



# 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

### Alan Miller, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East

Well, Spring is here, and the hills are green again, with wildflowers making their appearance. And with the vaccine production and availability ramping up, we are getting that much closer to being able to meet again in person; a day that will be worthy of some sort of celebration.

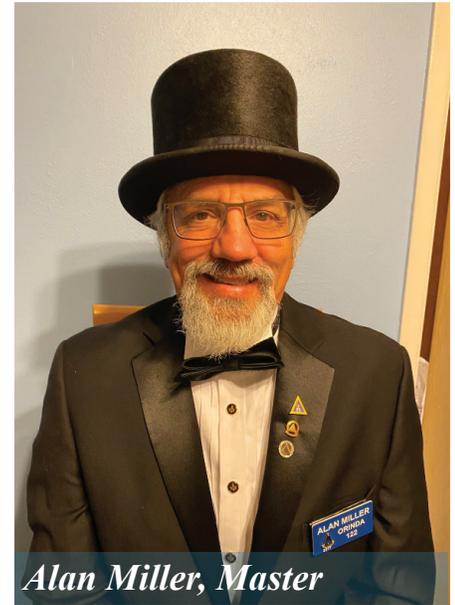
March found us still in the virtual meeting mode, but that did not limit us in providing some fine experiences. Being deemed Youth Orders Appreciation month by Grand Lodge, the March 18th social meeting provided us with ritual exemplifications from both of our local youth orders, Bethel 218 Orinda of Job's Daughters International, and our new Lamorinda DeMolay chapter. The Job's started the virtual festivities with Honored Queen Miss Lindsay, Jr Princess Miss Charlsie, and Chaplain Miss Addie performing an excellent rendition of the Robe Ceremony, which highlights the rich symbolism exemplified by the bethel robe. Next up was Master Councilor Nick providing a near word-perfect rendition of the DeMolay Ceremony of Light, which is also very rich in symbolism. Both of our youth orders are thriving despite the pandemic, and I would encourage all masons and families to let their sons, daughters, cousins, friends, and neighbors know of the excellent life skills offered by these fine youth organizations. Contact Bethel Guardian Cynthia Tubbs (wtrbb510@yahoo.com) or Mom Advisor Pat Bonnin (phenson552@yahoo.com) for more information.

At the social start to the March Stated Meeting, we had guest speaker, Mr. Cal Stanley, President and CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Oakland, provide an overview of the truly inspiring work that they do with the youth of Oakland. He discussed some of their distinguished alumni, including Hall-of-Famers Bill Russell and Frank Robinson, and described the many programs they offer to today's youth, providing an avenue of Light and Hope against the many negative pathways that can beset children in our modern society. While the lodge voted a modest one-time donation to this worthy charity, it inspired a deeper discussion of the role we as masons can provide to this or many other worthy causes. To that end, I am soliciting members for a Philanthropy Committee, which will be tasked with both suggesting worthy causes, as well as evaluating various fundraising opportunities in which brothers who share the interest can directly participate. I view this type of effort as another means to exemplify to the community the difference that we as Masons can make.

Please contact me by phone or e-mail if you desire to participate in this committee.

Fraternally,

Wr. Alan J Miller, PM | Master



Alan Miller, Master



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** 04/03
- Benjamin M. Bloom** 04/05
- Erik S Johnson PM** 04/06
- Billy M. Hayes** 04/09
- Richard G Williams** 04/11
- Jack R. Claunch, Jr.** 04/16
- Ronald R. Montes** 04/18
- Leroy A. Galvin** 04/18
- Duane Gary Henry** 04/19
- William R. Hovey PM** 04/19
- Steven E. 'Eddie' Spitzer** 04/20
- Bobby G. Robertson** 04/21
- Rudolph R. Zamora** 04/28
- Donald W Crocker** 04/29

# From The West

By Mick Finein

## Masons and Civility

"I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men of all walks of life to meet on common ground where all men are equal and have one common interest." - Theodore Roosevelt

"The Freemasons and members of the entire Masonic family, have had a long history of fostering civil dialogue and building civil societies. Masonic Lodges represent a peaceful assembly of people that are of different places of origin, languages, backgrounds, and beliefs. In particular, the principles and tenets of Freemasonry's values aim to promote and restore civility in the United States and around the globe.

