



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

Greetings Brethren. The Installation of Officers went very well and was well attended. Many thanks are extended to all involved including the installing team, Worshipful Cary Carlson as Installing Officer, Worshipful Larry Becker as Master of Ceremonies, and Worshipful Greg Bloom as Installing Chaplain. Thanks are also in order to Brother Sam Khashabi for his gifts of wine and chocolates, Lee Bendig of Cuisine Catering, for providing a wonderful meal, and The Job's Daughters Bethel 218 for presenting the flag of our country and serving the meal. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event. Many Thanks to all who came and celebrated with us.

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas or Chanukah or Kwanza or any of the other winter time holidays that may be celebrated as well as a safe New Year's Eve celebration :-).

We have many exciting things planned for the upcoming year starting right off the bat on January 16, an evening celebrating the presentation of the Hiram Award to Worshipful Gary Peare who was elected to receive the award in 2019 but due to events was unable to have the award presented to him then. Worshipful Sean Mergy PM will be presenting the award to him.

I would also like to give an early heads-up to one of our most popular events, The Crab Feed, which will be on Friday, February 28. Worshipful Greg Bloom has graciously agreed to host the event again and anyone who can offer help on setup or any of the other duties should contact Worshipful Bloom or Worshipful Sean Mergy.

One major change that is taking place is we will be re-instituting the requirement of calling in a reservation (if you have the Lodge "app" on your iPhone or smart phone one can make a reservation on the calendar section of the "app"). Either way will work. The reason for this is that it has been very difficult to order the correct number of meals so we are not over-paying the caterer. This will be true of all Stated Meeting Dinners and especially for the two events listed above (Hiram Award and Crab Feed) and other special events. We love having you at the Lodge, just help us out with a reservation (Remember the reservation should be in by the Tuesday before the Stated Meeting).

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
 W. Tom Kilgallen



Tom Kilgallen, Master

Lodge at a Glance

- 1/02 Stated Meeting
- 1/11 Job's Installation
- 1/16 Hiram Dinner
Honoring Gary Peare
- 2/28 Annual Crab Feed

Note from the Secretary

Due to the fact that the per capita of Grand Lodge has increased the Dues for 2020 will be \$101.

New Officers Lineup

Below is a list of the newly installed officers.

Master | Tom Kilgallen PM
Senior Warden | Alan Miller PM
Junior Warden | Mick Finein
Secretary | Dick Anderson PM
Asst. Secretary | Erik Johnson PM
Treasurer | Ed Lana
Chaplain | Mickey Ganitch PM
Senior Deacon | Dennis Trammell
Junior Deacon | Antonio Benavides
Marshal | Mike Gooding
Junior Steward | John Densem
Tiler | Mike Malliaris

Orinda Lodge App

Brethren, for those of you who have not yet done so, installation is simple, just follow the instructions below.

Open up your web browser (Internet) and type the following on your device. <http://ourapp.link/orinda-lodge> or send an email to orindalodge122@gmail.com and we will provide the link for you. Tap the blue button labeled "Download"

You may have to allow the installation. Navigate to your device's settings, select Security or Applications (depending on device) and check the Unknown Sources box.

The Lodge app should now automatically begin to download. If you have any trouble please bring in your device to the stated meeting and look for either Dennis Trammell (Senior Deacon) or Mick Finein (Junior Warden) for further assistance.



Candidate Stanislav Shalunov (Center) surrounded by Orinda Lodge #122 and Diablo Valley Lodge #448.

Diablo Valley Visitation

Congrats to Diablo Valley's newest Master Mason Stanislav Shalunov! A grand time was had by all as Orinda Lodge held a Courtesy Third Degree for Diablo Valley Lodge for Brother Shalunov.



Mickey's Birthday Party

November 16th we celebrated Mickey's 100th Birthday Here are just a few snapshots of the many memories created in honor of Mickey Ganitch aboard the USS Hornet.



Greetings From the West

By Alan Miller, PM.

