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## From the East

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### Schedule of Events

([www.acalanes.org](http://www.acalanes.org))

- Sept 6: Stated Meeting & Dinner**  
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge  
Social Hour: 5:30 PM  
Dinner: 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- Sept 10: 3rd Degree—Kishore Nath**  
**2:00 PM, Social 5:00 PM**  
**Dinner 6:00 PM**
- Sept 13: DOSI Acalanes 6:30 PM**  
Stated Meeting & Balloting
- Sept 17: Maryland Crab Fest**  
2:00 PM—6:00 PM  
Acalanes Lodge
- Sept 20: Planning Meeting & Practice**  
6:30 PM
- Sept 26: Hall Association Meeting**  
Acalanes Lodge, 6:30 PM
- Sept 27: 3rd Degree Practice, 2nd Section 6:30 PM**

### September 6 Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Chicken Florentine, Rice Pilaf, Grilled Asparagus, Spinach Salad, Pound cake and Vanilla Bean Cream

After our August Stated Meeting Dinner we were treated to an excellent presentation and explanation of the Rainbow Flag by **Rainbow Girls Concord Assembly 15**. The ritual (which was created by one of the Assembly members) was presented for the first time at our lodge and explained the colors of their flag and each color's associated meaning. I commend the young women for their excellent memory work and look forward to future presentations from their Assembly.



On August 20<sup>th</sup>, we raised **Brother Oscar Dryden** to the sublime degree of Master Mason at our lodge. The work was performed by **PM Jim Chamberlain's 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Team** and was expertly done. Afterward we were treated to a BBQ steak dinner prepared by our **JW Brad Rupert** and **Tiler Tim Wilbur** with a little help from a few of the brethren.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup> we conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on **Dock Clavon** at our lodge. The work was well done and the degree 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.

We picked up the pace of our 25-Year Award presentations up a little this month and presented brothers **Roy Couch, Calvin Crawford, William Simpson and Sheldon Winnick** with their 25-Year Certificate and Lapel Pin at our August Stated Meeting. Our Secretary, **Don Hoskins** took brothers **Brainard Platt** and **Harvey Syversrud** their awards with him during a recent visit to Arizona and made the presentations at their homes. I urge all of you who are eligible for this award to contact either Don or me and make arrangements for your presentation.

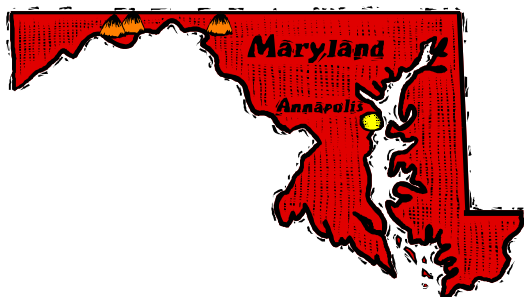
We have two more 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees scheduled. On September 10<sup>th</sup> we will raise brother **Kishore Nath** at our lodge, and on October 1<sup>st</sup> our 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree team will raise brother **Bob Smith** during our Visitation to Reno Lodge No. 13 in Reno, Nevada. More information to follow. Check our lodge calendar for these and other event dates. It can be found on our website at <http://www.acalanes.org/calendars.htm>.

This month's Masonic Education article is entitled [The Northeast Corner](#). It explores the meaning of the Northeast Corner on three levels.....do you know why you were put there.....? Read on and find out.

**Fraternally,**

**Roger L. Poynts**  
**Master**

## MARYLAND CRAB FEST



The **Inaugural Maryland Crab Fest** will be held at our Lodge from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

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### Have you made your reservations yet?

We will be flying the crabs in from Maryland so they will be fresh and tasty. We're requesting you place your order prior to September 10 so we can order the correct amount of crabs.

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Part of the appeal of Maryland blue crabs is that they are delicious to eat, but it takes work. Maryland blue crab does not arrive at the table pre-cracked. Eating this delicacy takes skills learned on the job. Teamwork and assistance from fellow diners, who have figured out the tricks, lend an element of fun to this task.

Maryland blue crab is optionally served with seasoning (highly recommended!) which can really enhance the flavor of beer on a warm summer day. There will be cold beer and wine available for guests who are so inclined and alternative beverages for others. We also recognize that not everyone in a family necessarily like crab. Freshly barbecued tri-tip steak and hot dogs with all the fixings will also be available.

To enhance your dining experience we will have background music featuring American folk songs and ballads. There is also a movement afoot to have sing along and karaoke at this event. Rumor has it that the line officers are working get the Worshipful Master to lead us in this venture.

The cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for those under 21 years of age.

We'll start serving Hors D'oeuvres at 2:00 PM. At 3:00 PM we'll start serving the crab and tri-tip. The singing and other fun things will start around 4:30 to 5:00 PM if not before.

