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From the East

As I begin writing "From the East", the lodge is diligently preparing for our Annual Crab Feed. The Chairman of this year's event is **SW Brad Rupert**, who from the 'get go' has done an excellent job organizing and managing the Crab Feed team. The Crabfeed is the most important fundraiser of the year and is always a very memorable event.



JW Michael Roberts, along with Pacific Auction, has been working hard in collecting the various silent auction items that I'm sure you will enjoy. **Brothers Marion Rogers and Bob Smith** are again preparing to cook the steaks. **Brother Tim Wilbur and PM Roger Poynts** will employ their unique expertise in organizing the adult beverage section. **SS Oscar Dryden** has jumped right in this year and is sourcing, purchasing, and leading the preparation of the crab. As always, **Yvonne Reynolds** and Bethel 247 will be our servers – they always do a superb job in serving dinner and bringing merriment to the event.

It must not go without saying that the success of our Annual Crabfeed is due to the kind generosity of all the Brethren, their families and our friends who donate items and time, work behind the scenes, or simply participate in the festivities that make each year's Crab Feed an overwhelming success.

In addition, the lodge hosted our first District Officer's School of Instruction January 10th. In my absence, **SW Brad Rupert** did a superb job representing all our members. **JW Michael Roberts** did an excellent job spearheading the presentation, reception and meal preparation for the visiting Brothers from Orinda and Bay Cities Lodges.

On January 17th, our first planning meeting of the year and 2nd degree practice was well attended. The planning part of meeting focused on several upcoming events:

On Tuesday February 7th the lodge will begin the month with our Stated Meeting theme "Sweetheart's and Family Night" in celebration of the impending Valentine's Day.

On Saturday March 17th we will hold our 2nd Annual Casino Night to be chaired by **SS Oscar Dryden** with the assistance of **SW Brad Rupert and Brother Victor Lawhorn**. The Lodge Casino Night, you may notice, is on St. Patrick's Day. It is from 6:30 PM to 10:10 PM. I'm sure you won't want to miss a chance to dress up like a leprechaun. Tickets will be \$30.

Finally, on Tuesday January 24, we conducted a double 2nd degree ceremony for **Brothers Kevin C. Moore and Tim Riley**, happily increasing the number of candidates in line to receive their 3rd degrees. Many thanks to our excellent degree team and **PM Tom Riley** for an outstanding degree and flawless charge.

All in all, we're off to a busy year.

Fraternally,

Randy, Worshipful Master

C. Randall Tolerton

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Schedule of Events

(www.acalanes.org)

- Feb 7: Stated Meeting & Dinner Sweethearts & Family Night**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
Social Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- Feb 21: DOSI - 6:30 PM**
Bay Cities; 1st Degree
- Feb 27: Hall Assn Meeting 6:30 PM**
- Feb 28: Planning Meeting & 2nd Degree Practice 6:30 PM**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
- Mar 17: Casino Night 6:30 PM**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge

February 7 Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Candolini Crepes served with a white sauce

Asparagus Risotto

Italian Salad

Chef's selection of Dessert

Paradise Park

Paradise Park consists of 138 acres located in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains, approximately three miles from the heart of the City of Santa Cruz. The Park was established in 1924 for the purpose of purchasing a tract of land so that Masons could bring their families camping in the summer as well as on weekends and holidays. From this humble beginning, many Masons have made improvements to their properties to provide permanent residential facilities.

The Park is administered by the Paradise Park Masonic Club, a non-profit corporation with bylaws that require an applicant for membership be a Master Mason in good standing for no less than six months. Membership is also open to members of Eastern Star.

This article is presented for your information. We have no connection with this project.

February 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Brother	Date Raised	Years
Philip J. Christie	2/19/2011	1
Gaylord L. Davis	2/16/1953	59
Chandler S. Eason, Jr.	2/16/1961	51
Thomas W. Frutiger	2/23/1960	52
Kenneth D. Furlow	2/3/1949	63
Brian O. James	2/25/2003	9
Clyde D. Miller	2/28/1950	62
Robert W. Newsted	2/3/2005	7
David M. Shull	2/21/1967	45
Gearld W. Walker	2/28/1989	23
David G. Wheeler	2/24/1987	25



2nd Degree Ceremony, January 24, 2012 Kevin Moore and Tim Riley were Passed.

1st Row (L-R): Bob Smith, Randy Tolerton, Kevin Moore, Tim Riley, Brad Rupert, Marion Rogers. Back Rows (L-R): Mark Williams, Michael Roberts, Garth Korwin, Gary Sparks, Tom Riley, Michael Weis, Don Hoskins, Jeff Boschert, Jack Kalivoda, Oscar Dryden

Join Us for Casino Night 2012



Acalanes Fellowship Lodge No. 480

When: St. Pat's Day!! Saturday March 17, 2012
Doors Open at 6:30 PM for happy half hour
Casino Opens from 7:10—10:10 PM

Dress: Diamonds or Denim (Formal to Jeans)

Where: Acalanes Lodge #480, Lafayette, CA
Corner of Brook St. & Moraga Road

Tickets: \$30 per adult

Pay online at www.acalanes.org/functions.htm with small service fee or

Send Email to: RSVP@Acalanes.org or Call Reservation#: (800) 419-0819 ext. 2

Then Mail Check to: Acalanes Fellowship, P O Box 1, Lafayette, CA 94549

The evening includes a night of casino games, appetizers, open bar and extraordinary raffle prizes.

