
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

November 2006

From The East

Allan Casalou

Worshipful Master

What's in a date? With 365 days in the year, one day can seem very much like the other. As a society, we are naturally inclined to focus on positive memories. We highlight certain days to remember important events that make us proud and cause us to celebrate. The month of November has no less than two of those days – Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.

On the 315th day of the year we celebrate Veteran's Day. Originally Armistice Day, an international day of remembrance of the treaty signing that ended WWI, the U.S. created Veteran's Day more than fifty years ago to honor living veterans who have served in our military during wartime and peacetime. The change was initiated by citizens of Emporia, Kansas who staged the first Veteran's Day celebration in 1953. Their efforts turned into a nationwide campaign and on June 1, 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed the new holiday into law.

On behalf of all the members of our lodge, I tip my hat and say "Thank you!" to all the brothers of our lodge who are veterans. You are true heroes.

This year our lodge will celebrate Veteran's Day as we honor a great brother. On November 11 we will bestow the Hiram Award upon **Worshipful Brother V.O. Hughes**. While the schedule is coincidental, it is worth noting that V.O. has not only served our lodge over the last decade, but he also served our country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. It will be an honor to make the presentation to V.O. and I hope you are there to share in the brotherhood that night. More details are in this issue of the *Trestleboard*.

Last month we welcomed into the ranks of Master Masons **Brother Jeremy Branch** who was raised on October 24, 2006. Brother Jeremy is the son of **Brother Ken Branch**, our Tiler.

On Thanksgiving we will each join with family and friends in a custom that is older than our country. On an unremembered day sometime in the autumn of 1621, the American settlers of Plymouth, Massachusetts held a three-day feast with the native Wampanoag people. While autumn festivals had been a custom for at least a hundred years before this time in Europe, this festival had a deeper meaning for the new Americans. Theirs was a special, more religious event as they gave thanks for the bounty of the harvest, but also for their native friends without whose assistance they would not have survived the bitter winter of 1620. The harvest festival became a day of thanksgiving in America.

When I sit down with my family on November 23, I have a

Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting Dinner

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

Hiram Award Presentation & Dinner

Nov. 11th, Social Gathering: 5:00 pm
Presentation: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm

Installation of 2007 Officer Corps

Dec. 2nd at 7:00 pm

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lot to be thankful for. I will thank God for my family and for good health. I will also thank God for you – the members of Acalanes Lodge, for whom I feel as devoted to as the American settlers probably did for their native friends. So many of the good things in my life have been a result of my involvement in Masonry – and each of you is an important part of this experience.

Many people have been instrumental in the success of the lodge this year. I am not able to write about each of them. However, I can not end the year as your Master without pointing out the tremendous contributions this year by **Brother Stephen Galop**. As you know, Stephen is our Treasurer and he does an excellent job in that capacity – even though he lives in Johns Creek, Georgia. Anyone who read the annual report he prepared this year can vouch for this. But Stephen has done so much more in addition to his duties as Treasurer including his work on the Web site (which is fantastic), with our Hall Association, the membership database, communications with widows and members, and in planning for next year. To top it off, he is fun to work with and he always has a good attitude. Stephen, please accept my deepest gratitude for your tireless, dedicated, and excellent service to our lodge!

It has been an honor to serve as your Worshipful Master this year. Thank you all and God bless you.

Faternally,

Allan Casalou
Master

Third Degree Anniversaries

ALLAN LESLEY CASALOU

November 26, 1991

KENNETH WILBUR EDSON

November 23, 1982

GARY BLAIR ESTES

November 22, 1966

ERNEST RAY EVERETT

November 24, 1964

JAMES ANTHONY GRANATA

November 17, 1981

JON M. HAYNES

November 25, 1980

JACK HEINZ

November 17, 1953

LEW JENKINS

November 9, 1993

STEVEN FREDERICK KLAMM

November 19, 1987

ROBERT JUSTIN KNEBEL

November 19, 2005

HOWARD M. LANEY

November 29, 1966

PHILLIP McALLISTER SR.

November 8, 1984

GARY H. MOORE

November 8, 1977

BRUCE OSBORNE

November 21, 1951

DAVID RAY OYLER

November 22, 1997

DONALD A. PAULI

November 30, 1971

AARON WIGHT PINGREE

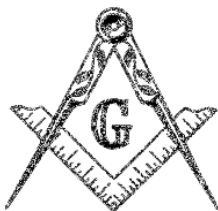
November 20, 1947

KEVIN A. ROBERTS

November 18, 1997

MICHAEL STEPHEN WEIS

November 16, 2004



~ Members' Corner ~

Picture this: a moonlight horseback ride on a crisp autumn evening. Life just doesn't get any better ... unless you fall off the horse. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to **Br. Tim Wilbur** who is recovering from a broken ankle, an injury he incurred when he fell off his horse during a moonlight horseback ride on a crisp autumn evening. Tim is the president of our Temple Board and does a great job keeping our building in shape.

"Brrr . it's cold in here!" Not words usually heard in the Lodge Room during the summer months. Not until the Temple Board replaced the upstairs air conditioning unit! The new unit is more energy efficient and of larger capacity, so don't be afraid to show up for those summer meetings. And bring a sweater!



~ Installation ~

Please note that Installation of our 2007 Officer Corps will take place on Saturday, **December 2nd**. This is a week earlier than originally scheduled. Please take note of this change!



~ Sweethearts Luncheon ~

On Saturday, **December 16th**, our Lodge will host its annual luncheon in honor of the widows of our departed brothers, affectionately known as our "Sweethearts." The luncheon will include a traditional turkey dinner and entertainment.