PayPal has been set up for this event on our Lodge website or you may call **Tom Riley at (925) 323-7915** to obtain tickets. Make checks payable to Acalanes Masonic Building Association.

### Prepare yourself to have a great time!

Thank you. Fraternaly, Harry Burt

## September 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Brother	Date Raised	Years
Jason D. Allen	9/18/2010	1
James A. Borup	9/23/1986	25
Henry C. Burgraff	9/21/1950	60
Robert J. Darius	9/7/1974	37
Thomas P. Hogan	9/10/2002	9
Robert M. Hooker	9/12/1987	24
Vengie O. Hughes	9/8/1984	27
Marvin J. Kay	9/27/1948	62
Richard A. Kellogg	9/22/2009	2
Michel S. Khoury	9/22/1990	21
Tarek C. Khoury	9/29/2001	9
George H. Konstantopoulos	9/22/1961	49
Victor R. Lawhorn	9/23/1997	14
Gerald E. Patchen	9/30/1967	43
Johannes G. Peters, M.D.	9/22/2007	4
Robert L. Polvi	9/9/1976	35
Gerald H. Saurman	9/24/1957	53
Spencer M. Sealander	9/25/1971	39
Raymond A. Sevilla	9/23/2006	5
Harvey K. Syversrud	9/8/1981	30
Charles E. Toll	9/23/1995	16
Harvey A. Uhl	9/19/1968	42
Alvin J. Weis	9/20/1966	44
Thomas J. Whitten	9/17/1952	58
Jay B. Williams	9/26/1970	40
George N. Wofford	9/13/1986	25
Larry W. Woods	9/15/1984	27
Herman L. Zeller	9/20/1955	55

### 3rd Degree for Kishore Nath

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge No. 480  
Corner of Brook St. and Moraga Road  
Lafayette, CA

Saturday, September 10  
Degree 2:00 PM; Social 5:00 PM; Dinner 6:00 PM

### 3rd Degree for Robert Lind Smith

Visitation to Reno Lodge No. 13  
40 West 1st Street  
Reno, NV  
Blue Room — 3rd Floor

Saturday, October 1  
Degree 2:00 PM; Social 5:00 PM; Dinner 6:00 PM

## Past Masters' BBQ ~ August 20, 2011

### Master Mason Candidate Oscar Dryden and Team



Front row (L-R): Michael Roberts, Scott Colcord, Vingie Hughes, Oscar Dryden, Gary Peare, Dennis Rodgers, Bill Armstrong. Rear (L-R): Frank Shoffner, Randy Tolerton, Tom Kilgallen, Phil McAllister, Harry Burt, Chris Chamberlain, Roger Poynts, Don Hoskins, Jim Chamberlain, Dave Shull, Jack Chudley.



The cooks: Brad and Jo Anne Rupert in the kitchen and Tim Wilbur grilling the steaks.

Dave Shull, PM, Oscar Dryden, Master  
Roger Poynts

We are thinking of ordering individual jackets like the one shown to the right. The jackets costs around \$37.45 each. We may get a better cost depending upon the quantity we order. If you are interested in ordering one for yourself, please let Roger Poynts, Don Hoskins, or Marion Rogers know—no later than the end of September.

Your jacket would have your name in place of Roger's name.



Jacket Front



Logo & Name on Jacket Front

## *The Northeast Corner*

by

*Byron E. Hams, PM, Prince Hall Lodge #1*

*The M W Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri and its Jurisdiction*

Now my newly made Brothers you are placed in the north-east corner of the Lodge and in this position you become representative of a spiritual corner-stone. And hence, to thoroughly comprehend the true meaning of this placement, it is essential that we should investigate the symbolism of operative and speculative masonry.

The difference between operative and speculative Masonry is simply this-that while the former was engaged in the construction of a material temple, formed, it is true, of the most magnificent materials which the quarries of Palestine, the mountains of Lebanon, and the golden shores of Ophir could contribute, the latter occupies itself in the erection of a spiritual house, -a house not made with hands, -in which, for stones, cedar, gold, and precious stones, are substituted with the virtues of the heart, the pure emotions of the soul, the warm affections gushing forth from the hidden fountains of the spirit, so that the very presence of Jehovah, our Father and our God, shall be enshrined within us as his Shekinah was in the Holy of Holies of the material temple at Jerusalem.

The Speculative Mason, then, if he rightly comprehends the scope and design of his profession, is occupied, from his very first admission into the Order until the close of his labors and his life, -and the true Mason's labors ends only with his life, -in the construction, the adornment, and the completion of this Spiritual Temple of his body. He lays its foundation in a firm belief and an unshaken confidence in the wisdom, power, and goodness of God. This is his first step. Unless his trust is in God, and in him only, he can advance no further than the threshold of initiation. And then he prepares his materials with the Gauge and Gavel of Truth, raises the walls by the Plumb line of Rectitude, Squares his work with the Square of Virtue, connects the whole with the Cement of Brotherly Love, and thus skillfully erects the living edifice of thoughts, and words, and deeds, in accordance with the designs laid down by the Master Architect of the Universe in the great Book of Revelation.

