



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

Well, folks, we made it to December and we managed to stay sane and safe(at least I hope we did LOL). It has been a challenging year for all of us but together we all made it through. It also means that this is my last Trestle-board article as Master.

As always, there are numerous people to say thank you to among the brothers and officers, ever so much more this year due to the irregular conditions thrust upon us this year. At the top of the list is Brother Dennis Trammell, our Senior Deacon, who has been dealing with all the group emails, Zoom invitations, and any other email item that needed attending to. Every time I came up with a new idea to keep cohesion in the lodge I was asking him to send out another group email or some such other project. Thank you Dennis for everything you did this year. Also deserving thanks are Mick Finein, our Junior Warden, for all his labors and ideas, Worshipful Cary Carlson, our Officers Coach, for his unquestioned support to any and all, and Worshipful Larry Becker, my personal confidant, who was always available to me when I needed a "Mason's ear" or another Mason's opinion.

Also, I cannot leave without extending many thanks to Worshipful Greg Bloom for everything he has done for Orinda Lodge over the years. Our last big event before we closed due to Covid-19 was the February "Annual Crab Feed". Greg has been hosting the Crab Feed since I came to Orinda Lodge (2003) and was doing it for a number of years before that. Forgive me Greg for not having the years counted correctly, but I'm guessing almost 30 years?

A special thank you is extended to Worshipful Dick Anderson who has served this Lodge for the past 15 years as our Secretary. Worshipful Dick has decided to step down as Secretary for the 2021 year and serve as Assistant Secretary to the in-coming Secretary. Worshipful Dick has done more for this lodge than anyone I can think of Since I've been here. along with all that is required as Secretary, he also did things for us that aren't really "Secretary's work". As a two time Master of the Lodge, Dick was always there for me if I ever needed something/anything. Thank you Worshipful Dick for everything you do for the lodge.

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Tom Kilgallen, Master

Lodge at a Glance

Online Stated Meeting

Via Zoom

December 3rd | 8PM

Meeting ID: 846 2866 2385

Password: 335965

Virtual Installation

Via Zoom

December 10th | 7PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsdmqT0pGt-3xyMXprGOU-wPG9k5zZX>

Virtual Remembrance

Via Zoom

December 17th | 7 PM

Meeting ID: 869 5845 8923

Password: 175556



(From The East Continued)

Also noteworthy for thanks is our Treasurer, Brother Ed Lana who is Stepping down at the new year so he and his wife may pursue personal adventures. I believe they are moving out of the area but I will leave it to them to say where and when.

Also, we will have an installation in December. We are awaiting Grand Lodge to give us a "script to use on Zoom, and we will announce the date soon. As is customary in Orinda Lodge, the incoming Master will decide the actual date and time.

Our much loved and appreciated Inspector, Worshipful Greg Thompson, has termed out after 7, or is it 8 years. Thank you Greg for everything you gave to the district and for everything you have done for Orinda Lodge. Always remember that you are always welcome at Orinda lodge. Good luck in your new Masonic pursuits. We have a new Inspector Worshipful Mike Tagulao. We warmly welcome him to our district as our new Inspector and wish you the very best in your Masonic pursuits.

In closing, I would like to say that it was an honor to be asked to serve the lodge as Master for a second time and I feel very lucky to have a fantastic line of officers to work with me. My best wishes for the coming year to the new officer's line and all members. Merry Christmas, happy solstice, Happy New Year, and all the other winter celebrations I may have missed.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Tom Kilgallen, PM | Master

From The Master

It is with profound sadness and deep respect that I make this announcement to you: Our beloved Brother and 4 time Master or Orinda Lodge #122, has past away on Sunday morning Nov. 29. Worshipful Jim has always been there for his lodge and will always be remembered as a great human being and a great mason.

