



ORINDA LODGE

Alamo 122 | Chartered May 13, 1858

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From the East

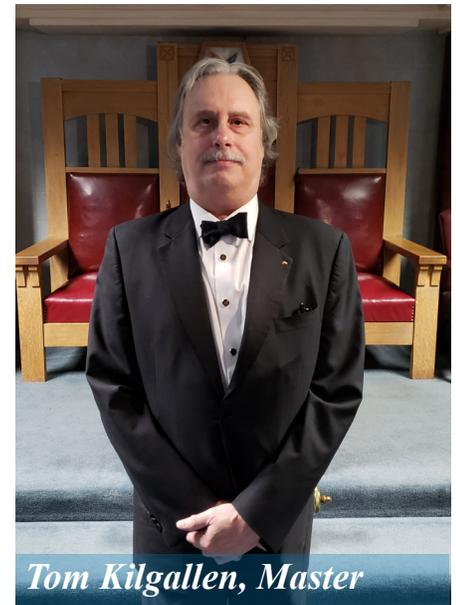
Tom Kilgallen, Worshipful Master

Hello my brothers, friends, and all my acquaintances in Masonry. September proved to be a very interesting month for us in Orinda Lodge. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Mick Finein, we had a visit from the "Grand Secretary of the Montana Grand Lodge", Worshipful Daniel Gardiner at our September 17th Zoom meeting. He gave a wonderful presentation of the history of Masonic aprons from approximately early 17th century through the modern era. Very Fascinating! I personally enjoyed seeing a picture of Meriweather Lewis's Masonic Apron. But I'll leave that to Brother Mick to tell you about. I don't want to steal his thunder ;-)

The year is winding down and however Grand Lodge determines that we handle nominations and election of 2021 officer's, that is what we will do; this will also include the installation of officers. I mention this because we can use a couple of brothers to step up to the plate and commit to spending a year as Junior and Senior Stewards. Yes, I know, it is not my job to recruit for the incoming Master, but I don't want to see Worshipful Alan Miller come into the New Year with a less than a full line. We have a few brothers who are ready to advance to Fellowcraft degree, one possible Master Candidate, and a few men waiting to be given the opportunity to submit an application for the degrees in Masonry so it would behoove us to have the personnel to be able to take care of these degrees. If you can help and you would like to be involved please contact Worshipful Miller and discuss this with him. To all advancing officers, please get in touch with the inspector to give your proficiency. he is waiting on you guys and will make any arrangements to do it in a safe manner.

The annual communications are coming upon us. We, the officers of the lodge, are hoping that with the communications event a number of questions will be answered for us including the above mentioned nominating, election, and installation of officers and other issues. As you all know, it is the prerogative of the Master of the lodge to select and appoint Past Master of the lodge to cast the Past Master's vote. For this important duty I have chosen Worshipful Gary Peare. I felt that he is the best and most qualified person to carry out the charge and he happily accepted it.

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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!** —

Allan C. Ferguson 10/03

Edward P. Margherio PM 10/07

George R. Bargman 10/10

William Gracey 10/14

Norris H. Boren 10/21

Philip R. Henry 10/21

Saleh S. Khashabi 10/22

Guss Annan 10/29

Judd W. Leonard 10/29



From the East (Continued)

We are dedicating Thursday, October 15th as our unofficial/official Annual visitation from "Live Oak Lodge". By the way, by my calculation, this would be the 94 annual visitation between Live Oak Lodge and Orinda Lodge making us (to quote Fred Loser, Senior) the longest continuing visitation in the state of California. To put it another way, other lodges may have visited each other in the past but we haven't missed a year in 93 years and as far as this master is concerned, we're not missing this one either. We will also have a speaker talking about a Masonic subject appropriate for all to enjoy whether guest or degreed mason. Thanks to Mick Finein we have the Most Worshipful John Cooper, Past Grand Master, giving us a lecture. Please come and tell everyone you know.

I know this year has been a hard year for everyone. Between dealing with Covid-19, and the three weeks of unhealthy air due to the terrible fires and also listening to the politicians arguing about minutia, we have not caught a break. With that said, if any of you need help in any way please contact one of us and we will do our best to get you in touch with the Masonic Outreach Services. They are there for all of us and will be happy to assist any and all of us however they can. Your call for help is not a bother to them and would not be out of the ordinary for them.

It has come to my attention that Worshipful Jim Leonard recently slipped and fell and broke his hip. He was rushed to the hospital and was operated on. I spoke to his daughter, Katie Pintado, and she informs me that Jim will be coming home soon and is doing very well. We will keep you informed as to his progress. Best wishes to you Jim!

