

---

---

# THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

December 2006

---

---

## From The East

Thomas E. Riley III  
*Worshipful Master*

Brethren, I must admit that I am composing this message to you, as Master Elect of your lodge, with mixed emotions. I feel very honored and humble to be asked to serve again as Master of the lodge that I love. At the same time, I am amazed that this eventuality happened. The only person I know who is even more incredulous about it is my wife, Nancy.

I have been a Mason more than twenty years, long enough to remember that "back in the day", our lodge never had to recycle past masters. We had a large number of applicants and our lodge conferred nearly thirty degrees a year. In fact, after I was raised in Acalanes Fellowship Lodge, it was explained to me that one had to wait a significant time with patience, before coming under consideration to be an officer.

It is self-evident that the dynamics of membership and officer service have changed substantially in the ensuing years. Our lodge has fewer members now and in recent years, our officer ranks have been decimated by myriad causes. In difficult times like this, I think it is important to remember that our fraternity has survived and flourished, despite adversity, for hundreds of years. We make good men better and as long as we continue to observe the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth, we will persevere.

On that note, I am very pleased to report that our lodge has a full complement of officers for next year. You will find their names and a brief biography for each, listed elsewhere in the Trestleboard. I congratulate these brethren and thank them for their fortitude and desire to serve our lodge in an hour of need.

They are a diverse group. Three are line officers, whom have advanced from their previous station. Five more served as officers this year and have agreed to serve again next year. Three more served as officers in the past and have agreed to serve in an elective office again next year. Lastly and perhaps most importantly, two of our brothers have agreed to be officers for the first time. I am very proud to be able to serve with every one of these fine officers.

Our lodge this next year will continue the process of restoring and rejuvenating some of the social events that are so close to our hearts. The Sweetheart's Luncheon

## Upcoming Events:

### Installation of 2007 Officer Corps

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ceremony: 7:00 pm  
Hors d'oeuvres: 8:00 pm

### Stated Meeting Dinner

Dec, 5<sup>th</sup>, Social Gathering: 6:30 pm  
Dinner: 7:00 pm  
Stated Meeting: 8:00 pm

### Sweethearts Luncheon

Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Social Gathering: 11:30 am  
Luncheon: 12:30 pm  
Musical Program: 2:00 pm

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

On-line reservations can be paid for using your major credit card or check debit card.

will take place on Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, after a long hiatus, thanks to the leadership of **Alvin & Virginia Weis**. Our Crab Feed Fundraiser will make a comeback on Saturday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and support these events. If conditions permit, contribute your time and/or a donation to help insure their success. Further information about these events is present in other sections of the Trestleboard.

On behalf of our lodge, I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Retiring Master, **Worshipful Allan Casalou, PM**. He stepped into the breach and served with distinction as Master of our lodge for the third time. Under difficult circumstances, he managed to revitalize our lodge and reinstate a full core of officers.

I am sure that I can speak for next years officers, by saying that it is our fervent hope to be able to make a similar contribution to our lodge, by building upon the good work that our Retiring Master has started. Please come to the stated meetings and other lodge events whenever you can to help us achieve our goal. I look forward to seeing you in lodge.

Fraternally,

Tom Riley  
Master

## ~ Members' Corner ~



**Br. Harvey Syversrud** (Master 1987) and his lovely wife **Rae** returned to the Bay Area in November to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with family and friends. The Syversrud's retired to Surprise, Arizona several years ago. The celebration, which was hosted by their son Don of Concord and daughter Debbi of Heidelberg, Germany, was held at the Concord Crystal Ranch Club House. From the members of their Acalanes Fellowship family, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happiness to Harvey & Rae!



On November 11<sup>th</sup> **Vengie Hughes, PM** was presented the Hiram Award by **Wor. Allan Casalou** as V.O.'s lovely wife, **Carol**, looked on. A celebratory dinner followed which was well attended by approximately fifty guests. Congratulations, Vengie!

### *Freemasonry, a family tradition*



**Br. Jeremy Branch** (left) was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Jeremy's father, **Br. Ken Branch** (right) is our incoming Asst. Secretary for the 2007 year. We are fortunate to have a number of father & son members at Acalanes Fellowship, and extend hearty congratulations to both father and son.



