



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

Greetings to all. We've been locked down for two and a half months so far and it seems like it has been longer. It also seems like it's been a challenge to stay at home but there is really nowhere to go except the grocery store. As the saying goes, safer inside than outside.

At the start of my year as Master of the Lodge I declared that my goal for the year was to find as many new members as we can with the hopes of raising a few of them to Master Mason. At the halfway point of the year, I realize that the goal of the year has changed to keeping the lodge focused and united through this trying time and situation. One way the officers and I are attempting this is we have been having Zoom

meetings every two weeks and discussing some issues that is neither official business or ritual; just whatever comes up and folks want to talk about. They were originally started as "Officers Meetings" but we then realized it would be good to open the meetings up to any and all members so we can stay connected with each other.

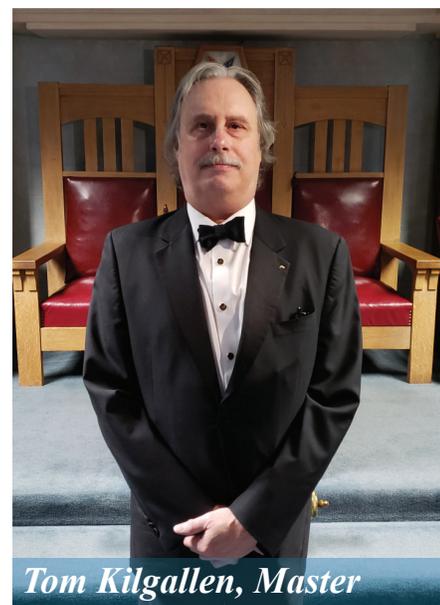
Our last meeting was held on Thursday, May 21. We met for about an hour and had a good time talking with each other and seeing each other on the computer screen. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 4, at 7 PM. All that is required is to turn on your computer, click on the invite to the meeting sent to your email address and you are in. For those of you without a computer or without the "Tech savvy" to sign on, we are looking to get a phone in number so you can phone in and be a part of the conversation. To get an invitation please contact Dennis Trammell or Mick Finein and one of them will send you an invitation to your email address.

As you all are probably aware, Grand Lodge of California has not issued any notice as to when they intend to allow the lodges and other concordant bodies to open up for business. I have heard that they are awaiting a decree from Gov. Newsome to allow larger groups to assemble. We are all waiting patiently for that news but most of us feel it is still a little ways away.

I wish you all the very best and hope you stay safe and out of trouble ;-)

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Tom Kilgallen Master



Tom Kilgallen, Master

Lodge at a Glance

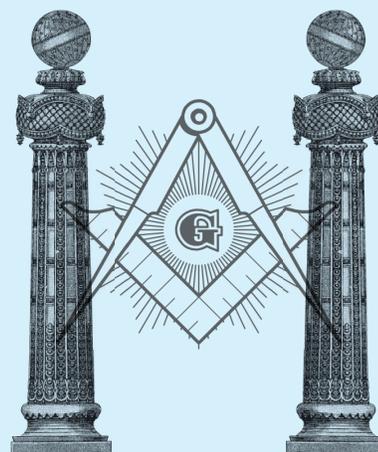
All Masonic activities are hereby suspended by order of the Grand Master

Need help?

Contact the Lodge:
1.925.254.5211

- OR -

Masonic Outreach Services:
1.888.466.3642



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

Every baseball season, the Masons of California partner with the San Francisco Giants (and three other, FAR less important Southern California Major League Baseball (MLB) Teams; the Los Angeles Angels, the Los Angeles Dodgers, and the San Diego Padres) to bring fun and teambuilding skills of baseball to underserved California kids.

For more than 10 years, teams of Masonic lodges have faced off in friendly competition to help the most kids they can by raising funds for programs through these MLB partnerships. The COVID-19 crisis has hit these communities particularly hard. With the help of Freemasons across the state, and PARTICULARLY those in the East Bay, kids will still get an enriching summer experience. Now more than ever, these kids need our help!

Your past generosity has helped to provide 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.

Over the next few months, you will hear a lot about this program from me, as I am one of the co-Captains for the East Bay Aces. If you have given in the past, please consider repeating and increasing that donation. And if you have never contributed to this important cause before, this is a great time to start!

To help create an amazing summer experience for underprivileged kids across the state, visit our site here: www.Masons4Mitts.org and click the box under the words “Give a Mitt”. This will take you to a donation page, pre-filled to ensure our East Bay Aces team gets the “credit” for your donation.

Using this online site is HIGHLY preferred for ease of processing and accounting of donations. But if you need 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

Whether you donate online or by mail, if your company has a donation matching program, this should qualify (depending on your company’s program, limits, etc). If your company needs it, the CA Masonic Foundation’s Tax ID Number is 23-7013074.

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!

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.



