



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.

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of the summer with their family and friends, hopefully vacationing as well.

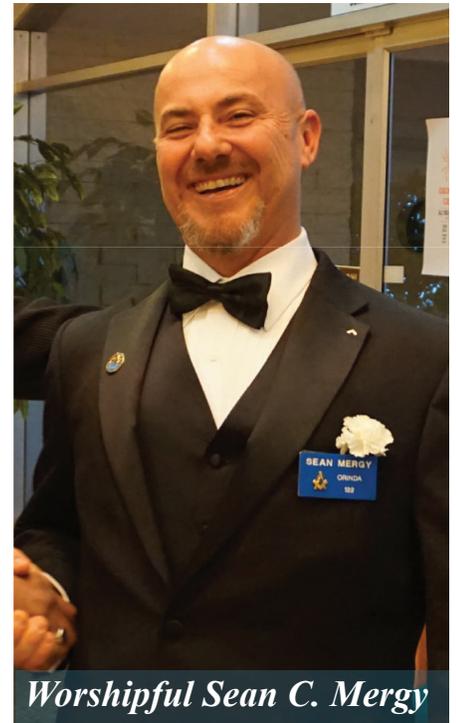
As most of you may know Orinda Lodge has participated in the Orinda 4 of July parade march for a number of years. This year marks no change and I am proud to say that we had a great turnout., you will find a few photos of our latest fraternal march throughout this issue. I would like to thank Tom Kilgallen for his efforts in establishing and maintaining this beloved tradition that has helped share our light to the community.

July stated meeting has traditionally been our annual rib cook off. I am proud to say that we have upheld this tradition for another year, and with such a fantastic feast! It was a close call but by crowd vote my better half has won this years cook off.

Congratulations to Brother Lisitsa our youngest entered apprentice. I hope you enjoyed the ceremony as much as we enjoyed performing it.

We have two big events coming up in August. The first of which is our annual visitation to Acalanes Friendship Lodge #480 where we will preform a 1° upon one of their candidates in advanced stations. The second event is the Annual Summer Picnic and is going to be held in the beautiful Tilden Regional Park this year, more specifically the Steam Train Picnic Area. The Picnic will kick of around 12, please be sure to bring enough of your favorite dishes to share with the brethren.

Fraternally,
 W. Mergy



Worshipful Sean C. Mergy

August Calendar

Thur. August 15th
DOSI - Instruction on 1°
 Orinda Lodge - 6:30 PM
 Officers required

Thur. August 20th
Visitation to Acalanes
 1° in advanced stations
 Officers: Tux Required
 925 Moraga Rd, Lafayette, CA 94549

Tue. August 24th
Annual Summer Picnic
 Tilden Regional Park
 Steam Train Picnic Area
 12 PM Bring dishes to share!
 2701 Grizzly Peak Blvd. Orinda CA



MASONS 4 MITTS

2259 Mitts Given
AS OF JULY 3, 2019

In Northern California, we support Junior Giants, the flagship program of the Giants Community Fund.

This free, non-competitive baseball and softball program reaches into underserved communities to serve boys and girls ages 5-18 from more than 400 cities throughout the region.

Players learn life lessons through the eight-week summer season including teamwork, respect, integrity, and confidence, as well as lessons in education, health, and bullying prevention.

Junior Giants furnishes leagues with everything they need including jerseys, hats, baseball equipment, and tickets to select Giants games.

Together We Are Making A Difference

When Aiden and Trinity Nguyen (Age 6 and 10) moved to Hayward in early 2014 they were uncertain about starting their lives in an unfamiliar neighborhood and were hesitant to join a group program outside of school. In search of a wholesome summertime program, their Mother Marciel, desired to enroll the pair in the Junior Giants Masons4Mitts Program.

Less than a year later, the two felt more at home than ever, enjoying every element of the program. They share a passion for sports, have become enthusiastic about bullying prevention and the value of teamwork, and cherish the new found relationships they've made as a result of being involved with the program.

Because Marciel works multiple jobs, often staffing the graveyard shift, Trinity takes pride in being a role model for her younger brother, Aiden and keeps the Nguyen Family organized throughout the Season- printing schedules and making to do lists so her parents aren't overwhelmed. Of the program, Marciel says, "What the Junior Giants Program is doing for the Community is Amazing and Beautiful and truly gives back in the biggest way, especially to our children who are the future. The Junior Giants has done so many wonderful

things for the children, including providing a sense of community and willingness to say "Hi", to familiar faces. Both Aiden and Trinity are learning important life lessons, and the program has taught them how to be prepared for the fundamental skills they'll need in the future."

