



# 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

Brethren and friends, Welcome to 2021! I think enough has been said of the extraordinary events of the past year, so let's leave it in the rear view mirror and focus on looking forward. We have the hope and promise of vaccines to combat the pandemic, which once widespread should enable us to meet again in person. But my crystal ball suggests it will likely be at least another 6 months before that happens, so we should go forward with the expectation that at least until June we should plan on the continuation of our virtual meetings via the Zoom video format. And it is always helpful to remember those sage words, tat Time, Patience, and Perseverance will accomplish all things.

We can make use of our Time by continuing to reflect on what it means to be a mason. We can build on our sense of Fraternity by staying connected through our bi-weekly virtual gatherings, which do allow us to bridge great distances, for those who might otherwise not be able to travel to Orinda for a regular meeting - it is wonderful to have Br Cesar Salinas join us from Peru for example. We will also continue to reach out to those brothers from whom we haven't heard in a long while. We will continue to provide relief and support worthy charitable organizations, be it public schools, our youth orders or other fine causes. As an example, coming up in March I will have the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Oakland give a talk on the fantastic work they do for Oakland's youth. And we will also expand on our offerings in masonic education, both as a regular part of our stated meetings, as well as our second "special" meeting each month.

I ask patience of our brothers who are going through the degrees, while Grand Lodge has enabled us to now conduct business virtually, that does not extend to ritual at this time. So we will have to wait until we can meet in person in a tiled lodge to resume the degree work. But it is still possible for you to work on your proficiency materials, and I encourage each of you to take advantage of the masonic education offerings.

Finally, with the perseverance of all of our brothers, we can rise from this pandemic stronger than ever. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you again in the East - I am looking forward to a most excellent year.

Fraternally,  
 Alan Miller, Master



*Alan Miller, Master*

# From The West

*By Mick Finein*

Welcome to the New Year Brothers. As we put 2020 in the rear view mirror and focus on looking forward to a better 2021.

As Senior Warden, I will be reaching out to all our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to complete their proficiency work, so when we can meet in the future for degree work everyone will be ready to advance.

## Civility

Last year in one early article as Junior Warden, I discussed civility as a Masonic attribute. As Masons civility is not something we do because we are required to practice it, it is something we do because it is right.

When George Washington was 14 or 16 years old (there are varying accounts of his age) he wrote his 101 Rules of Civility. You can find the 101 rules online through the Mr. Vernon website [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

Many of the 101 rules do not translate well. But here are a few.

Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present.

Let your conversations be without malice or envy and in all causes of passion admit reason to govern.

Shew nothing to your friend that may affright him.

Reprehend not the imperfections of others.

Never express anything unbecoming.

Associate yourself with men of good quality for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company.

George Washington was one of our most well known Masons in history. And at a young age he wrote out his rules of civility that in many instances mirror our Masonic values.

## From Wikipedia

Civility from Old French *civilite*, from Latin *civilitas*, from *civilis* 'relating to citizens'. In early use, the term denoted the state of being a citizen and hence good citizenship or orderly behavior.

Many experts on civility cite that Civility actually goes beyond good manners and listening attentively, but actually includes sharing our own beliefs and values with others through some type of engagement with the intent of sincere respect towards one another. This also requires a willingness and open mindedness to having our opinions and biases challenged by others who share a different and perhaps completely unique perspectives and points of view.[3] Experts say that our ability to act with civility is deeply connected with our ability to understand our own emotions, because understanding our own feelings will help us to recognize how we are feeling in real-time and give

us a greater ability to have empathy for others. Furthermore, understanding our own personal feelings can help us to evaluate the things that trigger us emotionally and therefore become more aware and in tune with how we can, could and will possibly react and feel in certain situations. By being open to taking the time to understand our thoughts and emotions in these situations, this practice can lead to the self-recognition and acceptance of how the same or similar situations may affect others, including those that may share a completely unique perspective.

