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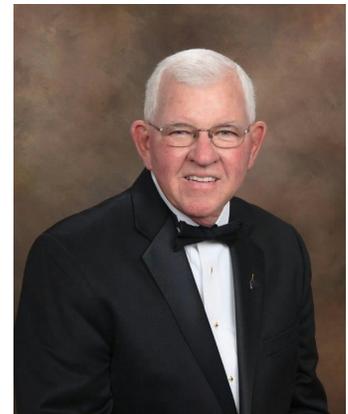
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From the East - *Worshipful Marion P. Rogers, Master*

What are the benefits of being a Mason? There are many answers to that question and I must confess that I am still learning. One that first comes to mind is the relationships with others that are developed over time. The foundations of Masonry were developed in such a way that if one immerses himself in the teachings and applies them to his daily life, the opportunity is there to grow and experience something beyond measure.



It is an honor and a privilege to serve as Master of a Lodge. The responsibilities are enormous and the tasks can be somewhat prodigious. At the same time support of the fraternity is awe-inspiring and equal to the task. I recently had the opportunity to attend a Masters and Past Masters Association Conference and it meant a lot to know that support of all the members is there for the asking.

As Master of the Lodge, I've taken the opportunity to attend some of the youth orders installations and initiations. I must tell you that Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls are most impressive as they demonstrate their memory work, leadership, poise and speaking skills. I encourage all of you to support these and other youth organizations, and also to encourage your children and grandchildren to challenge themselves and get involved.

I thought the Crab Feed held in late January was very enjoyable. Your support of the fraternity and the hard work of our members made for a very successful event. It takes a lot of planning and

execution by many people to put on an event of this magnitude. Thank you all for your support and especially to our overall coordinator, Senior Warden Harry Burt.

Last Saturday we held our annual Sweethearts Valentine's Luncheon. It was great to see so many of you there and we missed those of you who could not attend. We are especially grateful for the support and love given by our Sweethearts throughout the year. Thank you Brother Bob Strohmeyer for your work in making the event successful.

On May 14 we will be celebrating Most Worshipful Alvin Weis' 50 years in Masonry. Our beloved Brother was Grand Master of Masons for the State of California in the year 2000. The 50th anniversary ceremony will be held at the Masonic Homes in Union City beginning at 4:00 PM, followed by dinner. Please reserve the date on your calendars.

From the West *-Harry G P Burt, Senior Warden*

The annual crab feed is an event that pulls the whole lodge and its friends together, and this year was no exception. Brethren and friends we see infrequently mixed with the regulars and everyone caught up on news of the Lodge and the Fraternity.

There was a time when it seemed the crab feed might not even be possible, and so we made a number of changes in our approach. In the uncertainty of supply we changed suppliers where we found not only crab, but possibly among the best we have ever had. We sought an alternative to the auction company we had used, before finally reverting to auctioning donated articles of incredibly good quality and variety. We are most grateful to both donors and buyers for making the silent auction so good. In fact I would venture to say that our buyers ran out of money before they ran out of things they wanted to buy!



Between the Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol donation from their raffle, the silent auction, the officers cakes, wine trees and the feed itself, we netted around \$6,700 after all expenses. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of many friends and brothers who handled reservations, the silent auction, the raffle, set-up, kitchen duties, and so much more. Finally, we were able to donate over \$630 to the Job's Daughters Bethel #247 who served the meal.

From the Secretary's Desk *-Fred Lezak, Secretary*

This month marks the first of several months wherein one or more of our brothers will achieve their 50th year in masonry. This is quite an achievement. It would be an even better event if we had a full house to honor these brothers. Please watch these pages and look for special notices announcing the date of the presentation and plan to attend. I personally look forward to welcoming these brothers to the Golden Veterans group.



I will continue to send member surveys by email throughout the months of February and March. When you receive yours, please complete it ASAP and return it to me. This effort is important for the lodge to assure that we are able to stay in contact with our members.

