
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

June / July 2008

From The East

Gary Charland

Worshipful Master

Brethren,

It is hard to believe that summer has arrived. Where does the time go?

So far, it has been a great Masonic year thanks to the hard work and dedication of many of our dedicated brothers. Attendance at our stated meeting continues to grow steadily and our dinners have been great, thanks to Brother Roger Poynts and our catering team.

Our June 3, 2008 stated meeting promises to be a very special night. It is the rare occasion that we get to celebrate a Brother's Golden Veteran's Award night and on that night, we will be celebrating four Golden Veteran's Awards! We are planning a special night to mark the occasion, with a special dinner and presentation. Please be sure to try to be there to help our Brothers mark this momentous occasion.

It has also been a very busy year for new members and degrees. We have had several 1st degrees and more applications are coming in at every meeting. This month on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM, we will be holding a 1st Degree.

On Saturday, June 28, 2008, we will be holding a Visitation to the Masonic Homes in Union City, with three 2nd Degrees. The Degrees will start at 10:00 am. We will be having a BBQ Lunch at 12:00 noon and will then complete the degrees after lunch. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. Please be sure to reserve your tickets so that we can have a count for the homes. If you have never had the opportunity to see the Masonic Homes, this will be a great time to go and see that beautiful facility.

Don't forget, we've also got some other great events planned for you for the rest of this year.

Brother Michael Roberts will be getting his Third Degree in Monterey on August 23, 2008. This will be our Official Visitation this year. We are planning a fun weekend for the whole family, so please be sure to mark your calendars for our Visitation, August 22-24, 2008. We have arranged for lodgings at the Sand Dollar Inn. Watch the *Trestleboard* for more information about the plans for the weekend.

Upcoming Events

June 17th: First Degree 7 PM

June 28th: Triple 2nd Degree at the Masonic Homes

Degrees begin at 10 AM

BBQ Lunch at Noon – Cost \$10

Reserve On-Line, Reservation Line or
e-mail to RSVP@Acalanes.org

Aug 15th: Grand Secretary's Reception at the Walnut Creek Marriott

Reserve on-line at www.acalanes.org

Or by mail to:

Acalanes Fellowship #480

Grand Secretary's Reception

P O Box 1

Lafayette, Calif. 94549

Pre-Paid Reservations Only

Reservations due no later than Aug 1st

Aug 22-23: Visitation to Monterey

Special Room Rates Available at:

Sand Dollar Inn

(888) 943 - 3731

On Friday evening, August 15, 2008, we will be hosting the Grand Lodge for a Reception for our Grand Secretary, Allan Casalou. The event will take place at the Marriott in Walnut Creek, starting with a 6:00 PM Social Hour, followed by Dinner at 7:00 PM. The cost for the event will be \$40.00 per person. Reservation information will be available on our web-site.

My thanks and appreciation to Brothers Tim Wilbur and Ray Sevilla for their efforts in overseeing the restoration of the Lodge Hall. After months of hard work, I am happy to report that they have successfully finished getting our work finalized. It has been a long and difficult journey, but their efforts in getting it done have really paid off. The Lodge has never looked better.

My thanks also to all of the Brothers that continue to support our Lodge. We truly are the "Friendly Lodge" thanks to all of your efforts.

Fraternally,

Gary Charland

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June & July ~ Anniversaries ~

Wilbert B. Adams, PM
June 25, 1964

William C. Armstrong, PM
June 14, 1975

George S. Blodgett
June 19, 1984

Milton F. Bruzzone
June 26, 1984

Wallace R. Campbell
June 1, 1949

Gary G. Charland, WM
June 8, 1999

Mark J. Cook
June 17, 2006

George D. Demakas
June 10, 1978

Donald D. Doyle
June 23, 1943

James O. Ely
June 24, 1958

Brian H. Grossmann
June 22, 1991

E. A. Haglund, PGM
June 24, 1969

Donald L. Hoskins
Secretary
June 7, 1958

Scott L. Ingram
June 30, 1992

Eldon G. Keefer
July 31, 1946

Orbrie L. Keys
June 11, 1970

William A. Miller, PM
June 15, 1967

David E. Prichard
June 26, 2007

Robert A. Richardson
June 30, 1956

Allen Schwartz
June 12, 1973

William B. Simpson
June 30, 1979

Richard L. Smith
June 24, 1980

Sheldon Winnick
June 19, 1979

In Memoriam



Leo Henry Delanney
September 12, 1926 - June 3, 2008
Raised May 26, 1950
(Nebraska)
Affiliated February 10, 1998

