

# Orinda Lodge



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TRESTLEBOARD

June 2017

## JUNE CALENDAR

- Tue May 30<sup>th</sup> Officers Practice**
- Thu Jun 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30pm  
Meeting at 8pm**
- Guest: Miramonte Speakers Program**  
**Menu: Nicoise Plate / Seared Ahi Tuna**
- Sat Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> The Moscow Archives lecture at  
Sf Scottish rite 9-3pm**
- Sat Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> Job's Installation of Officer 7pm**
- Thu Jun 8<sup>th</sup> Officers Meeting / Practice 7pm**
- Jun 10-26<sup>th</sup> UK Trip**
- Mon Jun 12<sup>th</sup> Eastern Star Mtg. Dinner 6:30pm**
- Thu Jun 15<sup>th</sup> District School of Instruction,  
Orinda Lodge Dinner 6:30pm**
- Sat Jun 24<sup>th</sup> 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand  
lodge of England**
- Fri Jun 30<sup>th</sup> SF lodge #120 75-year Pin  
Ceremony at Orinda Lodge 7pm**
- July 4<sup>th</sup> 241<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the  
Declaration of independence**
- Thu Jul 6<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting Dinner &  
Rib Cook-Off  
6:30pm Dinner  
8pm Meeting**

Dark remainder of July

## MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the East

June marks the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England, regarded as the birth of Modern Freemasonry. So many distinguished brothers, renowned in history and our hearts, have taken up the trowel of the fraternity, and assisted in making the world a better place. Several Orinda Brothers, including Cary Carlson PM, Vic Vickers PM, Sr Warden Earl Love Jr, and myself, will be venturing across the pond to partake in the many festive activities, on a trip organized by Wor. Harry Burt of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge. It promises to be a rich and rewarding journey, including the opportunity to exemplify a degree or two in British lodges. The Grand Master will also be venturing across the pond on a special Grand Lodge trip, so California will be well represented.

With the trip taking up a significant portion of the June Calendar, lodge activities will be on the light side as a consequence. But the June 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting dinner does feature the annual return of the Miramonte Speakers program. We have witnessed some amazing performances by the Miramonte High School students over the years, and I'm sure this year's speakers will not disappoint. Our annual sponsorship of the program has been a hallmark of our involvement in the Orinda

community, and its public schools. Big thanks to Brothers Ed Lana and Weylin Eng for putting this event together.

Late in June, on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>, Orinda Lodge has the privilege of helping out San Francisco Lodge 120 and Wor. Ed Del Rosario by acting as host facility for a Diamond Jubilee award for one of their worthy brothers (who happens to live nearby). Grand Master Heisner will be on hand to present the pin commemorating 75 years in masonry, such an epic achievement. Please make reservations with our Jr Warden Sean Mergy by Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> to attend this very special event. And special congratulations to Orinda 122's Br Richard Westlake, 100 years young, who is also eligible to receive his Diamond Jubilee Pin. We are presently working out the details of the ceremony with his family.

July is traditionally a quiet month for the lodge ("dark" seems too strong a word for an organization bathed in Light), but not before we start into the heat of summer with traditions old and new: the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual BBQ rib cook-off for the stated meeting dinner. This year for the parade we will be without the Model A provided by Don Carter, so we are exploring other means of transport, with one idea being a towed trailer serving as a float, but we are open to suggestions, so let your voice be heard. And Rib Masters let our Junior Warden know of your intent to participate in this year's cook-off for the July 6 Stated Meeting. A fabulous prize to go to the winner.

And I'd be remiss without acknowledging the wonderful Cinco de Mayo bash provided by our Br Jim Peterson – the fiesta seems to be getting better every year! Thank you for all you do Br Jim. And another big thank you to Brothers Kendal Mason and Sean Mergy, who put on a wonderful New Orleans feast to honor our Sweethearts. The Sweethearts are the Apple of our Eye, and though not so many of you could make it out this year, we always relish the opportunity to serve upon you hand and foot.

Service is a note on which I'd like to close. You will notice a big ad in this issue for Masonic Outreach Services. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on men, particularly on masons, and the long arm of relief for California Masons starts with Masonic Outreach Services. The

services are available to all master masons in good standing, and their widows, and they provide a wide variety of assistance. I personally made of their help when I needed to find assisted for my mother, and had no idea where to start. MOS put me in touch with Care Patrol (Todd Goodman in Sacramento and Mike Awadalla in Walnut Creek), who guided me through the search process, and helped me get her into a facility in Fremont where she currently resides. MOS was the lifeline to that help, and was truly a Godsend. I encourage all Masons to keep that 800 number in their phone, and make use of it when they find someone in need.

Warm Regards

Alan Miller, Master

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## SR. WARDENS MESSAGE



As I type this on Memorial Day, my thoughts reflect back to all the brethren who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this great country, in order for all of us to enjoy the rights and privileges we have today.

