
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

August 2007

From The East

Thomas E. Riley III

Worshipful Master

Hello Brethren, I greet you again after a one month hiatus of our *Trestleboard*. We have been enjoying mild, but beautiful summer weather here in the San Francisco Bay Area recently. I hope that you and your loved ones are well and are able to enjoy the weather and the rest of God's bounty. I will begin my article again by trying to update you on the repair and renovation of the lower floor of our Lodge building.

This ongoing problem for our Lodge started in February when our building suffered damage from contaminated water, due to a broken East Bay Municipal Utility District water main on Brook Street. Decontamination and demolition work were completed in the afflicted areas some time ago. The lower floor is safe to occupy and we can use the HVAC system again. We have even made limited use of the dining room, although the aesthetics leave something to be desired. The flooring, toilets, dishwashers and the low-level cabinetry, sheetrock and wallboard are still missing and in need of replacement.

Construction drawings have been approved and permit issued. Construction quotes have been obtained and submitted to the EBMUD insurance adjuster. Regrettably, we are still wrangling with their adjuster regarding the amount of the settlement.

As I have stated before, our goal is to have the insurance settlement cover the cost of the work. We are hoping to reach a settlement with the adjuster very soon. If that does not work, we will have to pursue other options.

One of things I like best about being Master is the opportunity it affords me to interact with applicants, candidates and the newer members of our Lodge. At the end of May, I received an email from Fellowcraft **David Prichard** that he was returning to this country for a two-week visit from his present residence in Shanghai, China. He requested that our Lodge confer upon him the Third Degree of Masonry at that time, if it were not too much of an imposition.

The other officers and I were delighted to comply with Brother David's request, as he had already exemplified his Second Degree proficiency (long form) in our Lodge, just before he left for China two years ago. Brother David Prichard was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in our Lodge during the last week in June. He then demonstrated his exemplary ritualistic ability by exemplifying his Third Degree proficiency at our July Stated Meeting one week later. Our newest Master Mason has since returned to

Upcoming Events:

Stated Meeting (Dinner Cancelled)

August 7th, **Stated Meeting will be at 8:00 PM – NO DINNER**

Nevada City Visitation

August 17th & 18th – See Enclosed Flier

Past Masters' Degree & BBQ

Sept. 22nd

China, where he continues to help their citizenry prepare for the upcoming Olympic Games.

If you were unable to attend the chili cook-off at our Lodge on June 23, you missed some good chili. This was a new event for our Lodge that **Brothers Gary Charland & Tim Wilbur** organized. It was planned as a rotating event that will be shared with the other Lodges in our Masonic District, so you will have a chance to take it in next year. Brother Wilbur distinguished himself and our Lodge by carrying off the prize for the most popular chili. I was disappointed that my chili creation did not garner more votes, but many people just do not like chili as hot as I do.

I would like to remind the brethren that our Lodge is making a visitation to Nevada Lodge No. 13 in Nevada City, CA on Friday & Saturday, August 17th & 18th. Our candidate for this visitation is **Br. Daniel Arguetta** and our Lodge will confer the Third Degree of Masonry on him commencing at 1:00 PM on Saturday. It is now too late unfortunately, to reserve rooms with our Lodge party at the Northern Queen Inn. Nevada City however, is close enough for a "day trip" or you can find your own lodging if you still want to come up and be a part of Dan's Third Degree. Our Lodge will have a hospitality room at the Northern Queen. You are also welcome to join us for a banquet dinner after the Degree, which will cost \$39 per person, which includes tax & gratuity.

In closing, I would like to congratulate **Br. Justin Knebel** for successfully demonstrating his Third Degree proficiency in our Lodge. I also wish to alert the brethren that our Lodge will have its annual Past Masters Degree and barbecue dinner on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, September 22.

