
THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

November 2008

From The East

Gary Charland

Worshipful Master

Brethren,

Brethren, Acalanes-Fellowship Lodge has had another busy month. On October 4th, we welcomed our newest Master Mason, Brother Jonathan Del Arroz. We were treated to a great third degree put on by our Past Masters team led by Worshipful Tom Riley. The day started off with a wonderful lunch at the local BBQ restaurant, Incahoots.

The degree was held in the Drytown Lodge in Plymouth, a building with a long history, dating back to the 1850s. The building itself started out in Drytown and was moved three times before ending up at its present location. What a great story and what an interesting lodge room. Even the furnishings were antique.

After the degree, we all went to 49er Village, a campground in Plymouth, for a dinner of baby back ribs and salad. My thanks to co-chef Allan Casalou, our Grand Secretary for all of his help in the kitchen.

This month, we also celebrated the awarding of the 2009 Hiram Award. On October 25, we presented Brother Jack Kalivoda with our highest honor, the Hiram Award.

The Hiram Award is the official recognition of a Brother by our lodge for that Brothers devoted service to that Lodge and to our Masonic principles. It is the highest honor that can be bestowed by a Blue Lodge.

The Hiram Award was launched in February of 1977 at Galt Lodge #267. The first years only one Hiram Award was presented. It caught on quickly and in 1978, forty were presented. By 1980 nearly all of the lodges in California were selecting one of their brothers to receive this honor.

It is intended for the Brother who year after year, displays his devotions without receiving recognition or special honor. Every lodge has many such members and our lodge is no exception. They are the living cement that binds our fraternity into a true Brotherhood.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 4th: Stated Meeting & Dinner

Social Hour: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Stated Meeting: 8:00 PM

Dinner Cost: \$15.00

Dec. 6th Installation

Details Pending

Dec. 13th Sweethearts Luncheon

This event will again be held at

Petar's Restaurant in Lafayette.

Details inside this edition.

Jack Kalivoda is just such a brother, 'unsung hero', the Brother that gives and expects nothing in return. He consistently donates his time and his talents to making our lodge the great lodge it is today. He has brought credit to the craft and honor not only to our lodge, but to our fraternity.

Brethren, this month also marks my last full month in the East. I am both happy and sad. I am sad that my year is coming to an end, but happy to know that I will be leaving the lodge in such good hands with our Senior Warden, Dennis Rogers and his corps of officers.

November also marks our annual election. It coincides with another important election. This year, as in every year, your vote matters. I urge you all to get out and vote, and then come to the lodge, have a great dinner and vote again!

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming stated meeting and would like to thank you again for all of the support that you have given me this year.

Fraternally,

Gary Charland



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November ~ Anniversaries ~

Allan L. Casalou, PM
November 26, 1991

Kenneth W. Edson
November 23, 1982

Gary B. Estes
November 22, 1966

Ernest R. Everett
November 24, 1964

Harold L. Gates
November 10, 1949

James A. Granata
November 17, 1981

Jon M. Haynes
November 25, 1980

Jack Heinz
November 17, 1953

Lew Jenkins
November 9, 1993

Steven F. Klamm
November 19, 1987

Robert J. Knebel
November 19, 2005

Howard M. Laney
November 29, 1966

Leonard A. Love
November 24, 1992

Phillip L. Mc Allister, Sr., PM
November 8, 1984

Gary H. Moore
November 8, 1977

David R. Oyler
November 22, 1997

Donald A. Pauli
November 30, 1971

Kevin A. Roberts
November 18, 1997

Orren C. Rupert, PM
November 22, 1973

Michael S. Weis
November 16, 2004

Charlie M. Wooten
November 23, 1976



In Memoriam

Jean Williams
Widow of our late Br. Alben
Williams (1912-1992)

Barbara Peddicord
Widow of Br. Walker Peddicord
(? - 1986)



2008 Activity:

Activity from 01-01-08 - 10-25-08	
Gains:	
Initiated	8
Passed	5
Raised	2
Affiliations	2
Affiliations (Out of State)	0
Restorations	0
Total Gains	4
Losses:	
Withdrawals	0
Suspensions NPD	0
Suspensions Trial	0
Expulsions	0
Deaths	7
Total Losses	7
Membership Total as of 10/25/08:	206
Master Mason Total as of 10/25/08:	206

~ Sweethearts Luncheon ~

On Saturday, **December 13th**, our Lodge will host its annual luncheon in honor of the widows of our departed brothers, affectionately known as our "Sweethearts." The luncheon will again be held at Petar's Restaurant in Lafayette.