Tom Kilgallen, PM | Master

From The Secretary

By Dick Anderson

Brethren,

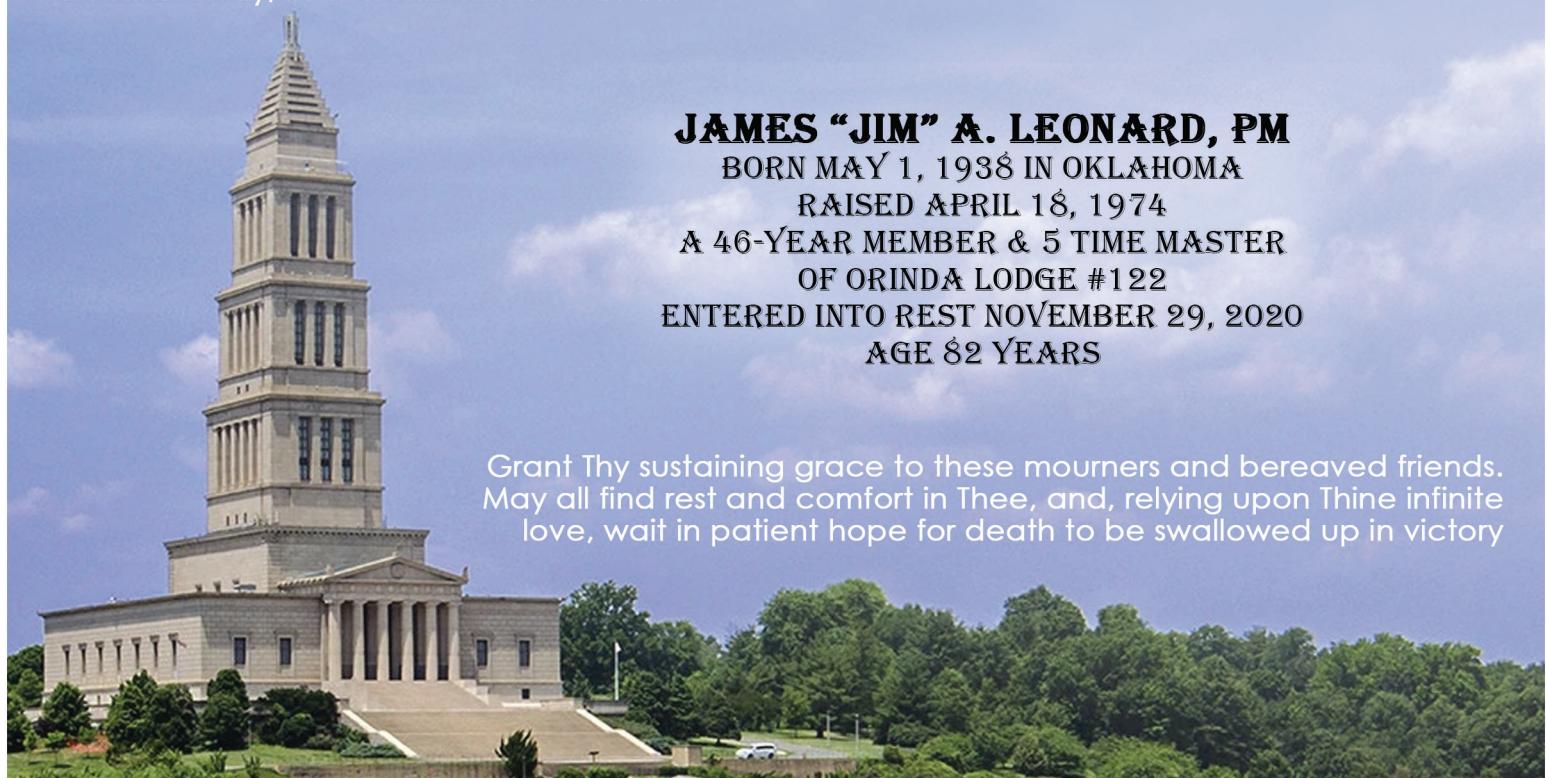
The dues notices for 2021 have gone out and are \$103.25. If your current dues receipt doesn't show December 31, 2020 as the expiration date, you are in danger of being suspended for non-payment of dues. If this is the case please reach out to the Lodge as soon as you are able to.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Dick Anderson, PM

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.

JAMES "JIM" A. LEONARD, PM
BORN MAY 1, 1938 IN OKLAHOMA
RAISED APRIL 18, 1974
A 46-YEAR MEMBER & 5 TIME MASTER
OF ORINDA LODGE #122
ENTERED INTO REST NOVEMBER 29, 2020
AGE 82 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 West

By Alan Miller

Greetings!

Thank you to the Brethren for their show of confidence in electing me to serve as Master for 2021. Hopefully by mid-year this pandemic will be behind us, and we will be able to meet again in person to get caught up on conferring degrees and other fellowship activities. In the meantime, we will endeavor to continue to connect and do business via Zoom, until such time as the Grand Master allows in-person activity.