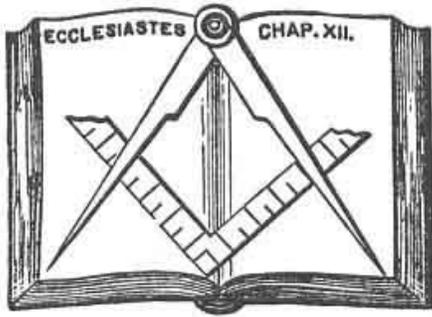
As always, I call for all brothers to attend our stated meetings. I am certain you will find a warm welcome, a wonderful evening of fellowship and fun and perhaps even learn more about what Acalanes Fellowship Lodge is all about. Worshipful Master Rogers has a full program for the year. The future has more masonic education, Kentucky Derby Day at the Races, a Hawaiian night and much more. If you need a ride, please call me at (925) 360-4328 and I will arrange it for you. We really want you back and I know you will be glad you came.

Treasurer's Note *-Mark Williams, Treasurer*

In addition to my duties as Treasurer for the lodge, I also serve on the East Bay Public Schools Advisory Council, a Grand Lodge committee. On Friday, April 22, at 8AM, there will be a program at Sankofa Academy in Oakland demonstrating our fraternity's commitment to public education and showcasing some of the amazing achievements at a local public school that is benefitting from Masonic programs and support. Sankofa Academy is a pre-K through grade 8 school with a vision to empower students to achieve at a very high level, overcoming some of the disadvantaged backgrounds that many students face. I assure you it will be an inspiring and enjoyable event and encourage all Masons and spouses to attend. I have committed to bringing at least 10 brothers from Acalanes Fellowship Lodge... more would be great!

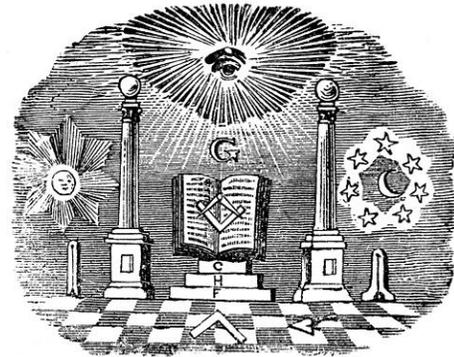


Mark your calendars for Friday, April 22 and join us for this great event! More information and logistics will follow as we get closer to the date.



3rd Degree Anniversaries

Name	Raised	Years a MM
Charles A. Page	3/25/1947	69
Frank F. Ransome	3/17/1947	69
Walter J. Moser	3/11/1958	58
George Atashkarian	3/12/1962	54
Ralph W. Runckel	3/22/1966	50
Nicholas M. Bloisa	3/19/1977	39
Brainard Platt	3/22/1977	39
William J. Haynes	3/30/1978	38
Donald H. Freitas, PM	3/24/1979	37
Arne Simonsen, PM	3/27/1984	32
Roger C. Burt	3/24/1987	29
Alan J. Mac	3/28/1987	29
Brian R. Flannery	3/19/1998	18
Bradley O. Rupert, PM	3/18/2003	13
Scott D. Haile	3/16/2004	12
Dennis P. Rodgers, PM	3/23/2004	12
Gary D. Sparks, PM	3/7/2009	7

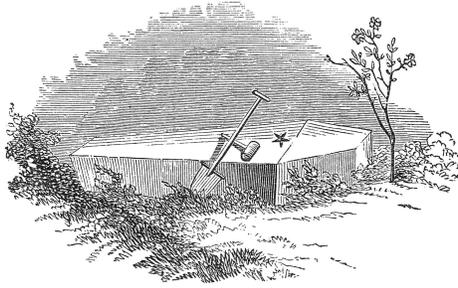


March Birthdays

Please join us in wishing our brethren very happy birthdays this month.

