



# ORINDA LODGE

Alamo 122 | Chartered May 13, 1858

Acorn 494 | 10/14/1920 East Bay 489 | 10/14/1920 Hillcrest 573 | 10/11/1923  
Piedmont 521 | 10/12/1923 Plymouth 560 | 10/9/1923 Orinda 704 | 10/12/1950

## The Deacon's Beacon

Dennis Trammell, Jr. Deacon

*"The secret of change is to focus all your energy,  
not on fighting the old, but building on the new." - Socrates*

Collectively we can all agree that it is a great time to be a Mason. We constantly see waves of brotherly love sweeping the nation in what is nothing less than inspirational awe. Brothers coming together in disaster situations from raging hurricanes and destructive fires to help those who have lost everything. Hours of volunteer work given for nothing more than a friendly smile and a thank you. These actions continue to inspire the generations to seek out and knock on our door, curious about the mysteries of Freemasonry. There will always be a flow of initiates and applicants, but our ability to retain our newly obligated brethren has been failing.

Our younger members seek us out with wonder and preloaded expectations of what their eyes and ears will behold before they so much as knock.

If they are not lured by the distinguished pageantry and mysteries of the modern day Mason, than I expect, perhaps, they are in search of what Masonry has claimed to provide for generations. An enlightened society that promotes philosophical discourse and a means of personal improvements. Mentors who will offer guidance and brethren who recognize how to navigate life's turbulent waters.

At Orinda Lodge we have an amazing opportunity to promote fellowship, Masonic education, charity and community involvement every day. Perhaps it is time to strengthen the ties that bind us and reestablish our legacy in Orinda. What happened to those glorious days where we would work together to raise funds, for even the smallest charity. We are more than a club that meets once a month for pleasant conversation and a delicious meal, we are a part the oldest and greatest fraternity that has ever graced the glorious work of the creation.

Nothing escapes the ravages of time, but together we can stand against it for another 161 years.



*Sean Mergy, Master*

### Lodge at a Glance

#### Thur. Oct. 3rd Stated Meeting

Please make your  
reservations  
Dinner 6:00 pm

Officers: Suit or Jacket & Tie

**Sun. Oct. 6th**  
**Annual Northern California  
Charity Golf Event**  
Crow Canyon Country Club  
San Ramon

Check in and  
Registration 11:30

#### Thur. Oct. 24th Live Oak Visitation

At Orinda Lodge  
2nd Degree  
Refreshments at 6:30 pm

Officers: Tuxedos

## Job's Daughters Bethel 2018, Orinda

**Honored Queen**  
Aubrey Newton

**Bethel Guardian**  
Cynthia Tubbs

**Assoc. Bethel Guardian**  
Allan Miller, PM

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays  
Orinda Masonic Center 6:30pm

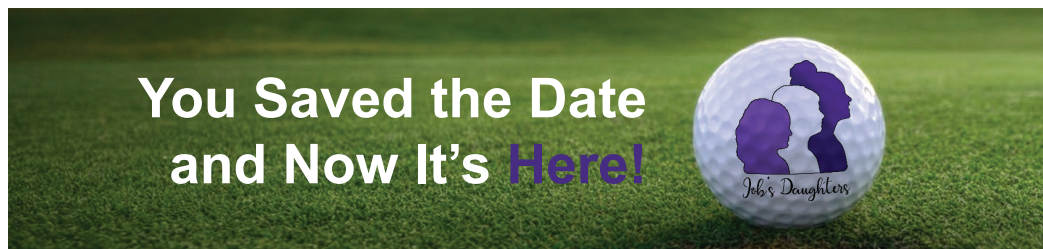


**Job's Daughters  
International®  
of California**

## Jobies Corner

### Message From the Bethel Guardian

The Job's Daughters are working with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano to aid this valuable charity. There are food collection barrels located in the front lobby of the lodge, which will be there through the November stated meeting. The girls ask that you consider bringing non-expired cans of food to the lodge for the collection. Peanut Butter is the most-desired item, followed by canned fish. (Protein!). But all usable cans are appreciated. The girls will be working with the food bank to help sort the donations as part of their giving back to the community.



### Annual Northern California Charity Golf Event

Sunday October 6th at Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon  
Scramble Format Tournament starting at 12:30  
Registration and check in at 11:30

## Brethren and Ladies!!!

**PLEASE NOTE YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE  
ANNUAL NOVEMBER STATED MEETING  
TURKEY COOKOFF!!!**

The Brethren will fire up their BBQ's and deliver for your dining pleasure wonderful, succulent turkey.

The Jobs Daughters will supply all the sides and will be the recipient of all the dining receipts received at check in.

This cooperation between the Brethren and the Jobs has become an annual tradition enjoyed by all.

