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AUGUST CALENDAR

- Thurs Aug 3rd Stated Meeting: Hawaiian Luau
Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30, Meeting 8:00
- Thurs Aug 10th Officers Practice TBD
- Mon Aug 14th Eastern Star open house – all masonic
bodies welcome Pot Luck dinner 6:00
- Thurs Aug 17th Officers Practice, 7:00
- Sat Aug 19th Lodge Picnic @ Hap Magee Park
Alamo, CA 11AM-4PM
- Thurs Aug 24th Tentative Degree Practice/Masonic Edu
- Thurs Aug 31st AGL's Walkabout – Learn about our
Masonic future and Jewels
Wor. Tony Cimarra at Orinda Lodge
Open to Public, dinner 6:30
- Thurs Sept 7th Stated Meeting
Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30, Meeting 8:00

Other Key Dates in September

- Sat Sept 23rd Combined DOSI, Bay Cities
Breakfast 8:00AM, school 9-12
- Sat Sept 30th Annual Visit to Texas Lodge
Degree 9:30am, BBQ to follow

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the East

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer, and is managing to stay cool enough. It was even very warm over in England, where Brothers Love, Carlson, Vickers and I joined a contingent from Acalanes Fellowship to partake in the festivities surrounding the 300th anniversary of the founding of the

Grand Lodge of England. On the day of our initial degree exemplification, it was the hottest day in England since 1976. Made for a very warm 2nd Degree, but the combined-lodge degree team rose to the occasion and thoroughly impressed our English Brethren at Ethelfleda Lodge in Tamworth, and Monolithos Lodge in Leamington Spa. Each degree was accompanied by a festive board, which allowed for some wonderful fellowship. Was great to have Br Alec Ingram journey up to meet us in Tamworth.

Overall the trip was a fantastic experience, as we toured the Grand Lodge of Ireland in Dublin, Grand Lodge of Scotland in Edinburgh (met up with the Grand Master's tour group there), the Kilwinning Mother Lodge in western Scotland (Lodge 0 – has minutes dating back to 1645) as well as the two lodges in England. And numerous castles, cathedrals and pubs along the way. The trip concluded with the 300th celebration in Weston Park, near Telford in the Midlands of England, which was put on by 4 Provincial Grand Lodges. Met many brothers at the festivities, and we may have several visitors to Orinda from England in the coming years.

Was good to see Grand Master Heisner back in Orinda, as we played host for San Francisco Lodge 120 to bestow the 75-year Diamond Jubilee pin on their Brother Norman Nicoll, who lives locally in Walnut Creek. And a special thank you to Master Ed Del Rosario for allowing us to host, and for making a generous donation to the Raising-a-Reader program in our name. And thanks to Tom Kavishi for providing the excellent meal.

The 4th of July parade was again a success, with the large Masonic contingent consisting of members from Orinda, as well as Acalanes and Live Oak lodges, together with Diabolo Eastern Star and the Bethel 218 Job's Daughters. The Tiaras and candy handed out by the girls was a big hit with the young crowd lining the parade route. Big thank you to Br Kendal for arranging participants from the FO-15 Car Club for some added horsepower this year, in the form of a 1971 Camaro and '72 Cutlass convertible. They said they can bring more cars next year, so we'll look forward to that. Congrats also to our Jr Warden Sean Mergy for winning the perpetual trophy for best ribs at the Rib cook-off at the July Stated Meeting Dinner.

August will see things kick back into gear, starting with our Hawaiian night luau for the Aug 3rd Stated meeting dinner. The lodge picnic will again be at Hap Magee Park in Alamo, on Saturday Aug 19th, 11-4. See our Jr Warden's column for more details on this fun annual event. Orinda will also be hosting a district school of instruction (3rd degree) on Thursday the 17th, so lots of ritual work in the forecast for the officers. Our annual visitation to Texas Lodge in San Juan Bautista will be on Saturday September 30th, followed by our annual hosting of Live Oak Lodge in October – details still being worked for that one.

So keep cool, and enjoy the bountiful fruits that a California summer has to offer.

Alan Miller, Master

SR. WARDENS MESSAGE



Hello Brethren, and Greetings from the West,

June was very special to me, I was able to make a trip with the brethren of Acalanes Fellowship #480 to partake in the 300th Anniversary of the establishment of Freemasonry in England. Our first stop was in Dublin, where we experienced Irish

Freemasonry at the Grand Lodge of Ireland, our host was the Grand Tiler. His talk about the unintentional consequences of the Papal Bull outlawing Catholics from becoming freemasons was very interesting, more on that subject at a later talk.