We encourage our Brothers to attend this event, and invite their spouses as guests of the Lodge. This is a small way of saying "thank you" to our spouses who do so much to support their husband's Masonic endeavors.

Place: Petar's on Lafayette Circle

Social: 11:30 AM

Lunch: 12:30 PM

Brothers: \$20

Sweethearts and Members Spouse: Complimentary

Purchase tickets on-line at: www.Acalanes.org

E-Mail: RSVP@Acalanes.org

Phone: (800) 419-0819 ext 2



2009 Crab Feed



Save the date: Saturday, January 24th

This annual fund raiser benefits Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480 and Acalanes Masonic Building Association, as well as their worthy causes. This is the largest social event of the season, and one you will not want to miss!

The Silent Auction is undoubtedly the most popular event of the evening ... other than the crab! Our Silent Auction Committee works diligently to find interesting items which attendees enjoy bidding on ... and out bidding their friends!

Please consider sponsoring an auction item in the amount of \$35, \$50, \$75 or more.

www.acalanes.org/crabfeed.htm

~ Life Membership Fund ~

By Stephen Galop, Treasurer

Unless you have spend the last 60 days on-board the International Space Station, you are probably aware of the financial crisis which has hit Wall Street.

For those not familiar with the Life Membership Program, a member may choose to make a one-time payment (based on the brother's current age) rather than annual payments. That payment in held in our Life Membership Trust, the principal of which may never be touched, but the dividends or interest may be used for ordinary Lodge expenses. The notion is that the member is relieved of annual dues while his one time payment continues to earn income for the Lodge after his demise.

While our fund was invested in a vehicle which served us well initially, recent trends have given us reason to seek a safer haven. Given the precipitous loss of value in all classes of investments and the realization that we should probably be in a more stable and secure medium given these uncertain times, the Investment Committee voted to pull out of the bond fund on October 16th at a loss of principal of \$6,700.

The vacated investment had been the subject of numerous Investment Committee meetings over the past 18-months. A new structure for stewardship of the Life Membership Trust was adopted by the Lodge at the November 4th Stated Meeting. The new Life Membership Board of Trustees have specific investment guidelines and reporting requirements. The new structure also brings our Lodge into compliance with recently introduced guidelines from Grand Lodge:

Newly Elected Trustees of the Life Membership Trust

Tom Riley

Term Expires November 2009

Orren Rupert

Term Expires November 2009

Jack Kalivoda

Term Expires November 2010

Roger Poynts

Term Expires November 2010

\Phil McAllister

Term Expires November 2011

Past Masters Degree & Visitation to Drytown Lodge

Photos Courtesy of Phil McAllister, PM

On October 4th our Past Masters team led by Worshipful Tom Riley raised Br. Jonathan Del Arroz on visitation to Drytown #174 in Plymouth, Calif ... his grandfathers lodge!



Front row left to right: Bill Armstrong, Phil McAllister, Master Mason Jonathan Del Arroz, Don Hoskins and Al Weis.

Second row left to right: Gary Charland, Vengie Hughes, Allan Casalou, Tom Riley and Dave Shulls.

Back row left to right: Mike Weis, Ray Sevilla, Otis Simonsen, Roger Poynts, Tyler Lane, Jack Chudley and Frank Shoffner.



seem pleased with the menu choices!



Above: Mike Weis, Roger Poynts and V.O. Hughes.

Below: Vera and Bill Armstrong.



*Friends,
Family,
Freemasonry*



**Acalanes Fellowship Honors its 2008
Hiram Award Recipient:
Br. Jack Kalivoda**

Photos Courtesy of Gary Charland, WM



Photo Above: Phyllis and Jack
Kalivoda

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Photo Right: From left to right: Mike Weis, Ray Sevilla, Frank Shoffner, Master-Elect Dennis Rodgers, Phyllis Kalivoda, Wor. Hary Charland, Hiram Jack Kalivoda, and Marshal Charlie Toll.



**Acalanes Fellowship Elects
2009 Senior Officers**

At the November 4th Stated Meeting the Lodge elected its 2009 Senior Officers:

Dennis Rodgers, Master Elect
James Chamberlain, Sr. Warden Elect
Tom Riley, PM, Jr. Warden Elect
Donald Hoskins, Secretary
Stephen P. Galop III, Treasurer

Installation of our 2009 Officer Corps is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th, however, details were not available at press time. Please check our web-site or contact an officer for information.



Benevolent and Merciful Father,
You have bestowed upon us grace, your loving
kindness, mercy and relief.

Continue to sustain us, console us, grant us your
mercy and your peace, and everything good that we
might never lack.



Moving? Remember to give us your new address!

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