

The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ January, 2017

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From the East - *Worshipful Harry G.P. Burt, Master* master@acalanesfellowship.com

To all of you who were able to attend the installation of the new officer line, we thank you. It was an event made so much the better by the skills of the installation team: Worshipful Cary Carlson as the Master of Ceremonies; Worshipful Michael Wilson as the Installing Officer; Worshipful Tom Riley as Chaplain; and Worshipful Bill Stanley as Organist. We officers felt especially privileged to be the focus of so much Masonic talent. I would also like to thank Zimms catering and Bethel 247 Job's Daughters for looking after us so well at dinner, and Nancy Thomas and my daughter Heidi for getting the flowers where they needed to be without drawing blood. And last but not least I want to thank Marion, our retiring Master and his team of stalwarts for getting the lodge and dining room set up.



We now pitch in to a New Year full of significance for our gentle craft. Three hundred years of good men developing themselves to better repair the world that will be enjoyed by their children and grandchildren. And so it is a time to reflect on what we are as people, as Freemasons, and members of our Lodge. The New Year resolutions we all make and most likely break pale into insignificance against the obligations we take as Masons: obligations that bind us to improve ourselves; obligations to our brothers, our families, to society and to God; obligations that force us to dig deep into ourselves and ask whether we are doing the best we can. By these obligations we form a society in which we can all feel "at home" whether we are the high or the low, the rich or the poor,

remembering that Masonry unites us all no matter our country, sect, or opinion and causes true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. Our Lodge fully reflects these ideals.

And so I challenge all of you who can, to attend the upcoming first and third degrees, and renew with the candidates those obligations you once took kneeling at the altar, and recognize again the seriousness of those promises made perhaps so long ago. Promises that you kept and which have made our lodge such a strong bastion of all that is best in Freemasonry. As we celebrate the initiation of Noah Maier on January 17th and the raising of Brother Terry Killgore on February 18th, come and help our degree teams do the best of which they are capable.

From the West -*Michael Roberts, PM, Senior Warden* srwarden@acalanefellowship.com



I look forward to the ensuing Masonic year under the leadership of Worshipful Harry Burt and his excellent core of officers. We are already preparing for a number of 1st degrees and a 3rd degree in the near future. January is also the time of year for our annual Crab Feed!

Here are the details of the event:

Social/Silent Auction begins at 5:30pm with dinner being served at 6:30pm.

A major portion of the fundraising process is the silent auction. We will again have a wide array of silent auction items such as paintings, live event/sports tickets, electronics & gadgets, officer's cakes all of which are gratefully donated by our members and local businesses. If you have any items you would like to donate (new or "lightly used") please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Ticket Prices:

Adults:

Crab & Clam Chowder-\$50pp

Steak & Clam Chowder-\$50pp

Steak, Crab & Clam Chowder-\$60pp

Minors:

Crab & Clam Chowder-\$25pp

Steak & Clam Chowder-\$25pp

Steak, Crab & Clam Chowder-\$30

This event is sure to be a sell out so please [register today](#). You can either pay online (small service fee will apply) OR you can simply hand me a check made payable to AFL #480. In comment section of check please note preference (crab or steak or both). **THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS JANUARY 19, 2017!**

You can also mail your check to:

Michael Roberts, PM
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
PO Box 1
Lafayette CA 94549

I look forward to seeing you all at the BEST CRAB FEED EVER!

From the South *-Robert Strohmeyer, Junior Warden jrwarden@acalanesfellowship.com*



As we enter into the new Masonic year, the officers of Acalanes Fellowship are hopeful that we will see as many of our brethren – and their families – as possible at our stated meeting dinners. We've had excellent turnouts throughout 2016, and we aim to build on that success to produce record turnouts in 2017.

As your Jr. Warden, I'm working hard to ensure that we have a great line-up of dinners and that we make it as easy as possible for everyone to RSVP. In 2016, we rolled out a new events management system called Eventbrite to manage our dinners and events. Despite some initial hiccups, most of our brethren are now benefitting from the system's relative ease of use, and dinners have been going fairly smoothly as a result.

In general, we have two options for RSVPing via Eventbrite:

- 1 - Pay with a credit card on Eventbrite (includes a service fee)
- 2 - Pay cash or check at the door (no service fee required)

For those brethren or ladies who prefer not to use web-based registration, we still offer email and phone options to collect your RSVP. You can email rsvp@acalanes.org, or call our RSVP line at (925) 284-7815 ext. 2 to let us know how many seats you would like us to reserve.

We have a great line-up of dinners scheduled in 2017, once again provided by Zimm's catering, whose meals have been a big hit for the past two years. We're very fortunate to have them lined up again this year, and we hope to see you at our dinners.

