



# 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

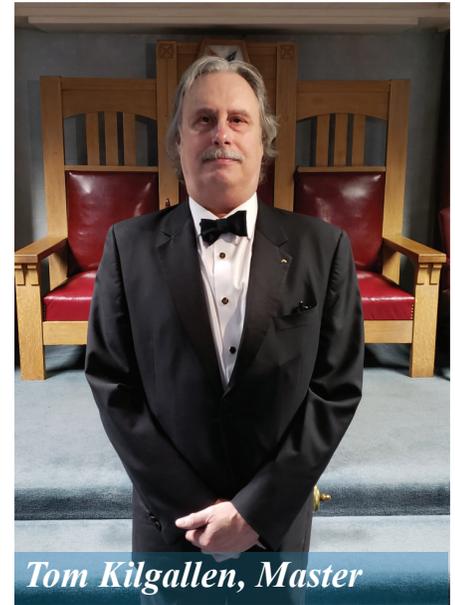
Here we are in September already. We as a Lodge have been patiently waiting for word from Grand Lodge of California regarding re-opening but nothing has come through yet. Regarding the next installation, we are also waiting to see how Grand Lodge handles their election of officers so we can use their format to allow our own officers to advance. There is a strong chance that there will be no Installation Dinner this year. We will let you folks know if this becomes a reality or if it changes to allow a dinner. We, the officers of Orinda Lodge, would gladly welcome an official Installation with a full dinner and celebration but we need an official okay from Grand Lodge to do so. I am keeping my fingers crossed and we will keep all of you informed month by month.

The members and officers have been meeting via Zoom twice a month to discuss issues and connect with each other to stay in touch and try to keep some cohesion in the lodge. This seems to be working very well for us. As I write this Trestle-board article I am thinking it might be a good idea to open a meeting to all the folks connected with Orinda Lodge (wives, widows, friends and such) to give an opportunity for those folks to contribute and communicate. My thinking is the best time might be the end of September. Again, we will let you know if this happens. We usually send out email invitations with a link to Zoom so one can attend at the said date and time. All you need is your computer. If you would like to attend something like this, make sure the Secretary has your correct email address.

As mentioned in a previous Trestle-board article, we are trying to bring a DeMolay chapter to Orinda Lodge. Things are looking up; we may be close to the amount of young men needed to form a chapter. If you know of any young men who would like to be a member of a DeMolay chapter please let Worshipful Tom Steig know and he will get the information to the proper person. For that matter, I have it from a good source that the Job's Daughters would like to see their membership increase. Contact Worshipful Alan Miller for any information on how a young woman may join and what the requirements are and so forth.

As always, I wish you all the very best and encourage you to stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
 Tom Kilgallen, Master



Tom Kilgallen, 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!

- Gene F. Trimble 9/03
- Donald M. Jones 9/05
- Sydney B. Saperstein 9/05
- Robert E. Johnson 9/08
- Robert D. Young PM 9/09
- Donald D. Bishop 9/10
- Delano D. Rush 9/10
- Brian J. Stewart 9/11
- Edgar W Lana 9/12
- Emanuel Jimenez 9/16
- Leo M. Malliarys PM 9/17
- David R. Nicholson 9/22
- John L Mc Partland 9/24
- Douglas C. Gompertz Sr. 9/25
- Robert J. Streeter 9/28
- Peter L. Carter 9/28
- Kent W. Hawley 9/29
- Mahyar Nooraei 9/30

# From the West

By Alan Miller

Greetings from the West.

In last month's Trestleboard I discussed the origins of California Freemasonry and its ties to the Gold Rush, and the connections of some of the original Alamo Lodge members to that world-changing event. There is another event in our history that brought masons from throughout the country together in an unfamiliar territory: World War II. While the situation was different in that everyone was in a military unit rather than on their own, in many ways there was a stronger need for fellowship, as you never knew if that next patrol would be your last. Sometimes such fellowship took the form of a masonic club.

