



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

Tom Kilgallen, Worshipful Master

Friends and Brethren, This has been one of the strangest month's of March I had ever experienced. Being a gregarious type of person and enjoying the time I spend with friends and fellow lodge members, I feel really isolated practicing the social distancing rules and staying at home; I also enjoy my evenings at my favorite watering hole and bending the elbow with a glass of wine and chatting with my buddies but that has ended for the foreseeable future. Better safe than sorry as they say.

By decree of the Grand Lodge of California, all Masonic Activities are suspended until further notice. This includes Stated Meetings. The Master and Secretary will meet to pay essential bills like internet and phone and 2 or 3 others that I can't name right now. This has been authorized by Grand Lodge so we don't fall behind in our financial obligations. All bills paid will be reported to the members at the next Stated Meeting after the suspension is lifted.

Events that are postponed include The DOSI, The Second Degree for Brother Lisistra, The Sweethearts dinner and the Stated Meeting (which is also the Inspector's Official Visit), The annual Visitation to Live Oak in April (this is the first time in 95 years that this has happened and we are not about to let this fall through the cracks). Since we have no idea of how long this social distancing will be enforced, we will keep you informed with email messages as to the status of the coming months. Please note that these events are postponed, not cancelled. We will reschedule all of these events as soon as regular business resumes.

In the meantime, Please keep yourselves safe and try and be diligent with practicing the guidelines that the Department of Health has been recommending so we all can slow down the spread of this virus (Covid-19).

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Tom Kilgallen



Tom Kilgallen, Master

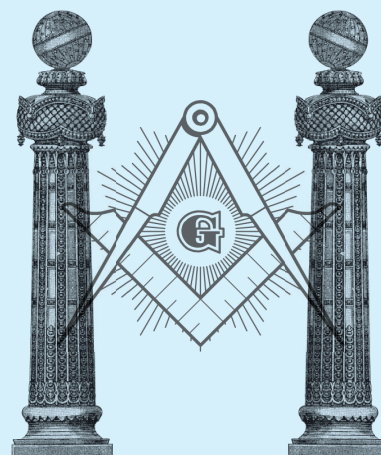
Lodge at a Glance

~~3/19~~ DOSI at Orinda

~~3/26~~ Second Degree
Postponed until further
notice

~~4/02~~ Stated Meeting

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herby suspended by order
of the Grand Master**





(Above) Fasztastic notes were heard by all, performed by a local youth band, brought in by our very own Gary Peare, PM.



Crab Feed Frenzy

One of our most successful feed!

A hardy congrats to Greg Bloom, Sean Mergy, Cary Carlson, Mick Finein, Allan Miller and all the other Brothers who helped to make this event a great night of brotherly love and crab!



From the South

By Mick Finein

Brethren as you probably already know, Lodge meeting and events have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis.

I urge all of you to stay safe and take precautions.

Unfortunately, Dr. Ric Berman also cancelled his trip to California, so his April 21st presentation at Orinda Lodge has been cancelled.

Dr. Berman hopes to come next March and we'll make every effort to schedule him to talk at Orinda.

A random thought that you might find useful in everyday life.

Need vs. Like

The situation is you want someone to do something that you need done. Say a customer service representative or making reservations. Or worse you are at the DMV. Let's say you need something a bit out of the ordinary as well lessening the likelihood they will actually help you.

Most if not all people will begin by saying "I need to do the following." Or even worse "I need you to do the following". That person's anxiety level will rise and they will reflexively go on the defensive. And they know they are in control because you need their cooperation. They can just spout policies, give you the run around and frustrate you in getting what you want. You also will likely get a negative attitude creating a hostile and unpleasant encounter.

Try this instead.

