



# 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

## From the East

Sean C. Mergy, Worshipful Master

Ladies, Brethren, friends and guests.

There has not been much going on at the lodge this month, but I am very pleased to announce that our bothers Mick Finein SD and D.J. Trammell JD are doing a fantastic job with their work in advanced stations and will be conferring a first degree on May 30 th. for Mr. Osip (Joseph) Lisitsa. It is very rewarding as master to have officers that are dedicated to the craft and Orinda Lodge as these two brothers, keep up the great work.

Please show your support for the lodge and our candidate by your attendance.

Saturday June 1 st is our sweethearts' luncheon.  
 Please make your reservations if you wish to attend.

Thursday June 6 th. stated dinner will be grilled rib eye steak, mashed red potato, vegetable, green salad and dessert. Please make your reservation.

Tuesday June 18 th district school of instruction at Bay Cities Lodge # 337, 6:30 pm. Please inform Inspector Thompson if you are unable to attend.

S&F  
 W. Mergy



*Worshipful Sean C. Mergy*

## Lodge at a Glance

- 6/1 Sweethearts Luncheon
- 6/6 Stated Meeting
- 6/18 DOSI
- 7/4 Annual Parade March
- 7/11 Stated Meeting

*Please see the calendar inside for more details on upcoming events.*

*This year marks the 20th anniversary of our Miramonte High School Public Speaking Night. At our June Stated Meeting some of the talented speakers and their families will join us. The students will exemplify a sample of the best speeches they prepared and competed with during this last year. It is always a fun evening. Don't miss it.*

- Ed Lana

# From the West

Kendal D. Mason, Senior Warden

## The Legend Of William "Lad" Davis

**In the year of our Lord 1869, at the height of reconstruction, and on the day of a total solar eclipse,** a great man was born in Baton Rouge Louisiana to north american indigenous parents, that great man's name was William "Lad" Davis.

William was an industrious young man and was working as a skilled brick mason at the age of 16.

In 1891, at the age of 22, William was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and by 1895, Brother William Davis was selling Baton Rouge real estate for a man named Mr. Kernan.

In 1900, there was a need and a call for a Baptist church in the Richmond Park community of Baton Rouge, William "Lad" Davis saw that need, had a vision to fulfill it, formulated a plan, and then set out to make that vision and plan a reality.

Brother Davis, still selling real estate for Mr. Kernan, also a Brother Mason and a good man, would receive a plot of land along with his pay, for every lot that he sold. William approached Mr. Kernan with his plan for the church, and as a philanthropic gesture, Brother Kernan donated the land upon which to build the structure.

And the saga begins...

To be continued

William "Lad" Davis was this author's great grandfather and the namesake of his son William.

Kendal Davis Mason



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or call (626) 251-2215



### CORNERSTONE CEREMONY AT THE MASONIC HOME IN COVINA

On July 13, join Grand Lodge officers, civic leaders, friends, and family for this time-honored ceremony to dedicate the cornerstone of our newest building. Enjoy a beautiful festive brunch following the ceremony.

**When:** Saturday, July 13, 2019

**Where:** Masonic Home, Covina campus

**Agenda:** 8am Grand Lodge opens at Destiny Lodge on Covina Campus  
9am White Apron Processional and Ceremony  
10am Brunch and Festivities

# More Than Just A Mitt

This years Masons 4 Mitts

## It's Baseball Season!

And time to help children in need by purchasing a baseball glove. For every \$20 donation, an underprivileged child receives a brand new baseball glove. More than just a mitt...

With your kind charity, you are helping to provide a tool for a child in need to learn: team work, social skills, cooperating with others, accountability, winning humbly, self-esteem, and to be the best that they can be!

These are all "life skills", that will help make for better citizens in our society. For your convenience, your donation can be made directly Online via: **Masons4Mitts.org** Please be sure to specify "**East Bay Aces,**" so that the children in the East Bay will receive the mitts.

You may also bring in a check and give it to Co-Captain Erik Johnson, PM. Please make your check payable to: "**California Masonic Foundation**". In the memo line, please write: "**Masons4Mitts- East Bay Aces**".

**Also, Join us for Masons Night At The Ballpark.** Bring your significant other, family, and friends. The game is on Monday August 26, 2019 at Oracle Park (Formerly A&T Park in San Fransisco). Game time is 6:45 pm. S.F. Giants v. Arizona Diamondbacks. To purchase discounted game tickets, please go to the site below and purchase directly: [masons4mitts.org](http://masons4mitts.org).