In 2015, Grand Master Charvonia of the Grand Lodge of California declared May 25, 2015 to be the "Champion Civility Month", which encouraged Freemasons throughout California to make an effort to bring more civility into their local lodges and community.

Additionally, Freemasons from around the world have been working to repair civility through the Masonic Family Civility Project. This Civility Project was built to help raise awareness of Civility, and by providing social conversations, civility resources, multimedia education, and information for anyone to access.

On April 30 to May 1 of 2019, an Urgency of Civility Conference was hosted in Washington D.C. Over the course of the two-day civility conference . . . discussions revealed that definition of civility can be defined in many ways, but the key takeaway was the importance of restoring civility has never been more significant." (From Wikipedia)

From August 2016 Trestleboard article by Wor. Greg Cherry, Master of Santa Monica Palisades (CA) Lodge No. 307

"But as a Freemason, I already have the tools and resources to help make the world a better place. As a leader of this lodge, it is my duty to shine a light on the darker places of society with my moral and social virtues. Through the tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth, I can move past prejudices and injustice, and treat others with respect and compassion. The language and the values of Freemasonry were vital to the development of democracy in America. This is a country that was absolutely founded on Masonic principles. It is possible to return to those principles again. It will take the example and leadership of every Mason out there.

I can't fix our political system. I can't change the world in one lifetime. But I can improve myself. And I can improve those around me. And in doing so, I choose to be a part of the solution, rather than the problem. Of all the threats to our society, one of the most insidious is apathy, or inaction. We all have a part to play. And as Freemasons,

it is our duty to pass along those great moral duties which are inculcated within the lodge. It is time that we look to the trowel – the tool we all receive as Master Masons – to remind us of our role in spreading the cement of brotherly love, which forms the foundation of a stronger society, and unites us on the fraternal chain.

To learn more about the Civility Project, please visit <http://www.civilitycenter.org/>

For more articles on civility you can visit this link. There are multiple articles written by Worshipful Lawrence Altomare PM Oakland Durant Rockridge Lodge #188.

<https://www.masoniccivility.org/document-resources/>

Fraternally,

Mick Finein | Senior Warden

## Telehealth: Help Wherever Your Family Needs Us



If a young person in your life is struggling with behavioral, educational, or emotional challenges, we can help – no matter where you live in California.

Through new telehealth services, the Masonic Center for Youth and Families (MCYAF) offers professional consultation services over a secure video connection for parents, couples, families, and youth.

To learn more about telehealth, contact [inquiries@mcyaf.org](mailto:inquiries@mcyaf.org) or (877) 488-6293.

Find out how MCYAF's professional therapeutic services help families thrive at [mcyaf.org](http://mcyaf.org).



# The Hall Association

*By Gary Peare, President*

Brethren,

At the March 24th Hall Association meeting we welcomed our two newly elected directors, Wor. Craig Andrews and Bro. Ron Palmer. We also welcomed back Wor. Greg Bloom, who was re-elected to a second three-year term. We also elected new officers for 2021: Dennis Trammell, President; Greg Bloom, Vice President; Ed Lana, CFO; and Ben Bloom, Secretary. Thank you to these gentlemen for agreeing to serve the Association for the upcoming year. I've enjoyed my term as President, and look forward to remaining an active contributor to the team.

You may have read a story in the local press concerning Orinda Masonic Hall and the redevelopment planning project currently underway by the city of Orinda. As part of their planning process, they looked at how zoning might need to change in order to increase the local housing stock, and used several properties in the area as examples to illustrate proposed zoning rules. Our property was used as one such example.

The way that the story was reported in the press, and the language used to describe our property (a "development opportunity site"), might suggest that the city was looking at acquiring our property. This is in fact, not the case. We are in touch with the city, and they have informed us that they are not planning to redevelop our property. They used our site as an example only.

