From The East

Mick Finein, Worshipful Master

Grand Lodge Officers Reception

We had our Grand Lodge Officers Reception for Worshipful Tom Kavishi and Worshipful Earl D. Love, Jr. Friday, April 15th. A packed house of about 130 attended the Reception, including Most Worshipful Jeffery Wilkins, Officers of the Grand Lodge, Worshipful Tony Cimarra and Michael Tagulao. A tremendous event honoring WB Tom and WB Earl.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to planning, setting up and serving the dinner. A special thanks to Worshipful Gary Peare who did the vast majority of the heavy planning and organizational lifting. And also to Jr. Warden Michael Malliarys for setting up the dining hall.

Bylaw Changes

At the April Stated Meeting the brothers passed a change allowing us to start Lodge business at 7:30 p.m. vs. the current 8:00 p.m. So, if we choose we will be able to start business earlier. The proposed change to not have a July Stated Meeting did not pass.

Future Stated Meetings and Lodge Dinners

After discussing our lodge dinners with a group of Past Masters and discussion with some of the brothers, we have decided to make some changes to our meetings and dinners which we hope will increase interest and attendance at both the meetings and dinners.

Starting in August, the Stated Meetings and dinners will be held on different nights and we are planning approximately 6-8 dinners a year instead of 11 or 12.

In June, we will have our usual dinner followed by the Stated Meeting. **In July, we are not having a dinner.** We will have a July Stated Meeting that will include an informal dinner for the brothers attending the meeting.

Starting in August, the Stated Meeting and Lodge Dinner will be held on different nights. Thursday, August 4th is the Stated Meeting. We will open Lodge at 6 p.m., retire for an informal dinner and conduct lodge business starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Lodge dinner will be Thursday, August 11th at 6 p.m. for social hour with the dinner starting at 7 p.m.

After that Lodge dinners will be held in October for Octoberfest on Thursday, October 13th and , Thursday, November 17th for our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Cook-off Fest. In December, the dinner will be combined with our Annual Installation Dinner.

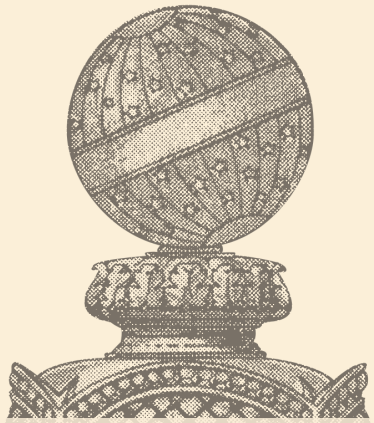
There are a number of reasons for the change.

Increasing Attendance: By separating the meeting from the dinner, our brothers won't disappear into Lodge leaving our family, friends and our candidates/ prospects behind. And those bringing family won't need to take two cars.

Our dinners will then be solely focused on spending time with the brothers, their families, friends and our candidates/prospects.

By having fewer dinners we can plan for entertainment, such as the Wombo Combo band, or other entertainment.

Also, we hope to provide an improved meal at dinner. Over the last year food prices, as we all know, have skyrocketed. The cost of catering has increased dramatically. We have not yet been able to find less expensive caterers that can provide a quality meal.



Upcoming Events

June 23 | Double 1st Degree
Ceremony at Orinda Lodge for
Mr. Christopher Peach and
Mr. Ahmad Sharif Kayum
Lodge opens at 7 PM.

June 30 | 2nd Degree
Ceremony at Orinda Lodge for
Bro. Kevin Swimmer
Lodge opens at 7 PM.

July 4 | Parade Walk!
East Bart Parking Lot at 9 AM
Walk though downtown at 10 AM
Lunch to follow at Lodge.

July 7 | Stated Meeting:
Lodge Opens at 6 AM
Light meal for Masons 6:30 PM
Business at 7:30 PM

July 16 | Wor. Anderson's Memorial Service
Hosted at Orinda Masonic Center
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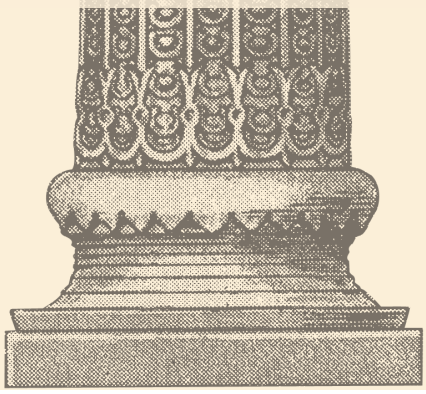
July 23rd | Wor. Ganitch's Memorial Service
USS Hornet, Alamed.
Doors open 10 AM
Service at 11 AM



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The result is the lodge subsidizes the dinners for around $1,200+ per meal.

Eventbrite: We are also going to start using Eventbrite to register and pay for the dinners. For most dinners we have a substantial number of last minute cancellations and no shows after the food has been ordered. One recent month we had 21 cancellations and no shows.

By using Eventbrite our goal is to make registering and paying for dinner easier and also to reduce food waste as best as possible.

The cost for dinners will be increasing to $25. With fewer dinners per year your actual total cost per year will not increase and we can arrange for entertainment or other activities.

By having the Stated Meeting separated from the dinners, we can quickly complete lodge business and spend the remaining time on Fellowship and Masonic education. Our goal is to increase attendance by creating time for activities the brothers will enjoy and not just on a small business meeting.