Looking forward to seeing you at the game!

Erik Johnson, PM | Orinda Lodge No. 122  
East Bay Aces | [Masons4Mitts](http://Masons4Mitts)  
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## Happy Birthday

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

**Louis F. Nagel** 6/02  
**Victor W. Traverso** 6/03  
**Phillip L. Mc Allister Sr. PM** 6/05  
**David A. Mitroff** 6/07  
**Ronald G. Palmer** 6/07  
**Ogro, John E.** 6/08  
**Francis S. Drayton** 6/11  
**Thomas J. Kilgallen PM** 6/12  
**Carl F. Bessey** 6/18  
**Cesar Salinas** 6/18  
**Thomas A. Steig PM** 6/20  
**George Y. Johnson** 6/21  
**William E. Miller** 6/28  
**Thomas R. Lindeland** 6/29  
**Tony Soltani** 6/29  
**Jimmye L. Vaughn PM** 6/30



## Still Curious about Masons for Mitts?

Every baseball season, the Masons of California partner with Angels Baseball, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Diego Padres, and San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball (MLB) teams to bring the fun and team-building skills of baseball to more California kids. MLB foundations in each region are committed to serving the community and providing a positive outlet for children. Throughout the season, teams of Masonic lodges in each region face off in friendly competition to help the most kids they can, by purchasing baseball mitts for children who participate in programs through the MLB foundations. The Masons4Mitts team from each region that funds the greatest number of baseball mitts will publicly present their check, along with the grand master, at Masons Night at the ballpark in Angels Stadium in Anaheim, Oracle Park in San Francisco, Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, and Park in San Diego.



Antonio Falcon (Center) surrounded by Worshipful Sean Mergy (Left) and Worshipful Calvin Gilbert (Right) of Live Oak Lodge No.61.

**Congratulations** to Antonio Falcon. Antonio recently received his 1st Degree during Orinda's annual visitation to Live Oak Lodge.



## Hall Association Report

**Brethren, this is an update from your Hall Association about what has been done** on your behalf in the recent past and what we have planned for the near future. Let me begin by recognizing some of the prime movers in getting things done: Katie Pintado is our tireless building manager who points out deficiencies and spurs us on to affect those recommendations. She keeps the building rented by satisfying our customers and making her presence known by constantly being on the premises—she is no absentee Landlord. We have a true jewel in Katie.

The Worshipful Master, Sean Mergy donates his time and expertise to the building's improvements: he recently installed our new ice machine and along with our Marshal, Mike Gooding installed the new parking lot lights. Speaking of Mike, he is one of the first persons Katie relies upon for quick fixes—from plumbing to electrical jobs. We thank you Mike.

Worshipful Vic Vickers is another all-star. He also donates his time and expertise to preserving and improving our Lodge. He is a truly dedicated Mason.

Probably the captain of the team is our worshipful Greg Bloom—a Mason's Mason—no higher compliment can be given! His dedication is boundless. He not only donates his time and expertise, but also his treasure. He recently allocated his own money for the upgrading of the lighting in the banquet room and the lodge room as well. Greg has served on the Hall Association for many selfless years. He is very modest and probably hates being singled out for praise, but where would we be without him?

You have no doubt noticed the fresh coats of paint in the banquet room, lobby and restrooms. In the near future we will have a newly painted exterior as well. An upgraded wifi system has been installed throughout the building. The upgrading of the lobby furniture will soon be noticed. The carpeting in the lodge room has recently been deep cleaned and stretched—thus preserving it for years to come. Our landscaping out front is now coming into beautiful bloom. It is an ongoing seasonal project under Ms. Pintado's watchful eye. Our dining room chairs will be replaced as the present ones have about reached the end of their serviceability.

The big project for the near future will be the replacement of the flat parts of our roof. We are living on borrowed time as parts of it are blistering and water is pooling up. We are seeking bids for what will no doubt be an expensive proposition. Several options in regard method and cost are being evaluated. We'll keep you posted. Exterior painting is underway as well to update our color scheme and to preserve our temple.

Thanks to all the other members of the board as well.

That is about all for now,  
Cary Carlson | Board President.

