



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 Master and Wardens.

It truly looks like we are nearing the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. The Grand Master has decreed, in consultation with the State of California, that lodge meetings are deemed Private Parties, and as such are entitled to begin in-person events provided the county is not in the Purple Tier. This includes Stated Meetings as well as special meetings and degrees. However, there is still a very strict list of protocols that must be met and followed, the details of which you will find in the following sections of this Trestleboard. Suffice to say that while the GM has determined we can hold meetings as early as the May Stated, I have decided, and the Wardens concur, that taking things slow is the most prudent course of action.

Therefore the May Stated Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. When the protocols are in readiness, we will start lodge gatherings with ritual practice for officers - we'll need to get our "sea legs" back. From there more special meetings, degrees, and Stated Meetings are sure to follow. I implore everyone to familiarize themselves with the protocol materials, as enforcement of them will be necessarily strict: for example, a copy of proof of vaccination or a negative covid test from the past 72 hours must be provided to gain entry into the lodge. **There are no exceptions.**

We all want to be able to meet together in the lodge as soon as we can, but we also have a duty to do so in a safe and prudent manner.

Stay tuned for more developments, and stay healthy everyone!

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!

Edward Bessonov 05/05
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Bert Willard Bartlett PM 05/06
William H. Garrett 05/07
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Kendal D. Mason 05/30

Meeting Protocols

By Dennis Trammell

When returning to the lodge there are going to be some new protocols we will have to follow. Below are a few of the biggest additions that will affect our meetings moving forward through the pandemic.

Self Screening

Attendees self-screen for symptoms at home following CDC guidelines. Attendees with symptoms do not attend the meeting. Symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Cough
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Diarrhea

Required RSVP

No attendee enters the meeting unless the attendee is on the lodge guest list and provides the lodge officer with written documentation of either a recent (within the last 72 hours) negative COVID-19 test or full vaccination (all required doses). We must have this information ahead of time in order to properly plan a seating chart.

Masks

Face coverings are required and are not shared. Masks are required during the entire time spent on the premises.

Social Distancing

People who are fully vaccinated do not need to be 6 feet apart, otherwise a minimum of 6 feet is required by Contra Costa County.

Documentation

In order to enter the lodge you must provide written documentation for either full vaccination (and 14 day cool down period) or a recent negative COVID-19 test that was conducted within the last 72 hours. Two lodge members will be stationed at the entrances and are required to check that all documentation is provided and correct. Anyone without documentation will have to be turned away from the event.

We look forward to seeing you all, but we must do so in a safe manner that fulfills all state and county mandates. The Hall association is working hard to ensure a safe environment for your return, please do your part to respect the mandates provided to us so that we may continue to meet once we open.

Mandated Training

By Dennis Trammell

Brethren,

As we approach the ability to return to the Lodge we will have a lot of obstacles to leap through. One of the biggest requirements is to train all of our members in COVID-19 practices, protocols, and screenings. I will be holding zoom training sessions covering these topics, please reach out to me at dtrammell@designs1994@gmail.com for upcoming information on this.

At the moment we are targeting using the beginning section of our May Social Meeting.

Mandated training for all members who will be attending is listed below.

The lodge's members are trained on the following topics:

- Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on COVID-19, how to prevent it from spreading, and which underlying health conditions may make individuals more susceptible to contracting the virus.
- Self-screening at home, using CDC guidelines.
- The importance of not coming to the site if members display COVID-19 related symptoms, or if they or someone they live with have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- The importance of seeking medical attention if their symptoms become severe. Updates and further details are available on CDC's website.
- The importance of frequent hand-washing with soap and water, including scrubbing with soap for 20 seconds (or using adequate hand sanitizer, per CDC guidelines).
- The importance of physical distancing
- Proper use of face coverings, including:
 - Face coverings do not protect the wearer and are not personal protective equipment (PPE).
 - Face coverings can help protect people near the wearer, but do not replace the need for physical distancing and frequent hand-washing.
- The importance of washing and/or sanitizing hands before and after using or adjusting face coverings.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Face coverings should be washed after each shift.

