



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

I hope this issue of the Trestle Board finds you all well and in good spirits.

I must say I miss seeing your smiling faces. I also missed participating in the Orinda 4th of July Parade. The parade has been something we have been doing since about 2006. The first two years we basically setup a table and did the child I D thing; I think Larry Becker (who was Master of the Lodge that year) and Bob Traxler (who was Senior Warden) were our Representatives.

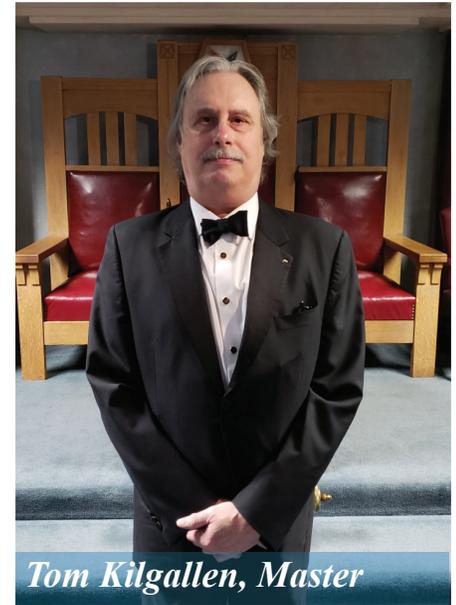
By 2008 I decided that we really should be marching and in the parade. I felt that we had received no recognition as Masons from standing on the sidelines by the Library. Knowing that the 4th of July was a family holiday, I decided that it would be possible to "march" in the morning then the people would be free in the afternoon to do the family celebrations. We also were joined by the "Shriner Mounted Patrol" (organized by Mike Roundtree with his beautiful horses). We also had Bill Adams and his son-in-law Past Master Don Carter in the "39" Ford or "Old Blue" as they called it. The idea worked and was received well in the town. That was our debut into marching in the parade; Fond memories!

After a few years of doing similar things Worshipful Sean Finney PM asked, "Why don't we have a lunch after the parade for the people from the Lodge who are participating". I was at first reluctant because of my perception that people wanted to get home but when Worshipful Finney said "Come on, what do we have to lose? If it doesn't work we won't do it next year," I said "Sure let's try it." Not only did it work, the people from the lodge that participated Loved the idea and all later said they had a great time. Thank you Sean, that was a great idea; more fond memories :-).

As we head into August, there is still no word from Grand Lodge of California as to when they will be allowing us to reopen for business and dinner. Rightfully so, they are being very cautious. At this time we are looking at increases in the number of reported cases of Covid-19 especially in the younger folks so be careful out there everyone.

Somehow, we don't have a complete and up to date list with telephone numbers and addresses for our sweethearts. We would like all our sweethearts to call in to my phone number; Tom Kilgallen 510-594-1169, and leave your name, address, and phone number so we can update our list and get in touch with any and all of you if need be. My number has voicemail so leave your message if I don't pick up the phone.

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Tom Kilgallen Master



Tom Kilgallen, Master

Lodge at a Glance

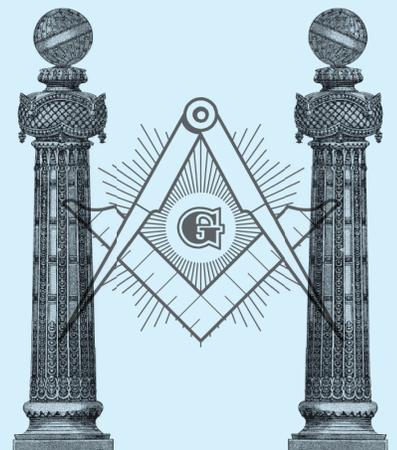
Zoom Meetings
August 13th & 27th

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From the South

By Mick Finein



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

Happy Birthday!

Ralph D. McDonald 8/03

Ronald G. Light D.D.S. 8/05

Theodore J. Budach Jr. 8/05

Michael I. Malliaris 8/08

William O. Richmond PM 8/09

Jon L. Benson PM 8/10

Michael D Gooding 8/15

Justin R. Martinez 8/16

Darrell R. Gray 8/17

Robert C. Long 8/18

Demetrios T. Lolonis 8/19

R. Trent Retallack 8/20

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Gary L. Carlson PM 8/22

Kenneth C. McCracken 8/23

Robert P. Dathe 8/25

Donald E. Weisse Jr. PM 8/25

Gary E. Dana 8/25

Mete Soyoguz 8/30

Brethren

During the Covid shelter in place, the lodge officers and brothers have continued to stay busy collaborating for our Lodge's benefit.

As many of you know the Lodge App that was created by the Grand Lodge has stopped working because the company that created the App went out of business.

We are looking into alternatives including the new Grand Lodge iMember 2.0 platform. We are also working with Grand Lodge on our Lodge website, so we can keep it up to date.

Zoom Meetings: We have held Zoom get-togethers every 2 weeks for which you may be getting email invites to attend. So, we're looking forward to seeing you at the next meetings.

We have begun discussions in our Lodge Zoom meetings about how to improve the Masonic experience for our Brothers in our Lodge.

