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

From the East

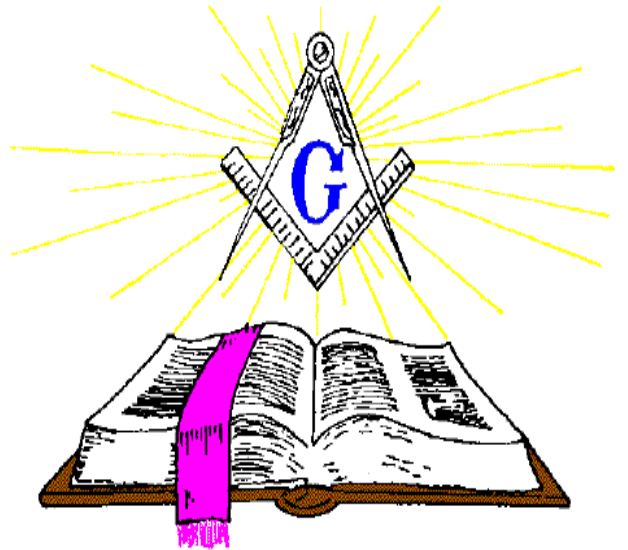
Brethren,

The freedoms we enjoy as Americans should always be celebrated and appreciated. As we gather with friends and family this month to celebrate Independence Day, we will pause to contemplate how fortunate we are to live in America and we will remember all the sacrifices that have been made to guarantee our liberty and renew our own willingness to make whatever sacrifice may be necessary to guarantee that same liberty for future generations. Happy Independence Day!

Our Stated Meeting will take place on July 11, we will begin with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. I was delighted at the number of ladies and family member who attended the June dinner. Please invite your wife and family to join us in July. Remember to make a reservation with Bro. Franz Chavez. Also, you can make your dinner reservation and pay for it online at www.acalanes.org. I did this for the first time this month for the July dinner. I was surprised how easy it was and was impressed to immediately receive an email confirmation and receipt.

I hope you have made your plans to attend the Summer BBQ at Worshipful Tim Woods residence on July 15th. It will be a great day. Information is on the web site and has been distributed in the last two Trestleboards.

ALL PAST MASTERS – You are hereby invited to participate in Past Masters Degree on August 19th. The degree will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will conclude by 4:00 p.m. Then we will enjoy our annual Past Masters Barbeque. Invite your family and friends! The cost is \$15, but Past Masters are complimentary. If you would like to participate in the degree, please contact Worshipful Tom Riley at (925) 798-4658.



This month our dear Brother Jay Abrash laid down his trowel and departed for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands – eternal in the heavens. I thank the 17 members of our lodge who attended his service to pay him our final respects and offer our condolences to his family. Jay was a wonderful man and like many of you, I will miss him.

On June 21, we conferred a Masonic memorial service for our Worshipful Brother Carl Hargrave. I never knew Wor. Carl, but many of you did. I know that he was Master of Acalanes Lodge No. 723 in 1974 and by all accounts, served with distinction. My thanks to Wor. Tom Riley for organizing the service and to Most Wor. Al Weis for presiding over the service in my absence.

May the blessing of heaven be with both of these departed brothers and their dear families.

So mote it be!

Allan Casalou
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Coming Events

Stated Meeting Dinner Tuesday, June 11th

Social Hour: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Stated Meeting: 8:00 PM

Dinner tickets can be purchased on-line at www.Acalanes.org, or call the Lodge Reservation Line at (925) 284-7815, Opt. 1. Dinner Tickets are \$12 per adult, children under 12 are free.

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!

Stay in Touch!

For our brothers who live out of the area – we are interested to know how you are and what you're doing. Please write a letter or email us to tell us about your life or share some thoughts on Freemasonry. We'll publish your comments in the upcoming Trestleboard.



In Memoriam

Irwin Jay Abrash

1929 - 2006

G. Carlton Hargrave

1923 - 2006

The Birth of a Nation

As we celebrate Independence Day, it is appropriate to remember our Brothers who, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, mutually pledged to each other their Lives, their Fortunes and their sacred Honor as signors of the Declaration of Independence.

William Ellery, Rhode Island
First Lodge of Boston, 1748

Benjamin Franklin, Pennsylvania
Grand Master of Pennsylvania, 1734

John Hancock, Massachusetts
Merchants Lodge No. 277 in Quebec, affiliated with Saint Andrew's Lodge in Boston, 1762

Joseph Hewes, North Carolina
Unanimity Lodge No. 7

William Hooper, North Carolina
Hanover Lodge in Masonborough, N.C.

Robert Treat Paine, Massachusetts
Massachusetts Grand Lodge in 1759

Richard Stockton, New Jersey
Charter Master of St. John's Lodge in Princeton, 1765

George Walton, Georgia
Solomon's Lodge No. 1, in Savannah

William Whipple, New Hampshire
St. John's Lodge, Portsmouth, N.H., 1752



Member News

Worshipful **Ernie Evertt** (Master 1979) came in from Pine Grove to attend services for Carl Hargrave. We do not get to see much of Br. Ernie since he moved to Pine Grove, and certainly wish his visit could have been under more pleasant circumstances. There is the Past Master's Degree on August 19th ... if you come back we'll buy you a steak!

We received news that Br. **John Mulhall** and his lovely wife Linda have relocated to Covington, Washington. John was very active in the community, having served on the City Counsel in Pleasant Hill, served on our Temple Board, and as our Jr. Warden. Br. Mulhall is also a Life Member of our Lodge. We will miss them both, but hope they come back to visit often!

On June 27th our officers performed an initiation for **Jonathan Del Arroz**, nephew of Br. **Roy Coach**, which included a harp performance by John Wickey. It was truly a special evening.



Third Degree Anniversaries ~ July ~

Eldon Gale Keefer 07/31/1946

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