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TRESTLEBOARD

**Jun/Jul 2018** 

# Master's Message

Greetings Brethren and Ladies



Welcome Brethren and ladies to Orinda's June and July trestle board. First, I would like to recap our events last month. Also, I would like to extend a special thanks to Worshipful Vic Vickers for the awesome Cinco de Mayo stated meeting meal. We also had an awesome sweethearts luncheon for our lovely sweethearts. Sadly, two of our sweethearts, Ms. Lucille Madsen and Ginna Bowles passed on and were not able to be with us. They will

be missed.

Also, we had Orinda Lodge's first ever visitation with Monarch Lodge #73 PHA. Orinda Lodge hosted our Prince Hall brethren with great food and fellowship. After that, the brethren retired to the lodge room and invited Monarch Lodge in with honors.

Lastly, we had a double 2<sup>nd</sup> degree on May 31, our first second degree of the year. Dennis F. Trammel and Tristan Barger were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. For this month, our stated meeting will be on June 7, 2018. The dinner will be turkey breast, mashed potatoes w/ gravy and vegetables with dessert. Also, we will have Monifa Wills, wife of Bro. Williams, do a presentation on essential oils. We will have another second degree this month, date to be determined. For July, we will participate in the Orinda Fourth of July parade and the rib challenge for stated meeting dinner.

#### Earl Love, Jr. Master, Orinda Lodge #122

# JUN/JUL CALENDAR

Wed May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Hall Association Meeting 7PM
Thu May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Second Degree Conferral
	Light meal 6 – 6:45PM Degree 7PM
Sat Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Memorial service for Br. Curtis Trenor
	Reception following service 5 – 7PM
Thu Jun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Stated Meeting and Dinner 6:30PM
Tue Jun 19 <sup>th</sup>	DOSI at Bay Cities Lodge
	Meal preceding practice 6:30 – 9PM
Wed Jun 27th	Hall Association Meeting 7PM

Thu Jul 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting and Dinner Rib Challenge Night, contestants contact Jr. Warden or Master

We are dark remainder of month. See you all in August, August 2<sup>nd</sup> for dinner.

# **From the South** Service and Dedication



The call to Service and Dedication to the Craft is inherent in Masonic Principles and Philosophy, whether a particular Brother Mason answers the call is an individual choice.

In "the Meaning of Masonry", W.L. Wilmshurst states that those Masons who "...belong to what may be called the very rough-ashlar stage of masonic conception" regard The Craft

"as a social, semi-public, semi-secret community to which it is agreeable and advantageous to belong for sociable or even for ulterior purposes..." and where after "discharging" his "...literal, superficial and historic view of the subject matter of the doctrine..." is "often" of the "idea" to have the lodge closed as speedily as may be and get away to the relaxation of the festive board."

These Masons, which I have alluded to in a prior discussion as Masons in "name only" or "once a month" Masons", have as their only commitment to Masonry and its Principles and Philosophy, the once a month attendance at stated meeting dinners. From the date of my Initiation, I made a conscious choice never to live my Masonic life as a one day a month event, but to Dedicate my Life to the Service of Masonry and Masonic Principles and the unselfishness they incubate, to love and respect my brethren as I do my own family, and to love, respect, revere and protect our Lodge, that living, breathing symbol of our Spiritual House Not Made With Hands, as I would my Church or my own Home.

As I write this article I refer back to conversations I have had with several brothers who have informed me that there are brethren at the Lodge who feel as though I spend too much time there, this perplexes me. On my appointment to the chair of Senior Deacon in April of 2017, I was awarded keys to the lodge, as there was a need for my presence there at the Lodge, and I hoped, as a confirmation of my Hard Work and Dedication to the Lodge.

I have always spent more time at the lodge than the average member, whether it be because I was more comfortable studying ritual and floor work at the lodge rather than my home, or because I took it upon myself as a concerned, dedicated member and Senior Officer of our Lodge to clean the bathroom floor when it was so sticky that you could hear the sole of your shoes pulling away from the floor at every step, or when renters have thrown paper towels everywhere, or poured a cooler of dirty ice in the water fountain, or to replace the large glass globes atop the pillars outside because some malcontent has broken them and shattered glass all over the driveway, or has kicked over the lights that line the walkway, or to runaway vagrants and loiterers who think it's feasible for them to hang around behind the Lodge and drink alcohol and smoke marijuana day or night and leave their trash behind, or to lock the Lodge doors when renters forget to, or clean the front of the Lodge after renters/someone has left dirty papers or pizza boxes in the garden area or sidewalk directly in front, etc.

