

Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship

Lodge No. 480

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Schedule of Events

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- Jan 3: Stated Meeting & Dinner**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
Social Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- Jan 10: DOSI - 6:30 PM**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
- Jan 17: Planning Meeting & 2nd Degree Practice 6:30 PM**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
- Jan 23: Hall Assn Meeting 6:30 PM**
- Jan 24: Double Second Degree**
Tim Riley & Kevin Moore
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
- Jan 28: Lodge Crab Feed**
Lafayette Community Center
Social 5:30PM, Dinner 6:00 PM
- Mar 17: Casino Royale 6:30 PM**

January 3 Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Fresh caught Tilapia w/ a lemon and dill sauce
Scalloped potatoes
Grilled asparagus
Filoni rolls and butter.
Fisherman salad w/ Italian dressing
Dessert
Vegetarian option made with love

From the East

Many believe the Mayans predicted 2012 would be an epic year and it's hard to believe that the future has arrived.

True to form the Masonic year has gotten off to an epic start with the Installation of new officers, Santa Claus's visit to Acalanes Fellowship's December's stated meeting, and our annual Sweethearts Luncheon.

Sweethearts was a wonderful affair. The food at Stanford's was great, the atmosphere festive and every Sweetheart had a wonderful meal and enjoyable conversation. Several presentation were made, a very touching one by **Phyllis Kalivoda** who presented each Sweetheart with a beautiful hand knitted beret. I believe Phyllis toiled the entire year in there production and it showed the way the ladies were meticulously trying them out. A special presentation was made to **Gini Weis** for her decade long contribution to the Sweetheart correspondence committee, and big thanks to **Kimberly Chamberlain** who graciously agreed to take over those responsibilities. We should all thank the Sweethearts Committee for doing such a great job this year which included **Sweethearts Chair PM Roger Poynts, Jr., Warden Michael Roberts, Jr. Deacon Marion Rogers, Marshall Michael Weiss, and Tiler Bob Smith.**



Our next event will be the Stated Meeting for January where we will in ring the New Year with Dinner and good fellowship on January 3, 2012. We have a special seafood Dinner planned for the evening, so please try to make it out for this special evening. If you need a ride, please give us a call and we will arrange transportation for you.

January is also the month of the AFL Crab Feed. This is our biggest event of the year, and our 2012 Crab Feed is shaping up to be another good one. There is still some time to get your tickets, but do not delay, this event sells out every year. Do not forget to bring those checkbooks, credit cards and cash too. We are going to be having another great Silent Auction Table. There will be something for everyone. If you have not donated yet, there is still time. If you have something for the Silent Auction table, please give the lodge or our Junior Warden Michael Roberts a call. We're going to be having the Wine Tree again too, so bring those bottles of wine to the Crab Feed or drop them off at the January 3rd Stated Meeting.

Lastly, we have several brothers that our ready to be pass to the degrees of Fellowship so preparations are underway for a couple of second degree's in January.

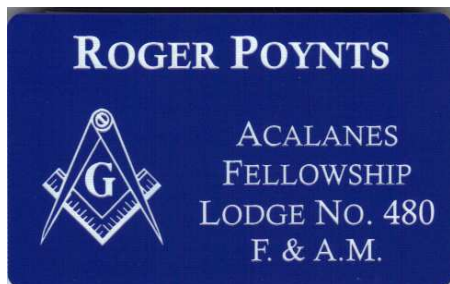
Respectfully,

Worshipful Master

Randy

C. Randall Tolerton

We are presently taking orders for nametags if you need one (see example below). These name tags are designed to slip on to a coat or shirt pocket. They cost \$12 each. Please let Don Hoskins know if you would like him to order one for you. We also have gold color name tags for the ladies at the same price. Let Don know if you're interested.