The Ngyuen Family would specifically like to thank the East Bay Masons and friends for their contributions and for welcoming her kids into what she likes to call the "Junior Giants Family". The Nguyen Family would like to thank everyone for all of their help in making the program exceed even their wildest expectations.

Masons of California are in a partnership with the Junior Giant's Foundation to raise money to help children in need. Our local team is the "East Bay Aces". The programs mission is to give it's at-risk kids a meaningful alternative to drugs, gangs, and crime through the game of baseball. Our program is able to purchase beautiful new baseball mitts for kids for every \$20 donation. Please help by donating today For your convenience, your donation can be made directly online via: Masons4Mitts.org. Please be sure to



80
Mitts Given

1,600
Dollars Raised

LODGES : ACALANES FELLOWSHIP NO. 480 | ALAMEDA NO. 167 | ANTIOCH- BRENTWOOD NO. 175 | BAY CITIES NO. 337 | CROW CANYON NO. 551 | DIABLO VALLEY NO. 448
FRATERNIDAD DE LAS AMERICAS NO. 867 ISLAND CITY NO. 215 | LIVE OAK NO. 61 | MARTINEZ NO. 41 | MOSAIC NO. 218 | ODR NO. 188 | ORINDA NO. 122 | PITTSBURG NO. 429
PLEASANTON NO. 321 | SAN LEANDRO NO. 113 | SIMINOFF DAYLIGHT NO. 850 | TEMPLUM ROSAE NO. 863 | ACACIA LODGE #7 | EAST GATE LODGE #44
ELI BAKER LODGE #62 | FRED C. BROOKS LODGE #60 | GOOD HOPE LODGE #29 | MONARCH LODGE #73

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 Petco Park in San Diego.

specify “East Bay Aces”, so the children in the East Bay will receive the mitts.

You may also bring in a check and give it directly to me. Please make your check payable to: “California Masonic Foundation”. In the memo line, please write: “Masons4Mitts- East Bay Aces”.

Also, join us for the Masons Night At The Ballpark. Bring your friends and family. The game is on Monday August 26, 2019 at Oracle Park (Formerly AT&T Park in San Francisco). Game time is 6:45 pm. Giants v. Diamondbacks. To purchase discounted game tickets, please go to the site below and purchase directly: Masons4Mitts.org.

Thank you for your help.

Together we are making a difference!

Erik Johnson, PM | Orinda Lodge No. 122
Co-Captain East Bay Aces | Masons4Mitts
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Masonic Homes of California

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

RSVP at masonichome.org
or call (626) 251-2215

Thank you for your generosity over the past nine years.

With your support we have provided more than \$712,000 – 35,600 mitts – for deserving boys and girls all over Northern California. We are proud to continue our partnership with the Giants Community Fund and the Junior Giants program. Mark your calendar for Masons Night at Oracle Park on Monday, August 26, 2019. Support our Grand Master as he presents a check at home plate!

Buy your tickets today.





Osip Lasitsa (Center) surrounded by Worshipful Sean Mergy (Right) and Senior Deacon Mick Finein (Left).

Congratulations

to brother Osip “Joseph” Lasitsa.

Joe recently received his 1st Degree under advanced stations, Led by Mick Finein in the East, Sean Mergy in the West and Erik Johnson in the South.

Miramonte Speaks

Miramonte Public Speakers entertained our lodge with their 20th annual visitation and brought along their families for the event. Orinda was proud to see such a wonderful generation deliver powerful pieces with eloquence and grace.



Miramonte Public Speakers and their Families.

A TOAST TO THE FUTURE
California Masonic Foundation
50th Anniversary Festive Board
At the Millennium Biltmore, Los Angeles
June 22, 2019

6pm: No-host cocktail hour
 7-10pm: 5-course meal, including wine, toasts, and songs
 Attire: Black tie for gentlemen
 Cocktail for ladies
 \$145 per person

BUY TICKETS:
(415) 776-7000
MasonicFoundation.org

Question of the Month

The Leader is a publication for leaders of California Freemasonry. You can find it on the News section at www.freemasonry.org.

Last month we asked what public communications tools your lodge needs help developing? Of those that responded:

- 82% - A Publicity 101 Guide
- 55% - Guide to Advertising on Facebook
- 45% - Guide to Building and Maintaining a Facebook Page

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Hall Association Update

Brethren,

Come to Lodge and see the improvements your Board has made on your behalf. As you pull into the parking lot you will first notice the striping and numbering of parking stalls has been completed. This was made necessary, as we have found a way of monetizing our parking lot availability during the day.