## Lodge Communications

**Brethren,**  
**We are attempting to update the** contact information of all our us here at Orinda Lodge. Please make an effort to ensure that we have the easiest means to communicate with you, whether you would prefer e-mail, texts or a phone call. We are here for you and are attempting to accommodate everyones preferential means of communication.

Take a moment to either email or call the lodge at [orindalodge122@gmail.com](mailto:orindalodge122@gmail.com) or (925) 254-5211.

We are nothing without our family and our family can grow distant without the proper means to reach out to one another.

Thank you for your help in opening communications for the future of this beautiful Lodge we all call home. We will soon be able to send out both bulk emails or, if you prefer, calls through a new phone tree system to ensure that we can all stay up to date and within ear of eachother.

## June

**Sat. June 1st**

### **Sweethearts Luncheon**

Please make your reservations  
12-1:00 pm

**Thur. June 6th**

### **Steak Night Stated Meeting**

Rib eye Steak, Mashed red  
potatoes and vegetables \$15  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Officers: Suit or Jacket & Tie

**Tue. June 18th**

### **DOSI for Lodge Officers Bat Cities Lodge #337**

Dinner 6:30 pm  
DOSI 7:30 pm  
Casual Attire

## July

**Thur. July 4th**

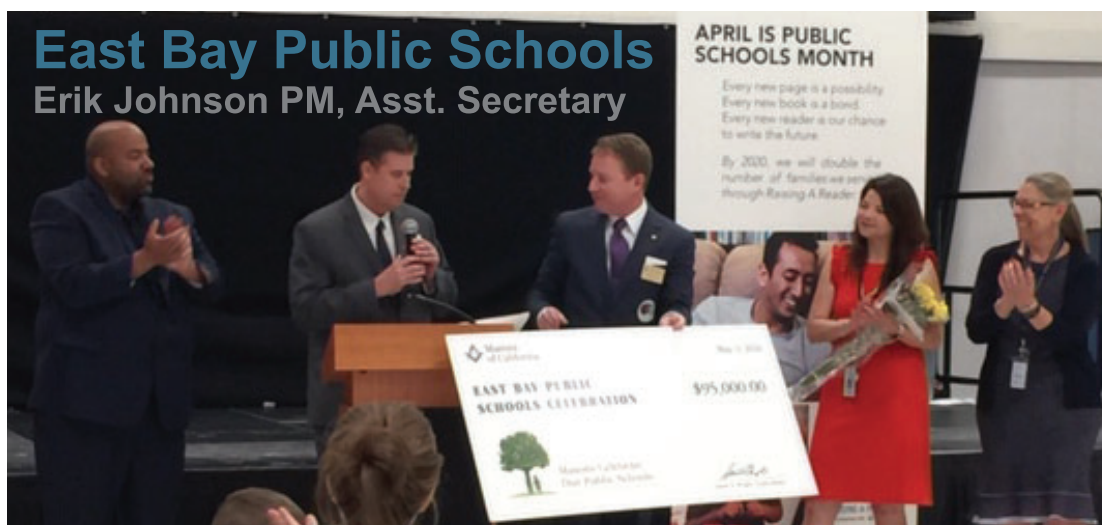
### **Annual 4th of July Parade**

Meet in Orinda Parking lot  
9:00 am  
Lunch after the Parade

**Thur. July 11th**

### **Rib cook-off Stated Meeting**

Bring your best ribs!  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Officers: Suit or Jacket & Tie



## East Bay Public Schools

Erik Johnson PM, Asst. Secretary

### **Our 2019 East Bay Public Schools Celebration**

was held on Friday May 3rd at Valley View Elementary School.

Valley View is a child-centered learning community, educating each student in an individually appropriate manner within an environment of personal safety and mutual respect to become well-informed, productive, and socially responsible citizens.

Trustee of the California Masonic Foundation, Chair of the San Francisco Public Schools Advisory Council and Past Master of Phoenix Lodge No. 144 spoke at the event. Mark commented: "What a Wonderful Turn out and superb event." California Masons Support Local Public Schools. The Masons of California are proud to support public school students in the East Bay and its neighboring communities.

By bringing the award winning Raising A Reader early literacy and family engagement program

to 27 classrooms at local public schools since 2012, California Masons have helped ensure that thousands of students and families have access to the vital literacy skills needed to succeed in school and throughout their lives. This local effort is part of a \$2 million investment that brings critical and family engagement skills to more than 65,000 under resourced families statewide.