From the West

By Alan Miller

As we continue to endure our time away from the lodge, we are starting to see that proverbial light at the end of the tunnel. Locally, we have banded together to flatten the curve, and are starting to see the reopening of our society and our economy. While some portions may be quick to recover, other aspects such as large gatherings will take some time. Hopefully we will be able to gather again as a lodge soon, with the blessing of government officials and Grand Lodge. While some of our traditional events such as the Orinda 4th of July Parade have already been cancelled, I'm sure we will find additional ways to come together and show our support for the community.

Meanwhile, I hope everyone has had an opportunity to explore some of the online offerings to further their masonic connections as well as masonic education. The officers of Orinda lodge have been holding bi-weekly zoom meetings, to which all lodge members are invited. It has been a good way to stay connected while we are still apart. Academia Lodge has been hosting some fascinating on-line lectures, Grand Lodge is offering an on-line leadership course in lieu of the Master & Wardens retreats, as well as the Masonic Speaker Series. And the various Research Lodges also have much on-line content to peruse. All excellent avenues to expand one's masonic learning.

Though darkness may abound, there is always Light

Alan J Miller | Senior Warden

Find it on Freemason.org

In response to the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Grand Master John E. Trauner has launched the Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund and encouraged members to contribute whatever they could. Your response has been overwhelming, making this the most successful online campaign in the fraternity's history.

For those who find themselves in need as a result of COVID-19, the relief program, administered by Masonic Outreach Services, is just a phone call away at (888) 466-3642, or visit the website here. Please include this information in communications with your members.

The Relief Fund is made possible by the generosity of our fraternity—and of the generations that came before us. Now is our time. Please donate if you have the means. It could mean the difference between affording rent, groceries, and medications for a distressed brother you know.



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

Happy Birthday!

Louis F. Nagel 6/02

Victor W. Traverso 6/03

Phillip L. McAllister, Sr PM 6/05

David A Mitroff 6/07

Ronald G. Palmer 6/07

ohn E. Ogro 6/08

Francis S. Drayton 6/11

Thomas J. Kilgallen PM 6/12

Osip Lisitsa 6/14

Cesar Salinas 6/18

Thomas A. Steig PM 6/21

George Y. Johnson 6/21

William E. Miller 6/28

Tony Soltani 6/29

Thomas R. Lindeland 6/29

Jimmye L. Vaughn PM 6/30



From the South

By Mick Finein

As we continue to endure our time away from the
SIP Musings

How many times have you tried to park at the store only to find the space or spaces taken up with shopping carts that someone did not return!! Here's a picture of one occasion.



A friend of mine posted the following on FB. I don't know the author.

"The shopping cart is the ultimate litmus test for whether a person is capable of self-governing. To return the shopping cart is an easy, convenient task, and one which we all recognize as the correct, appropriate thing to do. To return the shipping cart is objectively right. There are no situations other than dire emergencies in which a person is not able to return their cart. Simultaneously it is not illegal to abandon your shopping cart.

Therefore the shopping cart presents itself as the apex example of whether a person will do what is right without being forced to do it. No one will punish you for not returning the shopping cart, no will fine you or kill you (not so sure about that one these day) for not returning the shopping cart. You gain nothing by returning the shopping cart.

You must return the shopping cart out of the goodness of your heart. You must return the shopping cart because is the right thing to do. Because is it correct.

The Shopping Cart is what determines whether a person is a good or bad member of society."

So, the Shopping Cart is a prime example of all the things we should all do because they are right, because they are correct and not because we are required by law or force.

As Mason's we do these things every day because they are right, they are correct.



The Deacon's Beacon

By Dennis Trammell

Charity is held closely to a Mason's heart, for without it we are lost. When we hear the word charity we may find ourselves thinking of our check book and how we might financially aid our brothers or the world, but charity is so much more. Charity is the love that guides our hands in all works and drives the fraternity forward with nothing more than positive intentions.

Charity is the love that flows from us. The dedicated work to our craft is a charity in that it is a labor of our love for another brother. Practices, lectures, reaserach and leasons in order to better assist or best perform for an incoming member.

Calling up an old friend to check in on them in a time of crisis, buying groceries for a neighbor who is too afraid to leave their house, being there for one another when the time calls for it.

We are men of charity and so we are men of love. Deciet was never meant to be known among us, nor of treachery and lies. It is charity, our love, that binds us.

Sincerely,
Dennis Trammell

DISTRESSED WORTHY BROTHER RELIEF FUND

DO YOU NEED MASONIC RELIEF DUE TO COVID-19?

Masonic Outreach Services is here to help those who find themselves in need due to COVID-19. Relief includes emergency financial assistance, case management, and information and referral services.

Learn more at masonichome.org

Or call (888) 466-3642 to speak with Masonic Outreach staff



(The following article is from Freemason.org, adapted for use in our Trestle Board)

INTRODUCING THE ONLINE MASONIC SPEAKER SERIES

NEW SPEAKERS SERIES BRINGS MASONIC EXPERTS ONLINE

Beginning in late April, the Masons of California will host an exciting and entirely digital speakers' series featuring lectures and talks from Masonic experts on a range of topics. All events are totally free—to attend, simply register through On24 by clicking on the green button below (On Freemason.org). Spread the word about these informative online events.

