

THE TRESTLEBOARD



ACALANES FELLOWSHIP LODGE #480, F&AM

OCTOBER 2010

From the East

After presiding in the East for close to ten months, I am proud to say that I now feel like the Master of our Lodge. It was at our official visitation to Island City Lodge on September 18th that this feeling came upon me. Our brothers, along with the help of Island City Lodge, put on a noteworthy double third degree. For those brothers who have not had the pleasure to visit Island City Lodge, note that they have the blessings of having two lodge rooms. Our lodge held the first section of the third degree in one room and Island City Lodge in the other. We then came together for the second section and lecture. I had the pleasure of being the Master in the first section for Brother Jason Allen and then giving the lecture for both Brother Allen and Island City's newest Brother as well. I came to my enlightenment about being Master following the degree while speaking with a very wise Past Master. The wisdom that he passed on to me was that I am now truly the Master of our lodge having completed a third degree. I have now accomplished what was asked of me when I became Master. Up until that point I had presided over stated meetings and social events, helped out on first and second degrees but had yet to preside over a third degree. The feeling that I had at that time was truly that of enlightenment and an enormous sense of accomplishment. I hope that all brothers that are currently in the line as well as those to come are able to achieve this feeling of great success.

This month's stated meeting dinner is devoted to families. We have a kid friendly meal planned (spaghetti with meat sauce) and dinner will be served at 6:30 in order to get our children home in time for baths and bedtime. I look forward to seeing ALL of our families on Tuesday, October 5th.

While my year is winding down, we still have several things on the calendar such as the November Stated meeting when we will elect our upcoming officers.

Jim Chamberlain

Master

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Upcoming Events



- October 5:** **Stated Meeting & Dinner
Family Night ~ Spaghetti**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
Social Hour: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting: 8:00 PM
- October 12:** **District Officers School of Instruction**
Bay Cities Lodge
6:30 PM
- October 19:** **Officers Planning Meeting**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
7:00 PM
- October 26:** **Practice (Degree TBD)**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
7:00 PM
- November 2:** **Stated Meeting & Dinner
Elections**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
Social Hour: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting: 8:00 PM
- November 13:** **Family Dinner and a Movie Night
(Movie TBD)**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
5:30 PM

Friends of Acalanes Fellowship Presents the 2011 Crab Feed



Saturday, January 22, 2011
Lafayette Community Center
500 Old St. Mary's Road
5:30 PM Cocktail Hour
6:30 PM Dinner

This annual fund raiser benefits Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480 and Acalanes Masonic Building Association, as well as their worthy causes. While our work may be charitable, we are not a charity. Accordingly, contributions, ticket purchases and such are **not** tax deductible. We are currently taking donations for the silent auction. Please contact Brother Randy Tolerton at (925) 256-9690 for more information on how to make a donation for the auction.

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 1st.
- 2) Unpaid tickets will need to be picked up at Will Call under your name unless otherwise instructed.
- 3) Please use the space below to let us know how to handle your tickets. Remember, PREPAID tickets help avoid delays at the door!

Reservation cut-off date is January 10th – No tickets will be sold 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:

- # **Ticket Type**
- _____ Adult Crab & Pasta: \$40 ea.
- _____ Child Crab & Pasta: \$15 ea. (Children under 12)
- _____ Adult Steak & Pasta: \$40 ea. Rare to Med. Rare / Medium to Med. Well
- _____ Adult Steak, Crab & Pasta: \$50 ea. Rare to Med. Rare / Medium to Med. Well

Mail Check and Form to:
Acalanes Fellowship
Attn: Stephen Galop
11040 Wilshire Chase Drive
Johns Creek, Georgia 30097
or purchase on line at www.Acalanes.org
or Fax: (800) 419-0819

October Third Degree Anniversaries



Jeremy K. Branch
October 24, 2006
4 Years

Frank P. Essert
October 26, 1985
25 Years

George R. Peck
October 22, 1985
25 Years

Richard R. Celestre
October 14, 1972
38 Years

John E. Hager
October 20, 1984
26 Years

Thomas E. Riley, III, PM
October 30, 1984
26 Years

Donald K. Chambers
October 15, 1948
62 Years

Richard H. Harrell
October 29, 1964
46 Years

Marion Rogers
October 24, 2009
1 Year

Andrew C. Cratsenberg
October 15, 1957
53 Years

Peter C. Hjersman
October 2, 1999
11 Years

James J. Scriber
October 27, 1987
23 Years

Calvin K. Crawford
October 25, 1975
35 Years

Henry L. Hoffman
October 23, 1962
48 Years

George L. Snell
October 30, 1962
48 Years

James V. Davey
October 25, 1955
55 Years

Conrad K. Larson
October 8, 1978
32 Years

Donald B. Stuart
October 24, 1973
37 Years

Jonathan W. Del Arroz
October 4, 2008
2 Years

Kevin S. Moore
October 26, 1991
19 Years

Theodore D. Zeller
October 30, 1962
48 Years



2010 Annual Sweethearts Luncheon



December 18, 2010
Reception 11:30
Luncheon 12:00

A traditional holiday meal of turkey, dressing, garlic mashed potatoes, yams, vegetables and gravy will be served. Following lunch, St. Nicolas will join us and have toys for our tots so please bring your family!

To make reservations, please go to www.acalanes.org and click on "Functions."

You may also e-mail your reservation to RSVP@Acalanes.org or call the reservation line at (800) 419-0819, extension 2.

Secretary's Notes



By Don Hoskins

Recently I reviewed the actual Lodge costs to raise a Master Mason. Adding together the costs of the apron, numerous candidate booklets, trowel, presentation bible, etc, I came up with an actual cost of \$218. We are now charging an "Application for Degrees" fee of \$170. Because our Lodge functions solely on the annual dues paid by dues paying members, this amounts to a significant cost to the Lodge for a dozen or more new candidates per year.

We discussed this situation at a recent Stated Meeting where I was proposing a change of fee to \$220. Past Master Jim Yribarren volunteered to furnish the next set of presentation bibles, a tradition set by Past Master John Cook several years ago. We purchase them in sets of six with each one costing \$37 with shipping so that offer is quite valuable and greatly appreciated. We finally agreed and we have a motion to set the fee for "Application for Degrees" at \$185, which covers our costs.

The procedure to increase the fee is: 1) discuss this change in fee at a Stated Meeting (we have done this). Then 2) notify the membership by the Trestleboard that a vote will be taken at the next Stated Meeting and 3) at the Stated Meeting vote to set the fee for "Application for Degrees" at \$185. If passed, we then notify the Grand Lodge on the appropriate form for their approval. A vote will be taken at the Stated Meeting on October 5th.

Seven of our members are in arrears for the 2010 dues. A member who has not paid his yearly dues by January 1 of that year (2010 in this case) is NOT in good standing, thus these seven are not in good standing. The CMC specifies that as of January 1, 2011, that they be suspended for non payment of dues (SNPD), and then it takes five years to get back into good standing as far as any Masonic benefits are concerned. (That pertains to spousal benefits, too!) Answering phone calls, letters, and/or notes would help if anyone has a problem.

Brother Gerald Walker writes from Hawaii where he has moved, "I enjoy Hawaii!! Shriners are nearby, Lodge is close, Scottish Rite. Enjoy Masonry!"



*Lodge
Visitation to
Island City
Lodge in
Alameda*



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