Some I had the pleasure of knowing, thru their thoughts and actions transcribed for the ages as a testament to them, others i had not the honor of knowing. But they will be missed! Also, as I get ready for the for the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry in England, i am feeling a sense of honor and humility of making this trip when others cannot. Well in closing, enjoy this day for your brethren who cannot.

Bro. Earl Love Jr. Sr. Warden

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## June Birthdays

2 Luke McKeever  
2 Louis F. Nagel  
3 Victor W. Traverso  
5 Phillip L. McAllister, Sr PM  
6 Harold M. Ballard  
7 David A Mitroff  
8 John E. Ogro  
12 Tom Kilgallen PM  
16 Simon Kleinman  
30 Jimmye L. Vaughn PM

18 Carl F. Bessey  
18 Cesar Salinas  
21 Thomas A. Steig PM  
21 George Y. Johnson  
28 William E. Miller  
29 Tony Soltani  
29 Aleck E. Syms  
29 Thomas R. Lindeland

## July Birthdays

1 Albert Donnici PM  
3 Norman P Gorsuch  
4 Ronald J. Garwood  
4 Richard A. Sperling  
4 Marvin C. Hoss  
5 Melvin D. Loe  
5 Geoffrey B. Rester  
7 Robert Traxler PM  
8 Donal J. Connelly  
8 John J. Rogers  
10 Thomas K. Dewing  
10 Robert L. Hobson  
10 Tristan Barger  
31 Guy P. DeGarmo

11 Arolf Salo  
11 Craig D. Kauffman  
12 Ted H Johnson  
14 Stephen R. Renouf  
16 Jack A. Giolitti  
19 William H. Davis  
21 Kent D. Matheson  
25 Stewart R. Knudsen  
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25 Frederick E. Burks PM  
27 Edward A. Kurtz  
27 Donald S. Baillie  
30 David Pintado  
31 Earl D. Love, Jr.

## In Memoriam

**Darrell C. Feay**

**Born March 13, 1927 in Iowa**

**Raised January 30, 1979**

**A 38-year member of Orinda Lodge**

**Entered into rest February 7, 2017**

**Age 89 years**

## Support Local East Bay Kids- Buy A Mitt!

Show that you support needy children in the greater Bay Area- and the dedicated Captanon's Night Team- by purchasing Mitts. every \$20 donation gives a high quality leather baseball mitt, embossed with the Masons Of California logo, to a child near you, providing an opportunity for teamwork, sportsmanship, healthy outlets and more!

Checks may be made payable to: Grand Lodge Of California c/o "East Bay Aces" Checks may be mailed to: Dick Anderson- Secretary at 300 Calle

Molino, Pacheco CA 94553. You may also give your generous donation to me personally to submit on your behalf.

You are also invited to Masons Night at AT&T Park in San Francisco on Monday September 11th. Game starts at 7:15pm. Cheer on the San Francisco Giants as they take the Los Angeles Dodgers during a fun-filled evening of fellowship.

For the first time ever, tickets can be purchased online! Purchase your tickets today- [SFGIANTS.COM](http://SFGIANTS.COM)

Thank you in advance for your donation.

Fraternally and all the best,

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The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Job's Daughters International  
Bethel No. 218 Orinda  
Cordially Invites you to join us as we  
Catch our Dreams in our  
131st Installation of Officers

Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
Orinda Masonic Center  
9 Altarinda Road, Orinda, California

Formal Attire Requested  
Ladies: no hats, gloves or pants suits  
Gentlemen: please, no jeans

Reception Immediately Following

Image: Peering inside of the "Pillars of Creation" reveals hot young stars sculpt the pillars of gas and dust that form baby stars. One of the best-known pictures of the Eagle Nebula is the Hubble Space Telescope image taken in 1995, highlighting the "Pillars of Creation". The three columns contain the materials for building new stars, and stretch four light-years out into space.  
<http://www.spac.com/16396eagle-nebulas-16-hubble-images-pillars-of-creation.html>

Quote: First lady Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), wife of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the U.S. President from 1933 to 1945, was a leader in her own right and involved in numerous humanitarian causes throughout her life. [www.hisby.com](http://www.hisby.com)

Art: Dream Catchers are one of the most fascinating traditions of Native Americans. The traditional dream catcher was intended to protect the sleeping individual from negative dreams, while letting positive dreams through. The positive dreams would slip through the hole in the center of the dream catcher, and glide down the feathers to the sleeping person below. The negative dreams would get caught up in the web, and expire when the first rays of the sun struck them. <http://www.dream-catchers.org>

## Sites of the 2017



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# Orinda Lodge #122

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### **Dated Material**

**Raising A Reader, check presentation**



**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.