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Schedule of Events

(www.acalanes.org)

- June 7:** **Stated Meeting & Dinner**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
Social Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- June 14:** **DOSI Bay Cities** 6:30 PM
- June 18:** **Hiram Award Ceremony & Dinner** 4:00 PM
- June 21:** **Planning Meeting** 6:30 PM
1st Degree Practice
- June 27:** **Hall Association Meeting**
Acalanes Lodge, 6:30 PM
- June 28:** **OSI**
- July 5:** **Stated Meeting & Dinner**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
Social Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM

Remainder of July: No Work

June 7 Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Old Fashion Pot Roast with roasted potatoes and glazed carrots. Family style salad, Biscuits and Rolls, Dessert.

From the East

After our May Stated Meeting Dinner we were treated to a presentation by two local public school teachers, Laura Wilson and Anne Marshall. They gave us insight into their jobs and told us why they became teachers. It was very informative and well received by all brethren and families present.



We conferred two more Fellowcraft Degrees in May on Brothers Chris Urani and Oscar Dryden as a double ceremony. The work was well done and the degrees well attended. We have several Brothers who are working on their proficiencies and I hope to hear them exemplify their work in the near future.

Also, we have two more applicants for degrees who are currently being investigated and, if all goes well, the lodge will vote on them at June's Stated Meeting. If elected, I'll schedule their degrees later in June. Check our lodge calendar for these and other event dates. It can be found on our website at <http://www.acalanes.org/calendars.htm>.

Our Hiram Award Ceremony will be held on June 18th this year starting at 4:00p with an Open Table Lodge dinner to follow. This year's recipient will be Allan Casalou. Mark your calendars.

Our April Table Lodge was a huge success thanks to our caterer, Dennis Wallace, and Master of Ceremonies, Victor Lawhorn. I also must commend our Wine/Juice Stewards and Wardens for their excellent work that evening. And last but not least, the Rainbow Girls Assembly No. 15 are due kudos for their help serving dinner. Now that we've had a practice run, you won't want to miss the next one. 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.

This month's Masonic Education article is entitled, A Letter To Garcia. It was written in 1899 and is a little long, but I think you'll find its message strangely familiar today. To be Good and True are the first lessons we are taught in Masonry.....can you carry a letter to Garcia.....? Let me know.

Fraternally,

Roger L. Poynts
Master

June/July 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Brother	Date Raised	Years
Wilbert B. Adams	6/25/1964	46
William C. Armstrong	6/14/1975	36
George S. Blodgett	6/19/1984	27
Milton F. Bruzzone	6/26/1984	26
Wallace R. Campbell	6/1/1949	62
Gary G. Charland	6/8/1999	12
George D. Demakas	6/10/1978	33
James O. Ely	6/24/1958	52
Brian H. Grossmann	6/22/1991	20
E. A. Haglund	6/24/1969	41
Donald L. Hoskins	6/7/1958	53
Scott L. Ingram	6/30/1992	18
Orbrie L. Keys	6/11/1970	41
Max W. King	6/9/1973	38
William A. Miller	6/15/1967	44
David E. Prichard	6/26/2007	4
Robert A. Richardson	6/30/1956	54
Allen Schwartz	6/12/1973	38
William B. Simpson	6/30/1979	31
Richard L. Smith	6/24/1980	30
Sheldon Winnick	6/19/1979	32
Eldon G. Keefer	7/31/1946	64

In Memoriam

Umberto Celestre

Born March 08, 1921
 Raised May 09, 1949
 Died May 20, 2011
 Age 90 years

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

In Memoriam

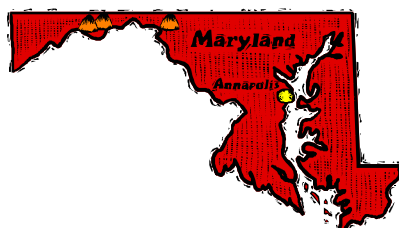
William Arthur Miller

Born May 04, 1929
 Raised June 15, 1967
 Died May 09, 2011
 Age 82 years

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

Join us for the inaugural

Maryland Crab Fest



The evening will include Famous Maryland Blue Crab, Tri Tip, All the Fixin's, soft drinks and beer. Eating Maryland Crabs is a very social activity as you and your table mates learn how to get the meat out and perform the libations necessary to keep the Chesapeake Bay Seasoning under proper control.

When: Saturday, September 17, 2011

Where: Acalanes Lodge

Time: 2 – 6 PM

Tickets: \$40 adults, \$20 Under 21

For further information or to volunteer help, contact: Harry Burt (925 682 9624) or Tom Riley (925 323 7915)

HIRAM AWARD

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

Saturday, June 18th

Presented to

The Very Worshipful Allan Casalou

at Acalanes Lodge

4:00p –Presentation

5:00p – Social

6:00p – Open Table Lodge

Dress – Tux for Officers

Others Business Attire



Dinner will be an **Open Table Lodge** where all family and friends are welcome to attend. Bring a guest.....Everyone is welcome. It's the perfect event to introduce someone to Masonry.

Our menu for the evening will be a **Six Course Dinner, including wine and juice**, prepared by PBS Catering and cost **\$20.00**.

Advance reservations have never been easier to make:

Paypal on-line at <http://www.acalanes.org/functions.htm>

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A Message to Garcia

Written in 1899 by Elbert Hubbard

In all this Cuban business there is one man stands out on the horizon of my memory like Mars at perihelion. When war broke out between Spain & the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the Insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain vastness of Cuba---no one knew where. No mail nor telegraph message could reach him. The President must secure his cooperation, and quickly.