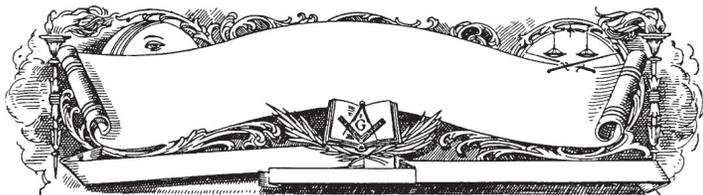
The report's language is unfortunate, and the city's communication with us has been lacking, but we have now established a clear line of communication with the planning department. They recognize Orinda Lodge's importance to the community, and have committed to including us in their planning discussions.

Other than that, the building remains closed for business, but prepped and ready to open as soon as we receive permission to do so. Let's hope that the current trend of more vaccinations and fewer infections continues and that we are able to open in some capacity in the upcoming quarter.

Our next Hall Association meeting will be Wednesday, May 26th, 2021, at 7pm. Please contact Bro. Trammell for a Zoom link if you would like to attend.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Gary A. Peare, P.:M.: Secretary



# Live Oak Visitation

Hosted via Zoom by Live Oak Lodge

**April 15th at 7 PM**

**Meeting ID: 880 2449 4414**

**Passcode: 276687**

## From The South

*By Dennis Trammell*

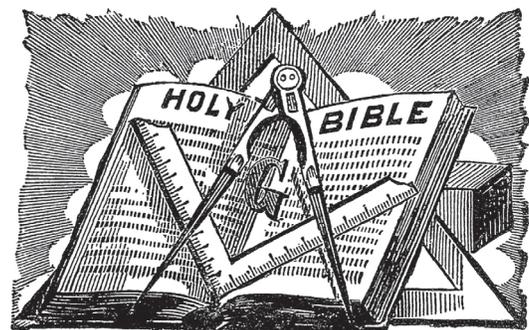
Every step through my Masonic journey I am continually reminded how amazing our brothers are. The majority of our brothers work in the dark and behind the scenes, wanting nothing more than to see our smiles. From even planning, parade marches, watchful eyes on our Lodge's future all the way down to friendly emails and surprise phone calls.

These brothers continue to inspire me as I move forward through life. I won't list any names because the truth is that each of you should know by now that I am writing about you. It's the late nights at a cheap restaurant debating life and philosophy, an open door to ones home to ramble about life and ritual, and a small drab of whiskey in someone's garage.

Life can be a series of overwhelming events delicately placed in the most destructive of way, but it can be so much easier knowing that such great people exist and are only ever a phone call away. These people are the ones I find constantly redefining charity as more than a contribution, but as a labor of love. Their dedication to the craft, their brothers, their families and their friends astounding.

With this in mind my next goal is to try and pause at least once every other day to check in on a brother. I highly encourage you each to do the same. What could feel like a meaningless conversation about time could mean the world to someone else.

Sincerely and Fraternally, thank you all.



We mourn today the loss of a brother whose spirit has been summoned to the land where our fathers have gone before us. Again we behold the narrow house appointed for all the living, and our thoughts turn to the silent realm, where, in that peace which the world can neither give nor take away, lie the unnumbered dead.