I hope the rest of you remain in good health and stay safe and try to enjoy yourselves as much as possible during these trying times. Happy Halloween!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Tom Kilgallen, PM

From the West

By Alan Miller

Greetings from the West

OK, made it to October, home stretch time for 2020. We have the 1st Virtual Annual Communication coming up, which will include some guidance on how we may continue doing lodge business while awaiting the "all clear" to begin meeting in person again. Meanwhile, we continue with our bi-weekly lodge Zoom calls, which does afford us the opportunity to at least see each other, even at a considerable distance, such as Brother Cesar Salinas joining us from Peru. It also allows us to present some interesting aspects of masonic history and masonic education, such as the lecture on Masonic Aprons by Wr. Daniel Gardiner, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Montana. Br. Gardiner gave a wonderful overview of the evolution of the aprons over the past 300 years, and highlighted it with some beautiful examples, including the apron of Br Meriwether Lewis, of the famed Lewis & Clark expedition, which is now part of the historic collection at the Grand Lodge of Montana. Br. Gardiner also told the rather involved story of how the apron came to be in the possession of the Montana Grand Lodge, which was equally fascinating. It was a nicely attended lecture, with brothers from several lodges and even some of our applicants for the degrees present via Zoom.

Grand Lodge has also hosted a series of fascinating lectures in conjunction with Quatuor Coronati, the premier research lodge of England, culminating with a presentation by Dr Ric Berman on the influence of Scotch-Irish immigration on the origins of American Freemasonry. Dr. Berman was originally going to be visiting California last April, and we had arranged for him to give a lecture in Orinda as part of his visit, but alas the Covid interfered with that. Hopefully, in the coming years we will have the opportunity to host this distinguished research scholar. The series of Quatuor Coronati lectures are available as podcasts on the Grand Lodge website.

The lodge has been moving forward with the sponsorship of the Lamorinda DeMolay chapter, and we hope to soon have the official recognition from DeMolay International to get the chapter up and running, as soon as the Covid restrictions start to lift. The Order of DeMolay is open to boys age 12-21, teaching them those valuable leadership and character skills that will serve them throughout their lives. It will be the perfect compliment to our Job's Daughter's Bethel 218, which teaches similar skills to girls of ages 10-20. Be sure to let your sons and daughters, granddaughters and grandsons, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors know of the wonderful opportunity afforded by our youth orders.

Fraternaly,
Alan Miller | Senior Warden

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From the South

By Mick Finein

Brethren

October 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. is our Annual Visitation with our Live Oak Lodge brothers.

This year's visitation will be held on a Zoom video meeting. The Zoom link will be going out by email soon.

And we have a special guest speaker this year.

The Most Worshipful John Cooper will be talking about "Thomas Starr King – The Man Who Saved California for the Union". Brother Thomas Starr King was an important figure in U.S. and California history.

MW John Cooper is a Past Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of California, having served for almost eighteen years when he retired in 2008. In 2013/2014 he served as Grand Master of Masons in California. He holds a Ph.D. in Education from Claremont Graduate School, and before becoming Grand Secretary, held various teaching and administrative posts in the public schools of California. A Mason since 1964, and is both a Thirty-Third Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite, and a Knight of the York Cross of Honor in the York Rite. His primary interest in Freemasonry has been the history and philosophy of the Craft, and he has presented numerous papers at international conferences, including Bordeaux, France, in 2019. In 2019 was the Master of Harmony Lodge No. 164 at Sierra City – the fiftieth anniversary of service as the Master of his mother lodge in Lodge Angeles in 1969. He also served as Master of both Northern and Southern California Research Lodges, and is currently the Master of Golden Compasses Research Lodge at Sacramento.

I hope to see you all at the visitation!

Fraternally, Mick Finein | Junior Warden



Thomas Starr King
California Freemason

In November, 2009, the bronze statue of Thomas Starr King was returned to Sacramento from Washington, DC, having represented California in Statuary Hall in our nation's Capital Building from 1931 to 2009. Few Californians know how important Thomas Starr King was in our nation's history, for he may well be credited with having saved California for the Union as the Civil War tore apart our country.

He was a member of Oriental Lodge No. 144 in San Francisco, and is buried in that city. Thomas Starr King also served as the Grand Orator of the Masonic Grand Lodge of California in 1863, and he died in office.

The story of Thomas Starr King will be the featured presentation on Thursday, October 15, at 7:00 pm via a special meeting on Zoom. Information about the meeting will be sent separately to all member of the lodge. The presentation will not be tiled, and so family and friends are invited to join as well.

Orinda Lodge No. 122, F. & A. M.
Thursday, October 15, 2020 | 7:00 pm
"Thomas Starr King – The Mason Who Saved California for the Union"

A presentation via Zoom by
M. W. John Cooper, Past Grand Master

"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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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. 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:
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Fraternally and all the best,
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