The Orinda School District, John Muir and some nearby residents park their cars in our lot. We also can accommodate some overflow BART parking through an online App.

The Disabled parking stalls are now well delineated, as are the red No Parking curbs. The garden is in full bloom now and looks great. You will then notice the beautiful exterior paint job that has recently been completed. The new color scheme really has updated our look. The dining room has received a fresh coat as well.

We have received four bids for resurfacing the flat portions of the roof. More about our decision will be forthcoming.

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



Celebrating our Independence

Dear Brethren,

As we celebrate our national Independence Day this week with picnics, barbeques, and fireworks, I encourage Masons across the state to take a moment to reflect on the profound contributions our fraternal forefathers made to the founding of the republic. Nine signers of the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons; as were 13 out of the 39 signers of the Constitution, including, of course, Bro. George Washington. No wonder, then, that so many of the central tenets of Freemasonry are reflected in the language that the founding fathers used to build this country. Today, the same principals of egalitarianism, self-improvement, social consciousness, and charity continue to guide our craft as we seek to make a meaningful difference in the world. Look at all we helped build! Something to think about over hot dogs and fireworks. Enjoy the holiday.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stuart A. Wright
Grand Master



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!

Albert Donnici, PM 7/01

Norman P. Gorsuch 7/03

Ronald J. Garwood 7/04

Richard A. Sperling 7/04

Marvin C. Hoss 7/04

Melvin D. Loe 7/05

Geoffrey B. Rester 7/05

Robert H. Traxler, PM 7/07

Donal J. Connelly 7/08

Thomas K. Dewing 7/10

Tristan Barger 7/10

Robert L. Hobson 7/10

Arolf Salo 7/11

Craig D. Kauffman 7/11

Ted H Johnson 7/12

Stephen R. Renouf 7/14

Jack A. Giolitti 7/16

William H. Davis 7/19

Kent D. Matheson 7/21

Barry B. Bamford 7/23

Stewart R. Knudsen 7/25

Frederick E. Burks, PM 7/25

Edward A. Kurtz 7/27

David Pintado 7/30

Guy P. DeGarmo 7/31

Ralph D. Mc Donald 8/03

Dr. Ronald G. Light 8/05

Michael L. Malliarys 8/08

William O. Richmond, PM 8/08

Jon L. Benson, PM 8/10

Michael D. Gooding 8/15

Justin R. Martinez 8/16

Robert C. Long 8/18

Demetrios T. Lolonis 8/19

Ryan T. Retallick 8/20

Charles R. Neil Jr., PM 8/21

Wolfgang A. von Eigen 8/21

Cary L. Carlson, PM 8/22

Kenneth C. Mc Cracken 8/23

Robert P. Dathe 8/25

Donald E. Weisse, PM 8/25

Gary E. Dana 8/26

Mete Soyoguz 8/30

Jobies Corner

Message From the Bethel Gaurdian

Job's Daughters Bethel 2018, Orinda

Honored Queen
Aubrey Newton
Bethel Gaurdian
Cynthia Tubbs

Assoc. Bethel Gaurdian
Allan Miller, PM

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



The Job's Daughters of Bethel 218 hosted their semi-annual installation of officers on Friday June 7th at the Orinda Masonic Lodge.

Miss Aubrey Newton was installed as the Bethel's newest Honored Queen.

CELEBRATING 4TH OF JULY
INDEPENDENCE DAY





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

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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.

July/ Aug. - Support our Veterans

Whereas, our fraternity has always championed patriotism and heartfelt service to country, from the Founding Fathers who established our great nation through the Masons who continue to bravely serve on our behalf today; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of our Masonic brothers and sisters have fearlessly devoted their lives to public service through the armed forces to protect the freedoms we treasure as citizens of this great country; and

Whereas, each July 4 on Independence Day, we celebrate the freedoms achieved by these brothers and sisters through their sacrifices and unwavering devotion to protecting and championing democracy; now,

Therefore, as Grand Master, I proclaim July 2019 as Support Our Veterans Month in California. I ask all lodges to express gratitude to the veterans in your lodge and community at a special program during the July stated meeting. And, I encourage you all to continue your recognition of these brothers and sisters, and their profound sacrifices, throughout the remainder of the year.

Each one of us – through our individual and collective efforts – can make a lasting difference in a veteran's life. As California Masons and as honorable men, our acknowledgement of and gratitude for our veterans is meaningful. Let us ensure that we recognize, support, and celebrate those who have risked their precious lives so that we may pursue all the ambitions that our glorious freedom provides.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stuart A. Wright
Grand Master Grand