In the next meetings we hope to discuss how our Lodge might be more involved in charitable activities, reaching out to our Lodge members again, Masonic education in our Lodge, Fellowship activities and how we can include more and different content at our Stated Meetings.

One idea for future Zoom meetings is inviting prospects or candidates to the meetings to talk with the Brothers about Masonry. There is an article in this month's California Freemason about Big Bear Lodge #617 a small lodge in the San Bernardino area. They have increased interest in their Lodge and Masonry during the Covid crisis by inviting prospects to their Zoom meetings to meet with their lodge members and ask questions. Their efforts have netted theirLodge 6 new applications during the Covid crisis.

Fraternally,

Mick Finein | Junior Warden

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From the West

By Alan Miller

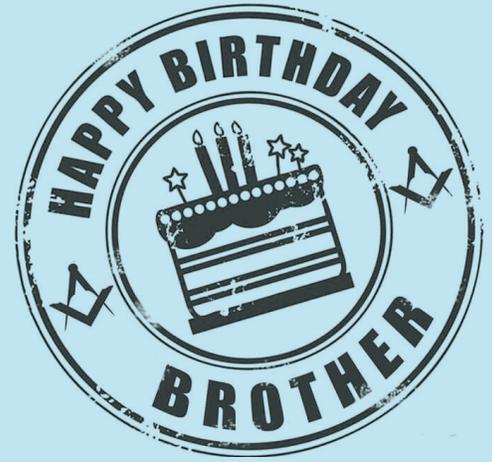
I hope everyone has been able to manage through this Covid situation as best possible, starting with maintaining good health. While it has been very disappointing not being able to meet with my brothers in lodge, I have been able to take advantage of the many interesting virtual masonic gatherings online. Grand Lodge has hosted lectures on a wide variety of topics, including most recently a discussion on some of the key individuals who traveled west with the Gold Rush, and helped establish masonry in the Mother Lode towns such as Nevada City. It was a fascinating look at a few of these men, such as William Schuyler Moses, who was the oldest surviving member of the original California Grand Lodge convention, and who also was instrumental in establishing the Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies in San Francisco, as well as establishing Eastern Star on the West Coast. William Morris Stewart also came California in 1850, like many failing to strike it rich in the gold fields, but found other riches instead, being raised a mason in Nevada City, became a successful lawyer, and eventually moved to Nevada with Comstock Lode, was a confidant to Presidents Lincoln and Grant, multi-term senator from Nevada, and was instrumental in establishing the mineral rights system for the Western US. Isaac Davis also came over from Ohio in the early 1850's, became part of the ritual committee, and as Grand Lecturer personally instructed almost every lodge in the ritual over a 3-year period. It is said that there is a lot of Ohio in the California ritual.

While these stories were tied directly to MW Trauner's theme of the California Masons and the Gold Rush, with a focus on the Nevada County area, it did get me thinking about the origins of Alamo Lodge 122 - did we also have a direct Gold Rush connection in our history? Reading through the lodge history that was published with the 150th anniversary in 2007, I see several of the founding members came over prior to the gold rush, in the mid 1840's and had settled in Contra Costa. Other came in the 1853-1855 time frame, so difficult to say if their motivations were gold, or just the growing opportunities the west offered. However, one of the first initiates of the new Alamo lodge was Br August Hemme, who came to California as a true "49er." He did quite well with mining, making enough to enable him to buy 3000 acres in the San Ramon Valley. He later established a very successful Gold Assay firm in San Francisco. So our lodge does have some direct ties to that seminal event which transformed our state. But while the boom of the Gold Rush is now a distant memory, the riches of Freemasonry continue to flourish to this day.

I encourage everyone to check the Grand Lodge site for more educational opportunities via virtual lectures and discussions.

Stay Safe and Healthy Everyone!

Alan J Miller | Senior Warden



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may you know nothing but happiness
from this day onward.
May God protect and keep you.

Happy Birthday!

- Albert Donnici PM 7/01
- Norman P. Gorsuch 7/03
- Ronald J. Garwood 7/04
- Richard A. Sperling 7/04
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- Barry B. Bamford 7/23
- Stewart R. Knudsen 7/25
- Frederick E. Burks PM 7/25
- Edward A. Kurtz 7/27
- David Pintado 7/30
- Guy P. DeGarmo 7/31
- Earl D. Love, Jr. PM 7/31

Masons for Mitts 2020

By Erik Johnson, PM



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.

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Inspiring Kids, One Mitt at a Time

In baseball the slide is a key- and exciting -part of the game. Not so much when it comes to childhood education!

This year, as California students confront an unprecedented disruption to all aspects of their lives, the California Masonic Foundation and Masons4Mitts are focused on minimizing the effects of a COVID-19, there's fear that a one-two punch of rapid change to distance learning and normal summer losses will have far-reaching effects on the most at risk-students, and that those are likely to exacerbate long-standing opportunity gaps.

That's why this season, Masons4Mitts is proud to introduce the Super Summer Book Bag: A one-stop goodie bag filled with expertly vetted and age -appropriate reading and math material, compiled by the literacy experts at the national nonprofit Raising A Reader. These bags will be distributed through our Major League Baseball partners to kids throughout the state- all in addition to the classic leather baseball mitts that have defined Masons4Mitts for more than a decade .

