
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

May 2007

From The East

Thomas E. Riley III

Worshipful Master

Hello brethren.

I hope that this May *Trestleboard* finds you and your families healthy and in a good frame of mind. I will begin this article as I did last month by trying to update you on the repair and renovation of the lower floor of our Lodge building.

The demolition and decontamination work has been completed. It is now safe for us to enter the downstairs area, but it is not "aesthetically pleasing." The carpet, linoleum and tile have been removed, leaving the bare concrete floor slab. The lower cabinetry, toilets, dishwashers and other low level items have been removed. This includes all sheetrock within 24 to 30" of the floor slab, leaving the wood studs in the lower walls open for our admiration. Despite the lack of aesthetics, the lower level is accessible and functional to some extent. We actually used it to dine in for our Public Schools dinner when the weather was too cold and rainy to permit an outdoor barbeque.

Thanks to the efforts of Brothers Ron Reese and Tim Wilbur, construction drawings have been now been prepared that we can submit to inspection authorities for the permit process and to contractors for their quotation. Once that process is completed, we will obviously have a much better idea of the costs and the timing elements for the renovation work on our facility. Stay tuned for further updates.

Our Lodge held its Public Schools Dinner and Program on Saturday, April 21st. The school we chose to honor this year was El Monte Elementary School in Concord. Children, parents, teachers and the principal of the school were our guests for dinner. After dinner we went into the Lodge room where fifth grade students entertained us with a flute recital. Principal Robert Humphrey and teacher Kim King also spoke to us about the programs, events and financial situation at El Monte Elementary School. I then had the distinct honor and privilege to present Principal Humphrey with a check from our Lodge for \$1,500 to assist them with their educational programs.

Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting (Dinner Cancelled)

May 1st, **Stated Meeting will be held at
8:00 PM – NO DINNER**

District Chili Cook Off at Acalanes Fellowship

June 23rd – 11:30 AM
More Information to follow.

This Public Schools event was planned and organized by our Senior Deacon, Jim Chamberlain. He was ably assisted by our Junior Steward, Tim Wilbur, who helped set-up and took care of the barbecuing. Brothers Don Hoskins, Justin Knebel, and Franz Chavez also worked on and contributed to the success of this program.

Our Lodge has the "nice" problem of a lot of degree work to put in the near future. We will be conferring the Third Degree of Masonry on Brother Ryder Brose at 1:30 PM on Saturday, April 28th at Martinez Lodge No. 41, followed by a catered social hour and dinner commencing at 5:30 PM. I also anticipate that we will be conferring a First Degree and Two Second Degrees during the next two months.

There are also some other upcoming Lodge events that I want to call to your attention. Our Lodge will be hosting a chili cook-off on Saturday, June 23rd, at 11:30 AM. Our Senior Warden, Gary Charland, is the program chairman for this event and he will be providing you with more details about it soon. Looking still further ahead, our Lodge will be making a visitation to Nevada City on Friday and Saturday, August 17th and 18th. This trip is definitely a "go", as I have made reservations at a local hotel. Please advise me if you like to attend and as always, more details will follow.

That's all I have for this month brethren. Take care and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Tom Riley