January 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Brother	Date Raised	Years
Kenneth J. Branch	1/17/2004	7
Scott E. Carter	1/30/1971	39
Jack Chudley	1/28/1948	62
William Hockenberry, Jr.	1/1/1947	64
Robert W. Pearson	1/23/1951	59
Val Rodrigues	1/17/1984	27
Otis Simonsen	1/29/1963	47
Timothy L. Wilbur	1/17/2004	7



Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480



2012 Crab Feed

January 28th, 2012

Lafayette Community Center

500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette, CA

5:30 PM—Social, Silent Auction

6:30 PM—Dinner

Order your tickets today!

Email: RSVP@acalanes.org

www.acalanes.org/functions.htm

- Adult Crab & Pasta: \$40 ea.
- Adult Steak & Pasta: \$40 ea.
- Adult Crab, Steak & Pasta: \$50 ea.
- Child Crab & Pasta: \$15 ea. (Children under 12)

Reservations made after January 10, 2012 will be charged an additional \$10, if we are able to accommodate you. We're encouraging early reservations so we can plan properly.

New Exciting Silent Auction Items!!



Call for 2012 Crab Feed Silent Action Donations!

Contributions are now being accepted for the silent auction for the 2012 Crab Feed. Silent auction donations range in price from \$15 to \$250, although any amount is always welcome!

To make your donation of one of the amounts above or a general contribution, please visit website at <http://www.acalanes.org/crabfeed.htm> to make a donation with a credit card or you may also mail a check made out to: Acalanes Fellowship #480, 606 Sitka Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Auction Item Donation Suggestions: Framed pictures, tools, electronics, gift baskets, etc.

Host a Dinner at Your house: Host Dinner for 4 to 6 people have some fellowship and best of all it helps the lodge. Cook your favorite meal (Pasta, Steak, Fish or Family special)

Complimentary Airline tickets/cabin rental/usage: if you have a can donate any of these items, we would appreciate your contribution.

Complimentary entertainment tickets: If you are a season ticket holder for the arts or sports team, we would appreciate a donation of two or more tickets to a performance or other event.

Professional services: Are there services that you provide in your business that can be donated? Services would include: complimentary tax consultation or tax preparation; complimentary hair or beauty services, auto services, home improvement services, etc.

Wine for a wine tree: We will auction a wine tree at the Crab Feed, please bring a bottle of wine to add to the tree!

Officer's Cake's for desert: Acalanes Officer's will be baking cakes to be bid on after meal.

There are many ways to help. If you have an item or service that you would like to donate, please contact

Michael Roberts at mjzroberts@att.net or call him at (925) 829-3171 (home) or (510) 559-7380 (work). Larger items will not be brought to event. We can arrange for pick up and delivery afterwards.

Please call ahead and provide a min bid price, market value and if possible email a picture of the item before you bring it.

Good Counsel

As Masons we are supposed to look out for each other's welfare. This includes giving good counsel to a brother and in a friendly manner trying to change his behavior when you think it needs to be reformed. I feel compelled to try and accomplish this task, utilizing our Trestleboard to address as many brothers as I can at the same time.

Brethren, our Lodge is experiencing a serious problem with the way some of us make reservations and RSVP for our stated meeting dinners and other Lodge social events. Some of our brothers show up for a dinner or an event without making a reservation. Worse yet, some of us make a reservation, then don't show up and don't pay. This creates a headache for the brethren that organize the dinner or event for our Lodge. It also puts our Lodge in an adverse situation because we embarrass ourselves and waste money when we don't have an accurate headcount.

There is a simple solution to this problem; be considerate and responsible for your actions. If you plan to go to a stated meeting dinner or other event, make a reservation and pay for it in a timely manner, preferably ahead of time. If you are unable to attend after making a reservation, let the organizers know as soon as you can. You are obligated to pay for your reservation if you do not give adequate notice. Refunds can be made in some circumstances at the discretion of the organizers.

Brethren, we all need to do this because it is the right thing to do for our Lodge and ourselves.