My wife's grandfather, Br. Jesse B Thompson of Seaport Lodge #550 in San Francisco, was one of the charter members of such a club, the AMIHA Club, that was formed in New Guinea in February of 1945. I found various paraphernalia related to the club among his possessions, including the roll of charter members. There were 38 states represented, plus the District of Columbia and the Canal zone, as well as masons from Australia and Scotland. They welcomed masons of all degrees, as well as DeMolay and senior DeMolay members. It would have primarily a social club, as noted on the flyer, I doubt any time of ritual would have been performed (with the possible exception of a masonic funeral I suppose). This particular event shown, sponsored by the California brothers, featured a speaker, entertainment and refreshments. But I'm sure just the fellowship would have been a highlight in itself.

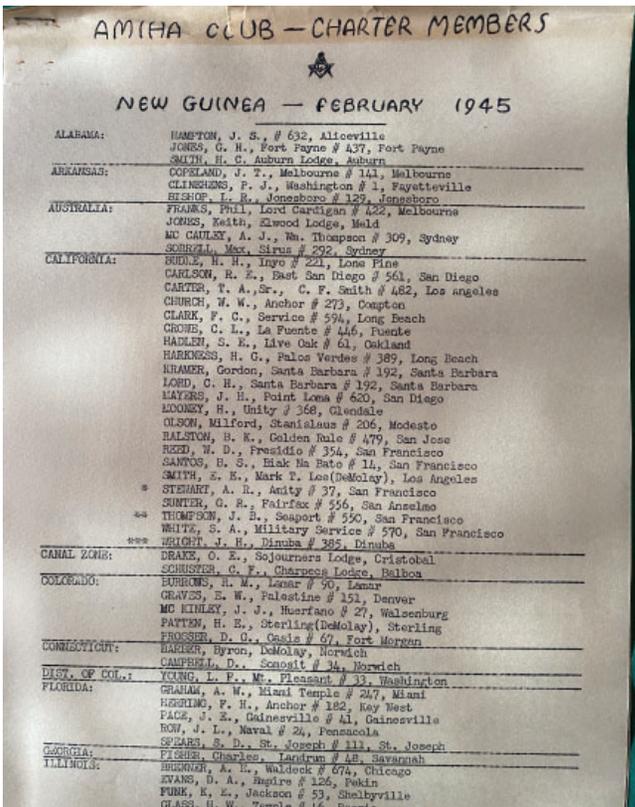
I tried to trace the California brethren listed, as I think it would an interesting project to find out what became of the brothers who crossed paths in New Guinea at a very precipitous moment in history. Unfortunately, the Grand Lodge site only listed two of them in their on-line records: Wor. Jesse Thompson (Michele's Grandfather and my indirect path to becoming a mason), who after the war returned to Lindsay in Tulare County, eventually becoming Master of Lindsay Lodge #416 - he passed away in 1996; and Br. Milford Olson of Stanislaus Lodge #206 in Modesto, who died in 2006. So more research in my future, as I'll endeavor to contact the individual lodges to see what records they may have, starting with Live Oak #61, where Br. S.E. Hadlen was also listed a Charter Member of the AMIHA club.

Fraternally

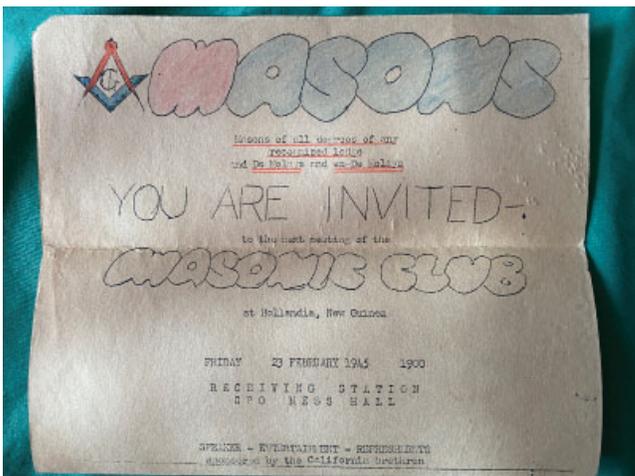
Alan Miller, PM | Senior Warden.