Master

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~ Anniversaries ~

George Affolter, PM
May 19, 1953

Roy E. Beitelschees, PM
May 17, 1952

Eric Tom Besag
May 15, 1999

Michael Dennis Brown, PM
May 19, 1990

Umberto Orlando Celestre
May 9, 1949

Serge A. Chemla
May 19, 1986

George Anthony Constantouros
May 25, 1966

Leo Henry Delanney
May 26, 1950

William Heinz Dibbern
May 21, 1991

Stephen Peter Galop III
May 23, 1998

Roscoe William Griggs
May 27, 1958

Vernon James Ivey
May 19, 1953

Lawrence Robert Mc Laughlin
May 16, 1981

Boris John Minzyk
May 21, 1970

John Joseph Mulhall
May 3, 1997

Jeffrey R. Nott
May 30, 1978

Roger Lee Poynts
May 15, 2001

Marcus Rice, Jr., PM
May 25, 1954

Frederic Samuel Schachtman
May 24, 1966

Franklin H. Shoffner
May 25, 1964

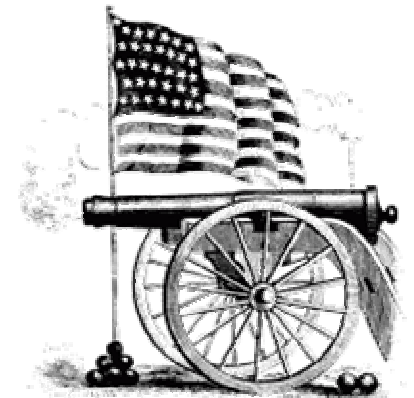
Thomas C. Thompson
May 7, 1966

Ralph Herbert Willits
May 11, 1946

Richard N. Young
May 1, 1976



Memorial Day May 28th



*We cherish too, the
Poppy red
That grows on fields
where valor led,
It seems to signal to
the skies
That blood of heroes
never dies.*

Moina Michael, 1915

Written in response to the John McCrae poem, *In Flanders Fields*

~ Members Corner ~

50 Year Awards

At the April 3rd Stated Meeting our Lodge had the privilege of honoring two of our distinguished brothers for Fifty Years of service.

Robert Weatherly Pearson

Bro. Robert Pearson traveled from his home in Rockport, Maine to receive his over due award. Bro. Pearson delayed receiving his award until he could do so in person in his home Lodge. Bro. Pearson can trace his Masonic roots to his Great, Great Grandfather Robert Jonathan Elwell who came to "Alta California" in 1824. Bro. Pearson was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Fellowship Lodge #480 on January 23, 1951. Present at the award ceremony was Bro. William Carl Seifert, Jr. of Live Oak Lodge. Br. Seifert was present when Bo. Pearson was raised in 1951!

John H. "Jack" Kalivoda

Bro. Kalivoda received his Masonic degrees in Illinois in 1957 and affiliated with Acalanes Fellowship in 1986. In addition to serving as our current Tilier, Bro. Jack served six years on our Temple Board from 2000 to 2006, and three of those as the organization's Vice-President. Not only is Bro. Jack a very active member of our Lodge, he also embodies our motto "The Friendly Lodge." For newer members and visitors alike, the first smiling face and extended hand of friendship they encounter is likely to be that of Bro. Jack Kaliovoda.



Pictured from left to right: Br. William Carl Seifert, Jr., Br. Robert Pearson, WM Tom Riley, Br. Jack Kalivoda, Phyllis Kalivoda.

May their service remind us of the importance of keeping the promises we have made to each other.

Acalanes' Day at the Races

This annual outing at Golden Gate Fields is once again a ***sold out*** event. Those who have attended in the past can attest to the fact that this is truly a first class event and day of fun ... winner or loser!

Although this is a sold out event, you can still contact V. O. Hughes at: (925) 376-2297 regarding a last minute ticket.

On The Move

Our Secretary reports that Brother Larry Wood, PM (1993), and his wife Lenore are moving from California to the Netherlands.

Our Acalanes Fellowship Family Across the Globe

It could be said that the sun never sets on the members of Acalanes Fellowship. Below is the distribution of our Master Masons around the globe:

Beijing China	1
United Arab Emirates	1
The Netherlands	1
Alabama	1
Arizona	3
The Bay Area	137
Elsewhere in Calif.	30
Georgia	3
Hawaii	1
Idaho	1
Maine	1
Missouri	1
Nevada	2
New York	3
Oregon	9
South Dakota	1
Texas	2
Washington	6

Wherever dispersed around the globe, our members remain united in the love of our fraternity, our Lodge and our brothers. May God bless our members and their families ... everywhere.

JUST FOR TO DAY!

LET US PRAY

By Worshipful Jack Chudley

When life is just too much for us, when we are strained beyond breaking point, when our minds are troubled and our hearts are broken. Then, quite naturally we pray for help. But, how? Most of us find this very difficult.