I thank the Brethren of Orinda Lodge for their vote of confidence in electing me Senior Warden. I look forward to assisting Wr. Kilgallen in any way necessary, and look forward to another successful year for the lodge. One of the Senior Warden's duties is to make sure our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are making good progress for advancement, and since I double as the candidate's coach, I anticipate being very engaged in that activity. I expect we will have a busy year for the degree team, as we pass and raise several brothers, and also have some new applicants for the degrees in the pipeline. I encourage all of our brethren to endeavor to attend lodge on degree nights, as our officers do fine work, and the support and fellowship for our brothers is always welcome.

It will be a rather busy year for me personally, not only for my duties with the Lodge and the Hall Association, but I have also been selected to serve as Grand Chaplain for the State of California, Job's Daughters International for the 2020 year. I will have the opportunity to visit every Bethel in the state over the course of the year, as part of Grand Guardian Denise Jow's Grand Family. It is a very special year for the Job's Daughters, as 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of this wonderful masonic youth order. There are many special events planned, including a trip to Omaha, birthplace of Job's Daughters, at the end of July. We have a very active Bethel here in Orinda, and I encourage Masons with daughters/granddaughters/nieces, etc. between the age of ~8 and 18 to come visit with them and see for yourselves.

Fraternally,

Ajm

Alan J Miller, PM | Senior Warden

From the South

By Mick Finein

Brethren, 2019 was a good year for our Lodge. Worshipful Sean Mergy was instrumental in working with his Officers to upgrade our Lodge communications, including a new and improved Trestleboard under Senior Deacon Dennis Trammell's stewardship and email blast campaigns to try to keep everyone up to date on events. We continued working to improve the Lodge app and website.

We are already discussing further improvements with our newly elected Master of the Lodge, Worshipful Kilgallen.

Of note, Orinda Lodge #122 will be hosting a speaking engagement in April, 2020 by Dr. Richard Berman who is the author of a series of books discussing eighteenth century Freemasonry within its social and political context. Dr. Berman is a popular speaker around the world.

Dr. Berman has a Doctorate in History from the University of Exeter, a Masters in Economics from the University of Cambridge and is a visiting Research Fellow at Oxford Brookes University.

Dr. Berman has been a Mason for over forty years and is the current Master of the Quatour Coronati Lodge which is England's premier research lodge. Dr. Berman is past Master of three other Lodges in the UK and holds active Grand Rank in the United Grand Lodge of England.

We will be working to lock down a date in April for Dr. Berman to speak at our Lodge and define the topic or topics he will present. We also hope to work in some time for informal discussions.

Please let me know if you have any suggested topics you would find interesting that we can suggest to Dr. Berman.



Happy Birthday to our Brethren!

From Orinda Lodge to our Brethren, may you know nothing but happiness from this day onward. May God protect and keep you. From the bottom of our hearts we sincerely hope each and everyone one of you have wondrous birthday filled with the love and hope that you have helped this fraternity put forth into the world.

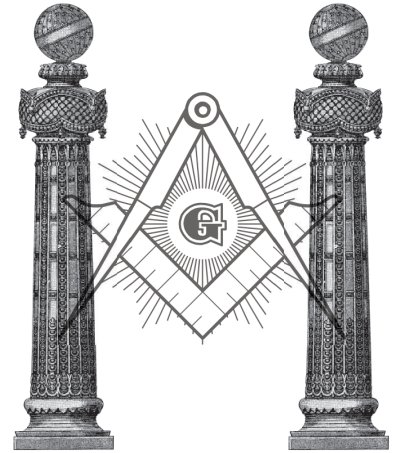
December Birthdays

Michael A. Rountree PM 12/1
John A. Falchetta 12/2
Dion M Wilson 12/2
Harry W. Farrell 12/3
Gordon A. Andrews PM 12/6
Emilio H. Augustine PM 12/11
Loren E. Piper 12/13
Alan J. Miller PM 12/13
Ivan M. Pantic 12/13
Mehran Afshar 12/14
Terry C. Hamre 12/15
Frank E. Kalmar 12/21
Dimosthenis A. Sarigiannis 12/22
Richard G. Anderson PM 12/23
Manuel "David" Ramos 12/23
Scott C. Williams 12/25
Alan H. Wandesforde 12/25
Kenneth W Kurtz 12/28

