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From the East

After our April Stated Meeting Dinner we were treated to an audiovisual presentation on "Masonic Education" by Dick Kellogg. He had recently attended the Secretary/Treasurer's Retreat and gave us the benefit of his time spent there. We learned that Masonry has always been an integral part of public education in the United States and throughout the world.

Two more degree conferrals were scheduled in April. Bro. Bob Smith was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Bro. Mark Williams will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the end of the month. If all goes as planned, we will confer two 2nd Degrees in May. Check our lodge calendar for these and other event dates. It can be found on our website at <http://www.acalanes.org/calendars.htm>.

I'm also planning another non-tiled Open Table Lodge (Festive Board) for June 18th after our Hiram Award Ceremony. The presentation will start at 4:00p with dinner to follow. This year's recipient will be Allan Casalou. Mark your calendars. It will be a dinner that you won't want to miss. The program is structured to be general enough that non-masons can be present, but still provide us with a greater understanding of the fraternity and a little of its heritage.



In my travels, I found an article, *The Ten Essential Duties of a Mason*. Every one of us has been taught some these responsibilities before, but here's a comprehensive list to refresh your memory:

- **Supreme Being.** A Mason seeks to understand that he has been created to fulfill The Great Architect of the Universe's purpose for his life and aligns his behaviors with the Volume of Sacred Law.
- **Physical Body.** A Mason maintains his body as a vehicle for this life's journey. He eats to live, rather than living to eat. He exercises and controls all form of gluttony and excess.
- **Family.** A Mason's moral obligation is to care for his spouse and children. He provides food, shelter, and makes sure his children are taught how to survive in the world. Whatever the circumstances, he always assumes responsibility for his obligations.
- **Relatives.** A Mason supports, respects, and cares for his parents. He demonstrates compassion, fairness, and understanding in all his dealings with his extended family.
- **Occupation.** A Mason develops his mind to its highest potential, and pursues his vocation with scholarly energy. He behaves ethically. He spends less than he makes. He manages his affairs with a generous intent without becoming a miser. He sets his priorities using his cable-tow to set the reasonable scope of his involvements.
- **Neighbors.** A Mason does unto others as he would have them do unto him. He understands that as he gives so shall he receive. He extends his fraternal hand of fellowship to another when it is needed.
- **Government.** A Mason supports good government with his life if necessary. He resists tyranny and unjust government by demonstrating the courage to bring about appropriate change.
- **Humanity.** A Mason understands that he is a brother to all races, colors, and creeds. The whole world is his country, and all mankind are his brethren. When he helps others he understands that he is really helping himself.
- **Enemies.** A Mason focuses his anger. He gathers information and discusses differences when he is involved in conflict. When he is wrong, he concedes. When he is right, he sets limits. When he is attacked, he responds appropriately. When victorious, he seeks a just peace and honors his word. When defeated, he learns and prepares for future encounters.
- **Passion.** A Mason subdues but never eliminates his passion. He loves, laughs, cries, and acknowledges the presence of the watchful "All-Seeing Eye" in his life.

This month's Masonic Education article is entitled, The Brothel and the Lawyer. It's a good Scottish story, but you'll need to decide for yourself if it is pure genius or just plain unfair.....?

Fraternally,

Roger L. Poynts
Master

April 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Brother	Date Raised	Years
Roy E. Beitelschees	5/17/1952	58
Eric T. Besag	5/15/1999	12
Michael D. Brown	5/19/1990	21
Umberto O. Celestre	5/9/1949	62
Serge A. Chemla	5/19/1986	25
George A. Constantouros	5/25/1966	44
William H. Dibbern	5/21/1991	20
Stephen P. Galop, III	5/23/1998	13
Vernon J. Ivey	5/19/1953	57
Lawrence R. Mc Laughlin	5/16/1981	30
Boris J. Minzyk	5/21/1970	40
John J. Mulhall	5/3/1997	14
Jeffrey R. Nott	5/30/1978	32
Roger L. Poynts	5/15/2001	10
Marcus Rice, Jr.	5/25/1954	56
Frederic S. Schachtman	5/24/1966	44
Franklin H. Shoffner	5/25/1964	46
Thomas C. Thompson	5/7/1966	45
Richard N. Young	5/1/1976	35

In Memoriam

Richard Blount

Born May 2, 1924
 Raised Sept 18, 1982
 Died January 27, 2011
 Age 87 years

Soft and safe to thee,
 My brother,
 Be thy resting place.
 Bright and glorious be thy
 rising from it.