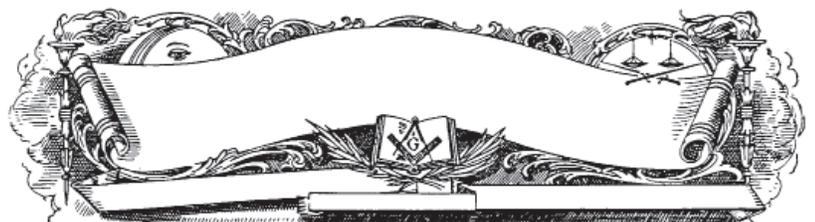
Membership Card for Br. Jesse Thompson



Partial List of the Charter Members of the AMIHA Club in New Guinea, 1945



Flyer for a masonic social gathering. Note that it is sponsored by the California Brethren





IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP YOUTH CONNECTED DURING TIMES OF ISOLATION, THE GIANTS COMMUNITY FUND HAS LAUNCHED JUNIOR GIANTS AT HOME! THREE 4-WEEK, VIRTUAL SEASONS THAT OFFER YOUTH AGES 5-18 THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAY CONNECTED AND ACTIVE THROUGH LIVE, ONLINE PRACTICES HOSTED TWICE A WEEK. JUNIOR GIANTS WILL LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GAME, BE INTRODUCED TO IMPORTANT LESSONS IN HEALTH, EDUCATION AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT AND HAVE ACCESS TO EXCLUSIVE TRAINING VIDEOS FROM GABE KAPLER AND THE SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS COACHING STAFF. FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT JRGIANTSATHOME.ORG.



## Masons for Mitts 2020

By Co-Captain Erik Johnson, PM

**Our team - the East Bay Aces are leading the state so far this year!**

### Greetings brethren and friends!

Thank you for your generosity since 2009. With your support, we have provided more than \$797,000 – over 39,000 mitts – for deserving boys and girls all over Northern California. We are proud to continue our partnership with the Giants Community Fund and the Junior Giants program.

### Co-Captains

Erik Johnson  
Orinda No. 122

Adam Hanin  
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480

Michael Tagulao  
San Leandro No. 113

Hayden Williams  
Monarch No. 73

Tyrone Williams  
East Gate No. 44



As of September 1st- East Bay Aces have raised approximately \$7,500. Locally, our closest fundraising rival is the South Bay Bombers team at approx. \$6,740. State wide competition, the South Bay Spartans have raised approx. \$6,700.

More than just baseball, every dollar donated helps to make a difference in the lives of these children. It's been a truly rewarding experience this year, helping to hand these kids their baseball gloves, Raising A Reader book bags and trophies.

Big Thanks to Br. Mick Finein for stepping up and asking to help with Masons4Mitts this year! Good job Mick!

Our 2020 Masons4Mitts Fundraising -is going on until the start of the World Series in October. Let's WIN this! Together we can help these kids and show the state that the East Bay Aces are the best!

If you have not already donated this year, please do.

Please visit our site at: [Masons4Mitts.org](http://Masons4Mitts.org).  
Click the box under the words "Give A Mitt."  
Please be sure to click "East Bay Aces team" so our kids get the credit.  
Or mail your donation directly to:

Masons4Mitts  
1111 California Street  
San Francisco CA 94108

No matter how you choose to, PLEASE DONATE! This year the East Bay Aces want to crush our competition, and show that the East Bay has the biggest hearts of any Masons in California. I know we do- this is how we prove it!

