

Orinda Lodge



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TRESTLEBOARD

Dec 2017 / Jan 2018

DEC/JAN CALENDAR

Thu Dec 7th: Stated Meeting & Dinner
Short Ribs with mashed potatoes &
green beans
Vocal Entertainment provided by
Stefan Miller Social 5:30
Dinner 6:30, Meeting 8:00

Sun Dec 10th: Annual Installation of officers
3:00 at Orinda Lodge
Dinner to follow

Thu Dec 21: Lodge memorial for our departed
brethren 7:00 open to all masons

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thu Jan 4th Stated Meeting & Dinner
Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30,
Meeting 8:00

Thu Jan 11th: Officers meeting and Practice, 1stDeg

Tue Jan 16: Officers Practice, 1st Deg

Thu Jan 18th: 1st Degree (tentative)

Sat Jan 20th: Combined DOSI 9-noon, site tbd

Thu Jan 25th: 1st Degree (Tentative)

Wed Jan 31st: Hall Association mtg.

MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the East

Well, the year is coming to a close, and the Holidays are upon us; I hope everyone had a truly wonderful Thanksgiving. November was a special month, starting with the annual Turkey Fest (congrats to our Sr Warden-elect Sean Mergy, who took home the coveted Turkey Toque), and included the 3rd Degree raising of Br Tinawi and Br Noorei, and the election of two new candidates to take the degrees. Congratulations also to Br Robert Miraglio on achieving Golden Veterans status – 50 years in Freemasonry, quite the achievement, and to Br Richard Westlake, age 101, recipient of the Diamond Jubilee, commemorating 75 years in the craft. (Due to his advanced age, the family opted to have us send the award rather than have the Grand Master present it). This month in many ways reflects our craft as a whole – new beginnings, important milestones and, by inculcating the tenets of our ancient and honorable fraternity, the satisfaction of a life well-lived.

Being my last Trestleboard article as Master, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank my officers, the brothers and the families of Orinda Lodge for all of your support during my year in the East. It has been

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The Annual Crab Feed of Orinda Lodge No. 122

Date: Friday, February 23, 2018

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 16th!!



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an honor and a privilege to serve you, and I am especially indebted to all of the help I've received to make this year a successful one. I leave you in the capable hands of Br Love, and look forward to his continuing our legacy of excellence. Good Things are going on in Orinda!

Fraternally,

Alan Miller, Master

Master Elect



Greetings Brethren and Ladies

Please join me in congratulating my newly elected and appointed Orinda Lodge Officers for the

2018 Masonic year. These brothers have all demonstrated commitment and loyalty to Masonry, and to Orinda Lodge.

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| Brother Sean Mergy | Senior Warden |
| Brother Kendall Mason | Junior Warden |
| Brother Ronald Palmer | Treasurer |
| Brother Dick Anderson PM | Secretary |
| Brother Mickey Ganitch PM | Chaplain |
| Brother Ed Lana | Senior Deacon |
| Brother Guss Annan | Junior Deacon |
| Brother John Densom | Marshal |
| Brother Mike Gooding | Senior Steward |
| Brother Mick Finen | Junior Steward |
| Brother Mike Malliaris | Tiler |

Congratulations to all of you! I am looking forward to great year at Orinda Lodge.

Our November Stated Dinner lived up to all expectations. We feasted on the best turkey this side of heaven and most importantly we share time together as brothers, friends and family. Sean Mergy has become a turkey master and will be a formidable turkey cook-off competitor for years to come. I hope everyone had a safe and memorable time of thanksgiving with loved ones. As this year winds down, we still have December stated meeting, installation of new officers, and the

memorial service for all the brothers lost this year, to look forward to, hope to see you there.

In Closing, I would like to take a moment to recognize our Worshipful Master Alan Miller! Worshipful Alan presided over a memorial year for Freemasons, our 300th anniversary of Freemasonry in England. Orinda Lodge and its extended family salute you!

Bro. Love Master Elect

Senior Warden Elect



Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday whether at home or abroad. Before this year winds to a close we want to make a move towards updating our current reservation system. The key issues are:

1. We are not getting an accurate count of expected attendees for meals, and therefore overestimate, resulting in a significant loss for each stated meeting meal (typically \$400-600 each meal)
2. The \$15 we charge does not cover the cost of the meal, which averages around \$18-\$19, not including building overhead.

After much discussion, we are proposing the following changes:

Firstly, the permanent reservation list is not working and will therefore be eliminated, so everyone planning to attend an event will need to make a reservation. Some options we would like to consider would be either making your reservation via the Orinda Lodge website or by an event reminder email, which you can easily just respond to, both options would also give you the option to prepay for the event at a discounted rate.

The phone in reservation system will still exist, however the pay at the door price will be an additional \$5. We feel these changes are necessary to prevent wasteful over-ordering of meals.

We will also be considering options for the cost of the meal. One option is to have lodge continue to

subsidize the meal at \$15, with \$20 at the door. The other option is to charge \$20 for the meal to cover costs, with \$25 if paying at the door.