**Fraternally,
Tom Riley**

Roger Poynts' Retiring Master's Speech

December 3, 2011

I would like to welcome all of you to the Acalanes Fellowship Installation of Officers Ceremony for the 2012 Masonic Year. It's good to see such a strong turnout of brethren, family and friends.

Time certainly goes by quickly.....and it doesn't seem like it's been a year since I last stood before you in this lodge, but it has.....

Last year I set a few goals for the lodge.....Now it is time to review the effectiveness of that plan. Our first goal was to reinforce the lodge with a sense of community.....and I believe we've made significant progress in that area this year.

We've increased attendance at our Stated Meetings, Dinners, Degrees and other events. We elected new members and we raised new Master Masons. In short, we've been blessed with a very active, vibrant lodge.

Our Lodge Officers, Hall Association Board Members and Brethren All have worked hard this year. They met this challenge not only by providing good food and fellowship at all our events, but also by bringing members, families and guests to our Lodge to hear several excellent presentations on Stated Meeting night.

Here's a short recap of this year's events:

January started the year off with our Annual Crab Feed. We had 153 members and guests in attendance and raised over \$3,700 for our fraternal activities.

- In February, our good **Brother Victor Lawhorn** treated us to an audiovisual presentation of our very own **Worshipful Phil McAleister's** installation as Venerable Master of the San Francisco Scottish Rite.
- At our youth appreciation night in March, we were treated to an excellent exemplification of both the Rainbow Girls' and Jobs Daughters' work.
- Also, in March our Hall Association hosted the 1st Annual Casino Night at our lodge. It was well attended and a huge success.....and it contributed about \$1,200 in much needed funds for our building's repair and maintenance.
- In April, Brother Dick Kellogg made an excellent presentation on Masonic Education where we learned that Masonry has always been an integral part of public education in the United States and throughout the world.
- In May we heard from two local school teachers, **Laura Wilson** and **Anne Marshall**, who gave us insight into their vocation and told us why they decided to become teachers.
- At our Constitutional Observance Warm-up in June, we treated to an inspirational speech on the Constitution and Bill of Rights by local high school senior **Anastasia Kaiser**. She is an excellent speaker and her presentation was enjoyed by all in attendance.
- In July at our Rusty Trowel and 25-Year Award Night, I had the privilege of making several 25-year award presentations.....and, as brethren became available throughout the year, I made several more. As of today, we have presented a total of 22.....25-year awards in recognition of our Brethren's continued service to the craft.
- Then in August we heard another excellent presentation from the Rainbow Girls Assembly No.15 during which they explained the colors of their flag and the symbolism of their order.
- At our September Constitutional Observance night, **Brother Victor Lawhorn** gave us to his unique theatrical interpretation of various constitutional axioms. He brought a civil war era coat and hat, but due to his having now joined the ranks of us more "full figured" masons, they were used as props rather than a costume.....but his presentation was excellent none the less.
- Also in September, our Hall Association hosted the 1st Annual Maryland Crab Fest at our lodge which raised about \$1000 for building maintenance and repairs. The event was well attended by family and friends, and after a little socializing, the karaoke songs were almost recognizable.
- In October, **Worshipful Kenneth Owen** presented 50 Year Recognition Awards to **Bros. Chandler Eason, William Glueck, George Konstatopoulos, and Fred Lezak** at our lodge. We had an excellent turnout and it was extremely gratifying to see our lodge room packed with so many family and friends.
- Also in October, we learned about the "Raising A Reader" program from **Angie Bush** who is its National Manager of Institutional Relations. The program's goal in furthering childhood literacy is not only this year's Grand Master's project, but it is also a truly worthy cause in which to be involved.
- November brought our Annual Election of Officers and Directors. There was an excellent turnout that night, and I'm proud to say we had about 50 people for dinner and a lodge room full of Brethren attending the meeting. It's been a busy year.

