
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

September 2008

From The East

Gary Charland

Worshipful Master

Brethren,

As fall approaches and the summer begins to fade, I am reminded that my time in the East is drawing to a close. Knowing that I will be leaving our Lodge in very capable hands heartens me. Bro. Dennis Rogers has done an outstanding job this year with his ritual and will, I am sure, be an excellent Master and an excellent leader for our Lodge. Bro. Jim Chamberlain has worked diligently on his ritual work and was the first of our officers to get his proficiency for his coming year as Senior Warden. Brother Tolerton, who impressed us with his Third Degree proficiency a couple of weeks ago is progressing well and we look forward to his continuing into the Senior Deacon's chair.

The job of an officer, although not always an easy one, is one of the most rewarding experiences one can have in our Lodge and in Masonry. I urge all of you to be as involved as you can be. Volunteer for a committee, participate in a degree, or think about becoming an officer. You will be enriched by the experience and will enjoy fellowship and friendships that will last a lifetime.

This year has been a very busy one for our Lodge. We have already conferred twelve degrees and we are in the process of scheduling several more. We have had two visitations, one to the Masonic Homes, the other just this past weekend to Monterey Lodge #219, where Bro. Michael Roberts was raised to the degree of Master Mason.

Our third visitation will occur on October 4, 2008. We will be heading to Drytown Lodge #174 in Plymouth, California, where Bro. Jonathan Del Arroz will be raised in his Father-in-law's Lodge. This will also be our Past Master's Degree with Worshipful Tom Riley, PM in the East. We are planning a luncheon before the degree, and for those staying over, we have planned a BBQ Dinner, Saturday evening.

For those interested in staying over, accommodations are available at several local facilities. Close by is Far Horizons 49er Village (www.49ervillage.com) and Jackson Ranchero Casino is just a short distance away.

Upcoming Events

Sept 2nd: Stated Meeting & Dinner

Social Hour: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Stated Meeting: 8:00 PM

Dinner Cost: \$15.00

**Oct. 4th: Past Masters' Degree & Visitation
Drytown Lodge, Plymouth, Calif.**

Lunch at 11:30AM

Degree at 12:30PM

The Reception for the Very Worshipful Allan Casalou was a great success. It was a great night for Allan and for our Lodge. With attendees from around the state I was proud of our Officers and members in attendance who demonstrated what it means to be known as the Friendly Lodge. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank of our Treasurer, Stephen Galop, who chaired this event and made it such a success.

Brethren, as members of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge, we have a much to be thankful for. We have a great lodge, with great fellowship and lasting friendships.

My thanks 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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September ~ Anniversaries ~

Richard W. Blount
September 18, 1982

James A. Borup
September 23, 1986

Henry C. Burgraff, PM
Foothill No. 305
September 21, 1950

Robert J. Darius
September 7, 1974

Thomas P. Hogan
September 10, 2002

Robert M. Hooker
September 12, 1987

Vengie O. Hughes, PM
Yerba Buena No. 403
September 8, 1984

Marvin J. Kay
Fremont No. 497
September 27, 1948

Michel S. Khoury
September 22, 1990

Tarek C. Khoury
September 29, 2001

George H. Konstantopoulos
King Solomon's No. 260
September 22, 1961

Victor R. Lawhorn
September 23, 1997

Gerald E. Patchen
September 30, 1967

Johannes G. Peters
September 22, 2007

Robert L. Polvi
September 9, 1976

Gerald H. Saurman
September 24, 1957

Spencer M. Sealander
September 25, 1971

Raymond Sevilla
September 23, 2006

Herbert M. Stein
September 24, 1977

Harvey K. Syversrud, PM
September 8, 1981

Oliver A. Thomas, PM
September 1, 1939

Charles E. Toll
September 23, 1995

Harvey A. Uhl
September 19, 1968

Alvin J. Weis, PGM
Tyrian No. 439
September 20, 1966

Thomas J. Whitten, PM
Durant No. 268
September 17, 1952

Jay B. Williams, PM
September 26, 1970

George N. Wofford
September 13, 1986

Larry W. Woods, PM
September 15, 1984

Herman L. Zeller
September 20, 1955

In Memoriam

Alice Perkins

December 2, 1919 – August 18, 2008

Widow of Br. Blyde Arthur Perkins (1916-1995) who received his degrees in Fellowship Lodge #480 in 1946.