We encourage our Brothers to attend this event, and invite their spouses as guests of the Lodge. This is a small way of saying "thank you" for all our spouses do to support their husband's Masonic endeavors.

Look details on this event in the December *Trestleboard*, and on-line at www.Acalanes.org.



~ In Memoriam ~

BRO. KARL D. BARTLE, JR.

1921 – 2006

Entered: January 9, 1945

Passed: February 20, 1945

Raised: March 27, 1945

Affiliated: May 5, 1992



Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting-place.
Bright and glorious be thy rising from it.

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2007 Crab Feed *It's Back!*

Members of 2007 Crab Feed Committee are already hard at work preparing for the return of our annual fund raiser. If you have attended in the past, you know that one of the highlights of the evening is the Silent Auction. Members sponsor gifts which are auctioned off to the highest bidder. If you would like to donate an item for auction, please contact Diane Yribarren at (925) 228-3246. Some suggestions are: tickets to a theatrical or sporting event, a nice bottle of wine, art work, weekend at a vacation home; gift baskets, etc.

The 2007 Crab Feed is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th. More details will follow!



A Call to Service *Can YOU Help?*

When we show up at lodge on the first Tuesday of the month, we find the doors open, the lights on, and the inviting smell of something good coming from the kitchen. But do we ask ourselves how it all came to be? We do not often think about the work that goes into keeping our lodge humming along or the efforts required to meet the needs of our members.

If you have some time and energy to share, there are a few groups that could use a helping hand:

Social Committee

In addition to set-up and clean-up for our monthly Stated Meeting Dinners, we also have a number of special events throughout the year including the upcoming Sweethearts Luncheon. Help is needed to prepare the Dining Room for the December 16th luncheon, serve, and help with the clean up. Please contact Roger Poynts at (925) 323-4381 if you are able to help out.

Sweethearts Committee

Al and Gini Weis have been doing a great job keeping in touch with our Sweethearts. However, they could use some help with correspondence. If you have some time and like to communicate by phone and letter, please call Most Worshipful Alvin Weis at (925) 284-9196.

Crab Feed Committee

It is truly heart warming to see how many members quickly stepped forward to volunteer to help with our annual fund raising event. If you can help, please contact Roger Poynts at (925) 323-4381.

Communications Committee

The communications committee is charged with producing the *Trestleboard*, managing our web-site, and producing periodic mailings to promote upcoming events. Contributors to the *Trestleboard* are **always** needed, as well as a couple people willing to learn how to publish our monthly newsletter. Best of all ... **you do not need to live in the area!** If interested, or if you would just like to get more information, please call Stephen Galop at (925) 262-8296 or from outside the Bay Area (800) 671-1677.

Sunshine Committee

For information on the Sunshine Committee please contact our Chaplain, Brian James, at (925) 935-5812.

~ Dedicated Service ~

On November 11th, our Lodge will bestow its highest honor on our worthy brother, Vengie Otheil Hughes. It promises to be a very special evening, and one you will not want to miss. As we prepare for the festivities, it seems appropriate to take pause and remember our brothers who have been so honored in the past. Perhaps more importantly, to remember their contributions for which they were honored.

The Hiram Award is recognition of a brother who gives generously of his time and talents without expectation of compensation or acknowledgement. While the Lodge can only make one award per year, we are truly blessed to count among our members so many who truly meet the definition of "Dedicated Service."



Hiram Award Recipients



James Randolph Barley

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
September 12, 1992

Roy E. Beiteltschees

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
October 21, 2000

Harding T. Crandell

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1981

James Fesmire Crooks

(Deceased)
El Cerrito-Albany No. 686
March 31, 1997

Joseph O. Darius

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1982

Edmond L. Denison

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1983

John F. Doane

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1989

Francis John Ebert

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
September 13, 1997

Stephen Peter Galop III

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
July 12, 2004

Harold Lewis Gates

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
October 26, 2002

John Harrison

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1980

Leonard Alvin Love

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
June 30, 2001

Marvin J. Martin

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1979

Lloyd Edmund Myers

(Deceased)
Bakersfield No. 224
February 18, 1993

Andrew A. Neumann

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
January 27, 1996

Christian Andrew Nilsen

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
November 16, 1991

Robert Donald Olsen

(Deceased)
Ophir Bear Mountain No. 33
May 1, 1993

Eldon Raleigh Quinby

(Deceased)
Nevada No. 13
June 20, 1992

Ronald James Reese

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
October 20, 1998

Marcus Rice Jr.

Live Oak No. 61
April 16, 1998

Ray Henry Rookard

(Deceased)
Alcatraz No. 244
September 28, 1988

Louis Rubin

(Deceased)
Lebanon-Pacific No. 136
January 1, 1984

Arne Simonsen

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
October 23, 1999

Charles Evert Toll

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
September 2, 2003

Alvin Jesse Weis

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
October 28, 1995

ACALANES FELLOWSHIP LODGE NO 480

HIRAM AWARD PRESENTATION AND BANQUET

IN HONOR OF OUR 2006 RECIPIENT

BRO. VENGIE HUGHES, PM



Saturday
November 11th, 2006

SOCIAL: 5:00 PM
PRESENTATION: 6:00 PM
DINNER: 6:30 PM

\$15.00 PER PERSON FOR DINNER

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Event Chairpersons: Jim & Diane Yribarren
Catering by Southwestern Caterers & Diane Yribarren

Planned Menu:

Pork Loin, Chicken Breast On A Light Wine Sauce, Rice Pilaf,
Steam Vegetables Fruit Tray, Caesar Salad, Dinner Rolls And Butter, Bread Pudding

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