Lee B. Hertzberg
June 25, 1915 - May 4, 2008
Raised October 19, 1950
50 year Veteran Award:
November 7, 2000

Mrs. Evelyn Boykin
Widow of Br. James Boykin

~ Child ID Program ~

At our dinner last month, Brother Kenn Owen demonstrated the "Masonic Lodge Child ID Program," including showing how it works by taking the Secretary's picture and thumbprint for display, just as it that is done for the parents of children.

The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring the Lafayette Arts and Wine Festival on Saturday – Sunday, September 21 – 22, on Mt. Diablo Blvd. between Dewing and Lafayette Circle. In years past, the sheriffs and police departments have had a child ID both. Both the chamber and police department are eager for the Masonic Lodge to take over this important community service.

Ken has experience doing this with Diablo Valley Lodge at the Walnut Festival, and Oren Rubert has been on the Grand Lodge Child ID Committee for a number of years, so we have experienced Masons to guide us as we organize. This note in the *Trestleboard* is to give all of our members a "heads up" so they can plan on helping on September 21 – 22, and give us a real opportunity to gain some community exposure.

-- Don Hoskins

~ 50 Year Veterans ~

At the June 3rd Stated Meeting the Lodge celebrated the 50th Anniversaries of several of our brothers. Here we would like to acknowledge all of our good brothers celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2008:

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 4, 1958

Walter J. Moser
March 11, 1958

William Loomis Whitten
August 13, 1958

Congratulations to each of these fine brothers.

Grand Secretary's Reception

Location:
Walnut Creek Marriott

August 15th

Social Hour: 6 PM

No Host Bar

Dinner: 7 PM

Pre-Paid Reservations Only

Reservations must be made prior to August 1st

On Friday, August 15th, Acalanes Fellowship will sponsor a reception for our Grand Secretary, our own Worshipful Allan Casalou. The Walnut Creek Marriott is within walking distance to BART, and has also extended a special room rate of \$105 per night for any out of town guests, or those wishing to spend a day or two in Walnut Creek. Room reservation can be made by calling the Marriott at (800) 828-5613 or through a link on our web-site.

Menu will include Traditional Caesar Salad, Chicken Mendocino or Grilled Salmon, and for dessert Tiramisu. A vegetarian option is also available upon request.

The cost is \$40 per person. Reservations can be made on our web-site at www.acalanes.org, or by mail to: Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480, P O Box 1, Lafayette, Calif. 94549. When making your reservation, it is necessary to indicate your menu selection in advance.

As reservations must be paid for in advance, we cannot take reservations through our reservation line. However, reservations can be cancelled and refunded before August 1st. August 1st is the last day we are able to accept any reservations.

This promises to be a very special evening. We look forward to seeing you there!



It's Great To Be A Freemason

by Danny Thomas, 33°

The years found me an admirer of the great work the Masonic Order has been doing in making this world a better place for all of us to live. I have, for a long time, desired to be one of you and rejoice that now I can proudly boast of my membership in one of the world's greatest fraternal associations. I am grateful for those individuals who have in quiet ways motivated me in my work on behalf of unfortunate children. I am grateful for the high moment in my life when the doors of Freemasonry were opened to me. Since then I have had many pleasant times of fraternal fellowship and even opportunities for service in the work of many branches of Freemasonry.