Then we traveled thru Belfast to Scotland to visit the Oldest Lodge in the United Kingdom, Kilwinning Lodge #0 (nicknamed the Mother Lodge). Our Scottish brethren were fabulous hosts with a fully stacked bar (standard accessory in English Lodges!).

From Kilwinning, we traveled to Edinburgh to see the Grand Lodge of Scotland. From Scottish Freemasonry is where American Freemasonry received our letter G, featured so prominently in our symbols. The Grand lodge had a collection of very old aprons that was very interesting. From Scotland, we traveled to England to exemplify our second degree to some very grateful English lodges. The 300th Anniversary was held at Weston Park, which used to belong to the 7th Earl of Bradford. The brothers treated us to a reenactment of the Battle of the Alamo with live muskets and cannon, no ammo of course. This reenactment was performed by a traveling masonic lodge. Wor Bro. Vic Vickers PM, and I went back stage to talk and spend time with the brothers, and I give them a treat, I performed some techniques I learned about fighting with a bayonet or pole arm! The brothers were very impressed and extended an offer to play a part in the reenactment with uniform, I graciously declined the offer. Weston Park was a memorable experience capped by a fantastic fireworks display. Wor. Vic and I also visited the crown jewel of the trip, the United Grand Lodge of England! Overall, a very special trip for me!

Bro. Earl Love Jr. Sr. Warden

From the South



Ladies, brethren and friends,

Now that summer is in full swing hopefully all are enjoying the long days and spending time with friends and family whatever the occasion may require.

On Saturday Aug 19th. Orinda lodge will be hosting our annual picnic at Hap Magee park in Alamo from 11 to 4 PM masons and non-masons welcome.

The lodge will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, tri tip and chicken lovingly barbecued by brother

Greg Bloom and myself. We also will provide the buns, basic condiments and beverages.

This a potluck picnic, so we ask that everyone please bring something to add to the festivity. I have divided the items needed by last name:

A – D, toppings for hamburgers and hot dogs Etc. Cheese, onions, tomatoes and whatever else you would like. E – J, desserts, cookies, cake etc. feel free to add to your liking. K – R, salads, pasta, potato, bean etc. S – Z, appetizers, chips, dips...

Please do not forget to call the Jr. Wardens line to make your reservation so we can provide enough food for everyone.

Bro. Sean Mergy, Jr. Warden

August Birthdays

3 Ralph D. McDonald	20 R. Trent Retallack
5 Ronald G. Light DDS	21 Charles R. Neil PM
5 Theodore J. Budach Jr.	22 Cary L. Carlson PM
8 Michael I. Malliaris	23 Kenneth McCracken
9 William O. Richmond PM	24 Edwin Riksheim PM
10 Jon L. Benson PM	25 Robert P. Dathe
15 Michael D. Gooding	25 Don E. Weisse Jr. PM
16 Justin R. Martinez	26 Gary E. Dana
17 Darrell R. Gray	30 Mete Soyoguz
18 Robert C. Long	

Memorials

In Memoriam
Winton E. Mather
Born March 9, 1932 in California
Raised November 10, 2005
A 11-year member of Orinda Lodge
Entered into rest July 1, 2017
Age 85 years

Degree Team in England



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Message from the Diablo Star Chapter

Diablo Star Chapter is hosting Masonic Family Night on Monday, August 14th. There is a potluck dinner prior to the meeting at 6:30 PM at Orinda Lodge on Altarinda Rd.

Members, wives and families are encouraged to join us for this evening of food, fellowship and fun.

The program begins at 7:30 PM and we'll have several presentations from the lodges and youth groups, including one from WM Alan Miller.

So that we have enough food for everyone, please contact Linda Forsey, Worthy Matron, at 925-759-0509 or calphimu@gmail.com with reservations by August 10th.

Job's Corner

The Job's Daughters limit their meetings in the summer months to accommodate family vacations. But they still manage a few social get togethers as they deepen their sisterhood bonds. They had a fun and successful time at Grand Bethel in June, and enjoyed giving out the tiaras and candy at the annual 4th of July parade. They will get back to their ritual work in earnest in late August with the new school year, but first look forward to the opportunity to exemplify some of their work at the Eastern Star Open House on August 14th.

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