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Masonic Education Series:

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By Worshipful Jack Chudley

The Masonic Education Series is part of the continuing education service of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge. The Series catalogs relevant, educational and inspirational articles written by Masonic Scholars world-wide.

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Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

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WATER MAIN BREAK FLOODS HALL Lower Level Closed

Some Functions Cancelled

On Thursday, February 22nd, a water main broke on Brook Street forcing water into the lower level of our building through the rest room drains and other areas. The inflow of water continued for at least six hours as EBMUD worked to fix the rupture. Water levels in the lower level of the lodge reached five inches in certain sections.

EBMUD quickly called in a disaster recovery firm who began work on Friday morning to remove the residual water from the building. As part of their procedure testing was done on the water and it was determined that the water had been mixed with sewer water. Accordingly, all standard protocols for "black water" contamination are being followed.

Carpeting in the dining hall and floor tiles from both restrooms had been removed. Additionally, in accordance with protocols, the sheet rock was removed in affected areas two feet up from the floor. In the kitchen, this necessitated the removal of the lower cabinetry and counters.

To prevent cross contamination, the lower level has been closed including access to the restrooms. A portable toilet was brought in and is located in the parking lot. The only access to the building at this time is through the Main Doors on Moraga Road.

While we have made every effort to accommodate our tenants, it has been necessary to cancel a number of classes and events held at our building.

The "drying process" and demolition of affected areas will continue the week of February 26th. Concurrently, work is underway to arrange for the restoration of the lower level.

While there is much work to be done, it is our hope that the lower level will be restored as soon as possible and will be better than ever!

Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting Dinner - Cancelled

March 6th, **Stated Meeting will be held at 8:00 PM**

Corned Beef Dinner - Pending Cancellation

March 17th, Social Gathering: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm

Public Schools Program

April 21st, Social Gathering: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm

Reservations: (800) 419-0819, ext 2, or,
by e-mail to RSVP@acalanes.org, or,
on-line at www.Acalanes.org.

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A Heartfelt Thank You!

Temple Board Members Don Hoskins, Tim Wilbur and Michael Weis were quick to respond to the call for help as the water was rising in the lodge. They stayed at the lodge until EBMUD had the water break repaired at about 2AM the next morning, which is when the water began receding.

Additionally, Don and Tim were back on the job early the next morning as efforts to begin drying out the lodge and removing damaged flooring began.

Many thanks to these brothers for their truly tireless work!