I would like to commend Wr Kilgallen for steering the ship through these choppy and uncertain waters of the pandemic, as we've been forced to adapt in ways we had not anticipated. But it has been encouraging to see the many participants in our zoom Stated meeting and third Thursday calls, including many from afar who would normally not be able to attend an in-person meeting; I thank Wr Tom for making those happen. I would also like to thank Wr Greg Thompson for his many years of service as the Inspector of the 305th Masonic District, and welcome our new Inspector, Wr Mike Tagulao, a past-master of San Leandro lodge. And a big THANK YOU to Wr Dick Anderson for his many years of service as Secretary of Orinda Lodge. Dick will serve as Assistant Secretary to our new Secretary-elect, Wr Gary Peare.

I would like to invite everyone to our first-ever virtual Installation of Officers, to be held on Thursday December 10th at 7:00PM.

The Grand Master has provided a modified script to be used for a virtual rendition of the installation, which preserves much of our ritual. The officers serving Orinda Lodge for 2021 are:

Master: Alan Miller, PM

Senior Warden: Mick Finein

Junior Warden: Dennis Trammell

Secretary: Gary Peare, PM

Treasurer: Tom Stieg, PM

Senior Deacon: *

Junior Deacon: Tony Benevidez

Chaplain: Mickey Ganitch, PM

Marshall: Mike Gooding

Organist: Bill Richmond, PM

Asst Secretary: Dick Anderson, PM

Senior Steward: open

Junior Steward: Open

Tiler: *

* As of this writing, the Senior Deacon and Tiler positions had not been finalized.

You can see we do have openings in the Steward ranks if any Brothers are so interested. When it is time to confer degrees, we can also appoint stewards for the day as necessary.

While it is virtual, the installation is still regarded as a formal event. Officer will be in tuxedo; I encourage every else to dress accordingly. Regrettably there won't be a meal involved for December 10th, but I promise to make up for that at some point in 2021. And perhaps we can organize at least a virtual toast after the conclusion of the ceremony.

The first lodge activity after the Installation will be our annual roll call of fallen brothers, to be held on Thursday December 17th. This will also be a virtual event. The remembrance ceremony will be conducted by Wr Cary Carlson, and is always a solemn and heartfelt occasion. Respectful attire is appropriate. It will be open to everyone this year, so look for a Zoom invite in your e-mail,

Be safe everyone, and enjoy the holiday season as best possible.

Fraternally. Alan Miller, PM | Master-Elect



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

— Happy Birthday! —

Michael A. Rountree PM 12/01

John A. Falchetta 12/02

Dion M Wilson 12/02

Harry W. Farrell 12/03

Gordon A. Andrews PM 12/06

Emilio H. Augustine PM 12/11

Loren E. Piper 12/13

Alan J. Miller 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

Scott C. Williams 12/25

Alan H. Wandesforde 12/25

Kenneth W Kurtz 12/28

Hall Report

By Gary Peare

On behalf of the Orinda Masonic Hall Association, I hope that this month's Trestleboard continues to find you and your loved ones in good health, in good spirits, and ready for the holidays!

Looking for an opportunity to engage with the lodge and to contribute to its health and legacy? As the poet Marge Piercy writes, "The pitcher cries for water to carry

and a person for work that is real." We will have at least two open positions on the Hall Association Board come January. We especially need brothers who are tech-savvy and who have practical manual skills. Or if you have an eye for aesthetics, we oversee everything from landscape design to lobby furniture selection. It's a solid team, and I know you'll enjoy your experience.

While the work is worthy, the time commitment is minimal: we meet about every two months and less than 15 hours annually. Must be a Master Mason in good standing. Terms are typically for three years, but shorter commitments are possible.

If you are interested, or know a good brother who you think would make a fine Hall Association Director, please call me at 925-285-8175 or email me at gpeare@gmail.com.

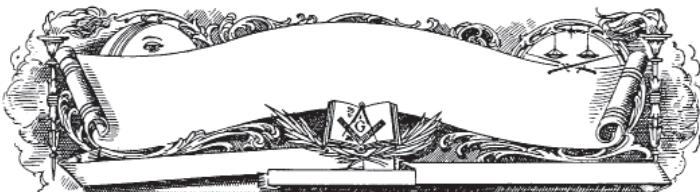
As you know, I will be taking over Lodge Secretary duties from Wor. Dick Anderson in 2021. It's wise to share the load when it comes to lodge leadership responsibilities, so I plan to step down as Hall President next year (but will remain on the board).