Brainard Platt	March 1
Clinton J. Jossey	March 4
Robert W. Pearson	March 5
Brian O. James	March 6
Orren C. Rupert, PM	March 6
Alvin J. Weis, PGM	March 6
David B. Stickney	March 7
Herman L. Zeller	March 9
Marvin J. Kay	March 10
Peter A. Peterson	March 13
Alan J. Mac	March 15
Frederic S. Schachtman	March 16
Larry W. Woods, PM	March 16
Jon M. Haynes	March 20
Marion P. Rogers, WM	March 21
Kenneth J. Branch	March 22
Johannes G. Peters, M.D.	March 25
Allan L. Casalou, PM	March 29

In Memoriam



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

Donald A. Pauli

July 23, 1947 - November 20, 2015
Initiated: September 10, 1968
Passed: October 26, 1971
Raised: November 30, 1971
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Calvin K. Crawford

November 5, 1927 - January 21, 2016
Initiated: March 18, 1975
Passed: August 19, 1975
Raised: October 25, 1975
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Conrad K. Larson

November 19, 1944 - December 31, 2015
Initiated: March 28, 1978
Passed: June 20, 1978
Raised: October 08, 1978
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William S. Glueck

March 14, 1927 - January 30, 2016
Initiated: April 13, 1961
Passed: May 25, 1961
Raised: August 17, 1961
50 Year Award: October 4, 2011
San Leandro #113

Hall Association Report - *Bob Smith, President, Hall Association*

The Hall Association met on Monday January 25, 2016 to elect officers for the 2016 year. The following positions were filled: President Bob Smith, Vice President Harry Burt, Secretary Bill Smith, and Treasurer Brad Rupert. All terms will be for one year.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday February 22, 2016 at 5:30pm in the Social Hall. If you are interested in attending or becoming a member please call either Worshipful Marion Rogers or Bob Smith.

A special reminder for all who signed up for AED and CPR class, that it will be held on Saturday February 27, 2016 from 8:00am to 12:00n in the Social Hall. There is a \$25.00 fee for the class. Completing the class will qualify you for a CPR and AED proficiency certificate.



Starlight News - *Diablo Star Chapter OES*

The Order of the Eastern Star is alive and well in Orinda! We meet @7:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month. You are welcome to join us for pre-meeting activities. **March 14th** is our All Member party and is open to guests. There is a dinner at 6:00 PM where we share news regarding all of the chapters in our district. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Our 1st annual Battle of the Bay - A's vs. Giants - Baseball & Brats simulcast is scheduled for **April 2nd** @ Acalanes Fellowship Lodge. This is sure to be a fun event for the whole family! Bring friends....there will be food, drinks, the game and fun for non-baseball fans - all for a modest ticket price. Check this corner next month for more details.

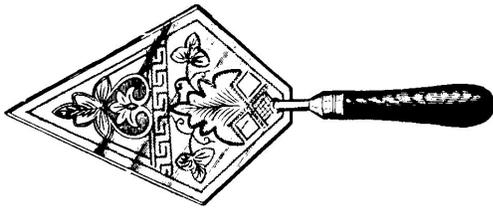
Our Fashion Show and Luncheon is set for **April 10th** @2:00 PM. We hope that you and the women you love are able to join us! More details next month.

Want to know more about Eastern Star or thinking about joining our chapter? Contact Worthy Matron Pamela Lister: pamela.lister@yahoo.com, Worthy Patron Chris Hansford: hansfordclan@yahoo.com or our Chapter Secretary: oes214@gmail.com.



Tu es invité

The French Lodge "LA PARFAITE UNION #17" has invited all Masons to attend two upcoming unique events...



On May 5th in Oakland, the Lodge will perform a 1st degree Initiation. All brethren are invited to attend this unique ceremony. Dinner begins at 6PM and the Lodge will go into work at 7PM.

On June 18, the French lodge will have its annual St John's Banquet according to the old French table ritual at the Basque Cultural Center, in South San Francisco. The festivities will start at 6PM.

Additional details for both events will follow...

Kentucky Derby Day at the Races!!!

Golden Gate Fields Director's Room

Arrival at @ 10:30 a.m.

Buffet hours: 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$100.00 per person

Includes: Valet parking, Turf Club admission, Private Director's Room Suite, daily racing program, Prime Rib Buffet, hosted bar, tax & tip for the food servers and **a race named in honor of our lodge!**



We will be hosting the Most Worshipful Grand Master David Perry at this event!

For more information please contact Junior Warden Michael Roberts
(650) 483-4069 or mjzroberts@att.net

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Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

March 8, 5:30pm
Stated Meeting
Reception at 5:30
Dinner at 6:30

May 7, 10:15am
Day at the Races
Golden Gate Park