On a sad note, we regret to inform our members of the passing of Barbie Haglund, wife of our beloved Past Master / Past Grand Master Art Haglund. A private service is planned for November 25<sup>th</sup> in Spokane, WA. Our entire Acalanes Fellowship family extends its sincerest condolences to Br. Art,



### **BRO. FRANK REDHEAD**

1918 – 2006

Entered: March 4, 1945

Passed: January 19, 1960

Raised: June 4, 1960

Affiliated: January 19, 1960



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

## ~ 2007 Officer Corps ~

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> our 2007 Officer Corps will be installed by Most Worshipful Alvin Weis, PGM, with the assistance of Worshipful Roy Beitelschees (PM 1994) and Presiding Chaplin Worshipful Ollie Thomas (PM 1999). Following are the members of our 2007 Officer Corps:

### **Thomas E. Riley III, Worshipful Master**

Br. Tom received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship in 1984, proceeded through the chairs, and served as Worshipful Master in 1997. Br. Tom is a very active member of our Lodge, coordinating our Past Masters Degree Team. Additionally, he is one of the longest serving members of our Building Association (aka Temple Board). Our Lodge is truly the beneficiary of Worshipful Tom's generosity of time and talent.

### **Gary Charland, Senior Warden**

Br. Charland received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship in 1999, served as Jr. Deacon in 2000, Sr. Deacon in 2001 and Jr. Warden in 2002. He returns to the line following a work related absence. While Br. Gary takes his ritual work seriously, his quick wit and sense of humor make him a pleasure to be around and a real asset to our Lodge.

### **Dennis Rogers, Junior Warden**

Br. Rogers was initiated into Acalanes Fellowship in 2003 and completed his degrees in 2005. He served as Sr. Deacon in 2006 and now progresses to Junior Warden.

### **Stephen P. Galop III, Treasurer**

Br. Galop received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship in 1997-1998. He has served as our Treasurer since 2003, and on our Temple Board since 1999, most recently as its Secretary-Treasurer. Br. Galop was our 2004 recipient of the Hiram Award.

### **Donald Hoskins, Secretary**

Br. Hoskins received his degrees at Henry Morse Stephens Lodge #541, was initiated in 1954 and completed his degrees in 1958. He affiliated with Acalanes Fellowship in 1983 and served as our Secretary from 2000 to 2005. Br. Don is an active member of our Temple Board, and in his spare time enjoys traveling throughout the world.

### **Kenneth Branch, Asst. Secretary**

Br. Ken was initiated into Acalanes Fellowship in 1989 where he completed his degrees in 2004. In addition to his work as Asst. Secretary, Br. Ken recently joined the Sweethearts Committee.

### **Brian James, Chaplain**

Br. Brian received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship, initiated in 2001 and raised to the sublimed degree of Master Mason in 2003 and has served as our Chaplain since that time.

### **James Chamberlain, Senior Deacon**

Br. Chamberlain received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship in 2004, and hails from a family of Masons! Since joining our Lodge Br. Jim has been an active member, recently joining the Sweethearts Committee.

### **Randy Tolerton, Junior Deacon**

Br. Tolerton received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship in 2004. He has served as Tiler in 2005 and Sr. Stewart in 2006. Br. Randy is a third generation Mason following his father and grandfather. Br. Randy's Lodge activity includes membership on the Communications Committee and frequent contributor to the *Trestleboard*.

### **Franz Chavez, Senior Stewart**

Br. Chavez received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship where he was initiated in 2004 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 2005. Br. Chavez served as Secretary in 2006.

### **Timothy Wilbur, Junior Stewart**

Br. Tim received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship, initiated in June 2003 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in January 2004. Upon completion of his degrees Br. Tim was immediately elected to the Temple Board, and thereon immediately elected to the office of President. Br. Tim is very generous with his time, talent and labor.

### **Jack Kalivoda, Tiler**

Br. Kalivoda received his degrees in Illinois in 1957 and affiliated with Acalanes Fellowship in 1986. Br. Jack has been a very active member of our Lodge, serving six years on our Temple Board and multiple terms as that organization's Vice President. In addition to Br. Jack's generosity of his time and talents, he is truly a pleasure to work with and a real asset to our lodge.

### **Charles Everet Toll, Marshall**

Br. Toll received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship, initiated in 1992 and completed his degrees in 1995. Br. Toll served as Tiler and Jr. Deacon before becoming our Marshall in 1999, a position he has held since. 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. Br. Toll will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 11<sup>th</sup>. May God bless you, Br. Charlie, you are truly a treasured member of our Lodge!



## ~ Thank You ~

As we prepared to bid farewell to 2006 and welcome in a new year, it seems appropriate to take a moment to thank those who worked so diligently to make 2006 a success for our Masonic Community.