If you've missed one, catch up on past lectures on our archives page.

(Archives web-page available at <https://californiafreemason.org/2020/04/21/speaker-series-archive/>)

MAY 27 NOON-1 PM

Dr. Andreas Önnorfors

The Development of Scandinavian Freemasonry.

Dr. Andreas Önnorfors is an associate professor in the History of Sciences and Ideas Department at the Universities of Gothenburg and Lund, and is the current master of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research. From 2007–2010 he was contracted by the University of Sheffield, where he worked as director of the Centre for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism, and as a senior lecturer in their department of history. Dr. Önnorfors is the author of *Freemasonry – A Very Short Introduction*, and numerous other papers on Freemasonry and fraternal culture. He regularly lectures on Freemasonry in academia and the general public, and is frequently consulted by international media on various subjects.

JUNE 10 7:30 PM

R. Stephen Doan

Freemasonry and Mozart's The Magic Flute.

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JUNE 24 NOON-1 PM

Robert L. D. Cooper

Scottish Freemasonry and the United States of America.

Robert L.D. Cooper is the curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland's Museum and Library, making him the custodian of some of the oldest and most precious Masonic documents in the world. A past master of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research and a recognized historian and expert on Scottish Freemasonry, the Knights Templar, and the Sinclair family, Cooper has lectured around the world and has appeared on TV numerous times as a Masonic authority, as well as having authored numerous articles and books. Among them are *The Red Triangle: A Brief History of Masonophobia*, *The Masonic Magician: The Life and Death of Count Cagliostro and His Egyptian Rite*, and *The Rosslyn Hoax? Viewing Rosslyn Chapel from a New Perspective*.

JULY 8 6:30 PM

Teresita Aréchiga

The Women of Freemasonry: Past, Present and Future.

Teresita Aréchiga is the Grand Master of the Women's Grand Lodge of California. Most Worshipful Aréchiga learned about Freemasonry as a girl in school in Mexico, but it wasn't until her adult life in Huntington Park, CA, when invited to a conference by a founder of Women's Freemasonry that she sought membership in the Fraternity. In 2017 she, together with other like minded individuals who had been members of women's or co-ed Masonic lodges in the Los Angeles area under Grand Lodges like the Women's Grand Lodge of Belgium or Le Droit Humain, formed the first exclusively feminine Grand Lodge of Free Masonry in California.

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



**KEEP
CALM
AND
WASH
YOUR
HANDS**

Zoomin' Lodge

By Dennis Trammell

Brethren, although we are not permitted to hold a Stated meeting online, we are allowed to enjoy each other's 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. I will, however, post the latest here.

We meet every two weeks while still under the shelter in place orders at 7 PM. The next meeting will be May 21.

Below is what the email or links look like when sent out.

Time: May 21, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every 2 weeks on Thu, 4 occurrence(s)

May 21, 2020 07:00 PM

Jun 4, 2020 07:00 PM

Jun 18, 2020 07:00 PM

Jul 2, 2020 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84628662385?pwd=c0d0R2ZubDB3VlpljN3dDNHphbURFUT09>

Meeting ID: 846 2866 2385

Password: 335965

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+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 846 2866 2385

Password: 335965

We are Two Brothers

By H. L. Haywood

Give me your hand
 You are rich I am poor
 Your wealth is your power, and by it you tread
 A wide open path where for me is a door
 That is locked and before it are worry and dread.
 We are sundered, are we,
 As two men can be
 But we are two brothers in Freemasonry
 So give me your hand.

Give me your hand
 You are great I'm unknown
 You travel with a permanent fame
 I go on a way unlauded, alone,
 With hardly a man to hear of my name:
 We are sundered, are we,
 As two men can be
 But we are two brothers in Freemasonry
 So give me your hand.

Give me your hand
 You are old I am young
 The years in your heart their wisdom have sown
 But knowledge speaks not by my faltering tongue,
 And small in the wisdom I claim as my own:
 We are sundered, are we,
 As two men can be
 But we are two brothers in Freemasonry
 So give me your hand.

Remember You're a Mason

By Unknown Author

When the pressures of recession
 Make us concentrate on greed,
 Take heed, a worthy Mason
 Cares about another's needs

Don't let pressures of the moment
 Make your obligation sway,
 Stop and help a fallen brother
 Or another by the way

What you give is like a bubble
 Whenever you assist,
 What it costs in time and trouble
 Is, soon after, never missed

Brother, bear that obligation
 You accepted on your knee,
 It's in direct relation
 To your own security

Never hesitate, my brother
 Square your actions now and say,
 I'll remember I'm a Mason,
 And behave like that today

With regard to human kindness
 And the 'Golden Rule', I pray,
 I'll remember I'm a Mason...
 And behave like that today.



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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.

June 2020



MAKING TRUE FRIENDS | IMPROVING OURSELVES | HAVING AN IMPACT