### **CHARLES WILLIAM DUNN**

BORN APRIL 5TH, 1941

RAISED JUNE 23RD, 1977 IN PLYMOUTH LODGE NO. 560

A 44-YEAR MEMBER OF ORINDA LODGE NO. 122

ENTERED INTO REST MARCH 14, 2021, AGE 79 YEARS

### **WILLIAM HENRY DAVIS**

BORN JULY 19, 1927

RAISED FEBRUARY 12, 1959 IN ORINDA LODGE NO. 122

A 62-YEAR MEMBER OF ORINDA LODGE NO. 122

ENTERED INTO REST MARCH 10TH, 2021, AGE 93 YEARS

### **WILLIAM CLEO REED**

BORN MARCH 17TH, 1917

RAISED OCTOBER 13, 1951 IN EAST BAY LODGE NO. 489

A 52-YEAR MEMBER OF ORINDA LODGE NO. 122

ENTERED INTO REST NOVEMBER 5TH, 2003, AGE 87 YEARS

### **DONALD MCLEAN JONES**

BORN SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1923

RAISED JUNE 23RD, 1959 IN PIEDMONT LODGE NO. 521

A 61-YEAR MEMBER OF ORINDA LODGE NO. 122

ENTERED INTO REST JANUARY 28TH, 2021, AGE 97 YEARS

### **DOUGLAS COLLINS GOMPERTZ, SR**

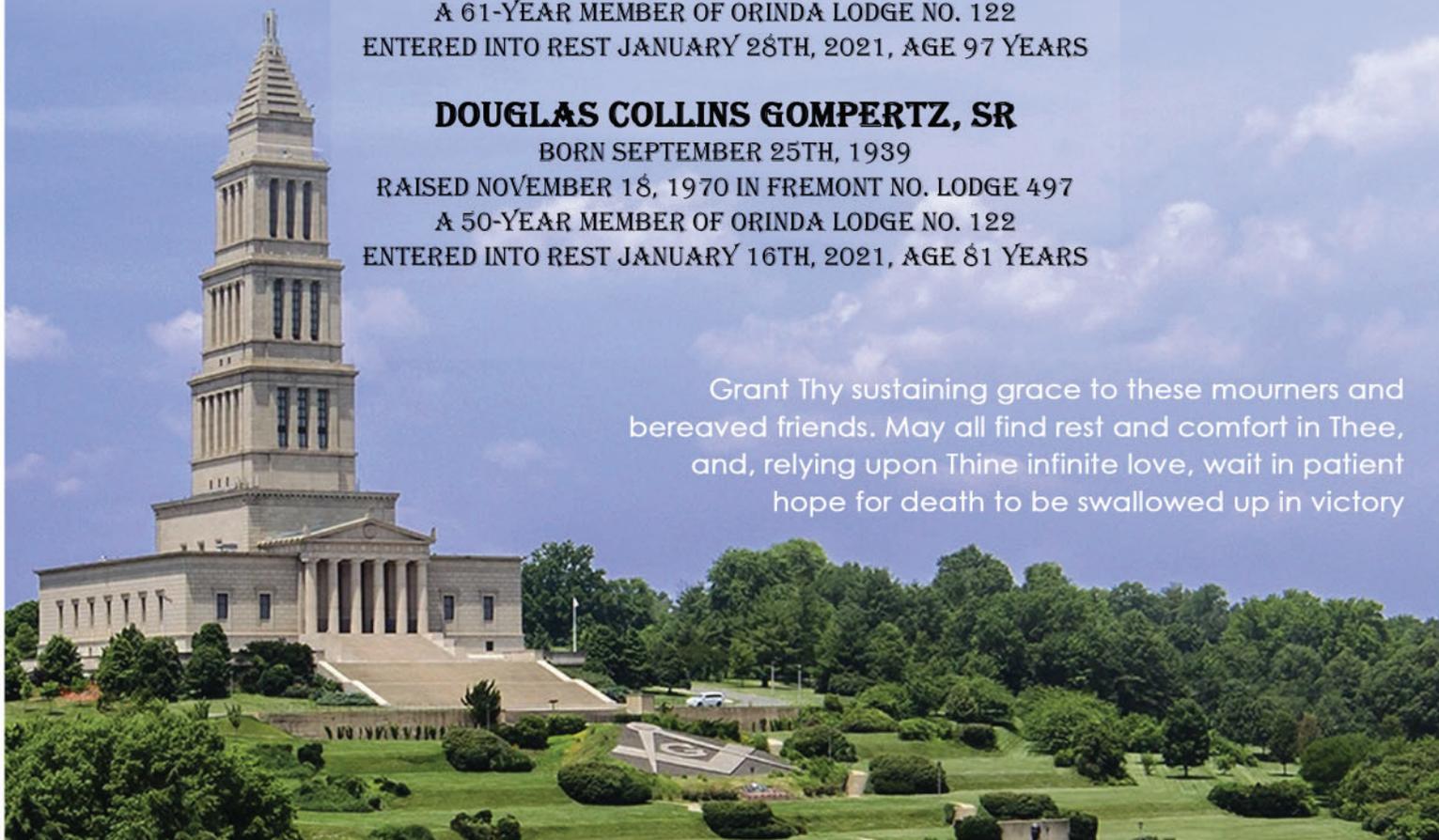
BORN SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1939

