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## UPON THE SQUARE

### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, July 7**  
**Stated Meeting**  
(Tim's Secret Meatloaf)  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, July 11**  
**Annual Steak BBQ**  
(Starring Chef Newsom!)  
12 noon  
\$10 tickets at www.odr.org

**Tuesday, July 28**  
**Third Degree Practice**  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Practice 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, July 31**  
**Third Degree Practice**  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Practice 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, August 1**  
**Outdoor Third Degree**  
(at Masonic Home)  
Lunch 11:00 a.m.  
Degree 12:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 4**  
**National Night Out**  
(Lodge Dark)

**Tuesday, August 11**  
**Stated Meeting**  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Stated Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, August 15**  
**Dinner at the Pardee Home with**  
**our Grand Master**  
6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, August 16**  
**Community Service Event with**  
**our Grand Master**  
See ODR.org for details

**Tuesday, August 18**  
**District School of Instruction**  
(Second Degree)  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
School 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 25**  
**Degree or Practice**  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Degree 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 26**  
**San Leandro Lodge Visitation**  
See ODR.org for more information

### Chris Nowell, Master 2015



Our current drought is ever-present in the news and the brown color of our lawns as we all join in a concerted effort to conserve the precious water that remains – yet water continues to reliably flow from our taps. We can thank one of the Past Masters of our Lodge, Wor. George Pardee, for that water. He was influential in the creation of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) during a drought in 1923 and administered it from 1924 through 1941. In another drought year, 1929, the designs that he laid down solved the East Bay's water shortage through the dam and reservoir that still bear his name today.

In honor of George Pardee's work towards drought resistance and his role in founding the East Bay Regional Park District, Mountain View Cemetery is providing sustainable groundcover for the Pardee family gravesite, which is the final resting place for two of our truly distinguished past masters with no surviving heirs. We will be holding our event with the Grand Master on the grounds of George Pardee's home in West Oakland on August 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30PM.

One of the benefits of a dry summer is the opportunity for us to enjoy each other's company outdoors. We will enjoy our annual steak BBQ lunch on July 11<sup>th</sup> (tickets at www.odr.org) and a lunch picnic followed by an outdoor degree at the Masonic Home in Union City on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

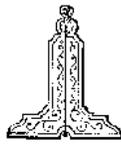
Looking ahead, mark your calendar for Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. On that day, we will hold our first annual Founders Day in celebration of Oakland Lodge No. 188 receiving its dispensation on October 15<sup>th</sup> 1868 and to honor the memory of two of our beloved members: Bro. Peter Holloway and Wor. John A. Stohr Jr.

### Historical Perspective David Forsyth, Lodge Historian

The term Founders Day is universally used across the globe to recognize a beginning, a formal declaration of change, and usually includes a thanksgiving for the interposition of divine providence. Such a beginning occurred in October 15<sup>th</sup> 1868 when earlier that year thirteen Masonic Brethren, from several Lodges in California and British Columbia, met on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1868, at the hall of Oakland's Live Oak Lodge No. 61 to petition Grand Master William A. Davies for a dispensation to form a new Lodge. The dispensation was granted at the nineteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge in 1868.

To commemorate this historic event, Oakland Durant Rockridge Lodge No.188 will hold its Founders Day on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Rockridge Masonic Temple. Since the consolidation with Rockridge Lodge in 1983 and the reunification with Durant Lodge in 1985, the coming together of three lodges, in close harmony and brotherly love, has resulted in a strong and happy union. This has been cemented by our combined traditions and love of the gentle craft.

The celebration will include the dedication of our new Boardroom and Archives to the honor and immortal memory of two of our worthy members: Bro. Peter Holloway and Wor. John A. Stohr Jr. Further details about Founders Day will be forthcoming in the next Trestleboard as well as odr.org.



# ON THE LEVEL

Ed Stevenson, Senior Warden

The first half of this year has been very productive, both in terms of degrees as well as lodge activities. While July is traditionally "dark" for lodge meetings, there are two things to make sure are on your calendars: the Stated Meeting and the BBQ.

We are beginning to look for members who are interested in one of the officer chairs for next year. Some of you may want to test the water and others may have a goal of actually going through the line. Our degrees at ODR are outstanding. The members that are not presently in office, but show up regularly and participate are a big reason for the quality of our work. Many lodges rely on a cadre of past masters to fill this roll. We are very fortunate to have so many members who may not be ready to make a commitment to be in the line just yet, but enjoy doing the work with us when their time allows. It reminds me of the Golden State Warriors, who just won the NBA championship. Their slogan is "strength in numbers." I believe our lodge is an example of that, due to the depth we have in our officer positions. Thank you to all that participate in this way.

## Important Reminder

**Our August Stated Meeting has been moved to the second Tuesday in August (August 11) so we may enjoy National Night Out in our own neighborhoods.**

### July Masonic Anniversaries

Dennis	Butler	26
Philip	Davis	4
Kevin	Hulme	16

### August Masonic Anniversaries

Paul	Adams	PM	10
Christopher	Bair		4
Daniel	Bible		6
Philip	Brokke		40
Kurt	Carter		41
Roy	Fetterly		45
Steven	Harris		45
John	Kirkpatrick		18
Thomas	Mason		46
John	Mathis		24
Bernard	May		68
Donald	Nelson		44
Christopher	Putnam	PM	8



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## By the Plumb

### Cal Gilbert, Junior Warden

Hey! How about those Warriors!! Everybody sure does love a winner. I wonder how this team would have been viewed had they not won the championship. Certainly no parades, no cheering crowds, no adoring masses pressing for autographs. I once had a band director who regularly exclaimed, "Nobody *wins* second place." Yep, everybody loves a winner.

Winning at games and achieving one's goals are good things. Sacrificing one's integrity and values in order to win is not. What is victory worth when it comes at the expense of another's reputation or honor? What does the blinding, all consuming, no-holds-barred imperative to win do to the hearts and minds of men? In my experience, the loss of civility in discourse and business leads to the eroding and rotting away of every virtue. Temperance is forgotten. Avarice is mistaken for Fortitude. Prudence becomes plotting and Justice is indistinguishable to any but the jaundiced eye. Friends become enemies and everyone loses.

As Masons, we are not simply encouraged or supposed to be civil in our doings. We are obligated to be ever vigilant in our hearts and minds for the highest good of each and every one of our Brothers. We are bound by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection and charged to reach out a helping hand should our Brother stumble or stray. How strong have you forged your chain of affection? Have you stretched forth your hand to help or rather to push another aside in the pursuit of winning? You alone know your heart. Only you can know if your victories are true.

### In Memoriam

**Alvin Arthur Altomare, P.M.**

Born February 7, 1923

**Raised to the Sublime Degree of  
Master Mason January 19, 1988**

**Elevated to the Celestial Lodge  
Above May 30, 2015**

*Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, soft and safe to thee!*

## August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1 3rd Degree at Masonic Home</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 National Night Out (Lodge Dark)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Fridays at the Lodge</b> Dinner 6:30 pm Coaching 7:30 pm	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11 Stated Meeting</b> Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Fridays at the Lodge</b> Dinner 6:30 pm Coaching 7:30 pm	<b>15 GM Event at the Pard- ee Home</b> 6:30 pm
<b>16 Community Service Event with GM</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 DOSI</b> Dinner 6:30 pm School 7:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Fridays at the Lodge</b> Dinner 6:30 pm Coaching 7:30 pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Degree or Practice</b>	<b>26 SL Visitation</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Fridays at the Lodge</b> Dinner 6:30 pm Coaching 7:30 pm	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					