Secretary's Notes

by Don Hoskins

Jim Burnett (Acalanes, 1957) had a "Courtesy Presentation" of his 50 Year Pin by Gus Garrison Lodge 1273 in Winnsboro, Texas, where he lives.

On my way to a family event in Colville, WA, I delivered pins and Certificates to Robert Richardson (Fellowship 1956) in Creswell, OR. He and Lavira lived in Pollack Pines until 4 years ago when his Doctor told him to move to where he would not shovel snow. And to Andy Cratsenberg (Fellowship, 1957) in Federal Way, WA. He was Head Coach in Fellowship and later in the line to Jr. Warden when he moved to Florida, and later to Federal Way where he had a part in the development of business and shopping on 320th Street (gravel road and swamp when he got there)

Fellowcraft Jonathan Del Arroz and Samantha Cooke were married in Diablo on July 26th, and honeymooned in Hawaii. PGM Al Weis and I met Jonathan's new Grandfather-in-law Jack Cooke, PM of the Lodge in Plymouth, CA. He invited us to have Jonathan's Third Degree there, which is why we are having the Visitation and PM's Degree at Drytown Lodge # 174 on October 4th. Do plan to come for the day!

Entered Apprentice Justin Hoyt is working in Galveston, Texas, for a couple of months. He keeps in touch with his coach, Brad Rupert.

A Grand Reception

On Friday, August 15th, Acalanes Fellowship hosted a reception in honor of Grand Secretary Allan Casalou. The event was well attended by Members of Grand Lodge, area Lodges, and members of our Lodge including an impressive turnout of candidates and members currently studying for their degrees.

Right Worshipful Casalou is a member of Acalanes Fellowship serving as Master in 2003 and 2006. He served as Grand Chaplain in 2001, Asst. Grand Secretary from 2002 to 2008 when he was elevated to Grand Secretary, and is the editor of *California Mason*.



Drytown Lodge # 174 Visitation and Past Master's Degree

9325 Main Street
Plymouth, CA

Saturday - October 4th

Lunch

Far Horizons 49er Village

11:30 AM

Degree

12:30 PM

BBQ Dinner – 6:30 PM for those staying over at Far Horizons 49er Village. There are several places to stay in the area with a recommendation from the Master of Far Horizons 49er Village.



TEN MASTER MASONS

Author Unknown

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.

Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;
One didn't like the "Master," then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.

Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;
One grew discouraged, then there were six.

Six Master Masons, all very much alive;
One lost his interest, then there were five.

Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

Four Master Masons, busy as could be;
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.

Three Master Masons, was one of them you?
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

Two Master Masons with so much to be done;
One said "What's the use," then there was one.

***One Master Mason, found a brother -- true!
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.***

Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;
Each brought another, then there were four.

Four Master Masons saved their Lodge's fate;
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright
sheen;
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.

Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.

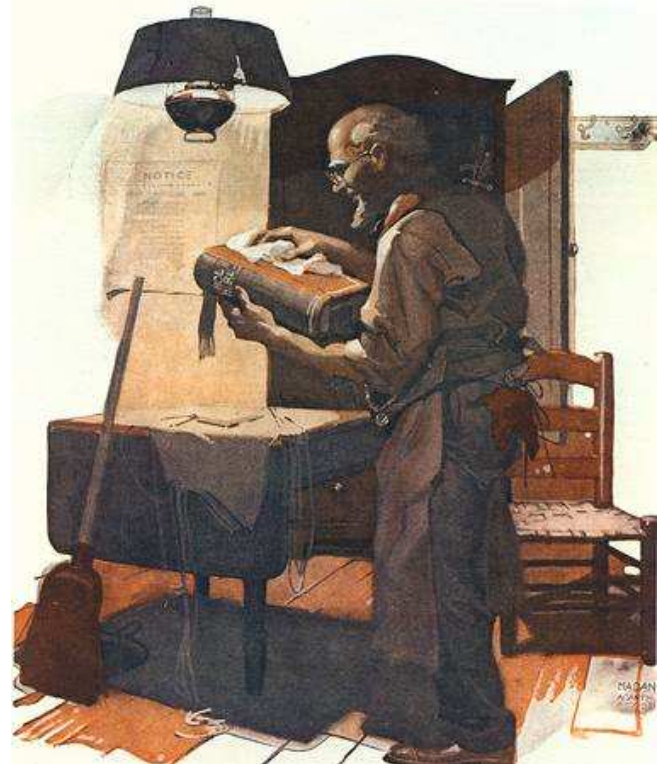
So we can't put our troubles at the Lodge's door;
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.

