

WILLIAM O'KEEFFE JR.

William F. O'Keeffe comes from San Francisco; California where he was born, raised, educated and still resides. In the early fifties, while still in high school, he worked as a glazier installing skylights throughout California. He learned to work with all types of glass and with the then newly introduced aluminum extrusions. In nineteen fifty-eight he joined the U.S.A.F. While in the Air Force he obtained his pilot's license, which he still uses today. After active duty with the strategic air command at Beale A.F.B. located in Marysville CA, and prior tours in Turkey, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Libya and Morocco, he left the service honorably in nineteen sixty-two.

He then started a mechanical contracting business serving a predominately commercial clientele. He obtained the following licenses: General Contractor, Electrical, Glazing, Ornamental Metal, Refrigeration, Sheet Metal and HVAC permitting him to provide new construction services and repairs throughout the states. He developed special chillers for the Bonneville Dam fish ladders located in Washington State and tackled many other mechanical challenges.

In the late seventies he sold his successful mechanical contracting business and negotiated the buyout of his father's failing architectural glazing company 'O'Keeffe's Inc.'. He was able to settle an acrimonious strike, with its punctured tires, glued locks, broken windows and gun threats that had lasted seven months. The strike affected his father's health and created the company's poor financial condition. With labor peace, new energy and direction the company was able to survive this trauma filled time and it has continued to expand. It has since become one of the largest architectural glazing companies in the United States. Completing such recent prominent projects as; the Museum of Modern Art, and the Court of Appeals in San Francisco, CA, the World Bank, Washington D.C., the Como Conservatory, St. Paul, MN, the Getty Museum and the Gateway Center in Los Angeles, CA. The company sales vary between twelve to twenty million.



In nineteen eighty one Bill started a division called SAFTI specializing in fire rated glazing used in hospital, residential high fire risk areas, hotels, factories, schools and commercial buildings. SAFTI is the only manufacturer in the United States of many of these products and holds patents on these newly developed, fire-rated products.

Bill is involved in both political and cultural events in the city. Past commander of the San Francisco Sheriff's Air Squadron, past president of the Northern California Construction Institute (NCCI) and a committee fund raiser for the San Francisco Bay Area Boy Scouts. He has served as an active member of AAMA, NFPA, BOCA, SBCCI, NGA, CSI, ANSI, ASTM and GANA. A supporter of St. Brendan's Church, the Irish - Israeli - Italian Society, Arc Angels, the San Francisco Symphony and the San Francisco Opera.

Bill takes pride in his newly remodeled home in the Twin Peaks area of San Francisco. To enjoy life he powerboats on the bay in a 39' Sea Ray Express, a 29' Donzi and Waverunner IIIs. He pilots a pressurized Cessna P210 airplane, fly-fishes in the northwest USA, deep sea fishes in Mexico and loves to travel for pleasure.

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