Additionally, since 2011, California Masons have helped East Bay high school seniors pursue a college education through the Investment in Success scholarship program. These innovative scholarships recognize students who have overcome extraordinary challenges in order to pursue their dream of higher education. This year, 7 local students will receive Investment in Success scholarships- part of 90 new scholarships to be awarded statewide. All scholarship recipients will be connected with a local college success partner to support them throughout college.

Special thanks to the Masons of California East Bay Public Schools Advisory Council- Earl D. Love Jr., Calvin H. Gilbert, William M. Ferrell and Cutis B. Flemming.

Fraternally and all the best,  
Erik Johnson, PM  
Chair East Bay Public Schools Advisory Council

## Job's Daughters Bethel 2018, Orinda

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**Honored Queen**  
Aleah DeShong

**Bethel Guardian**  
Cynthia Tubbs

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

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



## Jobies Corner

### Message From the Bethel Guardian

The Job's Daughters of Bethel 218 would like to cordially invite you to the semi-annual installation of officers, to be held on Friday June 7th at 6:30PM at the Orinda Masonic Lodge.

Miss Aubrey Newton will be installed as Honored Queen.

Refreshments and a dance will follow the ceremony.

Formal attire: men coat and tie, ladies no pants suits or gloves.

The girls always welcome the gracious support of the lodge, and would love to see many sideliners at our installation ceremony.

For any question, please contact Bethel Guardian Cynthia Tubbs at [wtrbb510@gmail.com](mailto:wtrbb510@gmail.com) or 925-890-7297.

## Attention Golfers and Supporters of Masonic Youth: **Save the Date**



**The California Job's Daughters Foundation**, a 501c(3) charity foundation which promotes leadership training and scholarship opportunities for young women aged 10-20 years, is holding our 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

May register as an individual or a foursome

Cost: \$125 per golfer, which includes golf, cart, and dinner after the tournament

Dinner-only tickets available for \$40 per person

Silent auction, Opportunity Drawing and various prizes as part of the fun

For more information, contact Alan Miller at [milleraj61@yahoo.com](mailto:milleraj61@yahoo.com) or 510-673-2900

**Come Support the Foundation to provide greater opportunities for our Masonic Youth**



*“Among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.”*

## 2018 Lodge Officers

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## Hall Association

### Board

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**Kendal Mason SW**

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**Greg Bloom PM**

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**Alan Miller PM**

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**Greg Bloom PM 11/19 Tom Kavishi PM 11/19**

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## Our Lodge Mission

**Orinda Lodge's mission is to promote personal growth and improve the lives of others.**

We take responsibility for the well-being of our brothers, our families, and the community as a whole. We value respect, kindness, tolerance, and our differences – religious, ethnic, cultural, generational, and educational, and strive for harmony in our individual lives, in our lodge, and in the global community.

As a lodge, we strive to be active in our community. We have various charitable and educational events throughout the year, as well as social occasions. Some events are for members only, but many include our families.

## June 2019 - Masonic Homes Month

**Whereas**, since our fraternity's founding, Masons have pledged to support our brothers and their wives, widows, and children in their hour of need with food, shelter, a compassionate hand, an empathetic ear, and an open door; and

**Whereas**, for more than 100 years, our Masonic Homes has been a testament to fraternal devotion, providing compassionate, relevant, and critical services to Masonic families; and

**Whereas** that support endures through residential campuses in Union City and Covina, community relief from Masonic Outreach Services, Pr and mental health services from the Masonic Center for Youth and Families; now,

**Therefore, as Grand Master, I proclaim June 2019 as Masonic Homes Month in California.** I ask all California Masons to contemplate how each of you can make a difference for our Masonic Homes and its residents. I call upon all lodges to recognize the Masonic Homes at the June stated meeting by celebrating our impact and ensuring brothers know how to access these critical resources. Please share the Masonic Assistance line [(888) 466-3642] and consider visiting the Masonic Homes campuses or sending greetings from your lodge to the brothers, wives, and widows who reside there. Most importantly, please make a gift to the California Masonic Foundation to ensure that our legacy of fraternal relief will endure.

Our Masonic Homes were built upon the efforts of our forefathers who, like us, recognized the supreme importance of caring for the most vulnerable among us. Let us join together today to make a difference within our Masonic family by continuing their legacy of dignity and compassion.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stuart A. Wright  
Grand Master