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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Tue Sep 5th: Officer's Practice, 3rd Degree 7:00
Thu Sep 7th: Stated Mtg & Dinner
 Social Hr 5:30, Dinner 6:30, Mtg 8:00
 Honey Chipotle Spiced Ribs/corn
 succotash/baked sweet potato
 Br John McPartland: Disaster Preparedness
Mon Sep 11: Mason's Night at ATT Park
 Masons for Mitts Check Presentation
Tue Sep 12: Officers Practice (3rd deg)
Thu Sep 14: 3rd Deg for Br Wally Barger
 Dinner at 6:30
Sat Sept 23: Combined DOSI @ Bay Cities
 9-noon, Breakfast at 08:30
Thu Set 28: Officers Practice 2nd Deg 7:00
Sat Sep 30th: Texas Lodge visit, San Juan Bautista
 Deg at 09:30, BBQ to follow
Thu Oct 5th: Stated Mtg & Dinner
 Oktoberfest theme
 Rouladen with Red Cabbage
Thu Oct 12th: Officers Practice, 7:00
Fri-Sun Oct 13-15: Annual Communication, SF
Tue Oct 17th: DOSI @ Acalanes Dinner 6:30
Thu Oct 19th: Live Oak Visits Orinda
 Dinner 6:30

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the East

As I view the news and photos from the hurricane and epic flooding in Houston, I am hopeful that our fellow brothers and citizens are able to weather the storm. I think of how much rain we had this past winter, and try to imagine it coming down in one weekend. Rather mind-numbing. While thankfully hurricanes aren't something we have to contend with here, we do live in close proximity to several major fault lines, and it is only a matter of time before The Big One hits. So perhaps it is timely that I have scheduled Br John McPartland to give his discussion on disaster preparedness at the September Stated Meeting dinner. A few simple steps of preparation can go a long way toward keeping us safe in the event of a disaster, and better enable us to aid and assist the distresses of others.

Pulling together in times of trouble is a trait that cements the bonds of civil society, particularly among masons, but of course we needn't wait for a catastrophe to come together – the bonds of fellowship are strong enough. To that end, I was pleased to attend the masonic open house organized by the Diablo Chapter of Eastern Star. It was very nice to see so many masonic bodies in one room, and to hear of the good causes each of them supports. I was particularly pleased to meet with

some Orinda Brothers that we do not see so often, including Br Bill Swank, who is a Supreme Officer with the White Shrine, and Br Tim Brown, up from Paradise Park with his wife Diane – always very active with Eastern Star. Though we have many brothers scattered about the region and the state, it is always nice to connect with brothers at the Blue Lodge, where good food and good fellowship are always to be found.

Another great fellowship event was the annual lodge picnic at Hap Magee Park in Alamo/Danville. The weather was near perfect, and BBQ-meisters Greg and Sean outdid themselves. Was great to see such a nice turnout of brothers and families, and no one went away hungry.

There is lots of degree work planned for the remainder of the year, starting with the raising of Br Wally Barger on Thursday Sept 14th. We will likely have several more 3rd, 2nd and 1st degrees as well, including degrees at our annual visitation to Texas Lodge in San Juan Bautista on Saturday Sept 30th, and when Live Oak visits Orinda on Thurs October 19th. I encourage all Orinda masons to attend these degrees, as it is always wonderful to see the sidelines full. Also remember the Annual Communication in San Francisco on October 13-15.

Cheers

Alan Miller, Master

Masons 4 Mitts

Join us for Masons Night Sept. 11 AT&T Park



The Masons of California are teaming up with the San Francisco Giants, Los Angeles Dodgers, and the San Diego Padres to bring the fun of baseball to more kids. Each region is facing off in friendly competition to

help the most kids they can, through each MLB team's foundation. The team from each region that funds the greatest number of baseball mitts will publicly present their check, along with the grand master, on Masons Night at the ballpark in AT&T Park in San Francisco, Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, and Petco Park in San Diego.

From the South



Ladies, brethren and friends,

Our annual picnic at Hap Magee park was nicely attended and everyone appeared to be having a good time socializing with each other and enjoying the fellowship.

The weather was certainly in our favor and no one went away hungry. I would like to thank Greg Bloom PM for his continued generosity and dedication to the lodge year after year, Thank you.

Please don't forget to make your reservations. More of you have been calling in your reservations, thank you, but improvement does need to be made in order to accurately estimate the number of people that will be attending our gatherings.

Thank you for your understanding.

Bro. Sean Mergy, Jr. Warden

From the West



I was watching the recent events about these protests with sadness, we are all Americans, but we let our divisions separate us! But when I look to our craft, we put aside our differences and look at the inner man and heart. In my own lodge, I am seen as a good man and judged by my heart, not by my skin color; this holds in my other masonic groups as well. I am honored and privileged to call men of every faith, nationality and creed my brothers. If we can put aside our differences and be brothers and masons in our craft, why can't we come together as Americans and become brothers? We masons have work to do. These are some of the thoughts that are weighing on my heart.

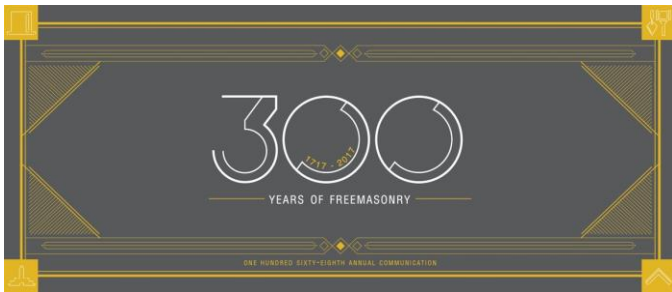
Bro. Love Senior Warden



September Birthdays

3	Roger Kimble III
3	Gene F. Trimble
5	Donald M. Jones
5	Sydney B. Saperstein
8	Robert E. Johnson
9	Robert D. Young PM
10	Donald D. Bishop
10	Delano D. Rush
11	Brian J. Stewart
12	Edgar W Lana
16	Emanuel Jimenez
17	Donald I. Thiess
17	Leo M. Malliaris PM
22	David R. Nicholson
24	John L Mc Partland
25	Richard W. Westlake
25	Douglas C. Gompertz Sr.
28	Robert J. Streeter
28	Peter L. Carter
29	Kent W. Hawley
30	Mahyar Nooraei

168th Annual communication Oct 13-15, 2017



Three hundred years ago, foundations were laid that would inspire and unite generations of gentlemen - foundations that continue to be built upon today. Important as ever, the Annual Communication serves as a way to unite, both in spirit and purpose. It's an opportunity to learn to be a better leader for your lodge; to recognize the accomplishments of our peers; to salute the grand master and welcome the new one. It's a time to honor the bonds formed between brothers. But during this 300th year of Freemasonry, it's different. It's your once-in-a-lifetime chance to truly celebrate all of it-to reflect on the last 300 years as you look to the future.

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You're Invited!

On September 16, celebrate the end of summer and the bounty of the fall harvest with your Masonic family! Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun! **RSVP!**

Bring the family and enjoy a day filled with fellowship, sun, and fun! All festivities are free with advance registration. **RSVP now to reserve your place!**

Job's Corner

The Job's Daughters are busy preparing for the official visit of the Grand Guardian of California, Ms Beverley Graham, on Sunday Sept. 24th at 2:00pm in Orinda Lodge. All in the masonic family are welcome. Refreshments follow the visit.

Valerie DeShong

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