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# THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

December 2008

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## From The East

Gary Charland

Worshipful Master

Brethren,

It is difficult to believe that my year as Master of our Lodge is drawing to a close. This has been a truly rewarding experience for me and I am thankful to all of you for making it possible.

It has also been a very eventful year for our Lodge.

We conferred 16 Degrees this year and raised two new Master Masons. We also made three visitations and have traveled to the Masonic Home in Union City, to Monterey Lodge # 217, in Monterey and to Drytown Lodge # 174, in Plymouth.

Of course, we also managed to have a few social events this year. The year started off with the grand re-opening of our Lodge Hall and the reinstatement of our stated meeting dinner program. In December, we had a wonderful Sweethearts Luncheon at Petars in Lafayette. Our Crab Feed in January was, as always a great success. In February, we were bound for Reno on the Fun Train and then in June, we had a chance to wager a little more at the track for our Annual Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields. In August, we hosted a reception for the Grand Secretary, Allan Casalou at the Marriott in Walnut Creek. More than 100 people turned out for an event that included Grand Master Richard W. Hopper and his wife, Judy along with several other Grand Lodge Officers.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to all of those that work to keep our Lodge going strong.

I would like to thank my corps of officers for all of their hard work and perseverance and for keeping up with our extensive degree calendar this year, along with our Officer's Coach, Al Weis, who kept our officers well motivated and well trained. I must also thank Bill Armstrong, for stepping in and keeping the Senior Deacons Chair filled, and to V.O. Hughes, Tom Riley and Dave Shull who were always there to help this year.



good fraternity. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated and enthusiastic members of our lodge who deserve all of the credit for making our Lodge the "Friendly Lodge"; brothers like Roger Poynts who manage our social calendar and keep our Dinner programs going so well, Jim and Dianne Yribarren whose hard work with our crab feed and our other social events have continued to make them so successful, Most Worshipful Al and Ginny Weis for all the wonderful work they do with our Sweethearts, Phil McAllister for his excellent photography, and to our Temple Board, Tim Wilbur and Ray Sevilla, who help keep our lodge hall maintained and ready for our events.

Finally, I would like to thank Allan Casalou for his ongoing advice and counsel, and of course, to my good friend Stephen Galop, who was always there when I needed him.

I am happy to leave Acalanes Fellowship Lodge in the good hands with our new Master, Dennis Rogers, who I know will do a fine job in leading our Lodge in the coming year. I wish him and our entire corps of officers the best of luck in the upcoming year.

And to all of our Brethren and their families, I wish for you all the joys of this holiday season and peace in the year ahead.

Happy Holidays,

*Gary Charland*



## Roster of Officers 2009

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## December ~ Anniversaries ~

**Jerry E. Gregory**  
December 7, 1954

**Robert D. Haile**  
December 12, 1952

**Thomas A. Hughes, Jr.**  
December 12, 1949



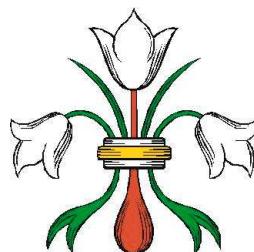
## A Prayer for Our Officers, Directors & Committee Members

Eternal source of life and  
light, we ask Thy blessing  
upon Thy servants now  
before Thee.

As they assume their duties  
invest in them wisdom and  
strength. Fill their hearts  
with brotherly love. And  
rest their feet upon the rock  
of justice.

May their administration of  
the affairs of the Fraternity  
redound to Thy glory, to the  
good of the Craft, and to the  
welfare of mankind.

Amen.



## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** **Stated Meeting & Dinner**  
Social Hour: 6:30 PM  
Dinner: 7:00 PM  
Stated Meeting: 8:00 PM  
Dinner Cost: \$15.00

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** **Installation**  
Details Pending

**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** **Sweethearts Luncheon**  
This event will again be held at  
Petar's Restaurant in Lafayette.  
Details inside this edition.

## 2008 Activity:

Activity from 01-01-08 - 11-30-08	
<b>Gains:</b>	
Initiated	8
Passed	5
Raised	2
Affiliations	2
Affiliations (Out of State)	0
Restorations	0
	<b>Total Gains</b>
	<b>4</b>
<b>Losses:</b>	
Withdrawals	0
Suspensions NPD	0
Suspensions Trial	0
Expulsions	0
Deaths	0
	<b>Total Losses</b>
	<b>0</b>
<b>Membership Total as of 11/30/08:</b>	<b>206</b>
<b>Master Mason Total as of 11/30/08:</b>	<b>205</b>



## In Memoriam

**Ralph Herbert Willits**

Dec. 1, 1921 – Nov. 19, 2008

Initiated: April 4, 1946

Passed: April 30, 1946

Raised: May 11, 1946

\*\* 50 Year Member: 1996 \*\*

Br. Willits received his degrees at  
Fellowship #480  
(now Acalanes Fellowship #480)  
Although a resident of Las Vegas, his  
son reports that Br. Ralph was  
always proud of his  
membership in our Lodge and  
fraternity.



