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# THE TRESTLEBOARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480, F&AM

"The Friendly Lodge"

May 2009

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## From The East

**Dennis Rodgers**

*Worshipful Master*

Brethren,

In past years our lodge has scheduled visitations to fascinating ports of call. Our usual practice is to take our officers and a worthy candidate to confer a Third Degree in a distant lodge. While I do not rule out the possibility that we may do this later in the year, we have a different kind of visitation waiting for us on Friday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. Instead of going a long distance to see the same-old-same-old, we have the opportunity to go a short distance and see something truly unique. We have the opportunity to visit Monarch Lodge in Oakland, a Prince Hall Lodge, where we will see a Third Degree conferral in the inimitable style of the Prince Hall Masons. The ritual will be recognizable, but dramatically different from what we normally see.

The Prince Hall Third Degree is performed once each year and all eligible candidates are raised in a single ceremony. The ritual is enhanced through the addition of some dramatic twists and adaptations which I will leave to your imagination until the nineteenth of June. Please queue up at the soon-to-be-established function page for this event and make your reservations. Car-pooling arrangements can be made for a group departure from Lafayette as parking may be limited.

Additionally, I hope to find a mutually acceptable date in the near future to put on a degree at the Siminoff Lodge at the Union City Masonic Homes. Keep your eyes open for details as this is always a delightful day. The Siminoff Lodge is comprised primarily of Past Masters, and with a little encouragement, we might be able to get their degree team to confer a second degree for one of our candidates.

Meanwhile on the home front, for those who missed the event, the Hiram Award banquet for Worshipful Ollie Thomas was a smashing success. Two years ago, when I was in the Junior Warden's station, Worshipful Master Tom Riley asked me to attend to the plans for the Hiram Award presentation that year (awarded to my good friend Bill Armstrong). I was grateful for the opportunity and worked hard to make the evening equal to the man we

## Upcoming Events

**May 5th: Stated Meeting & Dinner  
Public Schools Nights**

Social Hour: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Stated Meeting: 8:00 PM

Dinner Cost: \$15.00

**June 19th: Visitation to Monarch Lodge**  
Details to follow.

were honoring. It was a fitting turn then that Tom is serving as my Junior Warden, giving me the opportunity to "order" him to manage the Hiram Award this year. It was a job well done and who better to supervise the event than the man who was strong-armed into Freemasonry by Ollie's daughter (just one of the many pieces of history that you missed if you weren't at the ceremony!).

Finally, many thanks to those who have donated books to rebuild our lodge library. We have received some very fine titles which are available to all of the brothers of our lodge. Feel free to browse and borrow and to increase your knowledge of all things Masonic as well as related subjects and please, keep those donations coming.

*Wm. Rodgers*



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## ~ May Anniversaries ~

**Roy E. Beitelschees, PM**

May 17, 1952

57 Years

**Eric T. Besag**

May 15, 1999

10 Years

**Michael D. Brown, PM**

May 19, 1990

19 Years

**Umberto O. Celestre**

May 9, 1949

60 Years

**Serge A. Chemla**

May 19, 1986

23 Years

**George A. Constantouros**

May 25, 1966

43 Years

**William H. Dibbern**

May 21, 1991

18 Years

**Stephen P. Galop, III**

May 23, 1998

11 Years

**Roscoe W. Griggs**

May 27, 1958

51 Years

**Vernon J. Ivey**

May 19, 1953

56 Years

**Lawrence R. McLaughlin**

May 16, 1981

28 Years

**Boris J. Minzyk**

May 21, 1970

39 Years

**John J. Mulhall**

May 3, 1997

12 Years

**Jeffrey R. Nott**

May 30, 1978

31 Years

**Roger L. Poynts**

May 15, 2001

8 Years

**Marcus Rice, Jr., PM**

May 25, 1954

55 Years

**Frederic S. Schachtman**

May 24, 1966

43 Years

**Franklin H. Shoffner**

May 25, 1964

45 Years

**Thomas C. Thompson**

May 7, 1966

43 Years

**Richard N. Young**

May 1, 1976

33 Years



Maude Yribarren, mother of our beloved Past Master and frequent attendee to Lodge functions, passed into rest on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Jim & Diane.



## ~ A Mother's Day Tribute ~



### A MASON'S WIFE

- Author Unknown

From active Masons, resolute,  
Our wives and fam'lies we salute;  
We surely know the price you pay,  
Who sit alone while we're away;  
No high degrees on you conferred,  
In Lodge, your name is seldom heard;  
You serve our cause though out of sight,  
While sitting home alone tonight;  
Masonic papers list our names,  
Awards are given, fit to frame;  
But yours is absent...you who strive,  
To keep our fortitude alive;  
You're part of every helpful deed,  
On your encouragement we feed;  
Without your blessings, how could we,  
Continue acts of charity?  
And so, this poem, we dedicate,  
To every Master Mason's mate;  
And offer our undying love,  
Rewards await in Heaven above.

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### ~ Secretary's Notes ~

A new baby boy, Mateo Gabriel greeted his parents Jonathan and Samantha Del Arroz recently. He joins the four other new youngsters we reported about a couple of months ago. Wonderful to have new life!

In December we donated \$250 to "Hoofprints On The Heart" as a show of support for two horses which had been shot, as suggested by their owner, Mike Roundtree. We have an invitation to a "Hoofprints Fair" on Sunday, May 16, 11AM to 4PM, at Hagemann Ranch, 455 Olivina Ave, Livermore. It looks like fun!

I am still working on SIXTEEN members who are delinquent in their 2009 dues!

*Don*

## ~ Masons4Mitts ~

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## ~ Job's Daughters Bethel 218 ~

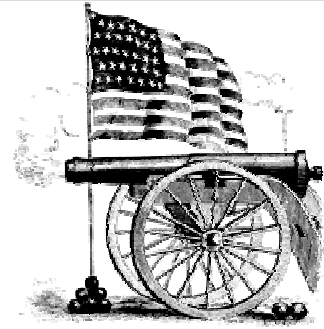
Their annual Mother's Day Flower Sale is the major fund raiser for Job's Daughter Bethel 218 – Orinda. As in years past, the girls will be assembling the flowers at Acalanes Fellowship the Saturday before Mother's Day.

If your mailing address is within the limited delivery area you will find an order form included with this mailing. For more information, and to order on-line, please go to our web-site and click on “Jobs Daughters.”

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**Memorial Day  
May 25<sup>th</sup>**

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**Moving? Remember to give us your new address!**

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