January Birthdays

Jack J. Wilding Jr. 1/1
Vic C. Vickers PM 1/4
Albert A. Fernandes 1/8
Michael S. Morse 1/8
Le Bron C. Preston 1/8
Alistair D. Ingram 1/9
Luis Salvago-Toledo 1/10
Donald J. Buckingham Jr. PM 1/13
Eric J. Weindel 1/14
Junior R. Christensen 1/15
Charlie B. Ugalde 1/16
John S. Kennedy 1/18
John E. Rubke III 1/21
Peter M. Schantz Jr. 1/21
David W. Feng 1/23
Jay B. Little 1/24
James D. Gibson PM 1/25
Eric M. Roberts 1/25

Lloyd J. Bosley 1/26
Eric C. Tubbs 1/26
Daniel J. Gannett 1/28
John B. Peers 1/28
Edward G. Comingore 1/30
Joseph L. Powell 1/30

An illustration for a crab feed event. On the right, a large orange crab is shown holding a Masonic square and compass. The square has a 'G' on it. In the background on the left, a three-masted sailing ship is on the sea. The bottom half of the image has a dark blue background with orange text.

ANNUAL CRAB FEED

FEBRUARY 28TH | 6 PM
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY 02/21/2020
RSVP IS YOUR PAYMENT OF TICKET



2020 Masons4Mitts

By Erik Johnson, PM.

The 2020 Masons4Mitts Season is just around the corner!

It's never too soon for us to step up to the plate in support of our local kids. Every \$20 gift puts a high-quality leather baseball mitt-embossed with the Masons of California Logo - into the hands of a child in need.

It's more than just baseball...

Please make your donation check payable to: California Masonic Foundation. Please write in the memo section: Masons4Mitts/ East Bay Aces.

Thank you for helping to make this a Happy New Year for so many children in need.

Fraternally and all the best,

Erik Johnson, PM
Co-Captain East Bay Aces | Masons4Mitts
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Orinda Lodge Chair Drive

In the past members and friends of the Lodge came forth financially to defray some of the costs of certain purchases. We came together when a new carpet was needed in the Lodge Room. When we needed new Officer Jewels, new dishes or silverware for the dining room, the Brethren of Orinda helped out.

Today, our banquet chairs have been falling apart and have necessitated the Hall Association to purchase new ones.

The Hall Association would welcome your financial help in defraying this recent expense. A \$25.00 donation would buy one chair. A \$200.00 donation would buy chairs for an entire table.

Please think about helping our Lodge out by making a contribution for this chair upgrade.

Your check would be made payable to:

Orinda Masonic Hall Association

You can give this contribution when at Lodge to our Secretary or mail it to his attention.

Richard G. Anderson
300 Calle Molino
Pacheco, CA. 94553

Thank you for your Fraternal support.

The Orinda Masonic Hall Association

Hall Association

By Cary Carlson, PM.

Hail Brethren, Those of you who have attended Lodge recently will have noticed our new Dining Room Chairs. These comfortable additions are a real upgrade from the ones we have used over the past many years. The old ones were beginning to break and were a safety issue as well. We were able to purchase 150 of these at a very good price—only \$25 each. Nonetheless, we spent \$4,800 by the time we paid for shipping.

An appeal for contributions will be forthcoming—“Adopt a Chair” (or more) will be the theme.

For the past three years I have had the honor of serving as the Hall Association President. Having been on the Board for 6 consecutive years I am obliged to retire. My successor is Worshipful Brother Gary Peare. There is no finer man for the job. He brings management experience and a light touch to all he does. We all admire Gary.

Yours, Cary Carlson



Brethren, it is that time of year once again!