Fraternally and all the best,

Erik Johnson P.M.  
Co Captain- East Bay Aces  
Masons4Mitts



**370**  
Mitts Given

**\$7,410**  
Dollars Raised

# From the South

By Mick Finein

## Presentation on Masonic Aprons September 17th

Our Lodge is hosting a Zoom video presentation on Thursday September 17th at 7 p.m.

Daniel Gardiner, Grand Secretary of the Montana Grand Lodge will be discussing Masonic aprons.

As W.L. Willmshurst wrote in The Meaning of Masonry "Brethren, I charge you to regard your apron as one of the most precious and speaking symbols our Order has to give you."

Brother Daniel will be discussing the history of Masonic aprons, including the changing physical nature of aprons, artwork and symbols. He will also have examples to share via video. One such example will be Meriwether Lewis's apron (of Lewis and Clark fame) which is in the Montana Grand Lodge museum.

Please bring your questions or pictures of various aprons you might be able to share with us.

## Masons4Mitts

PM Erik Johnson invited me to the Hayward Police Station on August 11th to help hand out Masons4Mitts participation trophies and book bags for early readers.

I was delighted to help out. Worshipful Adam Hanin from Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 also helped out.

I was there for only about 2 hours or so, but around 20 or so children, driven by their parents, came by to get their trophies and book bags. We also handed out mitts to some children who still needed them.

With Covid restrictions in place interaction with the children was a bit limited.

However, the effort was all worthwhile. The smiles on the children's faces when they received their trophies and mitts were heartwarming. Some were beaming.

I look forward to continue working with the Masons4Mitts program and to continue getting paid in smiles.

# Hall Association News

By Gary Peare PM

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, and in good spirits.

The Hall 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. Our contact information is in the directory section of this Trestleboard.

The building has received a thorough cleaning and sanitizing, thanks to the vigilant work of Katie Pintado. She is also supervising some necessary maintenance of our landscaping, keeping our street appearance up.

A big thank you to Wor. Greg Bloom for providing and installing a new lockset on one of our interior closets. Several weeks ago, I helped Greg clean out the closet to make room to store the Lodge's seasonal table decor. Related to that, a BIG Orinda thank you to Pat Hedl and Wor. Don Weisse, Jr. for stewarding, organizing, and stowing away all the table decor items in the closet. We did all this--and managed to maintain social distances! Hats off (and masks on!) to everyone involved!

The Hall Association continues to meet on a regular basis via Zoom. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30 at 7pm. Please email me at [gpeare@gmail.com](mailto:gpeare@gmail.com) if you would like to attend and I will send you a link to the meeting.

Until we meet again, we'll keep the lights on for you!

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

*"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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**Mick Finein**

**Michael Gooding**

**Alan Miller PM**

**Tom Kilgallen PM**

**Dennis Trammell**

## Trustees

**Henry Gannett PM 11/20**

**Tom Steig PM 11/21**

**Greg Bloom PM 11/22**

**Tom Kavishi PM 11/22**

**Larry Becker PM 11/23**

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.

**LE BRON C. PRESTON**

BORN JANUARY 8, 1927 IN GEORGIA  
RAISED NOVEMBER 27, 1970  
A 49-YEAR MEMBER OF ORINDA LODGE #122  
ENTERED INTO REST JUNE 12, 2020  
AGE 93 YEARS

**ROLAND B. BELL**

BORN MARCH 21, 1927 IN TENNESSEE  
RAISED MARCH 29, 1951  
A 69-YEAR MEMBER OF ORINDA LODGE #122  
ENTERED INTO REST MAY 6, 2020  
AGE 93 YEARS

**MANUEL D. (DAVE) RAMOS**

BORN DECEMBER 23, 1931 IN CALIFORNIA  
RAISED NOVEMBER 26, 1962  
A 57-YEAR MEMBER OF ORINDA LODGE #122  
ENTERED INTO REST JULY 28, 2020  
AGE 88 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