What to do! Someone said to the President, "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan will find Garcia for you, if anybody can."

Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia. How "the fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oil-skin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, & in three weeks came out on the other side of the Island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and delivered his letter to Garcia, are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail.

The point I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter and did not ask, "Where is he at?"

By the Eternal! there is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statue placed in every college of the land. It is not book-learning young men need, nor instruction about this and that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae which will cause them to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies: do the thing---"Carry a message to Garcia!" General Garcia is dead now, but there are other Garcias.

No man, who has endeavored to carry out an enterprise where many hands were needed, but has been well nigh appalled at times by the imbecility of the average man- the inability or unwillingness to concentrate on a thing and do it.

Slipshod assistance, foolish inattention, dowdy indifference, & half-hearted work seem the rule; and no man succeeds, unless by hook or crook, or threat, he forces or bribes other men to assist him; or mayhap, God in His goodness performs a miracle, & sends him an Angel of Light for an assistant. You, reader, put this matter to a test: You are sitting now in your office- six clerks are within call.

Summon any one and make this request: "Please look in the encyclopedia and make a brief memorandum for me concerning the life of Correggio".

Will the clerk quietly say, "Yes, sir," and go do the task?

On your life, he will not. He will look at you out of a fishy eye and ask one or more of the following questions:

Who was he?
 Which encyclopedia?
 Where is the encyclopedia?
 Was I hired for that?
 Don't you mean Bismarck?
 What's the matter with Charlie doing it?
 Is he dead?
 Is there any hurry?
 Shan't I bring you the book and let you look it up yourself?
 What do you want to know for?

And I will lay you ten to one that after you have answered the questions, and explained how to find the information, and why you want it, the clerk will go off and get one of the other clerks to help him try to find Garcia- and then come back and tell you there is no such man. Of course I may lose my bet, but according to the Law of Average, I will not.

Now if you are wise you will not bother to explain to your "assistant" that Correggio is indexed under the C's, not in the K's, but you will smile sweetly and say, "Never mind," and go look it up yourself.

And this incapacity for independent action, this moral stupidity, this infirmity of the will, this unwillingness to cheerfully catch hold and lift, are the things that put pure Socialism so far into the future. If men will not act for themselves, what will they do when the benefit of their effort is for all? A first-mate with knotted club seems necessary; and the dread of getting "the bounce" Saturday night, holds many a worker to his place.

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“A Message to Garcia” (continued)

"Well he's a fine accountant, but if I'd send him up town on an errand, he might accomplish the errand all right, and on the other hand, might stop at four saloons on the way, and when he got to Main Street, would forget what he had been sent for."

Can such a man be entrusted to carry a message to Garcia?

We have recently been hearing much maudlin sympathy expressed for the "downtrodden denizen of the sweat-shop" and the "homeless wanderer searching for honest employment," & with it all often go many hard words for the men in power.

Nothing is said about the employer who grows old before his time in a vain attempt to get frowsy ne'er-do-wells to do intelligent work; and his long patient striving with "help" that does nothing but loaf when his back is turned.

In every store and factory there is a constant weeding-out process going on. The employer is constantly sending away "help" that have shown their incapacity to further the interests of the business, and others are being taken on. No matter how good times are, this sorting continues, only if times are hard and work is scarce, the sorting is done finer, but out and forever out, the incompetent and unworthy go.

It is the survival of the fittest. Self-interest prompts every employer to keep the best- those who can carry a message to Garcia.

I know one man of really brilliant parts who has not the ability to manage a business of his own, and yet who is absolutely worthless to anyone else, because he carries with him constantly the insane suspicion that his employer is oppressing, or intending to oppress him. He cannot give orders; and he will not receive them. Should a message be given him to take to Garcia, his answer would probably be, "Take it yourself."

Tonight this man walks the streets looking for work, the wind whistling through his threadbare coat. No one who knows him dare employ him, for he is a regular fire-brand of discontent. He is impervious to reason, and the only thing that can impress him is the toe of a thick-soled No. 9 boot.

Of course I know that one so morally deformed is no less to be pitied than a physical cripple; but in our pitying, let us drop a tear, too, for the men who are striving to carry on a great enterprise, whose working hours are not limited by the whistle, and whose hair is fast turning white through the struggle to hold in line dowdy indifference, slip-shod imbecility, and the heartless ingratitude, which, but for their enterprise, would be both hungry & homeless.

Have I put the matter too strongly? Possibly I have; but when all the world has gone a-slumming I wish to speak a word of sympathy for the man who succeeds- the man who, against great odds has directed the efforts of others, and having succeeded, finds there's nothing in it: nothing but bare board and clothes.

I have carried a dinner pail & worked for day's wages, and I have also been an employer of labor, and I know there is something to be said on both sides. There is no excellence, per se, in poverty; rags are no recommendation; & all employers are not rapacious and high-handed, any more than all poor men are virtuous.

My heart goes out to the man who does his work when the "boss" is away, as well as when he is at home. And the man who, when given a letter for Garcia, quietly take the missive, without asking any idiotic questions, and with no lurking intention of chucking it into the nearest sewer, or of doing aught else but deliver it, never gets "laid off," nor has to go on a strike for higher wages.

Civilization is one long anxious search for just such individuals. Anything such a man asks shall be granted; his kind is so rare that no employer can afford to let him go. He is wanted in every city, town and village- in every office, shop, store and factory. The world cries out for such: he is needed, & needed badly- the man who can carry a message to Garcia.

THE END- [More on Elbert Hubbard](#)

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