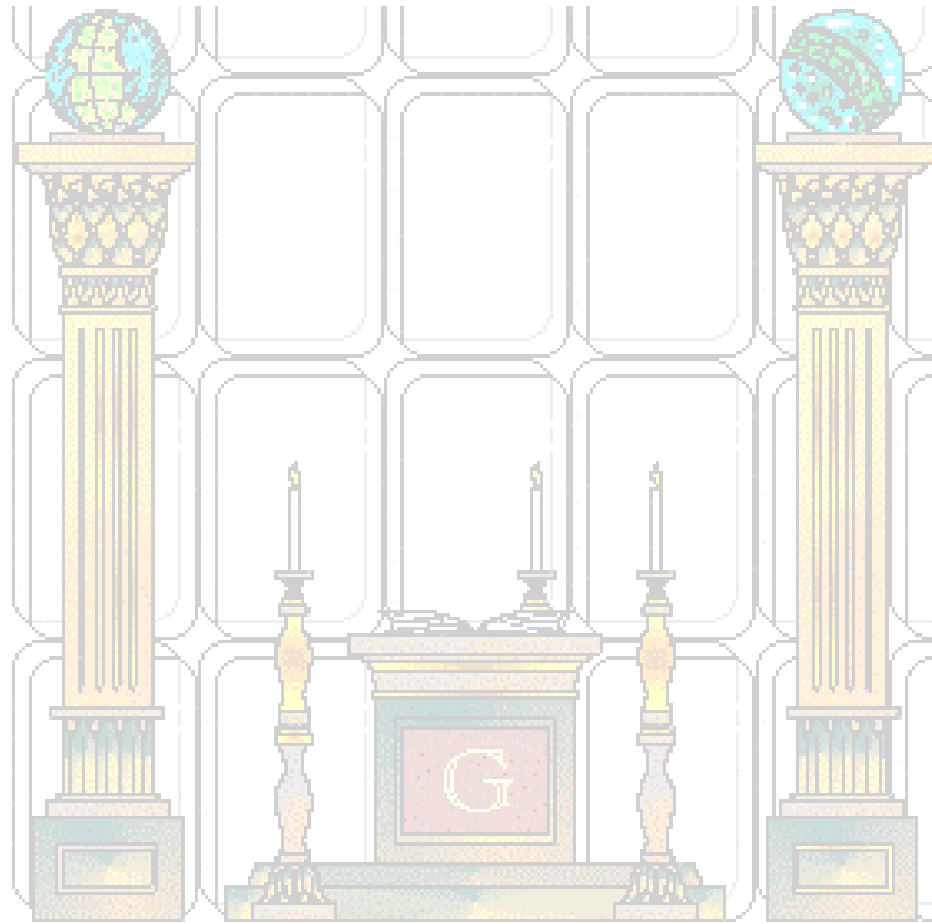
Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the
East;
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.

Are YOU the Brother True?

We are richly blessed at Acalanes Fellowship. We are blessed to have an active membership that lives our Lodge motto "The Friendly Lodge." We are blessed to have committee members that work tirelessly on our programs and events which seem to get better with each passing year. We are blessed to have members of our Officers Corps who deliver majestic ritual through their study and practice. We are blessed to have YOU as a member of our Lodge.

We have reached the point in our Masonic Year when our attentions turn to the Installation of a new Officers Corps in just three short months. Have YOU thought about participating in our Officers Corps? There are several chairs open that YOU might fill perfectly. Call our Master, Gary Charland or Sr. Warden, Dennis Rodgers, to explore the possibility. It just might be one of your most rewarding undertakings! It is all up to YOU.



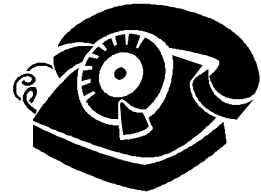


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We always look forward to hearing from you!



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