

# Orinda Lodge



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TRESTLEBOARD

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## MARCH

- Thu Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>** Stated meeting: Dinner 6:30PM  
Chicken Tagine /Couscous  
Speaker: Grace Liu-Memory Care  
Meeting 8PM
- Sat Mar 4<sup>th</sup>** Cornerstone meeting / practice  
Seminoff Lodge, Union City
- Thu Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** Officers Practice 7PM
- Mon Mar 13<sup>th</sup>** Eastern Star Dinner 6PM Orinda
- Tue Mar 14<sup>th</sup>** DOSI @ Acalanes, 6:30PM dinner
- Thu Mar 16<sup>th</sup>** Officer Practice 7PM
- Thu Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (tentative)
- Fri-Sun Mar 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>** Master's  
& Warden's Retreat
- Tue Mar 28<sup>th</sup>** Cornerstone Ceremony at Orinda  
7AM breakfast  
8AM for GL Opening  
Alamo Fire Station Ceremony 11:00
- Wed Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** Hall Association Meeting 7PM

## April is Public Schools Month

- Thu April 6<sup>th</sup>** Stated Meeting and Dinner 6:30PM  
Spring Lamb Stuffed with Apricot  
and Mint New Potatoes, Asparagus
- Guest speaker from Raising A Reader  
Program
- Meeting 8PM

## MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the East

What a wet and wild February we had; such an emphatic ending to the drought. Almost too much of a good thing, as I have to feel for our brethren in the Oroville-Marysville area; hopefully all of the spillway repairs will hold and they can remain safe in their communities. Imagine evacuating 200,000 people around here - that would be like relocating all of Lamorinda, Walnut Creek, and Concord...where would we all go? That topic ties into a disaster preparedness presentation that is planned for later in the year.

January did end on a very trying note for me personally, losing Jack Forseth and then my father Buddy Miller on successive days. It was heartening to see such a large turnout at Jack's memorial service, conducted with dignified aplomb by Cary Carlson PM and Tom Kavishi PM. Jack touched many lives in Masonry and in his family and community, as evidenced by the plethora of touching words delivered by those at the service. Though my father was not a mason, he had many masonic qualities, and likewise touched many people in the community. We will hold a Celebration of Life for him in the springtime of April.

The March stated meeting will mark a departure from past traditions, as we will be taking a break from the Corned Beef and Cabbage St Patrick's Day fare, and will instead feature a Mediterranean flair – Chicken Tagine with couscous and Moroccan salad, expertly prepared by Lee and Alfredo of Cuisine Catering. If you haven't made a stated meeting yet this year, you've been missing out on some great meals, so get those reservations in to the Jr Warden. This dinner will also feature our first guest speaker of the year, as Grace Liu will be addressing us on the very relevant topic of Memory Care.

With the start of March the officers will hopefully have raised Br Finein to the sublime degree of Master Mason (the degree is scheduled after press time), and can turn their focus into making us a younger lodge! We have received several applications for the degrees already this year, and if all goes according to plan there will be several First Degrees in the coming months. We will also put the planning and preparation for the Cornerstone Ceremony into overdrive. Remember that Grand Lodge will be open in Orinda on the morning of Tuesday 28 March (7:00am light breakfast) followed by dedication at the new San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District station on Stone Valley Road in Alamo at 11:30. More details elsewhere in this Trestleboard.

With March also comes the return of spring, and with all of this rain, we can look forward to a bumper crop of buds and blooms.

Best to you all

Alan Miller, Master

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## SR. WARDENS MESSAGE



Greeting and salutations, the first part of this year has been rough for me. Having to say goodbye to my dad on January 7 and Illustrious Jack (R.I.P Brother) on Feb 4, left me in a saddened mood.

But, I was able to renew the bonds of fraternal brotherhood with a brother I have not seen in a long time. Worshipful Bro. Vic Vickers and I met up

with Worshipful Bro. Dirul Muhammad and we were able to chat about a lot of things. I have not seen Worshipful Muhammad for a while; but, when we were talking, it harkened to the first time he implanted some masonic knowledge in me. It is good for brothers to meet on the level.

Fraternally,

Bro. Earl Love Jr. Sr. Warden

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## MESSAGE FROM JR. WARDEN



On Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, at the Oakland Scottish Rite, Orinda's own Past Masters Cary Carlson and Tom Kavishi performed a beautiful ceremony for our departed Illustrious brother Jack Forseth. It was very well attended and several brothers from Orinda Lodge were there to support Jack's family and each other.

It was very nice to talk with others whom I did not know about the memory of Jack and the positive influence he has left on everyone he has known including myself. Jack's brother spoke of their trip "Out West" and how they wanted to be cowboys when they came to California. And many others spoke of his impact on their lives. It was very clear that Jack loved his family very much and they him. Great to have known you my brother and you will be greatly missed by all, until we meet again.

Just in case you were unaware, the cornerstone ceremony this month at the Alamo Fire station is open to the public. It will be a good opportunity for non-Masons to attend and get a glimpse of what we as Masons do for the community. So, if anyone knows someone who might want to attend please forward the information to them. And please inform the Secretary by Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> if you plan to attend either the Grand Lodge opening at the Lodge or the ceremony itself at the Fire Station, as we need an accurate head count for both.

Additional details are in the calendar.

Bro. Sean Mergy Jr. Warden

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5. David Robertson     | 19. Dimitri Carapanos    |
| 5. Clark W. Swank      | 20. Tom Kavishi, PM      |
| 6. Alvin J. Weis       | 21. Roland B. Bell       |
| 7. Thomas P. MaGee     | 21. Maurice E. Marcillac |
| 9. Winton E. Mather    | 22. Alfonse Martin       |
| 12. William E. Hall    | 26. Henry J. Gannett, PM |
| 13. Fred V. Bowles, PM | 27. Alexander S. Meloy   |
| 13. Derrell C. Feay    | 28. Richard D. Streeter  |
| 14. James W. McNamara  | 31. Michael E. Finein    |
| 14. Jon R. Blasquez    | 31. Stanley A. Boren Jr. |

### March 28th Cornerstone Dedication of Alamo Fire station #32 on Stone Valley Rd in Alamo

Orinda Lodge will be the host lodge for the cornerstone dedication. The Ceremony will be performed by Grand Master Heisner and the Grand Lodge officers, and is the first such ceremony in Division 3 in several years. The day's activity will commence with a 7:00am breakfast at Orinda lodge, followed by officers practice and the opening of Grand Lodge in Orinda at ~9:30am. After the ceremonial opening and closing, the public meeting section of the events will commence, with introduction of the many dignitaries. We will then repair to the site of the dedication (Stone Valley Road at Miranda Ave in Alamo) for a quick practice followed by the official ceremony at 11:30, which will include a buried time capsule and dedication of a commemorative plaque. After completion of the ceremony we will return to Orinda Lodge for a light lunch.

There will be a bus from the Masonic Homes available for transport between Orinda and Alamo, but it is expected the bus will be at capacity, and some carpooling will be required. Parking is limited in the neighborhoods around the fire station.

Please confirm your attendance by making a reservation with the Lodge Secretary so we may adequately plan the day's events. We would love to see a sea of white aprons for this ceremony.

Alan J Miller, Master

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# Orinda Lodge #122 Trestleboard

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## Job's Corner

The Job's Daughters meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month, and of course always look forward to serving the Stated Meeting Dinner. This month they are excited to be initiating a new member in the order. But of course, one can never have too many sisters, so if you have daughters/grand-daughters, nieces, cousins etc. between the ages of 10 and 20, be sure to introduce them to the Job's Daughters – it is a great way to grow our masonic family.