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@sbcbglobal.net, 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)

May 6th | 7PM
Social 7 PM | Stated 7:30 PM
Meeting ID: 846 2866 2385
Password: 335965

Social Meeting (Open to all)

May 20th | 7 PM
Meeting ID: 846 2866 2385
Password: 335965

Hall Association (Open to all)

May 20th | 7 PM
Meeting ID: 819 7787 7638
Passcode: 227626

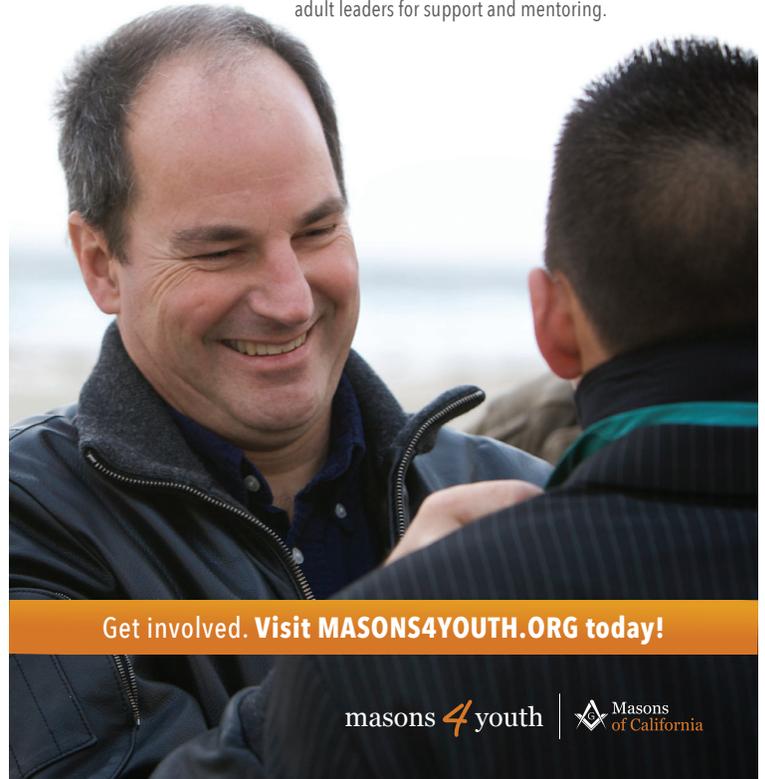


2021 Orinda Parade

Yesterday I received an email from a representative from the Orinda Association asking if the lodge will be participating in the 4th of July Parade. After talking with the Master of the Lodge we decided that we would like to wait before making a decision on the parade question. Our official Status right now is "We don't know for sure yet". All those who may be interested in participating please try to let me know by calling me @ 510-594-1169. We will let you know as soon as possible of the final determination.

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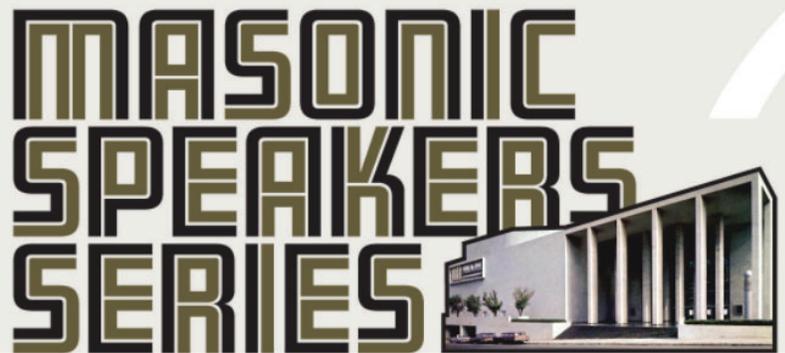
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Tony Harvey
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