This summer, let's rally together to make sure California youth have access to the resources they need to stay fit and active, both athletically and academically.

Give today and help us support the kids.

Please click the box under the words "Give a Mitt". This will take you to a donation page, pre-filled out to ensure that the kids in our East Bay Aces team get the "credit" for the donation.

Please go to Masons4mitts.org to make a contribution. Be sure that East Bay Aces are selected on the donation form.

If you'd like to contribute via check, please make your check out to: Masons4Mitts and put "East Bay Aces" in the memo line. This is important because it is the only clear way that Grand Lodge will know that the check should be coming to our team!

Please mail your donations directly to:

Masons4Mitts
1111 California Street
San Francisco CA 94108

Fraternally and all the best,

Erik Johnson, P.M.
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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.



Grandpa's Wooden Chest

By Jack Sutton

I hated to hear the lawyer say
The things my grandpa gave away.
Like his old truck to Dad and Mom
And world war medals to Uncle John

My name was called
And something was said
About an old wooden box
Underneath his bed.

Just a worn out chest
With a rusty hinge
But I knew Grandpa kept
Something special within.

When I opened the lid
All I could see
Were some unused tools
And a letter to me.

A large fancy cloth
With two long strings
A small wooden hammer
Among other things

He wrote a man's job
Is to be a good husband father and a friend.
I built my life as best I could
By the tools laid here within.

He said the compasses remind me that life has
boundaries
So live your life within
The square proves true and so should you
When dealing with all your friends.

Be an honorable man and walk uprightly
According to the plumb.
The level teaches us treat all men equal
Instead of only some.

And now it's your turn
To start your journey for knowledge, love and faith
So live your life by the Square and Compasses
And tools of your trade

Many years have passed by since I first opened
Grandpa's wooden chest
The tools he gave me, the words he wrote
The challenge to be my best.

Today I'll visit Grandpa
At the place where he was laid
To let him know he can be proud
I'm a Master of my trade.

Wearing The Emblem

By Rob Morris

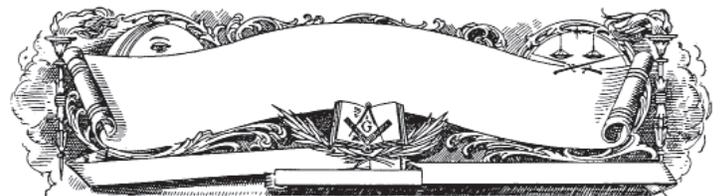
You wear the Square! but have you got
That thing the Square denotes?
Is there within your inmost soul
That principle which should control
Your actions, words and thoughts?
The Square of Virtue, is it there,
Oh, you who wear the Mason's Square?

You wear the Compass! Do you keep
With that circle due
That's circumscribed by law divine
Excluding hatred, envy, sin,
Including all that's true?
The Moral Compass draws the line,
And lets no evil passion in!

You wear the Trowel! Have you got
That mortar, old and pure,
Made on the recipe of God
Divulged within His ancient Word,
Indissoluble, sure?
And do you spread, 'twixt man and man,
That precious mixture as you can?

You wear the oriental G!
Ah, Brother, have a care!
He whose All-seeing Eye surveys
Your inmost heart, with open gaze,
Knows well what thoughts are there!
Let no profane, irreverent word
Go up t' insult th' avenging God!

Dear Brother! if you will display
These emblems of our Art,
Let the great morals that they teach
Be deeply graven, each for each,
Upon an honest heart!
Then they will tell, to God and man,
Freemasonry's all perfect plan!



Jobies Corner

Message From the Bethel Guardian

As with everyone else, the Job's Daughters have had to adapt to these unique times. The girls keep up with each other with regular Zoom meetings, and even had occasion to participate in an International zoom meeting, led a Bethel in Winnipeg Canada, that had almost 400 participants, from every country represented by the order.

Unfortunately, due to the ban on large gatherings, annual events such as Grand Bethel had to be cancelled for the year, an extra shame in that it is the 100th anniversary of the order. But the health and safety of the girls and their families is paramount, so we all understand. We know this too will pass, and we look forward to being able to get together again, brighter and stronger than ever.

Job's Daughters | Bethel 2018, Orinda

Honored Queen Aubrey Newton

Bethel Guardian Cynthia Tubbs

Assoc. Bethel Guardian Alan Miller, PM

Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays at Orinda Masonic Center 6:30pm

Zoomin' Lodge

By Dennis Trammell

Brethren, although we are not permitted to hold a Stated meeting online, we are allowed to enjoy each others company from the comfort of our homes. Orinda Lodge is utilizing an application called "Zoom" that allows our members to communicate with video/ audio communications through our computer or cell phone.

If you're using a computer you should have a webcam and audio output. For phones you can either call in or download the Zoom app in the app store.

We post the links and numbers on the Lodge app as the time comes near, since they are rather long links and numbers. We meet every two weeks while still under the shelter in place orders at 7 PM. The next meetings will be August 13 and 27th.



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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.

August 2020



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