

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

Welcome to October, home stretch for 2021. October will be a busy month, starting with our Stated Meeting on Thursday the 7th. While the October meeting has traditionally been an Oktoberfest celebration, I also realized that due to Covid we have been cheated out of not one but two Cinco de Mayo celebrations. So to make up for lost time I decided to combine the two: we will have a catered taco bar to go with our German beer. A perfect demonstration of how both America and our masonic heritage is one of blended cultures; for in every country and in every clime are masons to be found. And we like to eat.

Another October tradition is the annual visitation of Live Oak Lodge to Orinda; keeping intact the string of visits that dates to 1927. This will take place on Thursday October 14th, and the Live Oak officers will confer a Fellowcraft degree on one or possibly two of our candidates.

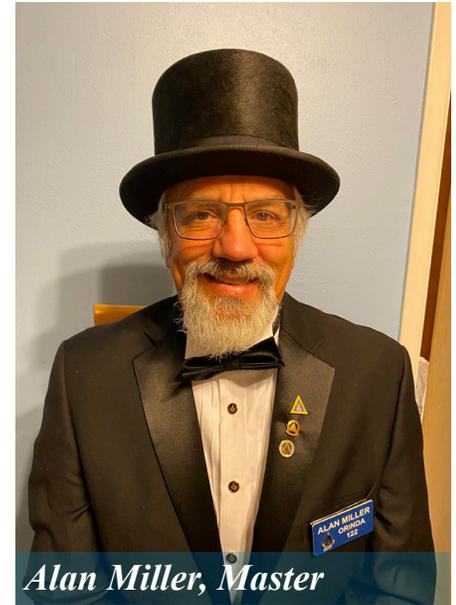
Annual communication will be held on October 8-10. As previously mentioned, that will include the Installation on Sunday of two of our Orinda Brothers, Wr Tom Kavishi as junior Grand Deacon, and Wr Earl Love Jr as Grand sword Bearer. Would be great to have a good turnout of Orinda brothers for that Sunday event (October 10th). As was previously communicated, all attendees at Grand Lodge must provide proof of Covid vaccination - a negative Covid test alone is not sufficient to gain admission.

The lodge BBQ and Double Hiram Award ceremony will be held on Saturday October 23rd. BBQ to start at noon, with award ceremony to start at 1:30. Featuring our Master BBQ Chef, Wr Greg Bloom. And also amongst all of this activity, Orinda Lodge will host a District School of Instruction (DOSI) for the officers on Thursday Oct 21st. Though mandatory for officers, all brothers are welcome to attend. I also encourage all of my brothers to work out time with Wr Cary and Inspector Mike Tagulao to qualify for your proficiency for the ensuing masonic year, prior to our November elections.

And finally, the Golden Veteran award ceremony for Br Falah Aljibury will be on Friday November 5th, hosted by Wr Tom Kavishi. An earlier start to the evening, with Social hour 4-5:00, Dinner from 5-6:30pm, after which we will convene in the lodge room for the 50-year Pin presentation. As with all of our calendar items, please make reservations either by phone or through the easy e-mail link, so we may best plan for and accommodate everyone.

A busy month indeed, but it is indeed great to be busy. Good Health to All!

Alan J. Miller | 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!** —

George R. Bargman 10/10

Allan C. Ferguson 10/3

Judd W. Leonard 10/29

Edward P. Margherio PM 10/7

William Gracey 10/14

Philip R. Henry 10/21

Norris H. Boren 10/21

Saleh S. Khashabi 10/22

Guss Annan 10/29

From The West

By Mick Finein

"This moment humanity is experiencing can be considered as a door or a hole. Deciding whether you fall into the hole or through the door is yours. If you consume the news 24 hours a day, with negative energy, constantly nervous, pessimistic, you will fall into this hole.

But if you grab the opportunity to look at yourself, reflect on life and death, take care of yourself and others, then you will walk through the portal.

Take care of your home, take care of your body. Connect with your spiritual home. When you take care of yourself, you take care of everyone else at the same time.

Do not underestimate the spiritual dimension of this crisis. Take the perspective of an eagle who sees everything from above and has a wide view. This crisis is a social question, but also a spiritual question. These two go hand in hand.

Without the social dimension, we fall into fanaticism. Without the intellectual dimension, we fall into pessimism and senselessness.

You are ready to face this crisis. Get your toolbox and use all the tools you have available.

Learn resistance from the example of indigenous and African peoples: we have been and will be eradicated. But we never stopped singing, dancing, lighting a fire and rejoicing.