In essence by civility we may disagree without being disagreeable.

Yet civility seems to be an ideal that is fading from society.

Civility, I can't think of many better ideals to ascribe to in the New Year.

Fraternally,

Mick Finein | Senior Warden

# From The Secretary

*By Dick Anderson*

Brethren,

You may have received a bill from Grand Lodge for your dues payment.

They have installed this new database system and it has many problems to be worked out.

Don't send them any money. They reimburse us for the payment minus a \$3.40 fee for any credit card payment.

That is money we were supposed to get from you for our use. So, please use the envelope we sent you and send your check in that envelope.

I am asking you to please ignore any request from them for payment.

This new system also doesn't use the little pre-printed dues receipts you used to get from us.

You will now get a letter from us that is printed on a sheet of cardstock. It will require you to get out your scissors and cut your dues receipt out.

That, too, is the way this new system works. More work for the Secretary and you.

We hope you and your families have a wonderful new year and fulfillment of many of your hopes and dreams.

Fraternally,

Dick Anderson | Secretary



# JANUARY

- Vic C. Vickers PM** 01/04
- Jack J. Wilding** 01/04
- D. Paul Martyn** 01/07
- Albert A. Fernandes** 01/08
- Michael S. Morse** 01/08
- Alistair D. Ingram** 01/09
- Luis Salvago-Toledo** 01/10
- Donald J. Buckingham PM** 01/13
- Jr. Richardhristensen** 01/15
- Charlie B. Ugalde** 01/16
- John S. Kennedy** 01/18
- Peter M. Schantz** 01/21
- Jay B. Little** 01/24
- James D. Gibson PM** 01/25
- Eric M. Roberts** 01/25
- Lloyd J. Bosley** 01/26
- Eric C. Tubbs** 01/26
- Daniel J. Gannett** 01/28
- John B. Peers** 01/29
- Joseph L. Powell** 01/30
- Edward G. Comingore** 01/30

# Lodge Online

Below are 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, or reach out to the provided email.

## Social & Stated Meeting

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

## Hall Association

January 27th | 7 PM

Meeting ID: 819 7787 7638

Passcode: 227626

## Stated Meeting (Masons Only)

February 4th | 7PM

Social 7 PM | Opening 7:30 PM

Meeting ID: 846 2866 2385

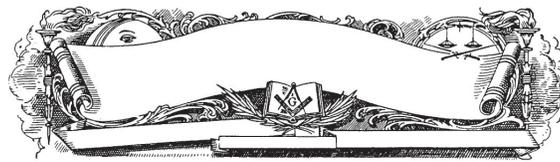
Password: 335965

## Social Meeting (Open to all)

February 18th | 7 PM

Meeting ID: 846 2866 2385

Password: 335965



# FEBRUARY

- Charles S. Crane** 02/02
- Ronald E. Dawson** 02/04
- Nathaniel M. Huffine** 02/05
- Phillip J. Brooks** 02/05
- John F. Hutchens** 02/05
- Kenneth F. Edwards** 02/08
- Marvin B. Rasmussen PM** 02/09
- Falah K. Aljibury** 02/09
- Behzad Raufi** 02/09
- Gregory W. Bloom PM** 02/10
- Craig E Andrews PM** 02/11
- Morgan J. Swiggett** 02/16
- Timothy F.M. Brown** 02/17
- Reyheo M. Espiritu** 02/17
- Vivian C. Flanagan** 02/18
- Thomas E. Lorenté III** 02/19
- Kenneth A. Ferguson** 02/19
- Sean P. Finney PM** 02/20
- Burnette R. Gorham** 02/22
- Dennis F. Trammell** 02/24
- Mustafa A. Tinawi** 02/25
- Paige W. Meyer** 02/25
- Mark W. Glasgow** 02/28

*“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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## **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.

## **February 2021**



**MAKING TRUE FRIENDS | IMPROVING OURSELVES | HAVING AN IMPACT**