If the changes do not have the desired effect, we can always revert back to the usual schedule.

We understand that these are significant changes. We believe the changes will increase participation through improved events.

PLEASE VERIFY MEMBER INFORMATON

We are working hard to make sure we are communicating effectively with all our Members and Widows. Our goal is to keep your connected with your Lodge and to provide you with the very latest on news and events. Please take a moment and complete this quick survey to help us find the best methods to stay in touch.

You may complete this survey online at **https://bit.ly/TrestleboardSurvey**, or clip and mail your answers to Gary Peare, 1492 Sunset Loop, Lafayette, CA 94549-6045.

1. Which is the primary way that you receive news and information from Orinda Lodge? (please choose one)
   □ Attending meetings □ Printed Trestleboards □ Lodge emails □ Lodge Google Calendar

2. Do you currently receive emails from the lodge (orindalodge122@gmail.com)?
   □ Yes □ No □ Not sure

3. With printing and postage costs rising, it is becoming more and more expensive to publish our conventional Trestleboard. We are considering replacing printed Trestleboards with regular news and announcements via email as well as with more in-depth stories, photos, and video available online. What do you think of this idea?
   □ Like this idea, and see how it can keep me more connected with the lodge
   □ Dislike this idea
   □ No preference

4. If you said you dislike replacing printed Trestleboards, please tell us why:
   □ I do not have an email address and/or internet access
   □ Prefer printed over electronic formats
   □ Other _____

5. If you think we should still print and mail a conventional Trestleboard, would you support an increase in annual dues to cover the expense?
   □ Yes □ No □ Not sure

6. Please review the contact information that we currently have on file for you below. If it is incomplete, incorrect, or out of date, please send us an update via mail or via email to orindalodge122@gmail.com.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know? Just drop us a line. We'd love to hear from you.
orindalodge122@gmail.com | 925.254.5211

MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

AARON W. BARGER	5/05
BERT W. BARTLETT	5/06
JAMES K. PETERSEN III	5/06
MARK F. SWIMMER	5/06
WILLIAM H. GARRETT	5/07
DAVID C. HENDERSON	5/15
ROBERT E. OLSON	5/15
TIMOTHY A. WOOD	5/16
JOSE V. LEIVA	5/18
WILLIAM G. LANG	5/21
ALI ALAEE	5/22
JEROME L. STARK	5/22
CHRISTOPHER W. CAPDEVIELLE	5/26
DAVID L. LAUSCH	5/26
JAMES W. MC CRACKEN	5/26
GARY A. PEARE	5/26
SEAN C. MERGY	5/27
DONALD R. NEGUS	5/28
STACY L. FERGUSON	5/29
KENDAL D. MASON	5/30
LOUIS F. NAGEL	6/2
MICHAEL A. SANTILLAN	6/3
OSIP LISITSA	6/4
PHILLIP L. MCALLISTER SR.	6/5
BRICE E. WIGHTMAN	6/5
DAVID A. MITROFF	6/7
RONALD G. PALMER	6/7
JOHN E. OGRO	6/8
THOMAS J. KILGALLEN	6/12
CESAR SALINAS	6/18
WILLIAM E. MILLER	6/20
RALPH D. HAMMERSCHMIDT	6/21
THOMAS A. STEIG	6/21
ANIL A. COMELO	6/26
ALAN RELLAFORD	6/28
THOMAS R. LINDELAND	6/29
TONY SOLTANI	6/29
JIMMYE L VAUGHN	6/30

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

Miramonte High School Public Speaking Group presented at May Stated Meeting

Reception of Grand Lodge Officers Tom Kavishi, PM & Earl Love Jr., PM

96TH ANNUAL VISITATION TO LIVE OAK LODGE NO. 61

Initation of Bro. Jason Willcuts

From Left to Right
Wors. Mick Finein, Master of Orinda Lodge,
Wors. Fred Loeser PM, Master of Live Oak Lodge,
The Most Worshipful Jeffery Wilkins,
Grand Master of Masons in Califronia,
Dennis Trammell, SW of Orinda Lodge.

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FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

MARCH WITH THE COMMUNITY!

Hello Everyone.

It is that time of year again when we start thinking about participating in the Orinda 4th of July Parade. The parade this year starts at 10AM, so the Orinda Association wants everyone there no later than 9AM. As in previous years, we will meet in the Orinda BART parking lot (the East side). Again, no later than 9AM.

Parking will be available in the west side BART lot, but for Masons and friends, the Orinda Masonic Center lot is also open. I anticipate needing 5 or 6 cars for the folks who will find it difficult to walk the mile and a quarter. Please contact me if you are able to drive your vehicle in the parade.

Note: we are not allowed to throw candy into the crowd while marching, so save your money.

Dress for the parade is:
Men: white shirt (casual) black pants (please, no blue jeans or shorts) and comfortable shoes to walk in (please, no sneakers). Masons will also be wearing white aprons.
Women: I never feel comfortable telling women how to dress LOL, so just look neat.

Also as usual, after the parade we will meet at the Lodge building for a free lunch and to have a jolly time, so join us for the parade and lunch to celebrate the 4th of July.

I hope to see all of you there.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Tom Kilgallen | 510-220-7695

REMEMBER:
Meet in the East Bart parking lot in Orinda no later than 9 AM.
Lunch at Orinda Lodge after the parade.