

☉ THE TRESTLEBOARD ☉

ACALANES-FELLOWSHIP LODGE #480 ✦ LAFAYETTE, CALIFORNIA ✦ JUNE 2006

From the East

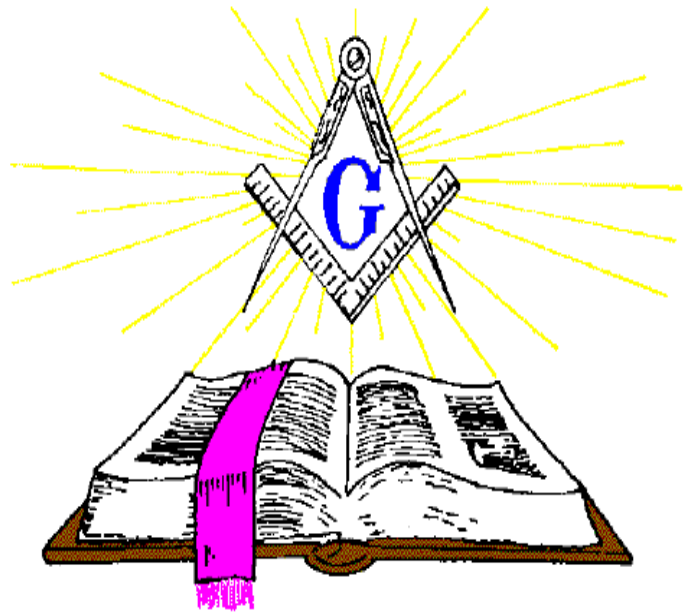
Brethren,

This month we will celebrate our initiation into Freemasonry with the Roll Call Meeting and Dinner on June 6. Make your reservations for dinner and plan to wear your original white apron - if you still have it. If you don't have yours, come anyway and our Secretary will give you the information you need. In our meeting, we will call the roll of the members and you will introduce yourself and read off your degree dates. This night will demonstrate some of the greatest assets of our fraternity - loyalty and diversity.

In hearing this individual information we will demonstrate the tremendous member loyalty in Freemasonry. Of all the Master Masons on our rolls, 97% of them will remain members for life. And we will hear from brothers raised in lodges from different parts of the state, of the country, and of the world. Even in our own lodge we will represent the diversity of the fraternity, which unites men "of every country, sect, and opinion."

On June 27, we will confer the Entered Apprentice Degree and you won't want to miss it. I have invited Brother John Wickey from Phoenix Lodge in San Francisco to play the harp for the degree. John has a Master's degree in harp performance and is a very accomplished harpist. He has performed with leading orchestras and ensembles around the country including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Detroit Symphony, New World Symphony, as well as with pick-up orchestras for such jazz legends as Cab Calloway, Joe Williams and Mel Torme. It will be a night to remember!

Our summer has two barbeques in the schedule. The first is at the home of Brother Tim Wood on July 15. The barbeque will be attended by over two hundred Masons and family members from several lodges in the area. The menu will include steak, chicken, and



roasted pig. A country and western band will perform and of course, a horseshoe contest. The cost is \$20 and reservations are made at (925) 254-5211 ext. 3. The second barbeque will be at our lodge for the Past Master's degree on August 19 - more details to follow.

I hope to see many of you at lodge this month. For those of you who live far way - write us a letter or email and tell us how you're doing and what Freemasonry means in your life. We'll print it in the Trestleboard because all the brothers care and want to know how you're doing.

Fraternally,

Allan Casalou
Master

Coming Events

Roll Call Meeting

Tuesday, June 6 - 7:00 PM

Please come to lodge for our annual roll call meeting, and be sure to wear your own white lambskin apron.

Orinda Summer Barbeque

Saturday, July 15, 11:30 AM

100 Twin Oaks Lane, Livermore

Worshipful Bro. Tim Woods is planning a summer barbeque at his home in Livermore. Cost will be \$20 per person and only \$5 for children under age 12. RSVP to 925.254.5211 ext 3. Payment must be received by July 7.

Past Masters Degree and Barbeque

Saturday, August 19

Mark your calendar for this year's Past Masters Degree and Barbeque!

Nevada City Visitation

September 22 - 24

Join us as we visit our brethren at Nevada Lodge No. 13 in Nevada City. Spouses are welcome!



Brothers in the News

Arne Simonsen, Past Master of Acalanes-Fellowship Lodge No. 480, is an elected member of the Antioch City Council, and he is currently running for the 11th District Assembly seat for the State of California.

For information on Brother Simonsen's current activities, visit his website at www.arnesimonsen.com.

Charitable Giving Report

Once again, Acalanes-Fellowship has received recognition from Grand Lodge as one of the top 12 lodges in the state for charitable giving. Up from \$3,537 in giving last month, we now have 38 brothers contributing for a current total of \$4,665. We're still short of our goal for the year, which is to have 62 brethren contribute for a total of \$7,500 in contributions, so please take a moment to log onto www.freemason.org and click the Give Now button. Even a few dollars will help our widows and brethren in need.

As you all know, our Masonic Homes and Masonic Outreach Services provide essential health care services to our aging brethren and widows, as well as needy children, who would otherwise go without. Those services are made possible by **your contributions**. So please, give what you can.

Fraternally Yours,

Robert Strohmeyer
Jr. Warden

Know Your Officers

In this new monthly series, we'll introduce our 2006 officer corps. This month, we'll get to know our Senior Steward, Randy Tolerton.



Randy Tolerton
Senior Steward

Born in Oakland in 1966, Randy Tolerton comes from a long line of Freemasons, including his grandfather and great grandfather. Apart from a two-year stint, Randy grew up in Orinda and graduated from Miramonte High School in 1985. He then went on to study Government at UC Santa Barbara before moving to Washington, DC for his first job as a production assistant on CNN's popular show *Crossfire*.

After working for CNN, Randy moved to Switzerland for a year to work and travel, and then returned to the US and began working in the software business for Redwood Shores-based Oracle Corporation. Over time, Randy worked for a number of start-up ventures, and went on to earn an MBA from Phoenix University in 1996.

Randy met his wife, Caroline, in 1998 at a party of friends in Mill Valley. At the time Caroline was working for Pechiney SA in the wine capsule business in Napa. Caroline was transferred by her company from Paris France. They have been married for 5 years and have one daughter, Charlotte Suzanne Tolerton, who is two-and-a-half years old. The Tolertons enjoy visiting their second family across the pond in France every year or so.

This is Randy's second year as an officer in our lodge. Last year he served as our Tiler.



Third Degree Anniversaries for June

Irwin Jay Abrash	06/10/1951
Bill Adams	06/25/1964
Bill Armstrong	06/14/1975
George Blodgett	06/19/1984
Milton Bruzzone	06/26/1984
Wallace Campbell	06/01/1949
Gary Charland	06/08/1999
George Demakas	06/10/1978
Donald D. Doyle	06/23/1943
Blair Dryden □	06/19/1999
James Ely	06/24/1958
Brian Grossmann	06/22/1991
Art Haglund	06/24/1969
Don Hoskins	06/07/1958
Scott Ingram	06/30/1992
William Johnston	06/26/1956
Orbie Keys	06/11/1970
William Miller	06/15/1967
Frank Redhead	06/04/1960
Robert Richardson	06/30/1956
William Simpson	06/30/1979
Michael Slusakoff	06/24/1955
Richard Smith	06/24/1980
Sheldon Winnick	6/19/1979