
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

February 2008

From The East

Gary Charland

Worshipful Master

What a great evening we had for the Grand Re-opening and Rusty Trowel Dinner. The newly renovated lodge hall looked great, the new caterer put out a real feast, and we couldn't have asked for a better speaker than our own Most Worshipful Al Weis, who gave us a wonderful history of our lodge. It's so important to keep the history of our lodge alive and remember all of those Brothers who have gone before us in making our Lodge the great Lodge it is today. It was both exhilarating and daunting as Master to see so many Brothers at stated meeting. We also had the privilege of presenting our retiring District Inspector, Bill Adams with a token of our appreciation for his many years of dedicated service and support.

During our January stated meeting, we also had the honor of receiving three new applications for degrees, which we are hoping to ballot on at our February stated meeting. Our Officers are preparing for a busy year! We're going to be getting ready to put on five 1st Degrees and it's only February.

My thanks to all of the Brothers who worked so hard in making the evening a success.

I'd like to take this opportunity acknowledge Brother Tim Wilbur, Brother Ray Sevilla, Brother Michael Weiss, Brother Frank Shoffner, Brother Jeremy Branch and Brother Ertan Atalay for the final 'push' in getting the lodge finished and getting the room set up and to Brother Roger Poynts for his excellent planning and coordinating of the Dinner that night. My thanks also go to Ginny Weis for the wonderful table decorations that evening and to Ursala Sevilla for all of her help and for the donation of the video equipment and other furnishings for the lodge. And my special thanks to Most Worshipful Al Weis for his excellent presentation on the history of Acalanes-Fellowship Lodge. I learned much about our history that evening and hope those of you attending found it as informative as I did.

As I write this, the Crab Feed is still a few days away. It's our biggest event of the year and is always well attended. This year is no exception. I think it will be

another 'sell-out' crowd. Our Committee has done an outstanding job in putting this event together. Many thanks to the tremendous efforts of Brother Jim Yribarren and his wonderful wife, Dianne, along with Brothers Roger Poynts and Stephen Galop, I'm sure it's going to be a fantastic event. It takes many volunteers to put on this event and they all deserve our thanks and recognition.

Don't forget, our stated meeting dinner in February will have a "Valentines Day" theme, so plan to bring that special someone. This will also be the first of our "Ladies Programs" this year, so while the men are at stated meeting, we've arranged for a talk by a local travel agent to discuss some romantic local getaways. I think you might want to bring the checkbook just in case. I hear he has some information on some great local trips.

Hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally,

Gary Charland

February Stated Meeting Dinner

February 5th

Social Hour: 6:30PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Southern Baked Boneless Chick

Rice Pilaf

Vegetable

Green Salad

Valentine's Dessert



We will also have a guest speaker for the ladies, a AAA representative who will discuss romantic getaways and close travel points of interest such as overnight trips to Hearst Castle, Monterey area, Wine country etc. There will also be a raffle.

Reservations:

By E-Mail: RSVP@Acalanes.org

By Reservation Line: (800) 419-0819 ext. 2

Purchase by Credit Card: www.Acalanes.org

\$13.00 Per Person

(Complimentary for Acalanes' Widows - but please call or e-mail to make your reservation)

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50 Year ~ Anniversaries ~

During this year the following brothers will celebrate their 50th Anniversary of being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We congratulate them on their years of service and join with them in celebration of this joyous occasion:

James Harold Burnett
March 20, 1958

James Osborn Ely
June 24, 1958

Roscoe William Griggs
May 27, 1958

Donald Lawrence Hoskins
Lodge Secretary
June 7, 1958

Amos J. Leffler
April 8, 1958

Walter J. Moser
March 11, 1958

William Loomis Whitten
August 13, 1958

Bless These Brothers

Great Architect of the Universe, we give thanks for the faithfulness and example of these fine men. May their service remind us of the importance of keeping the promises we have made to each other and to You. Let their example teach us that the obligations we have taken upon ourselves cannot be forgotten or overlooked.

Bless them Father, and reward them for their faithfulness in living up to their Masonic Obligations.

Amen.

February ~ Anniversaries ~

Clyde D. Miller
February 28, 1950

Gaylord L. Davis
February 16, 1953

Thomas W. Frutiger
February 23, 1960

David M. Shull, PM
February 21, 1967

David G. Wheeler
February 24, 1987

Gearld W. Walker
February 28, 1989

Brian O. James
February 25, 2003



**As President's Day Nears,
Let Us Pause To
Remember Our Brothers
Who Served As Our
Nation's Chief Executive:**

George Washington
James Monroe
Andrew Jackson
James Polk
James Buchanan
Andrew Johnson
James Garfield
William McKinley
Theodore Roosevelt
Howard Taft
Warren Harding
Franklin Roosevelt
Harry Truman
Gerald Ford

A Message from our Temple Board President



Brothers,

As our renovation begins to come to it's conclusion, I wanted to take the opportunity to formally thank those involved. On the night of the flood, Don Hoskins, Mike Weis, my son Cody, and myself worked until the wee hours removing water. As the project progressed, Mike Weis was there to paint, along with Frank Shoffner, Jeremy Branch, and Ray Sevilla. Without the help of these brothers we could not have gotten to where we are today. I would like to thank Ursula Sevilla for her donations to the hall and kitchen.

Last spring Worshipful Tom handed me a packet of paper and said that I might find it useful. Little did I know how useful it would be. The package contained drawings by a brother made years ago. I called Br. Ron Reese and met a most valuable asset. Through his contacts, Ron was able to secure our permit. He is continuing his assistance as we are still working with the county for final sign off on the project. My heartfelt thanks go out to Ron Reese for his time and expertise.

While we are not yet finished, we are functional ... and oh so much closer. We have a few hurdles left, but nothing that is insurmountable. We have some touch up work that needs attention if anyone would like to help out with that, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You!

Tim Wilbur

Tim Wilbur
President, Acalanes Masonic Building Association

Acalanes Masonic Building Association is a California not for profit corporation chartered December 2, 1954 for the purpose of founding and managing the faculties of a Masonic Lodge in Lafayette, California. The Association's sole shareholder is Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 who elects the Board Members from the general membership of the Lodge. Board Members agree to serve a three-year term, giving generously of their time and talents without compensation. To our Board Members, past and present, we extend our sincerest gratitude.

A Tradition of Charity

"To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Freemasons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the great aim we have in view. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections."

- from *Illustrations of Masonry*, William Preston, (1772)

Benevolence and charity are basic principles of Freemasonry. Every Mason is expected to maintain an attitude of benevolence toward all mankind and to perform acts of charity for those in need. This distinguishing characteristic of its members is a foundation stone of our fraternity.

From its earliest days, offering relief and substance to Operative Masons, their dependants and survivors, to today's worldwide network of charitable undertakings too great to list, one principal remains constant: Masons give of their time, talents and treasure freely, willingly and quietly, never boastfully or with the anticipation of reward or acknowledgement.

We at Acalanes Fellowship are blessed to count among our members brothers who exemplify these beliefs. From the unknown brothers who sweep our parking lot, rake our leaves or pull our weeds, to the brothers who provide generous financial support, often under the condition of anonymity, we are all the beneficiaries of their works of kindness and charity.

May the Great Architect bless these good brothers abundantly, and watch over them always, and may they know their labors are appreciated.

Do you have a something you would like to share with the memberships?

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