
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

January 2008

From The East

Gary Charland

Worshipful Master

It's hard to believe that 2008 is upon us. Where does the time go?

Our Masonic year has gotten off to a great start already with our annual Sweethearts Luncheon. It was a wonderful affair. The food at Petar's was great, the atmosphere festive and every Sweetheart got a wonderful "spa themed" gift basket, along with a box of candy. Our thanks to the Committee for doing such a great job this year, including Chairman Jim Chamberlain, Al and Ginny Weis and Jim and Dianne Yribarren.

Our next event will be the Grand Re-Opening Celebration of our Lodge and our Rusty Trowel Dinner on January 8, 2008. Come out to see the newly renovated Lodge Hall and share in the rich history of our lodge and its members. Most Worshipful Alvin Weis will be the speaker for the evening and he will be sharing some of the history of our lodge. After which, there will be some time for everyone to share a story or two. We have a special Prime Rib Dinner planned for the evening, so please try to make it out for this special evening. If you need a ride, please give us a call and we will try to arrange transportation for you too.

January is also the month of the Crab Feed. This is our biggest event of the year, and our 2008 Crab Feed is shaping up to be another good one! There is still some time to get your tickets, but do not delay, this event sells out every year. Do not forget to bring those checkbooks, credit cards and cash too. We are going to be having another great Silent Auction Table. There will be something for everyone. If you have not donated yet, there is still time. If you have something for the Silent Auction table, please give Allan Casalou a call. We're going to be having the Wine Tree again too, so bring those bottles of wine to the Crab Feed or drop them off at the January 8th Stated Meeting.

On February 8th, we'll be leaving on the Reno Fun Train. The theme this year is Mardi Gras. I am sure there will be more to report on this when we get back.



Left to Right: Dennis Rodgers, Sr. Warden, Phil McAllister, PM, and Gary Charland, Master.

We are finishing the plans for our February Stated Meeting Dinner. Mark your calendars for this special 'Valentines Day Celebration'.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Brother Tim Wilbur, who has donated his time in acting as our general contractor. He has personally spent countless hours toiling at our lodge. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for his outstanding contributions. In addition to Tim, Ray Sevilla has also been very generous with both his time and material for our re-building efforts. Our special thanks must also go to Ertan Atalay, who has provided the electrical contracting, and our painters, Mike Weis, Frank Shoffner, and Jeremy Branch, along with all of the support of brothers like Jim Yribarren and Don Hoskins. Our thanks to all who helped put our lodge back together.

Fraternally,

Gary Charland

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~ Anniversaries ~ *January*

Kenneth J. Branch
January 17, 2004

Scott E. Carter
January 30, 1971

Frederick J. Chudley
January 28, 1948

Robert W. Ecoff
January 1, 1955

William Hockenberry
January 1, 1947

Carlton H. Ivey
January 29, 1952

Robert W. Pearson
January 23, 1951

Val Rodrigues
January 17, 1984

Sidney Schneider
January 28, 1960

Otis Simonsen
January 29, 1963

Roland J. Turk
January 1, 1970

Timothy L. Wilbur
January 17, 2004



In Memoriam

Br. Herbert H. Borup
January 7, 1928 – December 7, 2007
Initiated May 9, 1951
Passed Jan. 9, 1952
Raised Feb. 27, 1952

Affiliated Acalanes Fellowship:
Nov. 1, 1978 - Feb. 23, 1996

Masonic Services:

January 12, 2008
Clovis Lodge # 417
375 5th Street
Clovis, Calif. 93612



A Prayer for Master Masons

Gracious God, remind us of the importance of keeping the promises we have made to each other and to You. Teach us that the obligations we have taken upon ourselves cannot be forgotten or overlooked.

Show us that the only way to honor our obligations is to live in harmony with them on a daily basis. Keep us faithful in living up to our Masonic Obligations.

In Your Spirit we pray,
Amen.



Please remember
those who are
recovering from
illness or surgery

Jim Yribarren, PM

~ Members Corner ~

Sweethearts Luncheon

On December 15th our Lodge celebrated its annual Sweethearts Luncheon at Petar's Restaurant in Lafayette. The event was well attended by approximately fifty brothers and guests.



Installation of Officers

On December 1st our 2008 Officers Corp was installed at Orinda Lodge (see the December 2007 *TrestleBoard* for officers bios.)



2008 Crab Feed



Saturday, January 26th

Social: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Lafayette Community Center

500 St. Mary's Road

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

Adults: \$35

Children: \$15 (under 12)

Paid tickets are mailed to the purchaser in advance of the event.

Reservation Line:

(800) 419-0819 ext. 2

E-Mail Reservations:

RSVP@Acalanes.org

Credit / Debit Card:

www.Acalanes.org

Please make your Reservations
and Ticket Purchases
by January 11th



Upcoming Events:

January 8th - **Stated Meeting & Dinner**
Prime Rib Dinner just \$13 !!!
Reservations Required

January 26th - **Crab Feed 2008**
Advance Ticket Purchase or
Reservation required.

Reservations:

(800) 419-0819, ext 2, or,
by e-mail to RSVP@acalanes.org, or,
on-line at www.Acalanes.org.

Moving? Remember to give us your new address!

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