

June 20th
DOSI at Bay Cities Lodge
 MM only are welcome to attend.
 6:30pm - 9:00 pm

June 22nd
Golden Veterans Award
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

June 24th
Informal BBQ
 11:30 pm Social
 12:30 pm Light up the Grill

June 29th
Candidate Proficiency Night
 6:30 pm Lodge Opens
 Refreshments to Follow



INSPECTOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT

JULY 6TH STATED MEETING

WOR. MICHAEL TAGULAO,
 INSPECTOR OF THE 305TH MASONIC DISTRICT

OFFICERS' ATTIRE: TUXEDO



From The East

Dennis Trammell, Master

First, I would like to congratulate our two new Master Masons, Brother Michael Santillan and Brother Mark Swimmer. They were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and are getting ready for the next steps in their Masonic Journey. I am proud of their hard work and dedication, and I know they will be great assets to our lodge.

Second, I would like to thank everyone who attended our recent Breakfast for Dinner event. We had a great turnout, with over 50 people in attendance, including both members and friends of the Job's Daughters and Lamorinda DeMolay. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a lodge and celebrate our Masonic family under one roof. If you missed the chance in meeting with the youth orders I highly recommend attending one of their meetings and getting to know our future leaders!

Third, I am pleased to announce that we are in the midst of scheduling our next First Degree ceremony for Jesus Morales. More information will come through digitally as we proceed.

Fourth, I would like to remind everyone that we will be participating in the 4th of July parade in downtown Orinda. We will be meeting at the Lodge at 8AM then heading to the East Bart parking lot to get ready. The parade staff will have us line up at 9:30 and ready to march on by 10 AM. I hope to see you all there!

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that June 29th is a proficiency night for candidates. This is a great opportunity for candidates to practice present their ritual work and continue their Masonic journey in the Lodge. So far it looks like we'll have at least 1 long form of each degree. After we close the Lodge we'll retire to the hall for refreshment and celebration.

Thank you for your continued support of our lodge. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
 DJ Trammell, Master



JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

LOUIS NAGEL 6/02
 MICHAEL SANTILLAN 6/03
 OSIP LISITSA 6/04
 PHILLIP MCALLISTER SR., PM 6/05
 BRICE WIGHTMAN 6/05
 RONALD PALMER 6/07
 DAVID MITROFF 6/07
 THOMAS KILGALLAN, PM 6/12
 CESAR SALINAS 6/18
 WILLIAM MILLER 6/20
 RALPH HAMMERSCHMIDT 6/21
 THOMAS STEIG, PM 6/21
 ANIL COMELO, PM 6/26
 ALAN RELAFORD 6/28
 TONY SOLTANI 6/29
 JIMMYE VAUGHN, PM 6/30

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



Golden Veterans Ceremony

- Honoring-

Wilford Dowell Roe, PM

Thursday, June 22, 2023
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Orinda Masonic Center
9 Altarinda Road Orinda, CA 94563

Please join the Officers and Members of Orinda Lodge No. 122 as we celebrate Wor. Roe's 50 years in Freemasonry. We will gather at Orinda Masonic Center for the presentation, while Wil and family will join in via Zoom from Colorado.

Wor. Michael Tagulao, Inspector of the 305th Masonic District will present the certificate and pin on behalf of the Grand Master. Wor. Dennis Trammell will serve as Master of Ceremonies, and Wor. James D. Gibson will serve as Chaplain.

Attire for Masons is suit and tie.
Non-Masons are most welcome to attend.

We hope you will join us to help celebrate this auspicious milestone in our brother's Masonic career.



305th District Facebook Page

The 305th Masonic District has a new private facebook page designed to help the Lodge's and its brothers share degrees, events, DOSIs and more! The QR code to the right can be scanned via the camera on your phone and bring you straight to the request form!



Past Masters Degree

DOUBLE 3RD AT SIMNIOFF LODGE

The Past Masters of Orinda Lodge invite all Master Masons in good standing to a Past Masters Degree to be hosted at Siminoff Daylight Lodge No. 850 in Union City. Come witness the Masters of years past welcome two new Brothers into the fold as they perform a double 3rd Degree Ceremony.

Join us for a day of fellowship and refreshments as we raise our Brothers Blake and Kevin Swimmer to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Arrive at 8 AM and expect the degrees to last until about 3:15 PM. Breakfast and lunch to be provided.

RSVP by Friday, July 7th, to reserve your seat

Breakfast @ 8:00 AM
Lunch @ 11:00 AM

Saturday, July 15th

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Masonic Homes of California

34400 Mission Blvd, Union City, CA 94587, USA



A small peek at the hidden beauties inside of Siminoff Lodge, from its murals to its custom chandeliers and flooring.

Newest Master Masons!



So far this year we are at four Brothers being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and we have at least 4 more to go! Not to mention the upcoming EA and FC Degrees!