Notice: It was adopted by unanimous consent at the April 5, 2011 Stated Meeting that the Stated Meeting will begin at 7:30 PM PT (a change from 8:00 PM PT). There will be a motion made at the May 2011 Stated Meeting to Renew the previous motion. If the motion is favorable, the Social Hour will begin at 5:30 PM PT, the Stated Meeting Dinner will begin at 6:30 PM PT, and the Monthly Stated Meeting will begin at 7:30 PM PT.

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Schedule of Events (www.acalanes.org)

- May 3: Stated Meeting & Dinner**
 Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
 Social Hour: 5:30 PM
 Dinner: 6:30 PM
 Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- May 10: Planning Meeting 6:30 PM**
 2nd Degree Practice
- May 12: Masonic Development Night**
- May 17: DOSI Acalanes 6:30PM**
 2nd Degree, 2nd Section
- May 23: Hall Association Meeting**
 Acalanes Lodge, 6:30 PM
- May 24: Double 2nd Degree**
 Chris Urani & Jim Reno

May 3rd Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Pork Chile Verde (not too spicy at all), lots of flavor.
 Tortillas and butter
 Spanish rice
 Pinto and black beans
 Ensalada de Mazatlan (salad recipe form city of Mazatlan)
 Flan



New Masons and Progressions



Robert Smith, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft April 19, 2011 and
Roger Poynts, Worshipful Master

2011 Summer History Classes Freemasonry's Impact on Civil Society

Join two UCLA historians as they explore the prominent role that Freemasonry held in the early development of modern thought, culture and politics. Postdoctoral Fellow, María Eugenia "Maru" Vázquez Semadeni, PhD, will examine Freemasonry's impact on Latin America during the 19th century, while Jesse Sadler, PhD candidate, will explore American Masonic history from the Enlightenment era through the present day. Special emphasis will be given to Freemasonry's contributions to the evolution of individual rights and democratic societies.

The classes will meet one evening per week for three consecutive weeks from July 7th to July 28th. Each three hour class will be from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. In addition to lectures provided by the instructors, participants will be expected to read selected material from several primary and secondary sources to broaden understanding and stimulate discussion during classes. Readings will include works by James Anderson, Ray V. Denslow, José Antonio Ferrer Benimeli, Margaret Jacob, François Xavier Guerra, David Stevenson, Jessica Harland-Jacobs, Dame Frances Yates and Abbé Augustin Barruel.

Classes will be offered at San Francisco Scottish Rite: July 12, 19, 26.

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Masons4Mitts

Masons & Baseball: A Perfect Partnership

The CHALLENGE is back for another year!

As of April 12, 2011, the official count stands at:

<i>North Bay Bees</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>San Francisco Sluggers</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>South Bay Bombers</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>East Bay Aces</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Delta Dogs</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Sacramento Cyclones</i>	<i>1</i>

Just \$20 buys a mitt for a deserving boy or girl in the Junior Giants program. Let's make this year a three-peat victory for the kids!

Check the count and make your donation online at www.Masons4Mitts.org

*Campaign concludes on **Masons Night** at AT&T Park on Monday, September 12.
More details about Masons Night tickets coming soon!*

Let's show 'em what Masons can do...

Secretary's Notes:

- **PM Larry Woods** is returning to Penn Valley (Grass Valley area) from four years in the Netherlands where he was working for a computer company.
- **Toni Spinosa-Lasley** has moved from Burlingame to San Diego. Her husband, **James**, was a 30 year Mason.
- **Peter Hjersman** and his wife, **Keiko**, have moved to Japan for two years. His first report after the earthquake pictured the people well practiced and prepared for earthquakes. They are southwest of Tokyo.
- **David Prichard** writes from China where he is in business is and doing well. **Gerald Walker** writes from Waikiki thanking **Dave Shull** for 22 years of "Great Masonry!" (Raised in 1989).
- **Frank Shoffner** is recovering from bypass surgery and walked from Safeway to home the other day.
- **Bob Haile** is pretty much at home and would like some visitors and/or calls.
- We now have name tags for all of the members who are regular attendees.
- **Master Roger Poynts** is urging and arranging a more family friendly lodge. Dues: we still have 23 members behind in their dues.

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