From the Secretary's Desk - Fred Lezak, Secretary secretary@acalanesfellowship.com



Here we go with a new masonic year. The most important event from an administrative point of view is the collection of dues for 2017. The response has been most encouraging. Dues cards for those who have paid and for Life Members are being mailed. If you have paid and have not received a card by Christmas, please email me at secretary@acalanesfellowship.com. If you have paid by PayPal, there may be a delay but we will catch up quickly. If you have forgotten, dues will be \$172 for 2017

The new masonic year has begun with a bang. We have two new applications and perhaps more coming. And while it is very gratifying to initiate new brothers into the craft, it is even more gratifying to welcome back brothers who have not attended for a while. We are here the first Tuesday of every month. Fellowship and “meet and greet” from 5:30 to 6:30, dinner from 6:30 to 7:30 and stated meeting from 7:30 on. We have great fellowship, excellent dinners and the ritual just gets better. Come on back. If you need a ride, call me or email me at the address above.

See you at the meeting.

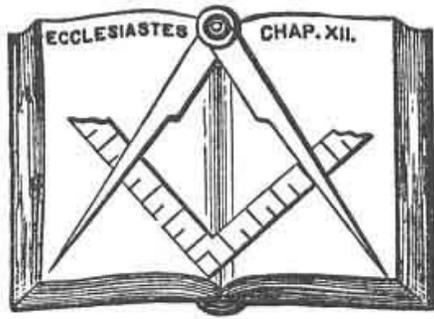
Hall Association Bob Smith, Hall Association President hallassociation@acalanesfellowship.com

With 2016 at its end and 2017 upon us the Hall Association would like to thank all who helped us throughout the year. It was a quick year with no major emergencies. The rentals were good and kept us in the black. Improvements to the lodge were noticeable.

The Hall Association members need to be thanked for the work they did and coming to all those Monday night meetings, especially when your favorite football team was playing on Monday Night Football.

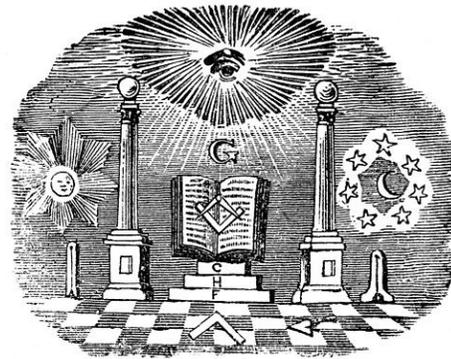
We hope that 2017 will bring improvements to the lodge and there be no major emergencies.

A very happy New Year to all our lodge members, families, and friends.



3rd Degree Anniversaries

Name	Raised	Years a MM
Jack Chudley, PM	1/28/1948	68
Otis Simonsen, PM	1/29/1963	53
Scott E. Carter	1/30/1971	45



Birthdays

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

Serge A. Chemla	January 4
Gary D. Sparks, PM	January 5
Henry L. Hoffman	January 6
David E. Prichard	January 10
Howard L. Strause	January 12
Kevin S. Moore	January 19
Thomas P. Hogan	January 26
David L Kreutzinger	January 30

January Stated Meeting *January 3, 5:30pm*

Please join our newly installed Worshipful Master Harry Burt as he discusses the very exciting events we have lined up for 2017, the year of Masonry's 300th anniversary.

Menu: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Squash w/lemon, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Chocolate Mousse

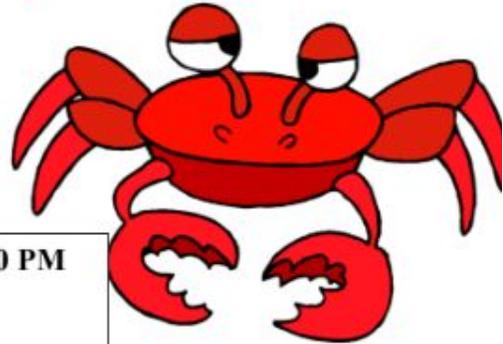
[Click and Register](#)

Alternatively, you may email rsvp@acalanes.org or call (925) 284-7815 to register.

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.

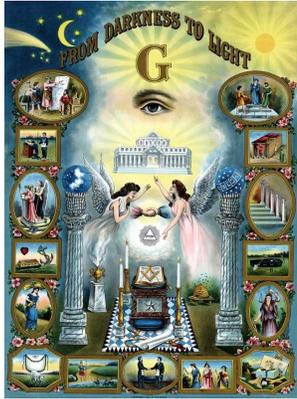
Limited tickets are available, so order early!

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

Online: www.acalanesfellowship.org/events

Email: RSVP@acalanes.org

For more information, contact Michael Roberts at mjzroberts@att.net or 650-483-4069



Upcoming Degrees

***Come help our excellent Ritual
Team***

***INITIATE
Noah Maier***

***Tuesday, January 17th
6:30pm
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge***

***And RAISE
Terry Killgore***

***Saturday, February 18th
9:30am
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge***

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Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

January 3, 5:30 pm

Stated Meeting

Reception at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

January 17, 6:30 pm

First Degree - Noah Maier

January 28, 5:30 pm

Crab Feed

Reception at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

February 28, 9:30 am

Third Degree - Terry

Killgore

Luncheon immediately following

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