Thank you, brethren. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Tom Riley

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~ Anniversaries ~ *August*

Angel Alvarez-Mapp
August 12, 2003

James Randolph Barley
August 25, 1979

John Roger Barron
August 19, 1995

Oliver Eugene Burch
August 22, 1950

James H. Chamberlain
August 21, 2004

John Bryce Cook
August 20, 1994

Thomas Eugene Ivey
August 21, 1945

Clinton Jackson Jossey
August 28, 1984

Trandafir "Tony" Mihutoni
August 19, 2000

Stephen Edward Milano
August 18, 2001

Thomas Eugene Nicotre
August 14, 1993

Francis E. Oliver
August 13, 1940

John Richard Osborne
August 24, 1985

Kenneth Calvin Owen
August 9, 2003

Ronald James Reese
August 29, 1978

Robert S. Strohmeyer
August 24, 2004

Charles Randall Tolerton
August 31, 2004

Dean Delano Van Norman
August 24, 1976

Kris Jay Wainscott
August 16, 2003

C. Thomas Watson
August 30, 1979

William Loomis Whitten
August 13, 1958



In Memoriam

Br. Charles L. Lancaster

May 13, 1942 – April 24, 2006

Initiated Oct. 25, 1988

Passed Mar. 28, 1989

Raised Sept. 9, 1989

Margaret Bulter

Margaret was the widow of past Chaplain and Hiram Award recipient Charles Leroy Butler. She was also past Matron of Eastern Star. Her last residence was in the Waterford at Rossmor.

Milli Snow

Milli was the widow of Clarence Snow who was raised in Fellowship Lodge #480 in 1931 and past away in 1998. Milli's last residence was with her daughter in Napa who expressed her appreciation for remembering her mother and keeping in touch with her through cards and our monthly *Trestleboard*.

~ Chili Cook Off ~

By Gary Charland

Brethren, Brother Tim Wilbur and I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Inter-lodge Chili Cook-off Event last month. What a great day it was! Lots of great fellowship, great music, and of course the Chili, some really great, some really good and some, well pretty good. Our Chili Chefs proved they knew how to make Chili. Congratulations to our 1st place winner, **Tim Wilbur**, whose nicely spiced Chili took home the gold. In second place, by a single vote, was the Chili entry from PM **Jack Forseth** of Bay Cities Lodge and in a respectable 3rd place, my very own, 'pretty good' Italian Style Chili.

Many thanks go out to all of the Brothers who helped to make the day such a success, in addition to all of our Chili Chefs, Brothers **Mike Weis**, **Randy Tollerton**, **Don Hoskins**, **Ray Sevilla**, **Franz Chavez**, **WM Tom Reilly** and PM **Jim Yeribarren** for all of their help on the day of the event. We'd also like to thank our Corn Bread Chef's Bro. **Jack Kalivoda** and his wife Phyllis and Bro. Jim Yeribarren and his wife Dianne, our bartender, PM **VO Hughes**, and of course the Bob Cats for providing such great music. Also we'd to thank Br. **Stephen Galop** for providing his support and arranging for our entertainment. Thanks also to Jim and Dianne for donating all of the Ice Cream for the dessert.

On behalf of all of the Lodges in our District all of the proceeds raised from this event (approx. \$300) were donated to The Temple Association building fund.



~ Members Corner ~

A double dose of good news? Yes! Congratulations to **Br. Justin Knebel** on his acceptance into medical school ... and the extra special good news is that he was accepted into UCSF which means he will remain local. Congratulations, brother!

Speaking of local, we would like to recognize the July and August birthdays of some out of state brothers:

Oliver "Gene" Burch, July 25th, Cumming, Georgia

James Burnett, August 29th, Winnsboro, Texas

Russell Chapman, July 2nd, Dubai Media City, UAE

William Haynes, July 31st, Canby, Oregon

Robert Richardson, August 20th, Creswell, Oregon

James Weeden, August 27th, Sidney, New York

Richard Young, July 21st, Klamath Falls, Oregon

Out of state but always in our thoughts, we appreciate the support of our distant brethren.

And The Winner Is ...

Gary Charland & Tim Wilbur



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