

Orinda Lodge



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TRESTLEBOARD

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FEBRUARY

- Wed Feb 25th** Hall Association Meeting 7PM
- Thu Jan 26th** Officers Practice, 7:00PM Orinda
- Tue Jan 31st** DOSI for Funeral Certification
Bay Cities Lodge, 7:00PM
All Master Masons Welcome
- Thu Feb 2nd** Stated Meeting dinner &
Golden Vet Award for Fred Bowles
Dinner at 6:30PM
New Orleans Jambalaya
- Thu Feb 9th** Officers Practice, 7:00PM Orinda
- Mon Feb 13th** Eastern Star dinner & Meeting
6:00PM Orinda
- Tue Feb 14th** Officers Practice, 7:00PM Orinda
- Thu Feb 16th** DOSI @ Orinda, 6:30PM dinner
- Thu Feb 23rd** Degree for Br Finein, 7:00PM Orinda
- Fri Feb 24th** Crab Feed!! 5:30PM Orinda
- Thu Mar 2nd** Stated Meeting Dinner at 6:30PM
Chicken Tagine
Presentation on Memory Care Services
- Tue Mar 28th** Cornerstone Ceremony at Orinda
8:00AM for GL Opening
Alamo Ceremony 11:00

More details in March Trestleboard

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the East

January got off to a good start with our first Stated Meeting of the year. It was a good crowd, and many were able to introduce themselves to Mike and Mus, who both recently put in petitions to join our lodge. The longtime friends are both Realtors, and we look forward to seeing them again at future dinners. We were also visited by Brother Ohad from Menorah Lodge in Haifa, Israel. He is in California looking to pursue his studies, and we look forward to seeing him again at future events. And the meal provided by Lee Bendig and Alfredo of Cuisine Catering generated many positive comments, as they promise to spice up our menu this year. Be ready for the New Orleans Jambalaya at the Mardi-Gras themed February Stated Meeting dinner.

We always look forward to reconnecting with Br Alex Ingram on his annual visit from the UK. This year was made extra special, as he presented a special Past Masters apron from England to our most-recent past master, Wor. Vickers. Wor. Kavishi then presented Br Ingram with the Grand Masters Pin, on which GM Heisner commemorates the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England. Also, congratulations are in order for Wor. Greg Bloom, on his election to the Board of Trustees.

Congratulation 2017 Officers!

A very special event is slated for Tuesday March 28 as Orinda 122 was selected to be the host lodge for the Cornerstone Ceremony for the new Fire Station in Alamo. Grand Lodge will be opened in our Orinda Lodge room, after which we will proceed to Alamo for the Cornerstone ceremony. I am eagerly awaiting this event, as it will be my first opportunity to witness a cornerstone ceremony. I encourage all who are able to attend this special event. Be on the lookout for updates from the Cornerstone Committee as the event nears.



The February Stated Meeting will also have a very special event: the Golden Veterans Award will be presented to our esteemed brother Wor. Fred Bowles. Inspector Thompson will be on hand to present the award Br Bowles, who started his masonic journey at East Bay Lodge #489 back in 1966. Be sure to get your reservations in to the Jr Wardens line and secure your spot at this wonderful ceremony. Fifty years in the craft: Congratulations Wor. Fred!

And as is our tradition, don't forget our world-famous Crab Feed is scheduled for Friday February 24th, hosted again by Wor. Greg Bloom. See the attached flyer, and be sure to heed the instructions on securing your reservation as the event is sure to sell out. The Job's Daughters will again have some wonderful gift baskets to entice you.

Meanwhile, the officers are busy perfecting their ritual as we prepare for our initial degree of 2017, the 3rd Degree raising of Br Mick Finein scheduled for Thursday February 23rd. Mark your calendars, as it is always great to see the sidelines full for a 3rd degree.

As you can see, we have many great events planned for the start of the year. Everyone is encouraged to attend, but please let us know you are coming by making use of the Jr Warden's reservation line. We want to be able to plan sufficient refreshments so everyone can enjoy themselves.

Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous 2017,

Alan Miller, Master

SR. WARDENS MESSAGE



What the Craft means to me,

I went up to Anderson, Ca to see Illustrious Jack Forsyth on Saturday. Keep him in your prayers! I stayed and talked with him, his sons and daughter for a while. They were happy to see me and the show of support from other brothers making the long drive up to Anderson. After that, I visited my Uncle who lives in Corning, and he was surprised that I would make the long trip to someone who was not family. I had to explained what Masonry is. His question resonated with me on the drive back. These last two months have been hard for me, I had to take my dad off life support, one day before installation, and buried him on January 7, 2017. It was very helpful to see My Masonic brothers supporting me and my family in our hour of need. I was not born with a physical brother, but now I have lots of younger and older brothers! So, my answer to why I would made the drive up to Anderson, because Jack is my brother! That is what the craft means to me!

