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# THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

April 2007

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## From The East

Thomas E. Riley III

*Worshipful Master*

Greetings brethren, I hope that all of you have been enjoying the beautiful and early spring weather this year. As you know, part of the rite of the spring season is spring cleaning. I guess you could say our Lodge building is undergoing a major "spring cleaning" this year as clean-up, repair and renovation proceeds downstairs. All of this work, of course, is in response to the damage incurred by the East Bay MUD broken water main and subsequent flooding of the lower floor of our lodge building on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are presently hoping to regain the use of all of our facilities sometime in May.

I think when all is said and done; our Lodge building will be in better condition than it has been in for many years. In the meantime, we unfortunately have to put up with the hassle of entering and exiting the Lodge room from the stairs on the street, not having a kitchen and utilizing a temporary toilet in our parking lot. At times like these, I think it is best "to wait a time with patience" and keep attending our Lodge in spite of the present temporary annoyances. Remember Masonic brethren in times past and present have held their meetings in much more difficult locations, without the benefit of indoor plumbing and other conveniences that we take for granted. I believe we would benefit by emulating their dedication and savoir-faire.

The Templeboard association of our Lodge has established an executive action committee to enable us to interact more efficiently with East Bay MUD and the various contractors, inspectors and government departments associated with our project. This is an intensive and time-demanding job and I would like to use this forum to thank Brothers Tim Wilbur, Ray Sevilla, Don Hoskins, Stephen Galop and Ron Reese for their service to our Lodge.

Our Lodge initiated Mr. Johannes Peters as an Entered Apprentice Mason on Feb. 27, shortly after our building was flooded. I think it was a very good First Degree, which was held under somewhat difficult circumstances. I want to thank our newly obligated Brother, Joe Peters, and the other brethren whom participated and attended that night.

At our last stated meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> we honored our Junior Past Master, Allan Casalou, who has served as Master of our Lodge in three different Masonic years. It was good to have Worshipful Allan sit in Lodge with us again and I think he genuinely enjoyed himself. I want to thank Worshipful Phil McAllister, for introducing and making the presentation to Worshipful Allan.

I want to remind the brethren to make a point of attending our next stated meeting on Tuesday, April 3, if at all possible.

## Upcoming Events:

### Stated Meeting (Dinner Cancelled)

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Stated Meeting will be held at  
8:00 PM – NO DINNER**

### Public Schools Program

April 21<sup>st</sup>, Social Gathering: 5:30 pm  
Dinner: 6:30 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.

Our Lodge will honor our newest Golden Veterans that night for their service during their fifty years in Masonry. Please come and congratulate Brothers Jack Kalivoda, Bob Pearson and Robert Richardson.

Our next degree conferral will be for Brother Ryder Brose sometime in May. Brother Ryder performed an excellent Second Degree proficiency at our March stated meeting. I am hoping to arrange a Third Degree ceremony and dinner for Brother Ryder, which might involve a visitation to another lodge. I will get the word out as soon as plans are finalized.

In closing, I would like to remind the brethren that our Lodge will have its Public Schools Dinner and Program on Saturday, April 21. Our Lodge will be honoring El Monte Elementary School and students and faculty from that school will be joining us for dinner. The students are planning a musical program and presentation for us, so please try to attend to show your support.

Take care, brethren. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Tom Riley, Master

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## Public Schools Dinner & Program: April 21st

By Jim Chamberlain

Brethren, please continue to keep April 21st open on your calendars for our Public Schools Dinner and Program night. Even though we might not have use of our down stairs area we will have the Social hour and dinner outside at the back of the parking lot.

The social hour will commence at 5:30 PM and dinner will be at 6:30 PM with a BBQ. This year we will be honoring El Monte Elementary School in Concord. El Monte is a public school situated near downtown Concord with a population of approximately 500 students. Our guests that night will be some of the children and faculty from the school. They are planning a wonderful musical program and presentation for our evening. The presentation will take place up stairs in the lodge room. Come and show your support for our public education system.

