
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

November 2007

From The East

Thomas E. Riley III

Worshipful Master

Greetings Brethren, I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and prosperous as we enter the winter season. This is my last *Trestleboard* article as Master of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge for this Masonic year. I confess to a sense of ambivalence about vacating the oriental chair. I care a great deal about our members and I want to see our Lodge succeed and prosper in all its endeavors. At the same time, the Master's office requires a substantial time commitment that I cannot always afford or provide.

I know that I have tried to do the best job that I could while serving as the "fill-in Master" for this year. My aim was to utilize my experience to keep things going, while trying to help and prepare the other officers to lead our Lodge in the years ahead. It is probably too soon to measure my level of success, but I know I am excited by the prospect of witnessing the leadership that these officers will provide our Lodge in forthcoming years.

As you learned last month, our Lodge has at last received a monetary settlement from East Bay MUD to repair the damage their broken water main caused to the lower floor of our building. We now have electrical and plumbing work underway, with the goal in mind of having our downstairs restored in time for our Lodge Installation on Saturday, December 1, 2007. I think the most aggravating part about the entire episode is that we lost the full use of our facilities for a significant portion of the year while East Bay MUD's claims adjuster insisted on skimping us on our settlement. Another unfortunate result is that we loss of one of our rental tenants while our building was compromised.

On Oct. 9th our Lodge initiated **Brothers Ertan Atalay** and **Michael Roberts** as Entered Apprentice Masons. On Oct. 24th **Brother Andrew Lipiansky** became a Fellowcraft Mason. Ertan is an electrical contractor in San Francisco, Michael is group sales manager at Golden Gate Fields and Andrew is an engineer working on the Bay Bridge seismic retrofit project for American Bridge Co. All of these brothers are already participating in our Lodge functions

whenever they can. Be sure to give them a warm Acalanes Fellowship greeting the next time you see one of them.

I wish to remind the brethren one last time that our Lodge will have its Hiram Award Dinner and Program at the Orinda Masonic Center at 9 Altarinda Road in Orinda on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. **Worshipful Bill Armstrong** is the Hiram Award recipient this year. The Hiram Award festivities begin with a social time at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner at 7:00 PM and the award program at 8:00 PM. I also wish to call your attention to our Sweethearts Luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 15th, when our Lodge honors the widows of our departed brethren. Please check elsewhere in this *Trestleboard* for further details.

Our Oct. stated meeting was a special occasion because of the attendance of two Past Grand Masters, **Most Worshipful Arthur Haglund** and **Alvin Weis**. It is no small honor for our relatively small Lodge to have these two distinguished Masons as members and it was a distinct honor for me to preside while they were present.

If stated meetings sometimes bore you because it's always the same old thing, you might want to attend our next stated meeting on Nov. 6th. We will present a Golden Veterans Award that night to **Brother Gerald Saurman** to honor him for his fifty years in Masonry. Come and congratulate our brother on his special night.

We will also hold our annual election of officers at the same stated meeting. Based on reviews from Senior Wardens night, **Brother Gary Charland**, is erudite, witty and knows how to run an expedient and interesting meeting. Grand Lodge has recently recognized his talents as well by appointing him to the board for the Masonic Home. I am confident that our Lodge will have a tremendous year with Brother Charland as its Master and I wish him success and inspiration in his every endeavor.

Good-bye brethren and thank for your attention. I hope to see you in Lodge.

Fraternally,

Tom Riley

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~ Anniversaries ~ November

Allan L. Casalou
November 26, 1991

Kenneth W. Edson
November 23, 1982

Gary B. Estes
November 22, 1966

Ernest R. Everett
November 24, 1964

Harold L. Gates
November 10, 1949

James A. Granata
November 17, 1981

Jon M. Haynes
November 25, 1980

Jack Heinz
November 17, 1953

Lew Jenkins
November 9, 1993

Steven F. Klamm
November 19, 1987

Robert J. Knebel
November 19, 2005

Howard M. Laney
November 29, 1966

Phillip L. Mc Allister, Sr.
November 8, 1984

Gary H. Moore
November 8, 1977

Bruce Osborne
November 21, 1951

David R. Oyler
November 22, 1997

Donald A. Pauli
November 30, 1971

Aaron W. Pingree
November 20, 1947

Kevin A. Roberts
November 18, 1997

Michael S. Weis
November 16, 2004

Charlie M. Wooten
November 23, 1976



In Memoriam

**Br. William Watson
Mac Murchy**

Oct. 29, 1928 – March 18, 2007

Initiated Mar. 24, 1970

Passed Nov. 10, 1970

Raised Jan. 26, 1971

Affiliated June 1, 1981

Br. Mac Murchy is survived by his wife, Laura, who resides in Eureka, California. To Laura we extend our deepest condolences.



~ Members Corner ~



Recuperating Members

Br. Jim Yribarren, PM, is recuperating from surgery to repair a broken shoulder and humorous. We extend our sincerest wishes to him for a speedy recovery. Jim is a very active member of our Lodge, and currently serves as Vice President of our Building Association.

Br. Jack Kalivoda has been doing well with his physical therapy and is expected back at his Tyler's post in the near future. Get well soon, brother!

Br. Brian James is recovering from injuries sustained in a recent automobile accident. Br. James is on "light duty" while he recovers. Br. James has served as our Chaplain since 2003.

Our Newest Member – Class of 2028 ?

Congratulations to **Joe and Geera Peters** on the birth of their son on September 28th ... just days after Br. Joe's Third Degree at our Past Masters' Day festivities on September 22nd. Our very best wishes go out to the Peters Family!



The proud parents: Geera & Br. Joe Peters

Grand Lodge Recognition

The Grand Lodge has issued a certificate to Acalanes Fellowship in recognition of our accomplishment of having raised five or more Master Masons in 2007.

Clearly, our officers have been busy this year and their hard work and preparation shows!

Congratulations, brothers!

Upcoming Events:

November 3rd – **Hiram Award Banquet**

November 6th – **Stated Meeting 8:00 PM**

December 1st – **Installation**
Ceremony: 7:00 PM
Hors d'oeuvres: 8:00 PM

December 15th – **Sweethearts Luncheon**

Br. Gary Charland Appointed Trustee of Masonic Homes

At the 2007 Annual Communication our Senior Warden, Gary Charland, was appointed by Most Worshipful Richard W. Hopper, Grand Master, to the serve as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Homes of California.

~ Installation ~

Please note that Installation of our 2008 Officer Corps will take place on Saturday, **December 1st**. Please plan to attend in support of our worthy officers.

~ Sweethearts Luncheon ~

On Saturday, **December 15th**, 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.

Saturday, December 15th

Social: 11:30 AM

Lunch: 12:30 PM

Entertainment: 2:00 PM

Sweethearts & Members' Spouses:

Complimentary

Brothers: \$20

Reservations are Required

Please Reserve by December 8th

~ Dedicated Service ~

On November 3rd, our Lodge will bestow its highest honor on our worthy brother, William Church Armstrong at Orinda Lodge. 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.

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."

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