
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

September 2006

From The East

Allan Casalou

Worshipful Master

I am proud to be a member of our lodge.

This month we had three candidates deliver their proficiencies in different degrees. **Br. Benny Rodriguez** performed the Entered Apprentice proficiency, and **Bros. Ray Sevilla** and **Jeremy Branch** performed their Fellowcraft proficiency. Their performances make us proud and I am also proud of their coaches who are working diligently to guide these brothers through their Masonic journey.

Our Past Master's conferred a third degree upon **Br. Danny Ho** on Saturday, August 19. Danny is such a good addition to our lodge. He lives in an area where he has several lodges to choose from and we are proud that he is a member of our lodge. And what can I say about our Past Master's performance? They were outstanding. We have a listing of the degree team in this issue of the *Trestleboard*. Our thanks to them all – they make us proud.

The dinner following the Past Master's was excellent. **Worshipful Jim Yribarren** and his wife **Diane** (who we love!) organized the meal and set up the lodge beautifully. **Worshipful Tom Riley** made a dish of amazing beans and **Br. Franz Chavez** brought a batch of his world famous salsa. The tables were adorned with beautiful flowers from **Br. Don Hoskins** home garden – they really were beautiful. The steaks and chicken were barbecued to perfection by **Bros. Scott Ingram** and **Tim Wilbur**. They've both agreed to man the cooking at the Crab Feed in January (Actually, I overheard Scott say he could get into doing the cooking at the lodge on a more regular basis – wouldn't that be great!)

The entire event was organized by **Worshipful Tom Riley** who served as the activity chairman. He did an excellent job. All-in-all it was a great day – and with all the people involved who made it such a success, how could we not be proud?

Worshipful Jim and **Diane Yribarren** also installed new curtains in the dinning room and the lodge room. What a difference it makes! Thank Jim and Diane!

Please join us for the Stated Meeting in September. The dinner is sure to be good. You can make your dinner reservation online at www.acalanes.org. Each month

Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting Dinner

Sept. 5th, Social Gathering: 6:30pm
Dinner: 7:00pm
Stated Meeting: 8:00pm

Second Degree at Masonic Homes

September 23rd, Degree: 1:30pm
Dinner: 5:00pm
Cost (Dinner): \$12.00

Hiram Award Presentation & Dinner

Nov. 11th
Save the Date! More Information to Follow

Reservations: (925) 284-7815, ext 1, or,
by e-mail to fchavez@acalanes.org, or,
on-line at www.acalanes.org.

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your major credit card or check debit card.



more and more wives and family members are coming to dinner. ***This is terrific!*** We hope to see even more in September. Invite your wife and family if you have not already. Stay for the meeting, too. We will announce the Hiram Award recipient.

On September 23, we will confer the third degree for **Br. Ray Sevilla** at the Masonic Home in Union City. The degree will begin at 1:30 p.m. We will have dinner at the Home following the degree at 5:00 p.m. Invite your wife and family to the dinner. See the information within on how to make reservations.

So, come visit the lodge if you're in the area. If your away, send a letter or email to tell us how you're doing. There's a lot of really great things happening. It makes me so proud!

Fraternally,

Allan Casalou
Master

~ Third Degree Anniversaries ~

RICHARD WARREN BLOUNT

September 18, 1982

JAMES ALBERT BORUP

September 23, 1986

HENRY CHESTER BURGRAFF, PM

September 21, 1950

DONALD GENE CARTER, PM

September 26, 1998

ROBERT J. DARIUS

September 7, 1974

THOMAS PATRICK HOGAN

September 10, 2002

ROBERT M. HOOKER

September 12, 1987

EDWARD C. HOSKINSON

September 29, 1987

VENGIE OTHEIL HUGHES, PM

September 8, 1984

MARVIN JACK KAY

September 27, 1948

MICHAEL SAADALLAH KHOURY

September 22, 1990

TAREK CHRISTIAN KHOURY

September 29, 2001

GEORGE KONSTANTOPOULOS

September 22, 1961

CHARLES LARRY LANCASTER

September 9, 1989

VICTOR RICHARD LAWHORN

September 23, 1997

GERALD EDWIN PATCHEN

September 30, 1967

ROBERT LEO POLVI

September 9, 1976

GERALD HOWARD SAURMAN

September 24, 1957

SPENCER M. SEALANDER

September 25, 1971

HERBERT MURRAY STEIN

September 24, 1977

HARVEY K.SYVERSRUD, PM

September 8, 1981

New Window Treatments for the Lodge Room & Hall

During the first week of August our Lodge Room got a "lift" with the installation of new window treatments. The new valances had been the topic of discussion for some time, but with the help of Tim Wilbur, and Jim & Diane Yribarren the project came to fruition. The window treatments in the Hall have also been replaced.



Anniversaries Cont.

OLIVER A. THOMAS, PM

September 1, 1939

CHARLES EVERT TOLL

September 23, 1995

HARVEY A. UHL

September 19, 1968

ALVIN JESSE WEIS, PGM

September 20, 1966

THOMAS JOSEPH WHITTEN, PM

September 17, 1952

JAY B. WILLIAMS, PM

September 26, 1970

GEORGE NATHAN WOFFORD

September 13, 1986

LARRY WADE WOODS, PM

September 15, 1984

HERMAN LEE ZELLER

September 20, 1955

Past Masters' Degree & Barbecue

On Saturday, August 19th, our Past Masters' Degree Team assembled to confer the Third Degree of Freemasonry onto **Brother Danny Ho**. Later that afternoon the Past Masters' and membership gathered for the traditional Past Masters' Barbecue.