# Acalanes Fellowship's 2009 Crab-Feed

Lafayette Community Center  
500 Old St. Mary's Road

Saturday - January 24<sup>th</sup>

## Ticket Order Form

- 1) Paid tickets will be mailed to you or to the person(s) you specify (please provide address) the week of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2) Unpaid tickets will need to be picked up at Will Call and held under your name unless otherwise instructed.
- 3) Please use the space below to let us know how to handle your tickets. Remember, PAID tickets help avoid delays at the door!

Name:

Total # of Tickets:

Mail All Paid Tickets to Me.

Paid by  Check Enclosed  Credit Card

Please use web-site for credit/debit card

Mailing Address:

### Ticket Requests:

# of  
Tickets

Ticket Type

Adult Crab & Pasta: \$40 ea.

Child Crab & Pasta: \$15 ea. (Children under 12)

Adult Steak & Pasta: \$40 ea.  Rare  Med Rare  Medium  Well

Adult Steak, Crab & Pasta: \$50 ea.  Rare  Med Rare  Medium  Well

Mail Check and Form to:

Acalanes Fellowship  
c/o Stephen Galop  
11040 Wilshire Chase Dr.  
Johns Creek, Georgia 30097

or Purchase on line at [www.Acalanes.org](http://www.Acalanes.org)

Fax: (800) 419-0819



## ~ 2009 Officer Corps ~

On December 6th our 2009 Officer Corps will be installed by Alvin Weis, PGM, with the assistance of Phil McAllister, PM, as Master of Ceremonies, and Brian James, Chaplain. We proudly present our 2009 Officer Corps:



### **Dennis Rodgers, Master**

Br. Rodgers was initiated into Acalanes Fellowship in 2003 and completed his degrees in 2004. He served as Sr. Deacon in 2006, Jr. Warden in 2007 and Sr. Warden in 2008.

### **Jim Chamberlain, Senior Warden**

Br. Chamberlain received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship in 2004, and hails from a family of Masons! Since joining our Lodge Br. Jim has been an active member.

### **Thomas E. Riley III, Junior Warden**

Br. Tom received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship in 1984, proceeded through the chairs, and served as Worshipful Master in 1997 and 2007. Br. Tom is a very active member of our Lodge. In addition to coordinating our Past Masters Degree Team, Tom is one of the longest serving members of our Building Association (aka Temple Board), and has been elected as a Trustee of our newly formed Life Membership Trust. Our Lodge is truly the beneficiary of Worshipful Tom's generosity of time and talent.

### **Stephen P. Galop III, Treasurer**

Br. Galop received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship in 1997-1998. He has served as our Treasurer since 2003, and Secretary-Treasurer of our Building Association since 2001. He is also the creator/administrator of our web-site and publisher/editor of our *Trestleboard*. He was our 2004 recipient of the Hiram Award. Br. Stephen resides in Johns Creek, Georgia.

### **Donald Hoskins, Secretary**

Br. Hoskins received his degrees at Henry Morse Stephens Lodge #541, was initiated in 1954 and completed his degrees in 1958. He affiliated with Acalanes Fellowship in 1983 and served as our Secretary from 2000 to 2005. Br. Don is an active member of our Temple Board, and in his spare time enjoys traveling throughout the world.

### **Franklin H. Shoffner, Chaplain**

Br. Frank received his degrees at Houghton Lodge #218, Houghton, Michigan, in 1964, and affiliated with Acalanes Fellowship in 1984. Br. Frank in recent years has been a frequent participant at our functions. He travels widely, and during his professional life visited many lodges in the U.S. and England.

### **Randy Tolerton, Senior Deacon**

Br. Tolerton received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship in 2004. He has served as Tiler in 2005, Sr. Steward in 2006 and Jr. Deacon in 2007 and 2008. Br. Randy is a third generation Mason following his father and grandfather.

### **Bradley Orren Rupert, Junior Deacon**

Br. Brad was initiated into Acalanes Fellowship in 2002 and raised in 2003. Brad is an active member of our Lodge and also serves on our Temple Board. Brad's father, Orren Rupert, affiliated with Acalanes Fellowship this past year.

### **Ray Sevilla, Senior Steward**

Br. Ray received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship. He was initiated in 2003, passed to Fellowcraft in 2005 and Raised in 2006. Br. Ray is a member of the Temple Board. Br. Ray's enthusiasm and dedication to our Lodge is an inspiration.

### **Michael Roberts, Jr. Steward**

Br. Michael was initiated into Acalanes Fellowship in 2007 and raised in August 2008.

### **Michael Weis, Tiler**

Br. Weis received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship in 2004 and has served on our Temple Board since 2006. Br. Michael is extremely generous with his time and talents. Whatever the event, you are likely to see Br. Mike there helping however he can. On the Temple Board he has taken the lead on maintaining our grounds.

### **Charles Everet Toll, Marshall**

Br. Toll received his degrees at Acalanes Fellowship, initiated in 1992 and completed his degrees in 1995. Br. Toll served as Tiler and Jr. Deacon before becoming our Marshall in 1999, a position he has held since. Charlie was inducted into the DeMolay Legion of Honor on June 17, 2000, and was Acalanes Fellowship's recipient of the Hiram Award on September 2, 2003. Br. Toll will celebrate his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on December 11<sup>th</sup>. May God bless you, Br. Charlie, you are truly a treasured member of our Lodge!



Wishing you and yours every happiness  
During this season of hope, and  
Throughout the New Year.



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