Some long time ago I raised this difficulty, during an after dinner conversation with my natural younger brother Raymond, a Church of England clergyman. In effect I bluntly and certainly somewhat rudely asked whether there was not a simple technique for this. Raymond's short reply was: "I don't find this a simple technical matter Jack. Raymond later sent me a kind note on this difficult subject which I now unreservedly believe to be good advice.

He wrote. "Technique is a word which one hardly associates with heartfelt feelings. Yet I accept there is a technique in everything. Even in prayer. Let me therefore humbly recommend the following - not as a technique - but more as a background to prayer."

This is based on the Sermon on the Mount, with special reference to St. Matthew - 6:34 which says:

'Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow ~~ let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day.'

JUST FOR TODAY - I will try to live through this day only and not tackle my whole life's problems at once.

JUST FOR TODAY - I will be happy; as Abraham Lincoln said: "Most folk are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

JUST FOR TODAY I will adjust myself to what life is, and not try to anything to suit my own desires. I will take my 'luck' as it comes and fit myself round it

JUST FOR TODAY I will strengthen my mind. I will study and learn something useful; I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be agreeable. I talk low, not find fault with anything; and not try to improve or regulate anyone except myself.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a programme. I shan't be able to follow it exactly. But I will have it at hand. This will save me from two frustrations: rushing about, and indecision.

JUST FOR TODAY I will take a quiet half-hour all to myself and relax. During this half-hour I will try to get a better perspective on my life.

JUST FOR TODAY I will not be afraid. Especially, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful. And to understand that as I give to the world so will the world give back to me.

JUST FOR TODAY I will exercise my soul in three ways. I will do someone a good turn and not get found out (if anybody knows about it, it won't count); I will also do at least two things I **don't** want to do - just for exercise; and, I will try hard not show anyone when my feelings are hurt ... they may be hurt, but today I will not show this.

O God. I pray that you will grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.

The courage to change the things that I can,

And the wisdom to know the difference.



Worshipful Jack Chudley received his Masonic degrees in England in 1947 and 1948. He is a frequent contributor to the *Trestleboard*, and one of Acalanes' living treasures. God bless you, our good brother!

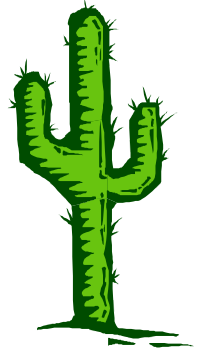
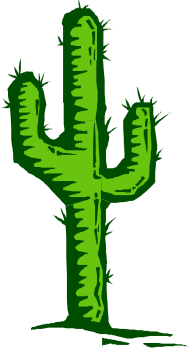
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~ *Coming in June* ~

Saturday ~ June 23rd

*The Great
District Wide*

Chili Cook Off



Brethren,

I am happy to announce we have an exciting new event planned for this year! Acalanes Fellowship Lodge will be hosting the first “inter-lodge” Chili Cook-off on **Saturday, June 23, 2007** starting at **12 Noon**.

We’ve challenged the other Lodges in our District to a cook-off, winner takes all, for the best official “Lodge Chili”. In addition to the prize and title for best Lodge Chili, there will also be a competition and prize for the best Individual Chili. I understand that a number of the Brethren in our Lodge have claimed the title already.

So – if you think you have the best, fire up that stove and get a pot of your chili together for the individual cook-off or just come and vote for your favorite Chili.

Tickets will be \$10.00 per person and includes all the Chili tasting you can handle. Of course we can’t be responsible for the ‘heat index’, so all tastings are at your own risk!

Gary Charland

Sr. Warden



SUPPORT OUR TRESTLEBOARD SPONSORS

Acalanes Fellowship's Annual Day at the Races

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

Monday, 20/17 at Golden Gate Field

\$15 Per Person

Contact V. O. Hughes for information: (925) 376-2297

Moving? Remember to give us your new address!

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