes in the Officer Line, installing Kendall Mason as Senior Deacon, Guss Annan as Senior Steward, and Ed Lana as Marshall. Be sure to congratulate these officers on their new positions in the line.

The degree work follows next, as we prepare to welcome two more men into the brotherhood: Mike Nooraei and Mus Tinawi. The two longtime friends will receive their Entered Apprentice degrees on Thursday April 13th. Please join us as there is nothing more impressive than a room full of brothers welcoming new initiates into our ancient and honorable fraternity. How nice it is to see four fine men joining our lodge over just a few weeks' time. We officers will then quickly shift our focus to the 3rd Degree, as we will be raising a brother from Live Oak to the sublime degree of Master Mason at our annual visit to Live Oak 61, on Thursday April 27th; dinner at 6:30 with degree to follow. Please join us as we continue the rich tradition of California's longest continuous lodge visitation, which dates back to 1927.

There are also a couple of additional opportunities to participate in the Public Schools month celebration. On Tuesday April 18th, Live Oak Lodge will be hosting the Success Scholarships Essay Judging event. Brothers are needed to read and rate the essays submitted by students as they apply for the Success Scholarships. And on Friday April 21st Grand Lodge will be at the Sankofa Academy in Oakland to celebrate public schools and the Raising-a-Reader program. Please contact our Public Schools Committeemen Erik Johnson or Earl Love Jr for more information on these events.

And May will be here before you know it, which means the return of the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta hosted by Br Jim Peterson at our May 4th Stated Meeting dinner. We will be honoring the Youth Orders at this special event, with all the food, drink, preparation and cooking generously donated by Brother Jim, with all the proceeds going to the Lodge fund. We are considering special pricing for this fabulous meal, such as \$20 for those making a reservation with the Jr Warden, and \$25 for those

paying at the door. Brother Jim, we commend you for your generosity!

And May also brings our Sweethearts luncheon (May 6th) as we honor the widows and ladies of the lodge – more details for this fine event will be forthcoming.

I'd like to close by encouraging the engagement of all of our brethren. As we plan the future of this lodge, let your voice be heard. Soon you will see upgrades to the lodge web site as we modernize its look and its content; we will also be adopting the Lodge Communication smart phone App to further improve our communication channels. All this is meant to maintain a vibrant and flourishing lodge, and maintain our relevance in the 21st Century community.

Best to you all

Alan Miller, Master

SR. WARDENS MESSAGE



Greeting and salutations, the first part of this year has been rough for me. Having to say goodbye to my dad on January 7 and Illustrious Jack (R.I.P Brother) on Feb 4, left me in a saddened mood.

But, I could renew the bonds of fraternal brotherhood with a brother I have not seen in a long time. Worshipful Bro. Vic Vickers and I met up with Worshipful Bro. Dirul Muhammad and we could chat about a lot of things. I have not seen Worshipful Muhammad for a while; but, when we were talking, it harkened to the first time he implanted some masonic knowledge in me. It is good for brothers to meet on the level.

Fraternally,

Bro. Earl Love Jr. Sr. Warden



MESSAGE FROM JR. WARDEN

On Saturday, the 11th of February, at the Oakland Scottish Rite, Orinda's own Past Masters Cary Carlson and Tom Kavishi performed a beautiful ceremony for our departed Illustrious brother Jack Forseth. It was very well attended and several brothers from Orinda Lodge were there to support Jack's family and each other.

NEFRU-ARI TEMPLE #17

ENJOYABLE CLOTHING EXCHANGE Boutique & Dinner

**April 29, 2017
4:30 PM- 9 PM
\$25 pp**

**Orinda
Masonic Hall
9 Altarinda Road
Orinda, CA**

Questions:
Princess Pat Hedl
510 534 8377

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Nefru-Ari Temple No. 17,
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LIVE AUCTION ITEMS
include
New AMRITA Necklace (NWT \$279)
KATE SPADE Pineapple Tote (NWT \$299)

Items must be new, like new, clean, and in very good shape with no spots or holes.
Bring your items to Temple Session, Club or Unit installations.
Put your name and number you are donating on the items. Give them to a collector.

Clothing Collectors

Princess Pat Hedl: 510 534 8377	PQ Patricia Beringer: 925 933 7494
Princess Marsha Antrobus: 925 978 5808	Princess Linda Sehrt: 510 792 3983
Princess Arlie Afford: 612 963 1100	PQ Caren Fletcher 510 222 0211

Call to arrange to have items picked up at your home.
Collectors need clothing by Monday, April 17.

No items will be available for swap before 4:30 PM on day of event.
Those left over may be returned to original owner, if requested at that time.
All final, left over items will be donated to charities and Nefru-Ari Temple #17 receives IRS credit.
WE NEED FOOD DONATIONS, HANGERS, AND BAGS TO CARRY CLOTHING HOME.

April Birthdays

Day of Birth	First Name	Last Name
1	Kenneth T.	Bartley PM
3	Robert J.	Miraglio
5	Richard T.	Breuner
5	Charles W.	Dunn
5	Benjamin M.	Bloom
6	Erik S	Johnson PM
9	Billy M.	Hayes
11	Richard G	Williams
18	Leroy A.	Galvin
18	Ronald R.	Montes
19	Duane Gary	Henry
19	William R.	Hovey PM
20	Steven E. 'Eddie'	Spitzer
21	Joseph E.	Ehorn
21	Bobby G.	Robertson
28	Rudolph R.	Zamora
28	Laurence A.	Willis

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Larry Becker, PM	(E) Alan Miller, WM
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	Jim Gibson, PM	(2017)
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	Greg Boom, PM	(2021)



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Job's Corner

The Job's Daughters meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, and of course always look forward to serving the Stated Meeting Dinner. This month they are excited to be initiating a new member in the order. But of course, one can never have too many sisters, so if you have daughters/grand-daughters, nieces, cousins etc. between the ages of 10 and 20, be sure to introduce them to the Job's Daughters – it is a great way to grow our masonic family.