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(Roger Poynts Retiring Master's Speech continued)

The second goal last year was to improve our understanding of Freemasonry. Progress on this subject is a little hard to quantify since it is a life-long endeavor, but I feel we made some significant advancements during the year.

- The primary way in which we impart knowledge is by passing on our basic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth through ritual at our degrees. However, to do so requires new members to keep the process moving. To those ends, we were blessed this year with 6 new Applicants for Degrees and 2 for Affiliation.
- The primary function of our lodge is to make Masons. In doing so, we pass on lessons through allegory at degree ceremonies with the ultimate goal that each new Mason will become a better man. And I'm proud to say that our excellent Degree Teams conferred 17 degrees this year.....6--1st, 6--2nd and 5--3rd Degrees.
- This year our Degree Work was done by the best ritualists I could find. Our Degree Teams consisted of Lodge Officers, Past Masters, and several very talented Brethren. My primary focus was to insure that each candidate had the very best Degree Ceremony that we could produce. And many thanks goes to all those who contributed their time and effort in making our Degree Ceremonies some of the finest in the land.
- I want to extend a very special thanks to **Worshipful Tom Riley** who was our go to 3rd Degree Master, and to our officer's coach, **Worshipful Tom Kilgallen**. Both men volunteered endless hours and were instrumental in improving our ritual work and making this a very successful year for our lodge.

Lastly, like all Masters who have come this way before, I want the Lodge to be a better place when I leave this Oriental Chair.

Hopefully, I've made that happen, but only time will tell. For we are judged by our acts not our hopes.....It's what people remember that really counts.

Consequently, we must remind ourselves to forever act and walk as a Just and Upright Mason.....for you will never know when you will be judged.....Every day we must convince the world that we have become better men.....Our job is never truly done.

In the tasks of our everyday world, Masons are taught how to govern their lives and actions according to the moral dictates of the craft, and the three Masonic Virtues.....Faith, Hope, and Charity. That is our true purpose and our minimum standard of excellence.

As leaders in our communities, innovators, and above all men of honor, we must never lose sight of these virtues. As Freemasons, we are recognized by our government and actions alone. We meet on the Level.....We act by the Plumb.....and.....We part on the Square. So shall it forever be.....

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Master of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge No. 480 this year, and I wish you all the best the future can bring.

Thank you,

Roger L. Poynts, Master—2011

Brother Leonard Love has moved to Idaho

Brother Leonard Love and his wife, Lela, have sold their Rossmoor home and relocated to an assisted living facility in Boise, Idaho, to be closer to their immediate family. Their new address is 5277 Kootenai Street, Apartment 15, Boise, Idaho, 83705.

Leonard is a retired officer from the Oakland Fire Department. He was raised as a Master Mason in Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 on November 24, 1992, when he was only 74 years old. Our brother may have come to Masonry late in his life but he certainly made up for the lost time. Leonard was a line officer in the 1990's until he had to step down as Senior Warden due to a health setback. Always exemplary in ritual work, he served in the Master's chair during the conferral of many of our Lodge degrees. Leonard is also a Hiram Award recipient and served as the assistant officer's coach of our Lodge for a number of years. He was also Worthy Patron of Lafayette Chapter #571, Order of the Eastern Star.

Brethren that have been privileged to know Leonard, recognize that he truly exemplifies temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. Leonard was a tremendously loyal friend and work-out buddy to our departed Brother Ollie Thomas. Roy Beitelshees, Bob Haile, Tom Riley and other brethren who experienced Leonard's warm demeanor and friendship first-hand will dearly miss it.

Any brethren that want to stay in touch with Leonard should drop him a line at the above address or call him on the telephone at (208) 859-1149. Speaking with Leonard on the telephone is problematic these days due to his severe hearing deficit, but Lela is there with him to help. I know that both of them would very much appreciate a card or note from their Masonic friends.

Submitted by Tom Riley, PM

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