Thank you to the 2006 Officer Corps, who worked so hard to hone their ritual skills and gave up time with their families for the benefit of our Craft.

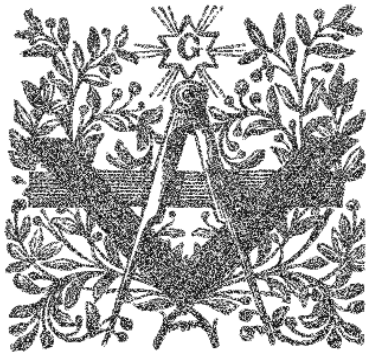
Thank you to the Directors of our Temple Board who work all year round to maintain and improve our beloved Lodge Building.

Thank you to all our Past Masters, whose love and dedication of our Lodge is evidenced by their continued selfless service and support of our Lodge.

Thank you to the Committee Members without whose help the continuation and expansion of our programs would be nearly impossible.

Thank you to our families for understanding why we feel so passionately about the work we do.

And thank you ... thank you for your support and participation. Thank you for being part of our Acalanes Fellowship Family.



### A Prayer for Our Officers, Directors & Committee Members

Eternal source of life and light, we ask Thy blessing upon Thy servants now before Thee.

As they assume their duties invest in them wisdom and strength. Fill their hearts with brotherly love.  
And rest their feet upon the rock of justice.

May their administration of the affairs of the Fraternity redound to Thy glory, to the good of the Craft, and to the welfare of mankind.

Amen.

## Third Degree Anniversaries

**RICHARD HOSIE BARKER**

December 15, 1965

**JERRY E. GREGORY**

December 7, 1954

**ROBERT D. HAILE**

December 2, 1952

**THOMAS ART HUGHES, JR.**

December 15, 1949



## 2007 Crab Feed

**Saturday, January 27, 2007**

**Lafayette Community Center**

**500 Old St. Mary's Road**

**Social Hour: 5:30 PM**

**Dinner: 6:30 PM**

**Adults: \$30**

**Children: \$15**

(under 12)

**You will not want to miss our largest  
social event / fund raiser of the year!**

**Ticket Sales:**

**Tom Riley (925) 798-4658**

**Or charge on-line at:**

**[www.Acalanes.org](http://www.Acalanes.org)**



# *Sweethearts Luncheon*

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Social: 11:30 AM

Lunch: 12:30 PM

Entertainment: 2:00 PM

On December 16<sup>th</sup> our Lodge will honor our Sweethearts with a very special luncheon. A traditional turkey dinner will be served at 12:30 PM, and will be followed by a musical program in the Lodge Room performed by the Michael Foley Trio.

This year, we are also honoring our spouses, as we invite them to join in the festivities as guests of the Lodge.

Sweethearts & Members' Spouses: Complimentary  
Brothers: \$20

Dinner Reservations are required by December 8<sup>th</sup>

Reservation Line: (800) 419-0819 ext 2

E-Mail Reservations: [RSVP@Acalanes.org](mailto:RSVP@Acalanes.org)

Credit / Debit Card: [www.Acalanes.org](http://www.Acalanes.org)



If you are a Sweetheart who requires transportation assistance,  
please leave a message at (800) 419-0819 ext. 4.

## SUPPORT OUR TRESTLEBOARD SPONSORS

<p>Brian James <b>James Consolidated, Inc.</b> MANUFACTURING OF THERAPEUTIC TURNING MATTRESSES FOR PREVENTION &amp; TREATMENT OF PRESSURE SORES</p> <p>Phone: (925) 939-5785 Toll-Free: (800) 884-3317 Fax: (925) 935-2552 jamescon@astound.net www.volkner.com</p>	<p><b>2007 Dues Have Been Billed</b></p> <p>Your prompt payment is appreciated!</p>	<p><b>Marc Rice Jeweler Marc Rice Awards</b></p> <p>1250D Newell Ave. Walnut Creek, CA 94596</p> <p>Phone: (925) 932-7556 Fax: (925) 932-5637</p>	<p><i>Income Tax Services</i></p> <p><b>Don Hoskins</b> <b>(925) 283-3266</b></p> <p>CTEC: A006875</p>
---	---	---	--

Moving? Remember to give us your new address!

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 From the East – A Message from The Worshipful Master / A Summary of Upcoming Events
- 2 Members Corner / In Memoriam
- 3 2007 Officer Corps
- 4 Thank You! / A Prayer / Anniversaries / Crab Feed 2007
- 5 Sweethearts Luncheon Flier – RSVP by December 8<sup>th</sup>