

# The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ December 2016

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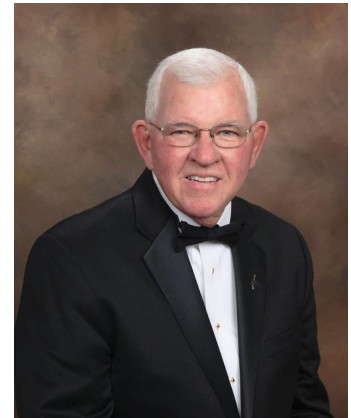
## **F**rom the East *-Worshipful Marion P. Rogers, Master*

My time in the East is almost up. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to be Master of my lodge this past year. I really appreciate all the support the brothers and wives (and especially my wife) have given to me and the lodge. The bond of brotherhood and friendship is truly amazing.

This year has been filled with many highs and lows. We have lost several brothers who have gone on to the celestial lodge above. Our hearts go out to their families and loved ones. Our lodge family has been enhanced by the addition of several new members, either by affiliation or new membership. New members always bring a new excitement to the lodge and gives us an opportunity to renew our spirit as we learn, or relearn, the teachings of masonry as taught in our degree ceremonies.

We started the year off, as we always do, with the Annual Crab Feed in January. The event was very successful and enjoyable. It takes a great effort from many of our brothers to put on such an event but that is something that we really enjoy doing. And the crab always tastes better with the deliciously prepared steaks and clam chowder.

The lodge had two traveling degree ceremonies this year - one at the Outdoor Lodge at the Masonic Homes earlier in the year and one at the Historic Masonic Lodge in Columbia in October. We enjoy performing degrees at our lodge but it's also good to get away sometime and spend time together away from the "office".



In May, we visited Golden Gate Fields for the annual Kentucky Derby Day at the Races. This is always a great event as we gather with friends, eat lots of good food and watch the ponies race around the track.

It was also my privilege to honor Most Worshipful Alvin J. Weis as he celebrated 50 years in Masonry. The celebration at the Masonic Homes in Union City was very apropos as MW Weis spent more than a decade giving his support and expertise to improve the lives of so many who reside at the Homes.

Additionally, this year the Hiram Award was presented to Brother Michael Weis, the son of the Most Worshipful Alvin Weis. Bro. Michael has supported our lodge several years as an officer and director of the Hall Association.

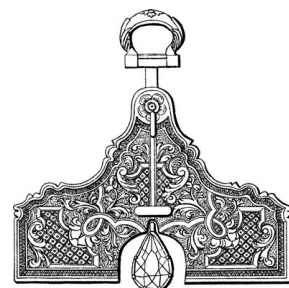
We have an excellent corps of officers selected to lead us in the coming year. Please plan to join us as we install them December 10.

The annual Sweethearts Holiday Luncheon will take place at the lodge December 17 beginning at 11:30. Please plan to join us for lunch and the singing of Christmas Carols.

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

From West to East, to find more light in Masonry

I have heard it said, in the Freemason Magazine no less, that by the time you arrive in the East you will have committed to memory 35,000 words of ritual, equivalent to one and a half times the whole of Shakespeare's Macbeth in language just as arcane. So for someone whose highest prior achievement in memorization was a few campfire songs, to have committed that much to memory by now is pretty amazing. And if I try hard enough I can even recite select portions of all degrees now!

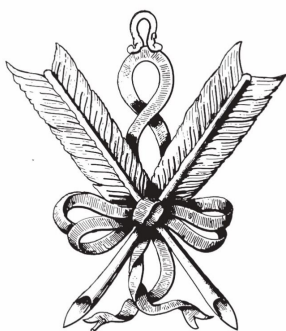


On the way through the line I have learned how the lodge is administered, lessons of value in any career, perhaps more valuable to Mason's in mid-career than to an old stager. Which leads to my point: The degrees which we take are the first clues of the depth and breadth of Masonry, but to make masonry work for you, you have to put in the effort to unearth the underlying lessons. These lessons in life are given every time you take an initiative to make the lodge a better place: As a member of a committee or its leader; Helping the Hall Association with its maintenance work; Leading or helping with a critical event (such as the crab feed); Reaching out to the community; Researching masonry and sharing your erudition with the lodge; and of course getting into the line.

The satisfaction of sharing a talent or learning a new one helps you grow as a person and as a mason and earns that quiet respect of men you yourself respect. Look around you and you will see what I mean.

I realize that time is an issue for everyone, but to all, especially to our new masons, I lay down this challenge: Get involved, stay involved, and make it fun for yourself and all around you. If an old stager like me can benefit, you will be amazed at what it will do for your personal growth, family life and how you approach business.

