
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

October 2008

From The East

Gary Charland

Worshipful Master

Brethren,

Brethren, now that the fall is upon us, the time has again come to start planning for our next Masonic Year. Our lodge is strong because our members have made it so through their untiring efforts and their active involvement. This year, as Master of our lodge, I have been so often reminded that to be involved and engaged in our fraternity is one of the most rewarding things that one can do as a Mason and as a Brother. If you would like to volunteer for a Committee, work on an event, work with the officers on a degree or if you've considered becoming an officer, this is a great time to volunteer. I, along with all of our officers, would be happy to talk to you about opportunities within our Lodge.

One of the great events we hold every year is our Crab Feed. In 2009, we are hoping to have our most successful event ever. Of course, putting on this event requires all of our talents. Please, let us know if you would like to help out this year. You'll be glad you did.

On October 25, 2008 we will be honoring our Hiram Award Recipient for 2008. I am pleased to report that **Brother Jack Kalivoda** has been chosen by the Committee this year to receive the Hiram Award. I could not think of a more deserving member of our Lodge. Jack has always quietly supported our lodge in all of its undertakings. Jack and Phyllis are at every social event and I can't think of a time when they weren't at a stated meeting dinner. They, along with so many others are the backbone of our Lodge, in both our Fraternal and Social endeavors. Congratulations Jack and thank you Phyllis for your generous allowance of your time, and of Jack's, in support of our Lodge.

We are going to be 'on the road' again. On October 4, 2008, we will be having our third visitation this year. At 11:30 am, we will be meeting for lunch at Incahoots in Plymouth. Its then on to Drytown Lodge, where we will be conferring the Third Degree on **Brother Jonathan Del Arroz**. There will be a dinner following the degree at my motorhome, which will be parked at the 49er Village

in Plymouth. There are lots of things to do and see in this area, so bring the family.

Our October stated meeting will be in advanced stations, so come out and support our Senior Warden, Dennis Rogers as he takes his position the East.

As many of you know, I have the great honor and privilege of being able to serve our craft as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Homes. At a recent meeting of the Board, I was once again reminded of the importance of what we as Mason's can accomplish. As Masons, we have an obligation to support our Brothers, their widows and orphans. Through our Masonic Homes, and through our Masonic Outreach Program (MOS), I am pleased to say that we are able to fulfill that mission. In a recent survey of our MOS clients, which Most Worshipful Allen Gresham referenced at our Annual Communication, I was both heartened and saddened by the comments of some of the many of our elderly brethren and their widows that have benefited from those services. Many need help just paying for their basic medications, others would have been homeless were it not for the help they received from our MOS program. Listening to and understanding the difference we made in those lives was truly heartening. However, I was also saddened by the thought that there are so many more that may be suffering as well, especially in these difficult economic times.

I am proud of what we as Masons have accomplished. So much has been achieved, yet there is so much more that can be done. Please give generously of your time, your talents and your resources. That is what we as Masons can and must do.

Fraternally,

Gary Charland



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October ~ Anniversaries ~

Wayne A. Barr
October 28, 1946

Jeremy K. Branch
October 24, 2006

Richard R. Celestre
October 14, 1972

Donald K. Chambers
October 15, 1948

Andrew C. Cratsenberg
October 15, 1957

Calvin K. Crawford
October 25, 1975

James V. Davey
October 25, 1955

Frank P. Essert
October 26, 1985

John E. Hager
October 20, 1984

Richard H. Harrell
October 29, 1964

Peter C. Hjersman
October 2, 1999

Henry L. Hoffman
October 23, 1962

Conrad K. Larson
October 8, 1978

Kevin S. Moore
October 26, 1991

George R. Peck
October 22, 1985

Thomas E. Riley, III PM
October 30, 1984

Upcoming Events

Oct. 7th: Stated Meeting & Dinner
Social Hour: 6:30 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM
Stated Meeting: 8:00 PM
Dinner Cost: \$15.00

Oct. 25th: Hiram Award Dinner & Presentation
See Flier – Dinner
Reservations Required

James J. Scriber
October 27, 1987

George L. Snell
October 30, 1962

Donald B. Strain
October 25, 1938

Donald B. Stuart
October 24, 1973

Theodore D. Zeller
October 30, 1962



2008 Activity:

Activity from 01-01-08 - 09-27-08	
Gains:	
Initiated	8
Passed	5
Raised	1
Affiliations	2
Affiliations (Out of State)	0
Restorations	0
Total Gains	3
Losses:	
Withdrawals	0
Suspensions NPD	0
Suspensions Trial	0
Expulsions	0
Deaths	7
Total Losses	7
Membership Total as of 09/27/08:	205
Master Mason Total as of 09/27/08:	205

Veterans Day Observance

Tuesday, November 11
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

California Masonic Memorial Temple
1111 California Street
San Francisco

Please join us on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11 to honor all of our Masonic brethren who have fought for our country, our families, and the cause of freedom.