As usual the lodge will cheerfully absorb the cost for all widows and guests who attend our meetings.

We intend to bring these issues up at the December stated meeting and encourage everyone to attend, your feedback is very much appreciated as we endeavor to keep our Lodge sustainable well into the future.

All the best.

Sean Mergy, JW

Junior Warden Elect



Greetings from the south

I hope that you have enjoyed the past years meetings events and activities as much as I have, it's been a lot of fun. As you may already know, my name is Kendal Mason, yes that annoying guy who goes around shaking hands everyone's hand at every table, interrupting everybody's dinner. Sorry I just love all my brethren and family. Well, I was born and raised in San Francisco, attended college on the east coast. I have been a realtor since 2000, involved in nationwide real estate investment since 2002, and I will soon open my own brokerage firm. More importantly I would like to thank every one of the brethren at Orinda lodge for being so supportive of my Masonic journey this past year. I greatly appreciated all of you.

I would like to close by giving a special thanks to those brethren who have gone the extra mile and have taken an active role in guiding me through this fantastic voyage: Worshipful Vic Vickers, I couldn't have done it without you. Brother Sean Mergy, Worshipful Larry Becker, Worshipful Dick Anderson, Worshipful Greg Bloom, Worshipful Tom Steig, Worshipful Marvin Rasmussen, Worshipful Tom Kilgale, Worshipful Emilio Augustine, Worshipful Henry Gannett, Worshipful Greg Thompson, the Ferguson family and last but not least Brother Loren Piper one of the hardest working men in Masonry.

Thank you all, I look forward to an exciting and productive coming year.

See you all soon!

Bro. Kendal Mason JW Elect

Lunch with Lucille



Today I had the pleasure and honor to spend some time with everyone's sweetheart, **Lucille Madsen**. How very good it was to see her cheerful self. We enjoyed an annual lunch we have been doing since Lucille's One Hundredth Birthday four years ago. I finally got it in my calendar that her birthday is October 26th. It has become a bit of a joke between us that I kept thinking her birthday was sometime in November.

We made our way downtown and caught a parking spot right in front of the Walnut Creek Yacht Club restaurant where we dined. Our lady had Clam Chowder and Crab Louis. Our host complimented us with a candle lit flan.

We had a wonderful conversation about her parents and old time Oakland (I grew up around the corner from her family's property and went to the same school.) we spoke of her family that recently came to visit her for her 104th Birthday celebration. She had photos of her four generations including here newborn great-great grandson Oscar. We promised to do it again next year. Take a widow to lunch and experience the Joy.

Cary Carlson, PM



December Birthdays

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

January Birthdays

4 Vic C. Vickers PM	16 Charles B. Ugalde
4 Jack J. Wilding	18 John S. Kennedy
7 D. Paul Martyn	21 Peter M. Schantz
8 Michael S. Morse	24 Jay B. Little
8 Le Bron C. Preston	25 Eic M. Roberts
9 Alistair D. Ingram	25 James D. Gibson PM
10 Louis Salgado-Toledo	26 Lloyd J. Bosley
13 Donald J. Buckingham PM	28 Daniel J. Gannett
15 Jr, Richard Christensen	29 John B. Peers
15 Albert McCaffery, Jr.	30 Edward G. Comingore
	30 Joseph L. Powell

Congratulations!! Earl Love Jr. 2018 Master of Orinda Lodge #122



2018 LODGE OFFICERS

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Junior Steward	Mick Finen
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President	Cary Carlson, PM
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Secretary	Ben Bloom
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Harold Ballard	Gary Peare, PM
Larry Becker, PM	(E) Alan Miller, WM
Sean Mergy	(E) Earl Love Jr. SW
Mike Gooding	

Orinda Lodge #122 Trustees

Chairman	Jim Dickow, PM	(2019)
	Tom Kavishi, PM	(2017)
	Tom Steig, PM	(2018)
	Henry Gannett, PM	(2020)
	Greg Boom, PM	(2021)

Support for Families

Masonic Family Outreach Services (MFOS) exists so that no fraternal family has to go through tough times alone. With one phone call, it becomes our mission to help you and your loved ones.

We created the MFOS program in 2009. In the midst of the recession, many fraternal families were confronted with job loss and foreclosure on top of other challenges. The fraternity has a long history of stepping in to help families in such moments of crisis, and we created MFOS as a modern extension of this relief – offering expertise and resources to guide families through sensitive situations.

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Job's Corner

The Job's Daughters would like to invite everyone to their semi-annual installation on Saturday December 16th at 7PM at Orinda Lodge. Formal attire (men Coat & tie, Ladies no pantsuits, hats nor gloves). Refreshments will follow.

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Teri Stieg, who was elected Grand Guardian of the State of California, Job's Daughters International, and to Br Tom Steig, who was elected Vice Associate Grand Guardian of the State of California. We wish you well in your travels up and down the state on behalf of the Order.

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