*Top Left - Brother Osip Lisitsa, Top Right - Brother Eric Tubbs,
Bottom Left - Brother Mark Swimmer, and Bottom Right - Brother Michael Santillan.*



4th of July Parade

On July 4th, the parade starts at 10 a.m.

We will assemble in the **East BART lot** starting at 8:30 a.m., and everyone will line up at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to participate and help show Orinda how proud we are to be a part of this community.

This year, let's all wear either our **favorite Masonic shirt** or **most patriotic shirt** and show Orinda how much we love the 4th of July!

After the parade we'll meet back at the Lodge for hotdogs, hamburgers, and fun!



Forgiveness

AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO MASONS

Forgiveness is a central tenet of Freemasonry. The fraternity teaches that forgiveness is essential for living a happy and fulfilling life. Freemasons believe that holding onto anger and resentment only hurts the individual, not the person who wronged them.

There are many reasons why forgiveness is important to Freemasons. First, it allows them to move on from past hurts and traumas. When someone forgives another person, they are essentially saying that they no longer want to be controlled by the anger and pain that the other person caused them. Forgiveness allows Freemasons to let go of the past and focus on the present and future.

Second, forgiveness helps Freemasons to build stronger relationships. When someone forgives another person, it sends a message of love and compassion. This can help to repair damaged relationships and create new bonds of trust. Freemasons believe that strong relationships are essential for living a happy and fulfilling life.

Finally, forgiveness helps Freemasons to become better people. When someone forgives another person, they are essentially choosing to do the right thing, even when it is difficult. This can help to build character and make Freemasons more compassionate and understanding individuals.

Forgiveness is a powerful tool that can have a positive impact on all aspects of a Freemason's life. By learning to forgive, Freemasons can

improve their mental and emotional health, build stronger relationships, and become better people.

Here are some tips for forgiving someone:

- **Acknowledge your feelings.** It is important to acknowledge the hurt and anger that you are feeling. This does not mean that you have to dwell on these feelings, but it is important to allow yourself to feel them.
- **Talk to someone you trust.** Talking to a friend, family member, or therapist can help you to process your feelings and start to forgive the person who wronged you.
- **Try to understand why the person did what they did.** This does not mean that you have to agree with what they did, but it can help you to understand their motivations.
- **Make a conscious decision to forgive.** Forgiveness is a choice. You may not feel like forgiving the person right away, but you can make a decision to do so.
- **Give yourself time.** Forgiveness is a process. It may take time to fully forgive the person who wronged you.

Forgiveness is not always easy, but it is a worthwhile journey. By learning to forgive, you can improve your mental and emotional health, build stronger relationships, and become a better person.

Informal BBQ

at Allan Ferguson's House
Saturday, June 24th | 12-4 PM

Everyone (yes, everyone!) is invited to an informal BBQ at Allan Ferguson's house on Saturday the 24th.

Hotdogs provided. Please bring your own beverage and a side dish (if you can).

RSVP with Wor. Dennis Trammell 925.584.6600
(so we'll have enough hot dogs and buns!)

CANDIDATE PROFICIENCY NIGHT

ENTERED APPRENTICE, FELLOWCRAFT, & MASTER MASON!

Our Brotherhood event this month is a Candidates Proficiency night! Join us June 29th as we celebrate the hard work our candidates put in and watch their endeavors unfold before our eyes.

It is sure to be a busy night as at the moment we are looking at the potential of Master Mason, Long-form Fellowcraft, and Long-form Entered Apprentice proficiencies all in one night, with refreshments to follow.

June 29th | Social 6 PM | Lodge Opens 6:30 PM



From The Secretary

Brethren, as part of our ongoing process to review the operations of the Lodge and to be good stewards of our treasury, we are looking into whether it might be time to update our Degree Fees for new members.

I'm not immediately certain when we last updated our Degree Fees, which currently stand at \$150. (This does not include application fees, background check costs, obligatory donations, etc., which do not accrue to the Lodge.) A preliminary review of our out-of-pocket expenses for Candidates' Aprons, Bibles, Presentation Books, Name Badges, etc. suggests that our fees do not come close to covering our expenses. As well, a survey of area lodges shows that Degree Fees are averaging around \$280, with several in the \$400 to \$600 range.

We plan to hold an informal presentation and discussion prior to our August 3rd Stated Meeting. If you are interested in learning more and being part of the discussion, please plan to join us at the August Stated.

Calendar

Thur June 22 | Golden Vets Ceremony
7:00pm

Sat June 24 | Informal BBQ
12:00 - 4:00 Pm @ Brother Allan Ferguson's house

Wed June 29 | Candidate Proficiency Night
6:30pm Lodge Opens
Refreshments to Follow

Tue July 4 | Fourth of July Parade
8:30pm East Bart Parking Lot
BBQ to Follow at the Lodge

Thur July 6 | Stated Meeting
Official Inspectors Visitation

Sat July 15 | Siminoff Visitation
8:00 AM - +/-3:15 PM

Sat July 22 | Annual Rib Cook-off
6 PM

Thur July 27 | Brotherhood Evening
Event TBD

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