This year, we give special recognition to veterans of World War II, mindful that this Veterans Day represents one of our last opportunities to gather with this greatest generation in thanks for their bravery.

The event will take place at the California Masonic Memorial Temple, which was erected as a war memorial shortly after World War II and celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The building bears the inscription: "Dedicated to Our Masonic Brethren Who Died in the Cause of Freedom."

Secretary's Notes

by Don Hoskins

PM Brainard Platt and Leslie were in Lafayette last month to visit their son. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family in Tahiti.

On checking our membership roll I find that in the year 2009 we will have ten men qualify for Silver Recognition of 25 years as a Master Mason (9 others qualify since 2004); Two members Jack Axtman and Don Hansen qualify for 50 year Veteran Recognition.

Five men, Wallace Campbell, Bud Celestry, Fran Ebert, Hal Gates, Art Hughes will complete 60 years as a Master Mason (4 additional men in past 3 years); and Ollie Thomas will mark 70 years as a Master Mason as Donald Strain marks his 71st anniversary! The Grand Lodge recognizes the 50-year men: maybe we ought to recognize some more.

THE MODEL MASON

Br. Robert Morris (1818-1888)

There's a fine old Mason in the land, he's genial, wise
and true,
His list of brothers comprehends, hear brothers, me
and you;

So warm his heart the snow blast fails to chill his
generous blood,
And his hand is like a giant's when outstretched to
man or God; --

Reproach nor blame, nor any shame,
has checked his course or dimmed his fame --
All honor to his name!

This fine old Mason is but one of a large family:
In every lodge you'll find his kin, you'll find them two
or three;

You'll know them when you see them, for they have
their father's face,
A generous knack of speaking truth and doing good
always; --

Reproach nor blame, nor any shame,
has checked their course or dimmed their fame --
Freemason is their name!

Ah, many an orphan smiles upon the kindred as they
pass;
And many a widow's prayers confess the sympathizing
grace;

The Father of this Brotherhood himself is joyed to see;
Their works -- they're numbered all in Heaven, those
deeds of charity!

Reproach nor blame, nor any shame,
there check their course or dim their fame --
All honor to their name!



Dr. Morris was Poet Laureate of Masonry and founder of the Order of the Eastern Star.

~ Dedicated Service ~

On October 25th, our Lodge will bestow its highest honor on our worthy brother, Jack Kalivoda. It promises to be a very special evening, and one you will not want to miss. As we prepare for the festivities, it seems appropriate to take pause and remember our brothers who have been so honored in the past. Perhaps more importantly, to remember their contributions for which they were honored.

The Hiram Award is recognition of a brother who gives generously of his time and talents without expectation of compensation or acknowledgement. While the Lodge can only make one award per year, we are truly blessed to count among our members so many who truly meet the definition of "Dedicated Service."



Hiram Award Recipients



William Church Armstrong

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
November 3, 2007

James Randolph Barley

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
September 12, 1992

Roy E. Beitelschees

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
October 21, 2000

Charles Leroy Butler

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1993

Harding T. Crandell

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1981

Marvin D.H. Crosser

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1989

Joseph O. Darius

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1982

Edmond L. Denison

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1983

John F. Doane

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1989

Francis John Ebert

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
September 13, 1997

Stephen Peter Galop III

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
July 12, 2004

Harold Lewis Gates

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
October 26, 2002

John Harrison

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1980

Karl F. Heur, PM

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1994

Vengie Hughes

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
November 11, 2006

Leonard Alvin Love

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
June 30, 2001

Marvin J. Martin

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1979

Lloyd Edmund Myers

(Deceased)
Bakersfield No. 224
February 18, 1993

Andrew A. Neumann

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
January 27, 1996

Christian Andrew Nilsen

(Deceased)
Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
November 16, 1991

Robert Donald Olsen

(Deceased)
Ophir Bear Mountain No. 33
May 1, 1993

Ronald James Reese

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
October 20, 1998

Marcus Rice Jr.

Live Oak No. 61
April 16, 1998

Arne Simonsen

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
October 23, 1999

David M. Shull

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
1990

Charles Evert Toll

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
September 2, 2003

Alvin Jesse Weis

Acalanes Fellowship No. 480
October 28, 1995

ACALANES FELLOWSHIP LODGE NO 480
HIRAM AWARD PRESENTATION AND BANQUET
IN HONOR OF OUR 2008 RECIPIENT
Bro. JACK KALIVODA



Saturday
October 25th 2008

SOCIAL: 5:00 PM
PRESENTATION: 6:00 PM
DINNER: 6:30 PM

\$20.00 PER PERSON

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ONLINE AT:

WWW.ACALANES.ORG

RSVP@Acalanes.org

(800) 419-0819 ext 2

Planned Menu:
Prime Rib Dinner

~ **Vote on November 4th** ~

It is your right;

It is your civic duty;

Vote for the candidate of your choice.

Because decisions are made by those who bother to show up!



Moving? Remember to give us your new address!

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