As for the Hall itself, it remains officially closed, pending the Grand Master's approval to reopen in accordance with all local health department directives. As a reminder, limited access to the building is available if necessary. Please contact our building manager, Katie Pintado, or me to request access.

The Hall Association continues to meet on a regular basis via Zoom. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27th 7pm. Please email me if you would like to attend and I will send you a link to the meeting.

Happy holidays!

Gary A. Peare, P.M.,
Orinda Hall Association President



From The South

By Mick Finein

Brethren,

Well we have just about made it through a difficult and trying year not just as a Lodge, but also as a society and a planet.

Covid-19.

Shelter in Place;

Masks

Lockdowns

Economic turmoil

Social issues such as Black Lives Matter

And perhaps one of the most contentious Presidential elections in 50 years.

Through it all our Lodge has continued to function. We continued our meetings with virtual social meetings two times a month and now virtual Stated Meetings.

We elected Officers for 2021.

We maintained contact with our Brothers and one of our longest standing traditions the Annual Visitation with Live Oak Lodge.

We continued to support Masonic charitable causes.

We continued Masonic education.

The Hall Association and Trustees continued their work and duties.

We have continued to embody our Masonic principles of Brotherly love, relief and truth.

So yes, 2020 was a trying year, and we made it through intact and perhaps in some ways even stronger.

Many thanks go to Worshipful Tom for his efforts for seeing us through this difficult year.

I look forward to 2021, with Alan Miller as the new Master of the Lodge I have no doubt we will continue to grow and improve our Lodge.

Fraternally,

Mick Finein | Junior Warden

You are Cordially Invited to:
ORINDA LODGE NO. 122
FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



164th Annual (and 1st Virtual) Installation of Officers

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10TH, 2020 AT 7:00PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsd-moqT0pGtT-3xyMXprG0U-wPG9k5zZX>

Appropriate Installation attire is encouraged

Installing Officer	Wor. Gary Peare, PM
Installing Master of Ceremonie	Wor. Cary Carlson, PM
Installing Chaplain	Wor. Larry Becker, PM
Welcoming Remarks – Retiring Master	Wor. Tom Kilgallen, PM
Presentation of the Flag	Lamorinda DeMolay Chapter
Pledge of Allegiance	Miss Lindsay Johnson, Sr Princess Bethel 218 Orinda, Job's Daughters Intl

Appointive & Elective Officers for 2021

Tiler *	
Organist	William Richmond, PM
Marshall	Michael Gooding
Assistant Secretary	Richard Anderson, PM
Junior Deacon	Anthony Benevidez
Senior Deacon *	
Chaplain	Michael Ganitch, PM
Musical Interlude	Miss Jacqueline Miller
Secretary*	Gary Peare, PM
Treasurer	Thomas Stieg, PM
Junior Warden	Dennis Trammell
Senior Warden	Michael Finein
Master	Alan Miller, PM

*To be installed at a later date

**"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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Chaplain | Mickey Ganitch PM (Barbara)
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Assistant Secretary | Erik Johnson PM
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Junior Deacon | Tony Benavides (Seema)
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Officers Coach | Don Weisse Jr. PM (Pat)
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Hall Association

President | Gary Peare PM

Vice President |

Chief Financial Officer | Ed Lana

Secretary | Ben Bloom

Greg Bloom PM

Sean Mergy PM

Vic Vickers PM

Mick Finein

Michael Gooding

Alan Miller PM

Tom Kilgallen PM

Dennis Trammell

Trustees

Tom Steig PM 11/21

Greg Bloom PM 11/22

Tom Kavishi PM 11/22

Larry P. Becker PM 11/23

Norm Gorsuch 11/24

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DECEMBER 2020

Mickey Ganitch OFFICIALLY 101 YEARS YOUNG.

This November our beloved Chaplain Mickey passed the 101 mark! Alameda County Toys for Tots helped Mickey celebrate by organizing a drive-by parade, filled with happy faces saluting and waving to Mickey! His wife Barbara and their daughter Bonnie greeted everyone with smiling faces and delicious cupcakes.



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