Our Order, for now I can say, "our order," teaches, "the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God" and this is great! The world needs so desperately to discover the value of this great truth in human relationships and world affairs. It is also a truth that will motivate men and women to continue to explore avenues of service and areas of common concerns in order to restore a measure of sanity to the madness of our day and to enrich the quality of life for all peoples everywhere. Now I join hands and heart with you in all your endeavors of philanthropy and say we must not slacken our efforts "to do good to all," especially those with needs that will not be met if we fail in our common task of service to humanity.

On stage, screen, platform, and in private life I have always sought to bring a smile to the face of others and put a little joy in their lives. I am grateful now for the larger opportunity which is mine to adopt the tenets of Freemasonry as my own and hopefully be able to have a small part in spreading Masonry's message of love and caring to a larger audience, for wherever I go, I will be proud to tell others of my work and concern in behalf of all that you are doing, unselfishly, for others.

Someone once asked me, "why did I want to be a Mason," and my reply was: "Because Masons care for those who cannot care for themselves." The Shriners have always been a favorite of mine because of their work for crippled and burned children. Also I am excited about efforts proposed at the recent Conference of Grand Masters in regard to drug abuse among young people.

It is great to be a Freemason! I am proud of what we are doing. I shall assist in every way I can our work of mercy, and it doesn't hurt to be a Brother with a "big mouth and lots of television cameras" to help get the message across.

Masons are people of goodwill who want to "keep our kids alive" and we are doing this throughout the world. Our purpose is noble and humanitarian. Our labors will be crowned with success, for as Freemasons we will bring to our mission the best we have, regardless of what it demands from us in the way of sacrifice and service. We will make sure that in the tomorrows, life will be better for those who suffer today.

I was a Freemason in my heart long before I was accepted as a member in this great Fraternity. I was an outsider but now I am one of you, and the remaining years of my life will be spent in seeking in some small way to say to all: "Thank you for making me a Freemason." I want always to make you laugh but I trust that I will also make you care and that now, together, we will put melody in the heart of the world that will sing of a better life for all people. The task challenges us to larger efforts and higher goals that will demand from all of us the best we have to make a better life for others. My promise to Freemasons everywhere is that I will give the task my best!

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Each month we endeavor to include an article of Masonic information or inspiration. This month the article is definitely one of inspiration. Br. Danny Thomas was a much beloved entertainer, but also the founder of the St. Jude's Children Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.



Br. Thomas became a Mason late in life at the age of 70. However, the manner in which he conducted his life was always in harmony with the tenants of Freemasonry, reminiscent of the old saying "There are aprons without Masons, and Masons without aprons."

As the Trestleboard begins its summer hiatus, it seemed appropriate to close the year with the inspirational words of a brother who not only understood what Freemasonry was about, but exemplify it through his life's work. While we are at it, let's take a moment to reflect on the good men around us that not only "get it" but "live it." They are easy to recognize, they are the soft-spoken, the humble, and the faithful of our Lodge.

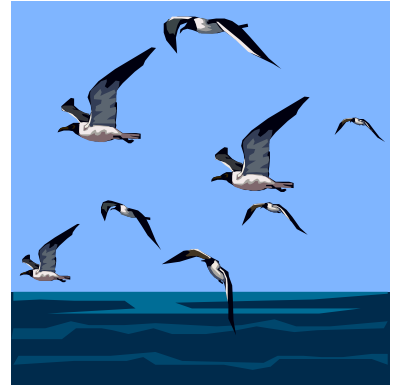
Br. Danny Thomas, 33°
January 6, 1914 - February 6, 1991

Initiated: March 15, 1984
Grand Lodge of New Jersey

Visitation to Monterey

August 22nd - 24th

**Sand Dollar Inn
755 Abrego Street
Monterey, Calif.
(888) 943 - 3731**



Dating back to 1871, Monterey #217 is a Lodge rich with history, and richly blessed with a warm and welcoming membership. If you have not been on one of our prior visitations to this Lodge, you will not want to miss this opportunity. If you have been on our previous visitations you will definitely want to return!



Information on the Saturday Night Banquet was not available at press time.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.



Declaration of Independence

Moving? Remember to give us your new address!

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