Lodge was opened at 1PM by the officers of the Lodge, at which time the Past Masters' Degree Team was invited into the Lodge to confer the degree. Participating Team Members were:

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| Master | Tom Riley |
| King Solomon | Marc Rice |
| Senior Warden | Phil McAllister |
| Junior Warden | OllieThomas |
| Treasurer | Roy Beitelschees |
| Secretary | Don Hoskins |
| Chaplain | Mike Brown |
| Senior Deacon | Bill Armstrong |
| Junior Deacon | Ernie Everett |
| Senior Steward & 1st Traveler | Leonard Love |
| Junior Steward & 2nd Traveler | Al Weis |
| Marshall | Vengie Hughes |
| Charge | Jack Chudley |
| Tiler | Jim Yribarren |
| 1st Ruffian | Roy Beitelschees |
| 2ndRuffian | Don Hansen |
| 3rdRuffian | Vengie Hughes |
| Seafaring/ Wayfaring Man | Otis Simonsen |
| Prompter & Emergency Fill-in | Allan Casalou |

Congratulations to all the participants on their excellent work, and many thanks to **Tom Riley**, PM, for coordinating the Degree. Our Past Masters play a vital role in continuing the work of our Lodge, often quietly and without fanfare. They are truly a most treasured asset!

The Lodge extends its deepest appreciation to all those who made the Past Masters' Barbecue possible, including: **Tom Riley, Jim & Diane Yribarren, Vengie & Carol Hughes, Franz & Teresa Chavez, Tim Wilbur, Scott Ingram, Don Hoskins, Allan Casalou** and **Roger Poynts**.



The "grill masters" **Tim Wilbur** and **Scott Ingram** work under the careful direction of **Br. Dave Shull, PM (1973)**.



Members' Corner

One of our past masters who is always looking out for the best interest of our lodge is **Wor. Bill Armstrong** (PM 1980). Br. Bill worked on the grounds to make them ready for the barbecue, including repainting lines. A heartfelt thank you for all your work is long over due. **Thank you, brother!**

A couple months ago we reminded our dear Past Master **Ernie Evertt** (1979) that if he came down for the Past Masters' Degree we would buy him a steak. Well, he did! Great to see you, worshipful!

Although not a member, **Dwight Swobe** of the East Bay Bear Cats is a lot like family having been a tenant of our lodge for over ten years. The Bear Cats is a Dixieland style band that some of you may have heard at last years Veteran's Night, or, at the Red Cross Fund Raiser held at our lodge last November. The Bear Cats were able to raise over \$3,000 for Katrina Relief. I regret to report that Dwight is battling a very serious illness. Your prayers and best wishes for Dwight's speedy recovery would be very much appreciated.

If you have a story or memory you would like to share, or simply keep the membership up to date on what is going on in your life, please consider writing us:

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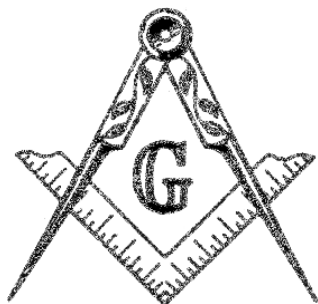
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Know Your Officers

Charlie Toll, Marshall

For anyone who joined our lodge since January 1999, there is a good chance that their first tour around the lodge room was guided by our Marshall, Charlie Toll. Charles Evert Toll was born in Kansas, December 11, 1916. From Kansas the Toll Family moved to San Angelo, Texas, then on to Glendale, California, before settling in Bisbee, Arizona where Charlie grew up as a member of DeMolay.



Charlie is a graduate of Arizona State University. During breaks from school Charlie worked in the copper mines in Bisbee, which was both strenuous and dangerous work. In fact, one mine shaft was closed down after Charlie and his co-worker refused to re-enter the site because of failing supports.

It was at ASU that Charlie met his future wife, Dorothy. During the war Dorothy taught school and Charlie worked in Globe, AZ as a tool designer. Charlie had tried repeatedly to join the Navy without success. As it turned out, his employer was blocking Charlie's enlistment as the design work he was doing was deemed vital to the war effort.

After the war, Charlie returned to teaching in Arizona. It was while visiting family and friends in Northern California that Charlie decided to apply for a position in Moraga. In 1955 Charlie became the principal and superintendent of the two room school house in Moraga. It was under his stewardship that the school system took the shape and form we know today, with Charlie finding the land and planning the new schools that were to be built. His role in the development of the Moraga School System was of such significance that the system is dedicated to him.

Charlie came to Freemasonry late in life, claiming that it was something that he always intended to do. It was not until his son David asked his dad about getting an application from Acalanes that Charlie approached another Kansas native, Bro. Charles Butler, who gave Charlie two applications. Charlie filled his out, his son did not!

Charlie was initiated in April 1992, however, it would be three years before Charlie would advance through the other degrees as his wife, Dorothy, became gravely ill, and required his full attention. After her death, and with the help of his coach, Al Weis, Charlie quickly completed his remaining degrees and was made a Master Mason on September 23, 1995. Charlie said that Masonry, and specifically the fellowship of the brothers in our lodge, helped to fill the void in his life following the death of his wife.

Charlie served as Tiler and Jr. Deacon before becoming our Marshall in 1999, a position he has held since. Charlie claims to remember every candidate he has escorted around the Lodge, as we are sure they remember Charlie's sure and comforting grasp during a time of darkness and uncertainty. Somehow, the role of Marshall seems most appropriate for Charlie, a man who dedicated his life to leading young people into the light of education.

Charlie was inducted into the DeMolay Legion of Honor on June 17, 2000, and was Acalanes Fellowship's recipient of the Hiram Award on September 2, 2003. The motto of freemasonry is "we take good men and make them better." In the case of Charlie Toll, it is the brothers of Acalanes who have benefited through the privilege of knowing our much beloved brother, Charlie Toll.

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