The cost of the dinner and program will be \$15.00.

Together, masonry and education can help shape future leaders.

## ~ Anniversaries ~

**Jack Axtman**  
April 23, 1959

**Donald B. Burnett**  
April 11, 1978

**Russell John Chapman**  
April 29, 2003

**Franz Reuben Chavez**  
April 23, 2005

**Roy Couch**  
April 27, 1976

**Marvin Crosser**  
April 17, 1951

**Jeffrey Alan Fesunoff**  
April 30, 2002

**Donald R. Hansen**  
April 21, 1959

**Gerald Irving Hertz**  
April 19, 1966

**John H. Kalivoda**  
April 12, 1957

**Amos J. Leffler**  
April 8, 1958

**Jay J. Newman**  
April 20, 1968

**Stanley L. Perlberg**  
April 4, 1956

**David Pugatch**  
April 18, 1972

## In Memoriam

**Br. Clarence Steding**  
1912 – 2007

**Initiated Jan. 13, 1959**  
**Passed Feb. 17, 1959**  
**Raised Mar. 31, 1959**



## ~ Members Corner ~

### Williams Update

**Debbie is in a rehabilitation center in Bakersfield. She is able to receive notes and e-mails. Jay asks that if you're down Bakersfield way and wish to visit Debbie, please notify him first. Her address is:**

Debbie Williams  
2500 Gosford Road, Apt. 312  
Bakersfield, CA 93309

### A Note from Worshipful Jay Williams:

For those that are "checking in" or wanting to be kept in the loop as it were, my visit with Debbie this past week end went well. We attended her assessment meeting with all her therapists, counselors, insurance management people, etc., heard her strengths and weaknesses and the goal to get her back as best as can be.

Deb is a willing participant in just about all of her therapies. Her biggest obstacle, I think, are her intelligence and that her therapists all look young enough to be her students causing a lack of credibility. Her speech therapists are the one's that deal with her cognativity and they assess her by starting off with the least challenging assessment causing Deb to say there stupid. Not a good thing!

One of the things I've learned about going to the center is that they are open about everything, When I'm there, they include me in all she doe's, thus I was able to suggest to the therapist that they may try to challenge her from the top down. They don't like doing that, because they want to build self esteem, not destroy it.

She still has some physical problems that I'm not sure were fully addressed when in the medical hospital. She endured a fracture to her cervical spine, her ankle, and the sight problem. Those all have to be considered when assessing her strengths and abilities.

As for the time spent away from the center....was a good time. We went for a very nice evening meal, which we both enjoyed, on Thursday evening. Then Friday afternoon, after spending most of Friday at the center, I again picked up Debbie and we went back to the RV park where I have moved the trailer. She put groceries away while I assembled a Bar B Que.

We had another nice meal together; she cleaned the dishes while I attended to other chores. Pretty much a normal routine. She spent the night with me and on Saturday we went out for some small shopping.

She tires easily and dumb me, I forgot all about the anxiety factor to be expected when she's in a crowded situation.

So it was a good week end and she's doing well.

She gets excited to receive cards and well wishes. I even have an e-mail address for her:  
[CNS212\\_Apartment/CNSNEURO@CNSNEURO.COM](mailto:CNS212_Apartment/CNSNEURO@CNSNEURO.COM)

I would suggest that we **use large print**, and because the email address is not private, it's for the apartment as a whole; we need to **type Debbie Williams on the subject line**. I'm sure that I've probably not answered all the questions, but that's all for now.

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers, God willing, we'll have our Debbie back.

JB

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## ~ Recuperating Members ~

**Please remember our members who are recovering from recent illnesses:**

**Franz Chavez**

**Art Haglund**

**Jack Kalivoda**

**Frank Shoffner**



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### ***Acalanes Fellowship's Annual Day at the Races***

There are a limited number of tickets available for this first class event.

May 20, 2007 at Golden Gate Fields

\$49 Per Person

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Moving? Remember to give us your new address!

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