

Orinda Lodge



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TRESTLEBOARD

May 2017

MAY CALENDAR

Thu Apr 27th Annual Visitation: 90th Year
Live Oak hosting Orinda lodge,
Dinner at 6:30PM
Orinda Lodge conferring 2nd
Degree

Thu May 4th Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM
Cinco De Mayo Fiesta
Hosted by Bro. Jim Peterson
Lodge meeting starts at 8PM

Sat May 6th Sweethearts Luncheon 11AM
Orinda lodge

Open to all Orinda lodge
Members, Widows, Wives and
Ladies

Thu May 18th Officers Practice 7PM at Orinda

Sat May 20th Combined School of Instruction at
Island City Lodge 8AM breakfast
Instruction begins at 9AM

Thu May 25th 2nd Degree conferral (tentative)
7PM Start time

Thu June 1st Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30PM
Miramonte Speakers Night
Lodge meeting starts at 8PM

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the East

A-may-zingly May is already upon us, and I think we are all ready for some warmer weather. April was an exciting month for the lodge, as we initiated our newest Entered Apprentices, Mike Noorei, and Mustafa Tinawi, who have been long time friends and can now call themselves brothers as well. That makes four new brothers in the past month, and we all look forward to their progression in our noble craft. We also completed the officer line at the April Stated Meeting, with congratulations offered to Senior Deacon Kendal Mason, Senior Steward Guss Annan, and Marshal Ed Lana. The month culminates with our annual visit to Live Oak Lodge, where we continue the rich tradition started in 1927, and will pass a Live Oak Brother to the degree of Fellow Craft.

May gets off to a raring start with the annual Cinco De Mayo Fiesta, generously hosted and donated by Br Jim Peterson. Join us for a fabulous fiesta, as we also celebrate the Masonic Youth Orders as our guests, and allow them the opportunity to exemplify some of their ritual. We are going with a suggestion donation of \$20 for this event, with the proceeds benefitting lodge programs and also the philanthropic projects of the youth orders. More details in the flyer included in this Trestleboard.

MESSAGE FROM JR. WARDEN



April was a very exciting and rewarding month for me in particular. I had the distinct pleasure and challenge of conferring two double first degrees as master for the first time. While the hours and days of memory work and practices needed to be prepared to confer degrees are certainly challenging in our busy lives, the reward you receive far out weighs the work that went into it.

Not only for the sincere gratitude expressed by the candidates, for the life changing and enlightening experience you had a significant part in, but also the encouragement and support of the brethren for a job well done. I will be forever grateful to Orinda lodge and the wonderful people who have made this possible for me. When I first became a mason, I never thought, in my wildest dreams that I would ever be able to retain so much as to be able to perform the masters work. The lessons masonry teaches us are innumerable if you put your hearts and minds into it.

I appreciate the fact more of you have been making reservations for our meetings, however much improvement could be made in order to prevent waste and have enough for everyone at the same time.

The permanent list, simply is not working because many people on the list do not show up all the time which makes it difficult for an accurate count. I personally know of one recent stated meeting dinner where at least twenty dinners went into the garbage by nights end and no this does not mean everyone gets a doggy bag to take home.

It has been brought up in lodge recently to raise the stated meeting dinner to \$ 20 without effect, however something needs to be done and we are working on ways to improve the system. I would appreciate anyone's input on how they feel about a price increase, or anything else for that matter. A few people I have spoke with regarding this issue said they would be happy to pay another \$ 5 for the dinners and fellowship we provide.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Bro Mergy JW

And right on the heels of the fiesta will be our annual Sweethearts Luncheon, where we honor our lodge widows as well as the significant ladies in our lives. This year we mailed invites to our local widows, and hope to get a nice turn-out. We may need some brothers to help out on taxi service if necessary, so let me know your availability for that.

Rumor has it there will a New Orleans flair to the menu this year. And the June Stated Meeting will mark the return of the Miramonte Speakers program, always a popular event.

There will be additional degree work in May to be sure, so be on the lookout for communications regarding the specific details. On the communication front, we will be looking to roll out several new items to enhance the look and presence of the lodge. One is that we will move the lodge website over to the hosting service offered by Grand Lodge. Their template system makes it much easier to keep our web site fresh and up to date. For those with smart phones, we will also be setting up the lodge communication App, which offers a convenient platform for sending out information on lodge activities. These are all part of the 2020 plan to keep our lodges growing and relevant in the 21st century:

Alan Miller, Master

SR. WARDENS MESSAGE



Happy Public Schools Month, this will the second year of serving on the Public School Advisory Council and the second year of attending the event at Sankofa School.

Thank you to the brothers that attended the event, events like this show our commitment to Freemasonry giving back. Even though the attendance was down from last year, the principal and the kids felt our investment to them. And with budget cuts on the horizon, California Public Schools will need us more than ever!

Fraternally,

Bro. Earl Love Jr. Sr. Warden

May Birthdays

3 Daniel D. Rose	21 William G. Lang
5 Aaron W. Barger	21 James A. Leonard PM
5 Edward Bessonov	22 Jerome L. Stark
6 G. David Edwards	22 Ali Alae
6 James K. Petersen, III	26 Christopher Capdevielle
6 Bert Willard Bartlett PM	26 James W. McCracken
7 William H. Garrett	26 Gary A. Peare PM
10 William H. Wisheropp	26 David E Lausch
15 Robert E. Olson	26 Siavash Sid Afshar
15 David C Henderson	27 Sean C. Mergy
15 Herbert E. Hansen	28 Donald R. Negus
16 Timothy A. Wood PM	29 Stacy L. Ferguson
17 Alvin L. Richardson	30 Kendal D. Mason
18 Jose V. Leiva	

RSVP and MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

3RD ANNUAL ORINDA LODGE Cinco-De-Mayo Stated Meeting Dinner THURSDAY MAY 4, 2017

"fiesta" celebration for Cinco-De-Mayo. It is also our Worshipful Inspector's annual visitation, public-schools, and other planned guests.

We will have Demolay, Jobs, Guests, and much much more. You will not go away disatisfied by any stretch.

Doors Open 4:30PM: Fellowship / Appetizers / Latin Music 5:00PM Dinner/Entertainment / Speakers / Presentations / Fun-Raffle

suggested donation is \$20

Belated thank you from the Crab Feed Committee

"The Crab Feed committee would like to recognize and thank the following people who made this years Crab Feed a memorable one; Less people dined on delicious Crab and fixings, but seem to have more fun!!

Tom Kavishi ,P.M. for his generous contribution of the wine consumed that night, The loyal Crab Feed crew included: Cary Carlson,P.M., . Alan Miller, W.M., Earl Love, S.W., Sean Mergy, J.W., Larry Becker, P.M., Bro. Gus Anon, Jim Dickow,P.M. and Carol Dickow, Vic Vickers,P.M., Don Weisse, P.M., Pat Hedl, Bea Ball, Shirley Reynolds, and Bob Rollins."

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Trestleboard

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Congratulations Worshipful Erik Johnson on putting together an outstanding event. Orinda lodge and its extended family are very proud of you, your committee and the hard work you do!

Job's Corner

The Job's Daughters of Bethel 218 are thrilled to be invited guests for the Cinco De Mayo Fiesta, as part of the Youth Orders Observance. The girls look forward to being able to showcase a portion of their ritual work. And the girls are busy in their planning for the annual Grand Bethel, to be held June 22-24 in Visalia.