As the aspirant for Masonic Light on your very first entrance within our sacred porch, you prepare yourself for this consecrated labor of erecting within your own bosom a fit dwelling-place for the Divine Spirit, and thus commence the noble work by becoming yourself the Corner-Stone on which this Spiritual Edifice is to be erected.

In Masonry, the north has ever been esteemed the place of darkness; and in obedience to this principle, no symbolic light is allowed to illuminate the northern part of the Lodge. The east in Masonry is symbolic of Masonic Light or universal knowledge.

You are in the north-east corner of the Lodge, because it is symbolic of your relation to the Order and to the World. From the profane world you have just emerged. Some of its imperfections are still upon you; some of its darkness is still about you; as yet you belong in part to the north. But you are striving for light and truth; the pathway upon which you entered is directed towards the East. Your allegiance, if I may use the word, is divided. You are not altogether in darkness, nor altogether in light. If you were wholly in darkness, the north would be the place to put you. If you were wholly in light-a Master Mason,-the east would have received you. But you are neither; you are an Entered Apprentice, with some of the ignorance of the world cleaving to you, and some of the light of the Order beaming upon you. One side of you faces the north, and the other side faces the east. You are neither wholly in one part nor wholly in the other part. As an Entered Apprentice you are not fully developed, you are incomplete and imperfect, and therefore rightly placed in the north-east corner of the Lodge, the joining point of darkness and light.

The Corner-Stone, as the foundation on which the entire building is supposed to rest, is, of course, the most important stone in the whole edifice. You, my Brothers as Entered Apprentices are the most important Brothers here, for you are the Master Masons of tomorrow. We, the Craft are charged with giving you all our knowledge of Masonry that you are qualified to receive. And I stress the word, QUALIFIED, for if you never become qualified the teachings of Masonry will die with us. You are charged with, first becoming qualified to receive this knowledge, second with receiving this knowledge, and third and most important seeing that only those duly qualified receive it from you. In this manner the teachings of Masonry have been preserved over the ages. As the Corner-Stone of Masonry you are the link between the ones of us that have the knowledge and the ones that will come to Masonry in the future to find the knowledge. This is why you are placed in the north-east corner of the Lodge as the Corner-Stone of Masonry.

My, Brothers, I have explained to you on three different levels why you are in the north-east corner; Mentally, Physically, and Spiritually. Masonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. We will give you the allegory and the symbols, but only of your own free will and accord through your own desire will you be able to remove the veils.

Brethren take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly. Look well to the East.

## A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE GRAND MASTER

August 17, 2011

Dear Brother:

In a few short weeks, Masons from all over the state of California will gather together at our beautiful temple on Nob Hill in San Francisco for the 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication. Many of our Masters and Wardens are already planning to attend. You may be also. If not, I am writing to invite you to attend this event.

On Friday, September 23, the formal opening and business session of Grand Lodge for Brethren only begins at 1:00 p.m. The session should be concluded by 5:00 p.m. Friday evening is a free night to explore San Francisco.

The business session will continue beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning. We will break for lunch at from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and finish our business in the afternoon. My wife, Linda, has planned a Ladies Tea at the historic Fairmont Hotel for all ladies on Saturday. The tea starts at noon and will conclude by 2:00pm. The ladies are then free to explore Union Square, the Embarcadero, and the Ferry Building or relax for the remainder of the afternoon. The dress for the ladies luncheon is "dressy casual." Saturday night, it will be our pleasure to welcome you to *A Fair to Remember*, a banquet with a county fair theme open to all Masons and their families, which will be held in the Grand Ball Room of the San Francisco Marquis Marriott. A social will be held at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. The dress is business casual.

Public Ceremonies will be held on Sunday starting at 9:30 a.m. The Grand Chaplain will provide an inspirational message. We will then hear remarks from the leaders of our Youth Orders. After a brief interlude, the Installation of Officers will take place at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception.

Your lodge may also be among those that decide to plan a lodge or district event in addition to those on the formal schedule. Lodge or district breakfasts, receptions, and social events during one or more of the days are a good way to make lasting memories and friendships.

You can download extra ticket order forms on [www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org) on the member center/member resources page.

Fraternally,



WILLIAM J. BRAY III



Master Roger Poynts presenting 25-year pins to (L-R) Sheldon Winnick, William Simpson, Roy Couch and Calvin Crawford.



*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](http://www.Masons4Mitts.org)***

*Campaign concludes on **Masons Night** at AT&T Park on Monday, September 12.*

***See You At The Ball Park!***

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