
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

August 2008

From The East

Gary Charland

Worshipful Master

Brethren,

I hope you are all having a great summer. I must say, it's been good to have a 'dark' month following our very bust month in June. At our June stated meeting, we held our Golden Veteran's Awards Dinner. What a great event it was. We honored four of our distinguished brethren with their 50 year pins, James Harold Burnett, James Osborn Ely, Roscoe William Griggs, Amos J. Leffler, Walter J. Moser, along our Secretary, Donald Hoskins.

On June 8th, V. O. Hughes put on the Annual Day at the Races. These event just gets better each year, great food and great fellowship. I even managed to pull off at least one winner.

Jeffrey D. Boschert received his 1st Degree on the 17th of June and then on the 28th of June, we had our visitation to the Masonic Homes in Union City with a double 2nd Degree. Brothers Jonathan W. Del Arroz and Michael E. Roberts received their second degrees. A BBQ lunch followed and we were able to share some time with some of the brothers from the homes. Thanks go to Tim Wilbur for stepping in to act as our Chef for the day.

August is shaping up to be a busy month as well. 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. On Friday night, we will be having a Meet and Greet at the Monterey Fairgrounds. On Saturday, we will hold our degree, and then on Saturday night, we will be meeting for dinner.

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. The deadline for reservations is quickly approaching, so please reserve today!

Upcoming Events

August 5th: Stated Meeting & Dinner

Social Hour: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Stated Meeting: 8:00 PM

Dinner Cost: \$15.00

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

Reserve on-line at www.acalanes.org

Pre-Paid Reservations Only

Reservations due by Aug 1st

Aug 22-23: Visitation to Monterey

Special Room Rates Available at:

Sand Dollar Inn

(888) 943 - 3731

We are also in the process of scheduling two 1st Degrees and two 2nd Degrees in September and August so watch for those email announcements.

So far this year, we have put on eight degrees and we are planning for several more. It has been a busy year for our officers.

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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August ~ Anniversaries ~

Angel G. Alvarez-Mapp
August 12, 2003

Daniel M. Argueta
August 18, 2007

James R. Barley
August 25, 1979

John R. Barron
August 19, 1995

Oliver E. Burch
August 22, 1950

James H. Chamberlain
August 21, 2004

John B. Cook
August 20, 1994

Danny Ho
August 19, 2006

Thomas E. Ivey
August 21, 1945

Clinton J. Jossey
August 28, 1984

Tony Mihutoni
August 19, 2000

Stephen E. Milano
August 18, 2001

Thomas E. Nicotre
August 14, 1993

Francis E. Oliver
August 13, 1940

John R. Osborne
August 24, 1985

Kenneth C. Owen
August 9, 2003

Ronald J. Reese
August 29, 1978

Robert S. Strohmeier
August 24, 2004

Charles R. Tolerton
August 31, 2004

Dean D. Van Norman
August 24, 1976

Kris J. Wainscott
August 16, 2003

C. T. Watson
August 30, 1979

William L. Whitten
August 13, 1958

In Memoriam



George Affolter

January 3, 1926 - May 13, 2008

Initiated: January 3, 1953

Passed: March 17, 1953

Raised: May 19, 1953

** 50 Year Member: 2003 **

Master of Acalanes Fellowship: 1995

*Soft and safe to thee,
my Brother, be thy
resting-place.
Bright and glorious be
thy rising from it!*

Secretary's Notes

by Don Hoskins

News from our members:

Reporting from fire bound Paradise, CA, where he has a sawmill business, Jim Ely (Fortitude, 1958) says that in June his son brought horses from Chico to Paradise for shelter from the fires. Now Jim has taken his RV full of valuable papers to Chico as the fires come from another side. So far Jim has been untouched.

PM Larry Woods reports back from Leiden, Netherlands, where he is working in the IT business for Avery Dennison. He lives in Den Haag in a 3 story house, three blocks from the beach.

Gerald and Jennifer Patchen (Lincoln, Ca) last month celebrated their 50th Anniversary with family in Carmel.

New Life! Joy!

Maya Hailey Stohmeyer joined her parents Robert and Christine on April 8; Tristan Charles Tolerton joined his parents Randy and Caroline, and sister Charlott, on May 13; and Jonathan Max Chamberlain joined his parents Jim and Kim on July 3.

It has been years since we have had babies join the Lodge families, and it is a wonderful development!

All but seven (7) members are current with their dues.

Don



Br. Jim Chamberlain, Jr. Warden, and Jonathan Max Chamberlain

Meet Our Inspector: Jack Forseth, PM

When our last Inspection, Br. William "Bill" Adams, mentioned that he would like to "lighten" his busy schedule, his long time friend and colleague was quick to respond "I can help." This is how our good brother Bill Adams describes how Wor. Jack Forseth came to be the Inspector for our district at the beginning of this year.



Raised in 1973, Br. Jack has served two terms as Master (Point #503 in 1977 and Bay Cities in 2006) and first served as an inspector thirty years ago in 1978. He is currently a member of both Bay Cities and Orinda Lodges.

Br. Jack is a regular attendee of our Stated Meeting and Dinners. If you have not yet had the opportunity to meet him, please step forward and introduce yourself ... after all, we are the **Friendly Lodge** !

- - Editor



Big sister Charlott Tolerton with brother Tristan Charles Tolerton

~ Financial Notes ~

The semi-annual financial report will be available at the August 5th Stated Meeting. A copy of the report is available to members in good standing. To obtain a copy, simply call or e-mail the Treasurer at sgalop@acalanes.org or (925) 284-7815 ext. 1



Moving? Remember to give us your new address!

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