RAISED NOVEMBER 18, 1970 IN FREMONT NO. LODGE 497

A 50-YEAR MEMBER OF ORINDA LODGE NO. 122

ENTERED INTO REST JANUARY 16TH, 2021, AGE 81 YEARS

Grant Thy sustaining grace to these mourners and bereaved friends. May all find rest and comfort in Thee, and, relying upon Thine infinite love, wait in patient hope for death to be swallowed up in victory



# From The Secretary

By Gary Peare, PM

Brethren,

At the May Stated Meeting, we will vote on posthumously restoring Bros. Ambrose and Reed to good standing. Both were long-time members of the lodge who had been suspended for non-payment of dues when they were at advanced ages.

Thank you to all who have paid your 2021 dues. Our list of brothers with outstanding current balances is shrinking. Please contact me if you have any questions about your outstanding balance and how to remit payment. While you have the option of paying on freemason.org via credit card, please note that the lodge will be charged a processing fee. This may change in the future, but for now, if you'd prefer that the lodge receive the full value of your dues payment, the best way to pay is still by good old-fashioned check.

I'd also like to remind everyone that now is a great time to update your contact information and masonic profile in iMember. Go online to freemason.org and log in by clicking on the "For Members" link at the top right of the home page. Once logged in, click on the "My Profile" button and you'll be able to review and update your information.

Still have a question or need assistance with updating your information? Happy to help. Just email me at [gpeare@gmail.com](mailto:gpeare@gmail.com) or call me at 925-285-8175.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Gary A. Peare, P.:M.:



# Lodge Online

Below is a list of online meetings, hosted via Zoom. You should be receiving regular updates about these meetings via email. If you have not seen any please check you spam folder for emails from [dtrammell@designs1994@gmail.com](mailto:dtrammell@designs1994@gmail.com), or reach out to the provided email.

## Social & Stated Meeting

Hosted via Zoom on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

## Stated Meeting (Masons Only)

April 1st | 7PM

Social 7 PM | Opening 7:30 PM

Meeting ID: 846 2866 2385

Password: 335965

## Social Meeting (Open to all)

April 15th | 7 PM

Meeting ID: 846 2866 2385

Password: 335965

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Or call (888) 466-3642 to speak with Masonic Outreach staff



*"Among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree."*

## 2020 Lodge Officers

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## Hall Association

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**Vic Vickers PM**

**Michael Gooding**

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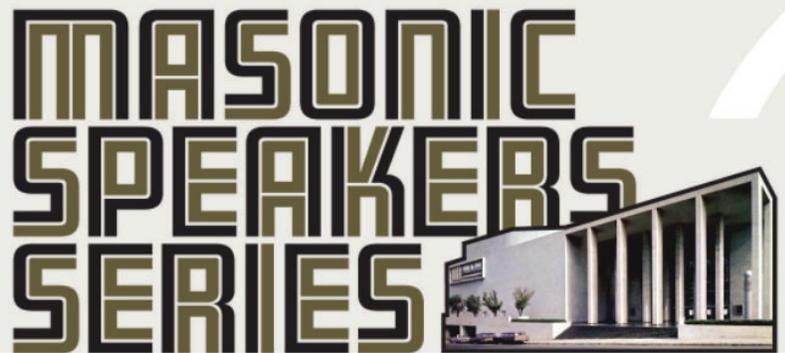
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**Next Series Presentation:**  
2021 International  
Conference on Freemasonry

When Masons meet, Masons eat. But as with all things Masonic, the customs and traditions behind even wining and dining have incredibly deep roots. Join Masonic researcher and orator Andrew Farleigh as he discusses the origins and customs of the Masonic festive board, from the Premier Grand Lodge of London to present-day lodges around the globe. Farleigh is the grand orator for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex, England, and orchestrates a team of more than 30 Masonic lecturers in talks given around the world. He also serves in several Grand Masonic capacities in Great Britain.

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