****New Horse Race Game this year!!!**

****New high roller table hosted by the master!!**

Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Wheel of fortune, Chuck-of-luck, high roller table.

It's not a gamble the way we play—just pay your money and you'll be guaranteed a fun time. Who knows you may win a great prize.

Organizers:

Oscar Dryden- Chairman (925-765-5797) Tom Riley PM (925-798-4658) Brad Rupert (925-274-1405) Victor Lawhorn (510-504-6043)

****Note:** This is not tax deductible, proceeds to benefit the Acalanes Lodge fund.

Meet Brother Robert Lind Smith

Robert Lind Smith was born on September 16, 1937 at Peralta Hospital in Oakland, California. Bob was an only child raised by his dad, Jack, as his mother, Mildred, passed away when he was only eleven years of age. Jack taught Bob to hunt, fish, use tools, repair cars, and to be a kind, honorable and dependable person.

Bob attended Clausen and Glenview Elementary Schools, Oakland High School, the University of California and San Francisco State College where he received his Bachelors Degree and Teaching Credential. Over the years he continued his education at Cal State in Hayward and Sacramento, Cal Western in San Diego, and Mills College in Oakland.

Bob was a member of Oakland Chapter of DeMolay. He got to know his future wife, Sharon, at DeMolay and Job's Daughters functions. They married five years later.



He has had many jobs beginning in high school working at the California Poultry Company, Diamond Delicatessen and the City of Oakland. While in college he worked for S&H Green Stamps, the U.S. Postal Service and continued with the City of Oakland.

Specialist Smith completed his military obligation in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Ord, Fort Lewis, and Fort Hunter Liggett.

Bob was employed by Oakland Unified School District for more than 33 years. He was an elementary school teacher, head teacher, a teacher on special assignment for federal and state programs, a mathematics coordinator for elementary school mathematics programs, and school principal.

After retiring from the school district he expanded his painting and decorating business to full-time and worked in the tri-valley for twelve more years.

Currently Bob volunteers as chairperson for the Children's Emergency Food Bank located in Dublin. The Food Bank serves the Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, and Danville areas. The clients receive food and gift cards (for perishables) six times a year and a large supply of food at Christmas time. He is also very busy with the activities of John Knox Presbyterian Church where he met Brother Masons Marion Rogers, Chan Eason and Michael Roberts.

Bob's other interests include fishing (especially in Alaska), deer and duck hunting (however, not very successfully), being a faithful fan of the Oakland Raiders, San Francisco 49ers, San Jose Sharks, Oakland A's and the San Francisco Giants. Many years ago, Bob and Sharon spent every Saturday night during the summer months at the stock car races in Pacheco (Sun Valley Shopping Center now stands on the site of the race track).

Sharon and Bob celebrated their 50th Anniversary last March. They are proud parents of Laurie DeSanti and her husband Tony and children Ryan, Gabrielle and Isabella of San Ramon, and their son Craig and his wife Tan and their children Savannah and Danika who live in San Tan Valley, Arizona.

The Smiths have traveled to Hawaii, Tahiti, Europe, Alaska, Canada, East Coast USA, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and recently to Branson, Missouri. Plans are in the works to see more of our wonderful country. They also want to spend more time at their home at Lake Tahoe and be more active in our lodge and church.

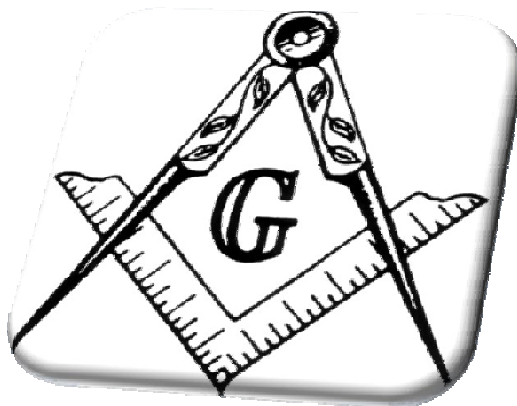


These brothers have joined the Hall Association this year. They are (L-R): Michael Weis, Fred Lezak, Bob Smith and Mark Williams. Michael has previously served for 6 years and comes back after a year's reprieve.

Meet The Masons

*East Bay Lodges Invite Masons and
Coast Guard Island Staff to
An Introductory Evening of Dining, Toasts and Fellowship*

*Saturday Evening
March 31, 6 PM
Point Welcome Room
Coast Guard Island*



*Buffet Dinner
Festive Board
Toasts
Introductory Speakers*

Masons Dress Code: Black Tie or Dark Suit.

Masons Ticket Cost \$20

Coast Guard Island regulations prohibit money collected on site.

Tickets and registration are only available from your Lodge, or by mail.

For admission to C. G. Island, regulations require all civilian attendees names to be listed at the Front Gate, by March 21, so purchase your tickets before the 21st.

Questions: Randy Tolerton email: randyt_2000@yahoo.com

For ticket, and admission to C. G. Island, include you name and address, if it is not already on your check, and make your \$20 check payable to: Acalanes Fellowship Lodge No. 480. Mail check to: Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480, P.O. Box 1, Lafayette, CA 94549

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