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TRESTLEBOARD

October 2018

Master's Message

Greetings Brethren and Ladies



Welcome brethren and ladies to Oktoberfest, our stated meeting in October. We had some exciting things happen last month. Brothers Trammell and Williams performed an awesome second-degree proficiency, we also made our annual pilgrimage to Texas Lodge, where their brothers cooked an awesome barbecue and brother Taylor was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft Mason. For October stated meeting, we will be celebrating Oktoberfest with a meal reflecting German heritage and culture, In Lodge we will reviewing Grand Lodge resolutions for our upcoming Annual Communication at Grand Lodge of California on October 19-21. We will also have our annual visitation from Live Oak Lodge #61, they will be making the trip to Orinda this time on October 25, degree to be determined. We will also have a 3rd degree in October, details will be forthcoming

Fraternally;

Earl Love Jr. Master, Orinda Lodge #122

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Thu Oct 4 th	Stated Dinner 6:30PM Meeting Starts at 8PM
Tue Oct 16 th	DOSI at Acalanes 6:30PM Meal Instruction at 8PM
Thu Oct 25 th	Live Oak Visitation 6:30PM Degree Starts at 8PM
Thu Nov 1 st	Stated Dinner 6:30PM Meeting Starts at 8PM

Our annual visit from Live Oak Lodge will be held on October 25, 2018. Come enjoy a great time with our brother lodge from Oakland, degree will follow.



From the West

Ladies and brethren.

I hope everyone had a great summer and had an opportunity to spend time with friends and family. Being an air conditioning contractor myself the summer is a very busy time for me and I do not have the luxury to take much time off work during the summer and I apologize for not contributing my article to The Trestle Board for the last several months. In preparation for the Oriental chair next year, if I am in fact elected, there are a couple of items I would like to bring to everyone's attention.

Firstly, our annual crab feed which has always been a hugely successful event and biggest fundraiser for the Job's Daughters in addition to an overall fantastic evening, as anyone who has attended knows, is in need of a new leader. Wor. Greg Bloom who has spearheaded this event for decades feels it is time to "pass the torch". Many thanks for everything you do for Orinda Lodge Wor. Bloom.

I will do everything within my power to make sure we continue this annual tradition; however, I feel I may be unable to pull it off by myself due to my work situation. Wor. Bloom is offering his experience with hosting this event to provide in assisting with quantities of food needed and purveyor contacts. I can certainly help with food preparation and we have a faithful crew of volunteer's who set up the dining room year after year, "you know who you are", thank you.

If someone or a group would be willing to do the majority of the shopping, get it to the lodge and facilitate in managing the event please get in touch with me. My contacts are on the back page. All food and supply costs will be reimbursed by the lodge. I am confident that, with a little help, we can continue this worthwhile event. On another note, our Treasurer, Bro. Ron Palmer, in an effort to pursue his philanthropic endeavors, has decided to relinquish his position as Treasurer. Therefore, I am seeking any Master Mason who may be interested in taking on this duty. Please contact me.

All the best.

Sean Mergy, SW



The Craft

Masonry as a Privilege and Path to Enlightenment

In Masonry, "...there exists a large number of Brethren who feel their membership in the craft to be a privilege which has brought them into the presence of something greater than they know, and that enshrines a purpose and that could unfold a message deeper than they at present realize." This is the true essence of Masonry.

There are also those Brethren who see their initial three degrees and the symbolic messages presented in them as the pinnacle of their Masonic journey, viewing Masonry in this manner is a fallacy.

Masonry as a science, is more akin to the analogy of an onion rather than that of an orange. This is exemplified by the fact that, in peeling an orange, once you have stripped away the initial layer, the fruit or heart of the orange is right there, before your eyes ready to be consumed and enjoyed. But, when peeling an onion, after removing the initial layer, there are a multitude of succeeding layers that must be stripped away before it's heart is revealed to you.

So it is in Masonry, as your initial three degrees are no more than the 1st or outer layer of Masonic understanding, whereby further light in Masonry can only be revealed to you by your peeling away the subsequent layers of "Truth" and "Light"

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It is incumbent upon every Mason to “peel away” these remaining layers, in search of true Masonry and it’s deeper secrets, in a sense the “heart” of Masonry. Every Mason must make this journey alone, appreciating the privilege that has been bestowed upon him, while perpetually searching along the path to true enlightenment.

“For in the last resource, no one can communicate the deeper things in Masonry to another. Every man must discover and learn them for himself.”

Faternally;

Kendal Mason, JW

October Birthdays

3 Allan C. Ferguson
7 Edward P. Margherio PM
10 George R. Bargman
14 William Gracey
21 Norris H. Boren
21 Philip R. Henry
22 Saleh S. Khashabi
29 Guss Annan
29 Judd W. Leonard

Message from Editor

Ladies and Brethren of Orinda Lodge

I welcome you to submit Articles for the TB, sometimes we find ourselves with extra space and in need of articles to fill those spaces. I can't promise you that article will get in the month you submit it, but I will keep them and put them in when there is space for them.

We are also looking for someone the take over the Accents portions of the Trestleboard, Holly Carter was our last Accents person and now we are in need of a new one. If you are interested, please contact me prior to Oct 20th so that I can get your contact info into the trestleboard.

Thank you all for your time

Vic Vickers, PM

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