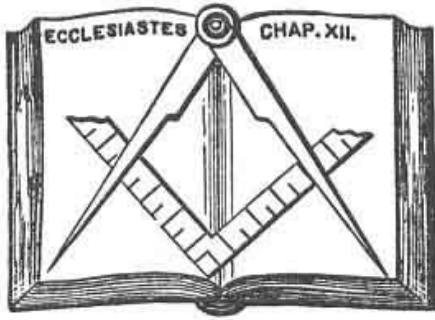
## **From the Secretary's Desk** *-Fred Lezak, Secretary*



I just looked up! The year is ending and here comes the start of a new year. It has been a very successful year. Congratulations to Worshipful Brother Marion and his team of officers. We have three new affiliates and three new members with one open application. There will be new officers and new initiatives. I for one am excited about where the lodge has come from and where it is going. But one thing remains the same. Dues are due. Letters have already gone out to all members who are not Life Members. If you have not received one, please call me at the lodge. Life Member membership cards will be mailed in the first week of December for the 2017 Masonic year. Other membership card will be mailed as dues are received.

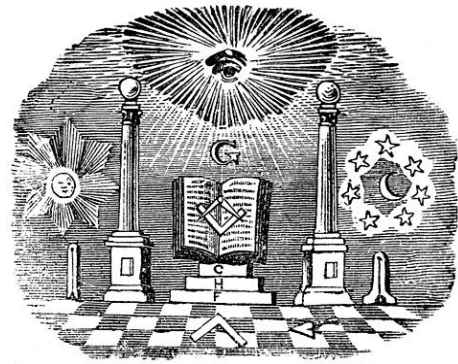
With all that has been happening at the lodge and with all that will be happening you owe it to yourself to come to a meeting if you haven't been for a while. The brotherhood at the stated meeting dinner is wonderful, the ritual work continues to get even better and the meeting themselves are fun. If you know of a brother who cannot make a meeting because they are infirmed or just because they might feel embarrassed, bring them. We miss all of you when you are not here, and want you back.





## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Name	Raised	Years a MM
Robert D. Haile	12/2/1952	64
Roland J. Turk	12/9/1971	45
Jeffrey D. Boschert	12/9/2008	8



## Birthdays

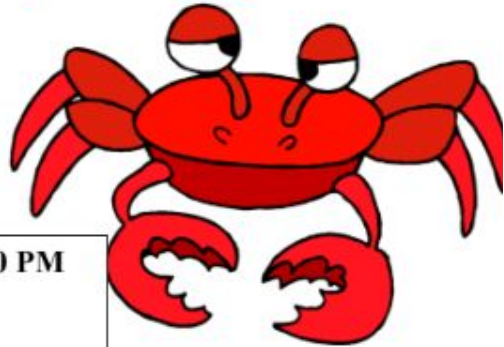
Please join us in wishing our brethren very happy birthdays this month.

Roy Couch	December 1
Roland J. Turk	December 1
William C. Armstrong, PM	December 5
Spencer M. Sealander	December 6
William J. Smith Jr.	December 11
Steven F. Klamm	December 15
Timothy J. Riley	December 21
Brian R. Flannery	December 21
William L. Whitten	December 22
James V. Davey	December 25
C. T. Watson	December 25
Charlie M. Wooten	December 27
Lew Jenkins	December 27
Kishore V. Nath	December 27
Jay B. Williams, PM	December 29
David R. Oyler	December 29
James A. Borup	December 29

# Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

**2017  
Crab  
Feed**

**January  
28, 2017**



**Social / Silent Auction: 5:30 PM**

**Dinner: 6:30 PM**

Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette, CA

**Don't miss our FANTASTIC silent auction prizes, including paintings, sports memorabilia, the wine tree, officers' cakes and more!**

ADULTS:

Crab & Clam Chowder	\$50pp
Steak & Clam Chowder	\$50pp
Crab, Steak & Clam Chowder	\$60pp

CHILDREN (Age 12 & under):

Crab & Clam Chowder	\$25pp
Steak & Clam Chowder	\$25pp
Crab, Steak & Chowder	\$30pp

Dinners include Salad, Clam Chowder, Garlic Bread, and Ice Cream Cups

**Order  
Your  
Tickets  
Today!**

**The Deadline for ordering tickets is January 19.**

**Limited tickets are available, so order early!**

By Check: Make check payable to AFL#480. Send order and payment to Acalanes Fellowship Lodge, PO Box 1, Lafayette, CA 94549

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## Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

**December 6, 5:30 pm**

**Stated Meeting**

Reception at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

**December 10, 4:30 pm**

**Officers' Installation**

Ceremony at 4:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

**December 17, 11:30 am**

**Sweetheart's Luncheon**

Luncheon begins at 11:30 am