Thank you for the honor and privilege of allowing me to be your Senior Warden.

Bro. Earl Love Jr. Sr. Warden

The Annual Crab Feed of Orinda Lodge No. 122

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017

Place: Orinda Masonic Center
9 Altarinda Road, Orinda

Time: 6:00 p.m. Wine, cheese & nibbles
6:30 p.m. Dinner – Crab feed with salad, French bread and dessert.
(Rigatoni with meat sauce available for all;
Roasted chicken for non-crabbers upon request)

Cost: \$45.00 per person

This event is open to members and non-members alike, so feel free to bring a friend. The lodge banquet hall will only accommodate 130 people and this event is sure to be a sellout.

If you would like to come:

- 1) Must Call 925-254-5211 to make a reservation**
- 2) Send checks payable to Orinda Lodge #122 to lock in your Reservation:**

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Checks are due by Friday, February 17th !!



MESSAGE FROM JR. WARDEN



Brethren and ladies, hopefully everyone enjoyed the time spent with family and friends during the holidays and some well-deserved relaxation. Upon reflection of the past year and all the great work our lodge does for our brethren, family and friends, whether it's our ceremonies or events, I am inspired by this selfless dedication to the craft our members put forth.

I am honored to serve the lodge as Jr. warden and as such will do my very best to accommodate everyone and perform the duty's incumbent upon me, and please do not hesitate to inform me of your concerns or requests. This year so far is shaping up to be an exciting one, particularly the cornerstone ceremony next month in addition to brother Finein being raised to the sublime degree of master mason.

To maximize the sustainability of our events and stated meetings I request that everyone please make reservations.

Here to serve,

Bro. Sean Mergy Jr. Warden

From the Secretary

I thank all of you who paid your dues in a timely manner. It keeps me busy at this time of the year.

There are still many of you who are now in arrears for 2017 and there are several of you who owe for more than this year. Those in arrears will be receiving letter from us of your past due amounts and that if you do not pay, you will be subject to suspension. This means you or your spouse cannot receive any of the benefits of membership. This includes charity if needed, eligibility of entrance into the masonic home, if desired, any assistance for your widow when you pass and a masonic funeral for you.

We sent out letters to 19 of you Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons, wherein we asked you whether you wanted to continue your masonic journey or be removed from our roles. We went so far as to include an easy Yes/No form and a stamped envelope for you to respond. To date, only two of you responded. Thanks for your help with this matter.

Sincerely;

Dick Anderson, PM Secretary

February Birthdays

Day of Birth	First Name	Last Name
2	Charles S.	Crane
4	Ronald E.	Dawson
5	Nathaniel M.	Huffine
5	Phillip J.	Brooks
5	Christopher G.	Johnson
5	John F.	Hutchens
8	Kenneth F.	Edwards
9	Falah K.	Aljibury
9	Marvin B.	Rasmussen PM
9	Behzad	Raufi
10	Gregory W.	Bloom PM
10	William F.	Peterson
11	Craig E	Andrews PM
16	Morgan J.	Swiggett
17	Timothy F.M.	Brown
17	Curtis F.	Trenor
18	Vivian C.	Flanagan
19	Thomas E.	Lorenté III
19	Kenneth A.	Ferguson
20	David C.	Goss
20	Sean P.	Finney PM
22	Burnette R.	Gorham
28	Mark W.	Glasgow

In Memoriam

Roger C. Beede, PM

Born October 6, 1929 in California

Raised May 5, 1951

A 65-year member of Orinda Lodge

Entered into rest December 20, 2016

Age 87 years

Kenneth Leslie C. Dorking, PM

Born May 27, 1925 in California

Raised April 8, 1954

A 62-year member of Orinda Lodge

Entered into rest November 19, 2016

Age 91 years

MORE INSTALLATION PICTURES



Michael and Sean



Sam, Wor. Peare, and Kendal



Michael, Wor. Traxler, and Earl



2017 Officers Line

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Larry Becker, PM	(E) Alan Miller WM
Sean Mergy	(E) Earl Love Jr. SW

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Chairman	Jim Dickow, PM	(2019)
	Jim Gibson, PM	(2017)
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	Henry Gannett, PM	(2020)
	Greg Boom PM	(2021)



Orinda Lodge #122 Trestleboard

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**Congratulations Alan Miller 2017 Master of
Orinda lodge #122 F&AM**

Job's Corner

Job's Daughters continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7PM. We also enjoy serving the masons at their stated dinners the first Thursday every month. Coming up very quickly is the Crab feed, Feb. 24 where we will, once again, be having our gift basket opportunity drawing. Everyone gets a ticket just by attending, then boost your chances of winning your favorite basket by purchasing more tickets. We look forward to festivities and more fellowship in 2017!