Banquet Room Renters, as I have personally witnessed, are given a key to the lodge and are allowed to walk in and around the Lodge as they please, no one greets them at the door, no one monitors or manages their activities or their use of the facilities. They are given free reign of the premises. This can be problematic at times. I can admit that I may be somewhat overprotective of the Lodge, a place that I Love and Revere and see as my Sanctuary, but should my unselfishness be regulated by those who understand not, my dedication to our Lodge and the Members of it, or by the Hall Association's administrative red tape.

Will there be a meeting called without the attendance of the brethren, where a decision is made to quietly change the locks without informing me, I would hope that such un-masonic conduct would never take place at Orinda Lodge.

Kendal Mason,



Annual Visit to Live Oak Lodge



CPR Class Graduates & Instructor



Monarch Lodge Visit



Hello Brethren and friends,

Bringing baseball to California kids one mitt at a time.

2018's Masons Night at AT&T Park is Tuesday September 25th at 7:15 pm.

Please join Grand Master Bruce R. Galloway and the Giants Community Fund as we celebrate our 10th Masons4Mitts campaign at Masons Night!

Please see the attached ticket purchase form. For more information and to gift a mitt for a kid in need, copy the link below to your browser:

#### www.masons4mitts.org

Checks should be made payable to "Masons4Mitts with "Masons Night Tickets" in the memo line.

Looking forward to seeing you at the game!

Fraternally and all the best,

Greg Thompson and Erik Johnson Captains East Bay Aces Masons4Mitts

## **Sweethearts Luncheon**









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## **June Birthdays**

18 Carl F. Bessey 2 Luke McKeever 2 Louis F. Nagel 18 Cesar Salinas 3 Victor W. Traverso 21 Thomas A. Steig, PM 5 Phillip L. McAllister, Sr., PM 6 Harold M. Ballard 21 George Y. Johnson 28 William E. Miller 7 Ronald G. Palmer 29 Tony Soltani 7 David A Mitroff 29 Thomas R. Lindeland 8 John E. Ogro 12 Thomas J. Kilgallen, PM 30 Jimmye L. Vaughn, PM

#### **July Birthdays**

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1 Albert Donnici, PM	11 Craig D.Kauffman
3 Norman P Gorsuch	12 Ted H Johnson
4 Ronald J. Garwood	14 Stephen R. Renouf
4 Richard A. Sperling	16 Jack Giolitti
4 Marvin C. Hoss	19 William H. Davis
5 Melvin D. Loe	21 Kent D. Matheson
5 Geoffrey B. Rester	23 Barry B. Bamford
7 Robert Traxler, PM	25 Stewart R. Knudsen
8 Donal J. Connelly	25 Frederick E. Burks, PM
10 Thomas K. Dewing	27 Edward A. Kurtz
10 Tristan Barger	27 Donald S.Baillie
10 Robert L. Hobson	30 David Pintado
11 Arolf Salo	31 Guy P. De Garmo
	31 Earl D. Love, Jr.

#### Important upcoming event!!!

This June we celebrate the 19th year of Orinda's Lodge's participation with, and support of, Miramonte High school's Public Speaking program. We will again see firsthand, the fruits of this long-time partnership. The talent, hard work and dedication these students have shown in preparing, practicing and delivering their speeches, is a testament to the continuing value of Miramonte's public speaking program.

Orinda Lodge is proud to continue our support of this community program and the amazing students that gain so much from it. We will have the pleasure of hearing from three of Miramonte's public speakers:

Taisuke Fox, Areeba Yasin, Kelly Zheng, and to have the opportunity to meet each of the speaker's families.

# **Jobie Corner**

The Job's Daughters cordially invite you to attend the semi-annual installation of officers, on Friday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Orinda Masonic Hall. Aleah DeShong will be installed as Honored Queen, and Aubrey Newton as Junior Princess. Formal attire. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Contact Bethel Guardian Cynthia Tubbs (925-890-7297, <u>wtrbb510@yahoo.com</u>) for any questions

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