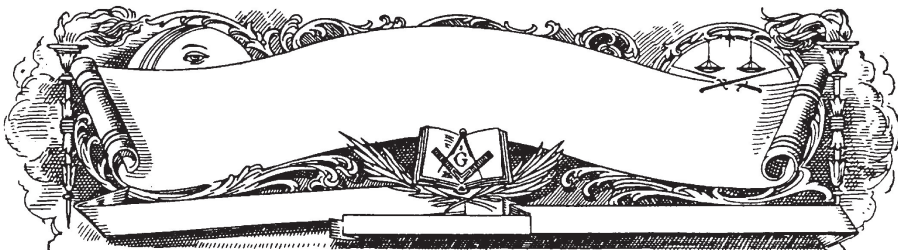
"Hi. How are you today? I would like to do the following, can you help me?" By saying you "would like" to do something rather than "you need" lessens their defensive reflex.

I know this sound simple but it works. Not all of the time but often enough. I use this all the time with court clerks who are notorious for being uncooperative.

Sometimes, when you ask how they are or "how's your day" you get a stunned silence at first because they are rarely asked how they are and only get hammered with demands.

You can even ask for discounts using the same idea. "I would like to buy this if it were a bit less, is there anything you can do?" It's amazing how often you can get a discount if you just ask.

Give it a try, let me know if it worked for you!



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

Happy Birthday!

Robert J. Miraglio 4/03

Charles W. Dunn 4/05

Benjamin M. Bloom 4/05

Erik S Johnson PM 4/06

Billy M. Hayes 4/09

Richard G Williams 4/11

Jack R. Claunch, Jr. 4/16

Ronald R. Montes 4/18

Leroy A. Galvin 4/18

Duane Gary Henry 4/19

William R. Hovey PM 4/19

Steven E. 'Eddie' Spitzer 4/20

Bobby G. Robertson 4/21

Rudolph R. Zamora 4/28

Donald W Crocker 4/29





On Lodge Meetings

The following is an excerpt from a communication sent by The Grand Master, John E. Trauner.

Second Degree Postponed

The officer's gave met in order to discuss the current situation in regards to the coronavirus and its relation to our Lodge events. We are going to follow the recommendation from the CDC and Grand Lodge when considering lodge meetings and events. As such, Brother Osip's Degree has been postponed and a new date will be sent out when it is scheduled.

Sweetheart's Dinner Postponed

We want to limit exposure of any possible contaminants to our Masonic family. We are aware that many of us are within the target range of this virus to have severe effects, as such we will be postponing the Sweetheart's dinner. It will most likely be moved to the June Stated, but we are unsure at this moment. Further notice will be given through the Trestle Board and e-mail blasts.

Dr. Berman Presentation Cancelled

Further notice will be given through the Trestle Board and e-mail blasts for if we are able to reschedule this event to a later date.

ALL MASONIC ACTIVITIES ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE OR INSTRUCTION BY THE GRAND MASTER OF CALIFORNIA

On March 16, the California Department of Public Health released new guidance on the prevention of COVID-19 transmission. The Department has found that all non-essential gatherings should be postponed or canceled until further guidance is provided. All Masonic gatherings are non-essential in the context of this guidance.

In addition, a growing number of counties are issuing "shelter in place" orders, directing everyone in those counties to stay inside their homes and away from others as much as possible while the order is in effect. They may leave their homes only to provide or receive certain essential goods or services, engage in certain essential activities or work for essential business and government services. All Masonic gatherings are also non-essential in the context of these shelter in place orders.

Based on the foregoing, it is my direction that there be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in this state until further direction is received from me.

This includes all Masonic organizations and Masonic Youth Orders. None of our Masonic organizations or Masonic Youth Orders may hold a gathering of any kind in this state until further direction is received from me.

If you need help please contact the Lodge 925.254.5211 | orindalodge122@gmail.com

Job's Daughters Bethel 2018, Orinda

Honored Queen
Unlisted
Bethel Guardian
Cynthia Tubbs

Assoc. Bethel Guardian
Alan Miller, PM

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

Jobies Corner Message From the Bethel Guardian



April Calendar

~~Thur. March 26th~~
~~2nd Degree Ceremony~~
~~POSTPONED~~

~~Thur. April 2nd~~
~~Stated Meeting~~
~~CANCELED~~

Thur. April 16th
DOSI @ Live Oak Lodge
3903 Broadway, Oakland.
Open to all Master Masons.

Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

~~Tue. April 21st~~
~~Dr. Berman Presentation~~
~~CANCELED~~

Thur. April 23rd
Annual Visitation to
Live Oak Lodge - 2nd Degree
Please make your reservations
Dinner 6:00 pm

Officers: Tuxedos

Thur. May 7th
Stated Meeting
Please make your reservations
Dinner 6:00 pm

Officers: Suit or Jacket & Tie

Sat. May 16th
DOSI @ ODR Lodge
5449 College Ave, Oakland.
Open to all Fellowcraft
and Master Masons.

Breakfast at 8 A.M.

On Future Dates

It is important to note that the dates that are not yet crossed out are liable to still remain canceled. At this moment all Masonic meetings are deemed non-essential and as such should not take place.

These dates are merely in the event that there is a substantial turn around in our current situation regarding COVID-19.

Please remain home as much as possible and remain safe until this whole situation blows over.

Once again, if you need help please feel free to e-mail or call the lodge for assistance.

We care deeply about our Brothers, Families, and Sweethearts. We are here for you in these trying time.



SAVE THE DATE!!
APRIL 21, 2020 AT 6PM



Over the Hills and Far Away

The Irish Influence in American Freemasonry
a presentation by Dr. Richard Berman

Who is Dr. Berman?

Richard Berman is a world renowned expert on Masonry, a much sought after speaker and the author of a series of books on Masonry.

Dr. Berman has been a Mason for over 40 years. He is the Immediate Past Master of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, England which is the largest Masonic research lodge in the world. He holds an active Grand Rank in the Grand Lodge of England, Provincial Grand Lodge of England.

Hosted at

Orinda Lodge No. 122
9 Altarinda Road, Orinda 94563

Dinner Begins 6PM

THE ORIGINAL HICK'RY

Tri-tip, Chicken Marsala, rolls and dessert

Cost: \$10.00 per person

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Orinda Masonic Lodge No. 122
is proud to present

*Sweethearts &
Widows Night*

Thursday, April 2nd, 2020

We would like to invite you to
April 2nd, 2020
to our Sweethearts & Widows Night.
It is a wonderful evening for you and your
sweetheart or dear.

Reservations are required before March 23rd

Phone: (925) 254-5211

Email: Orindalodge122@gmail.com
or via the Orinda Lodge Phone App.

Orinda Lodge, 9 Altarinda Road

CANCELED

POSTPONED





“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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Mick Finein

Michael Gooding

Alan Miller PM

Tom Kilgallen PM

Dennis Trammell

Trustees

Henry Gannett PM 11/20

Tom Steig PM 11/21

Greg Bloom PM 11/22

Tom Kavishi PM 11/22

Larry Becker PM 11/23

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.

April Public Schools Month

Whereas California Masons have for 100 years supported statewide programs to support public education initiatives through the observance of Public Schools Month; and

Whereas furthering the cause of public education through generous scholarships and children's literacy programs are bedrock principles of the California Masonic Foundation; and

Whereas California Masons have distinguished themselves in state history as fervent champions of public education and endeavor to build on that proud history;

As Grand Master, I therefore proclaim April 2020 to be Public Schools Month in California.

This centennial celebration of Public Schools Month offers California Masons an important milestone on which to reflect on the fraternity's deep commitment to public education and the opportunities to build on that legacy. Since 1920, California Masons have made public education and access to lifelong learning a priority. This month, as we celebrate 100 years of Public Schools Month, let's renew that commitment to students, teachers, and schools. Volunteer to tutor or mentor schoolkids in your community; organize lodge events to improve school grounds; and donate to the landmark Let's Write the Future campaign so that all kids in California have access to the support and materials they need to succeed in school and in life.

Sincerely and fraternally,
John E. Trauner | Grand Master