We are right around the corner from our Annual Crab Feed on February 28th. This year it will once again be hosted by Worshipful Greg Bloom who has for so many years dedicated his time, service and expertise to this wondrous tradition.

This years ticket cost is \$45 per person. Reservations are required for this event. Your check/ payment is considered your RSVP.

You can RSVP with payment through our Secretary Dick Anderson by mailing him a check at 300 Calle Molino. Pacheco, CA. 94553. The RSVP cut-off deadline is set at February 21, so be sure to get your in before its too late!

Come enjoy fellowship and feast on hors d'oeuvre, bread, salad, shrimp, rigatoni & more!! Chicken is available on request. See you all at the feed!

**Job's Daughters
Bethel 2018, Orinda**

Honored Queen
Aubrey Newton

Bethel Guardian
Cynthia Tubbs

Assoc. Bethel Guardian
Allan Miller, PM

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



**Job's Daughters
International®
of California**

Jobies Corner

Message From the Bethel Guardian

The Job's Daughters of Bethel 218 Orinda got to catch their breath over the Christmas break, but thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to help serve at the many installation dinners of our masonic family. And the girls are very proud to have been able to help serve at the special Mickey Ganitch 100th Birthday Celebration event on the USS Hornet. The funds earned at these servings go to support the Bethel in its many activities. And a special thank-you to all the lodge members and friends who contributed to the food barrels for the Contra Costa Food Bank – it was great to see the barrels nearly full. The girls are very thankful for all the wonderful support Orinda Lodge shows us.

2020 promises to be an exciting year for the Bethel, as this is the 100th anniversary of the founding of Job's Daughters International. There are many special events planned, including a time capsule ceremony with the Grand Master to be held at the Masonic Home in Union City on the morning of Saturday August 16th. The first of the girl's events for the year is the Semi-annual Installation of Officers scheduled for Saturday January 11th at 6:30PM. All are welcome – semi-formal attire. Refreshments to be served after the ceremony.

Mrs. Cynthia Tubbs | Bethel Guardian

Bethel 218 Orinda, JDI

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HIDDEN MEANINGS

Esotericism & Masonic Connections

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON FREEMASONRY AT UCLA**

APRIL 18, 2020

Register
now at
freemason.org



AS PART OF ITS collaborative partnership with the history department at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), the Institute for Masonic Studies presents an annual International Conference on Freemasonry on the UCLA campus. Open to students, historians, and members of the general public, these events seek to educate and inspire scholars of the craft.

January Calendar

Thur. Jan. 2nd Stated Meeting

Please make your reservations
Dinner 6:00 pm

Officers: Suit or Jacket & Tie

Sat. Jan. 11th Job's Installation

Please make your reservations
Ceremony starts at 6:30 pm

Thur. Jan. 16th Hiram Dinner Honoring Gary Peare

Please make your reservations
Dinner 6:00 pm

Officers: Suit or Jacket & Tie

Fri. Feb. 28th Annual Crab Feed

Reservations are required for
this event. You can not buy
tickets at the door.

Send checks made out to
Orinda Lodge for reservations
to Dick Anderson

To Be Announced

Brethren,
**We have a few events coming up that
have yet to be given a definite date.**

This includes three 1st and one 3rd
Degree ceremony.

If you have yet to, please subscribe
to our e-mail blasts and download the
Lodge app so that we can ensure you
receive these updates as we get them.

As always we look forward to enjoying
fellowship with all of you at any of these
events, but would especially enjoy
seeing your smiling faces at these
ceremonies.



*"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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Hall Association

Board

President | Cary Carlson PM
Vice President | Gary Peare PM
Chief Financial Officer | Ed Lana
Secretary | Ben Bloom

Members

Larry Becker PM	Greg Bloom PM
Michael Gooding	Sean Mergy PM
Alan Miller PM	Vic Vickers PM
Tom Kilgallen PM	Mick Finein

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

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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.



MAKING TRUE FRIENDS | IMPROVING OURSELVES | HAVING AN IMPACT