Don't feel guilty if you're happy in these trying times. Being sad or angry doesn't help at all. Resistance is resistance through joy!

You have the right to be strong and positive. And there's no other way to do this but to maintain a beautiful, happy and radiant attitude.

It has nothing to do with alienation (ignorance of the world). It's a strategy of resistance.

When we cross the threshold, we have a new look at the world because we faced our fears and difficulties. That's all you can do right now:

- Serenity in the storm
- Keep calm, pray every day
- Make it a habit to meet the holy every day.

Showing resilience through art, joy, trust and love."

Hopi Indian Chief White Eagle July 9, 2021.

Masons have the toolbox. Brotherly love, relief and truth. The Square, Plumb and Level. Are just a few of the tools we have as Masons.

Employ and practice using our tools.

Serenity in the storm.

Fraternally,

Mick | Sr. Warden

From The Secretary

By Gary Peare, PM

I've been corresponding with a number of brothers recently, checking in to see why they haven't been keeping current with their dues. While I'm sad to report that we have had to suspend several brothers for non-payment of dues, I am also happy to report that in reaching out, I've located a number of brothers that we'd lost contact with, several of whom are now back in touch, and in good standing!

Please remember that we are here for one another, and should circumstances make it difficult or impossible for you to pay your dues, we want to hear from you! It will be time to pay 2022 dues within just a few months, so take a moment to check that you're caught up.

One more reminder about dues. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge is coming up this month. Unless your dues are current, you will not be admitted to the tiled meetings. Please contact me if you are unsure about your status, or need a copy of your dues card (which you must present at registration).

On behalf of our Treasurer, Wor. Tom Steig, I'd like you to be aware of a new policy that we've implemented regarding submitting bills or receipts for reimbursement to the lodge. All requests for reimbursement must be received no later than the Tuesday prior to the Stated Meeting. After that date, we will hold your receipts over for the next month's meeting. Thank you for your kind assistance in this regard as it will really assist us in our accounting and in following the recommendations of the Audit Committee from their recent financial audit.

It is acceptable to submit a scan or photo of your receipts to make the deadline. Please write your name and the purpose of the expense (legibly!) on each receipt. Then please bring the physical receipts to lodge so we can file them for future audits. If you have any questions, please contact Wor. Steig or me.

See you in lodge!

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Upcoming Dates

Stated Meeting

October 7th at Orinda Lodge!
Social 6 PM | Opening Lodge 8 PM
We will again be charging for the meal

Annual Communication of Grand Lodge

Friday, October 8th - Sunday, October 10th
Current Dues card and proof of vaccination required.

Live Oak Visitation

Thursday, October 14th at Orinda Lodge!
Degree and candidate TBD

DOSI at Orinda Lodge

Thursday, October 21st at Orinda Lodge!
Light Dinner 6:30 PM | School 7 PM

Double Hiram Award

Saturday, October 23rd at Orinda Lodge!
Social Noon | Award Ceremony 1:30 PM

Golden Veteran's Award

Dinner & Presentation: Bro. Falah Aljibury
Friday, November 5th at Orinda Lodge!
Currently Scheduled for 6 PM, but watch for further communications.

From The South

By Dennis Trammell

Thank you everybody who helped with the first Lodge Maintenance day! It was a hit success and I am proud of all the hard work that was put into it. I still can't believe just how much work got done in such a short period. Our Masonic family came together and helped keep Orinda Lodge in its best condition. Special shout out to the Orinda Demolay chapter and Ben Woosley, a prospect of Oakland Durant Rockridge Lodge, for their help!



“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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YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOU!

THE OFFICER LINE HAS OPENINGS!

OPEN SEATS FOR 2022
CONTACT MICK FINEIN FOR MORE DETAILS

Now is the time to come and help your home lodge, we have a few openings in the Officer's line and would love to have you! If you enjoy and want a deeper understanding of the craft and what is involved in putting on the degrees, then this is for you. Enjoy a deeper connection to the craft and strengthen your ties of brotherhood as we march together into the new year.

Contact current Senior Warden Mick Finein for more details. mick.finein@gmail.com

SEATS VARY IN DUTIES RANGING FROM TILER TO DEACONS!
EVEN COMES WITH YOUR OWN SEAT AT STATED MEETINGS!

REQUIREMENTS

Must be a Mason in good standing with current years dues paid. Master Masons preferred and 3rd degree proficiency is required for any seats above junior deacon. Thats it, come on down and try your hand at a larger role in the craft!