Those present will vote for the best turkey and the winner will be crowned with ceremonial hat.

Please bring your cooked and sliced turkey that evening and encourage your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the festivities!!

Looking forward to seeing you at this Great Tradition and Fundraiser for the Jobs!!

*Thank you for your kind attention.*

**2018**

**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TURKEY COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER**  
*Job's Daughters*

**GREG BLOOM**  
**TURKEY KING**

**TURKEY COOKING COMPETITION**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**  
CLAM YOUR PLACE AS THE KING OF GRILL

**\$20** TICKETS TO BE SOLD  
AT OCTOBER STATED MEETING

**\$25** PER PERSON AFTER OCTOBER 31ST  
PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 25TH  
(925) 254-5211 OR BY LODGE APP

**6:30 PM | 9 ALTARINDA ROAD, ORINDA 94536**

All proceeds from this event go to benefit the Job's Daughters Bethel 218. Please show your support for this amazing youth order by feasting with your friends, family and brethren! See you soon!

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# October

## Thur. Oct. 3rd Stated Meeting

Please make your reservations  
Dinner 6:00 pm

Officers: Suit or Jacket & Tie

## Sun. Oct. 6th Annual Northern California Charity Golf Event

Crow Canyon Country Club  
San Ramon

Check in and  
Registration 11:30

## Tue. Oct. 15th DOSI - Acalanes Lodge

925 Moraga Rd, Lafayette  
For Lodge Officers  
Dinner 6:30 pm

Casual attire

## Thur. Oct. 24th Live Oak Visitation

At Orinda Lodge  
2nd Degree  
Refreshments at 6:30 pm

Officers: Tuxedos

## Sat. Oct. 26th Golden Veterans Award Ceremony for Worshipful Al Donicci

At Live Oak Lodge  
3903 Broadway, Oakland  
  
Time is TBD  
Please make reservations at  
alemedalodge167@gmail.com

# Happy Birthday

From Orinda Lodge  
to our Brethren,  
may you know nothing but happiness  
from this day onward.  
May God protect and keep you.  
Happy Birthday!

**Allan C. Ferguson** 10/03

**Edward P. Margherio, PM** 10/07

**George R. Bargman** 10/10

**William Gracey** 10/14

**Harold J. Shields Jr.** 10/17

**Norris H. Boren** 10/21

**Philip R. Henry** 10/21

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The Masonic Grand Lodge of Arizona meeting in a cave in the mine of the copper queen consolidated mining co. at Bisbee, Arizona on Nov. 12, 1897.

## Tales From The Underground

By David Harrison, Ph.D.

**The lights are dim and there's a distinct echo as shoes crunch over the dirt floor of this Masonic hall.** Of course, it's no ordinary lodge: This is Zedekiah's Cave, the ancient quarry 30 feet beneath the streets of the Old City of Jerusalem, believed by some to be the site from which the stones of King Solomon's temple were sourced. Several times per year, the limestone cave plays host to Masonic celebrations, including a recent Mark Master degree organized by the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel.

It's an appropriately reverential setting for such an event—and, as it turns out, not that particularly unheard-of, either. In fact, many lodges in both the United States and abroad have long histories of meeting inside caves. The cave has indeed been an important feature throughout the history of Freemasonry, as both a physical setting and a metaphysical symbol important to the Masonic ritual—as in the transition from primeval darkness into light in the First Degree initiation ceremony.

Caves even appear in certain degrees found in Richard Carlile's 1825 Manual of Freemasonry, such as the Degree of Scotch Master, which according to the manual mentions a cave near Aberdeen in Scotland. The Degree of Nine Elected Knights also involves a cave, where an assassin of Hiram Abif takes refuge—reminiscent of the Elu of Nine Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

As such, these underground settings tend to play a role in very special ceremonies. For instance, in 1967, more than 1,800 Masons in Salem, Indiana gathered to celebrate for the state's 150th Masonic anniversary inside one of the largest limestone quarries in the state. Similar meetings have taken place at a quarry in Marietta, Ohio, where tilers posted on horseback shouted down from the rim of the quarry to report. It isn't just man-made caves, either: In Kentucky, Masons have met inside Mammoth Cave, while Oregon's Malheur Cave is the site of a yearly meeting of the Robert Burns Lodge No. 97. And in New Mexico, the historic Carlsbad Caverns have also played host to Masonic ritual.

Closer to home in Amador County, the small town of Volcano held its first several Masonic meetings during the Gold Rush inside a small cave near Sutter Creek. (The lodge later moved into a building above the cave.) Today, the site still belongs to Volcano Lodge No. 56—although given the 1,300-foot drop at the back of the cave and some perilously situated limestone boulders, it's been closed down at least temporarily. So while it's no longer used to confer degrees, its aura of mystery and majesty remains thankfully intact.