

The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ March, 2017

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

We have made a very strong start to the year, with a double first degree straight out of the gate, and a third degree a month later. We have another candidate for initiation, and an application to be voted on in the March Stated Meeting while one or more applicants wait in the wings. We have one more candidate almost ready for his third degree and another for a second degree.

While all this places a major strain on our officers, this is certainly a nice problem to have. How we arrived at this juncture is certainly a long story with many possible interpretations. Over the past seven years I have seen a persistent improvement in our lodge. I saw it in the improvements made in ritual by successive Masters and their Officers. I saw it in the improvements in administration created by successive Masters, Treasurers and Secretaries. I saw it in the improvements to the lodge furniture and fabric by successive Hall Associations. I have seen the contribution of individuals and small groups in the curtains on the Stage, the pillars in the dining room, the remodeling of storage spaces, and many more.

This has all been accompanied by a sense of purpose, confidence and love of the craft that creates an audible Buzz in the dining hall before stated meetings, and increasing numbers of sideliners in our Stated Meetings and Degrees. And before my time the prolonged and agonizing recovery from an epic flood that could have killed the lodge. The enthusiastic development is ongoing and will result



in a new sound system to combat our poor acoustics; and the retirement and replacement of a carpet essential to our second degree.

Time, Patience and Perseverance have kept our lodge going and developing through its ups and downs, just as Freemasonry has through three centuries. And all this allows us to better focus on the essential messages of Freemasonry. Freemasons have focused on Freedom as the essential basis for human development. We hone those freedoms through brotherly love, relief and truth while we bound our passions and desires by the judicious balance of rights and duties. Oh indeed it is a rich tapestry we have inherited, and we are all doing our part in its maintenance and development.

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

March is Masonic Youth Orders Month in California. I am a DeMolay and I know how important that organization was in my development as a young man. DeMolay International, Job's Daughters International and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls are built on the same fraternal values that frame our own lives. Just as Freemasonry inspires each of us to share knowledge and improve society, the three Masonic youth orders guide our young men and women - building leadership skills and confidence; instilling respect, integrity and compassion. We will be having a visitation at our March stated meeting by Worshipful Terry Peters, President of Northern California DeMolay. He will be awarding our own Most Worshipful Alvin Weis his 60th year DeMolay pin.

On a more mundane matter, there still some brothers who have not paid their dues for 2017, I know this fact is hard to believe but it is true. If you have not yet paid dues, please do so now. You can mail them to the lodge at P.O. Box 1, Lafayette, CA. or pay them on line at the Acalanes Fellowship Lodge website. The dues are \$172.00.

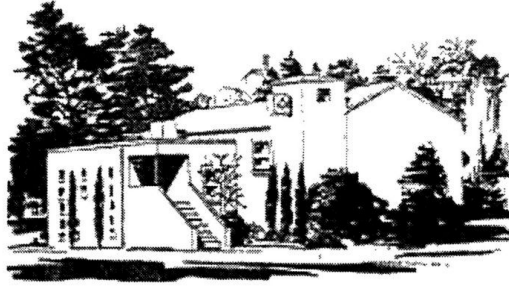
As always, I invite you to our regular stated meeting together with social hour (5:30pm -6:30pm), delicious dinner interesting program (6:30pm - 7:30pm) and business meeting. If you haven't been for a while, you sure have been missing a great time and we miss your presence.

I will see you in lodge.

Hall Association *Bob Smith, Hall Association President* hallassociation@acalanefellowship.com

The Hall Association is pleased to announce the addition of some new and helpful items for our lodge in the near future.

1. A new sound system for our lodge room. The system should be in place within the next few months.
2. New LED lights in the lodge room.
3. New smart phone thermostats for heating and air conditioning. The thermostats have been installed and all we need to do now is learn how to use them.



Please mark APRIL 8, 2017 on your calendars. We will be having a general work day at the lodge from 9:00am to 12:00n. We do need YOUR help for this Spring event.

The next hall meeting will be on Monday April 3, 2017 at 6:00pm.

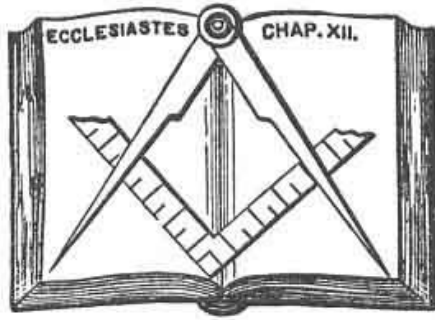
Memorial Service for

Jack Chudley

5/13/1922 - 1/24/2017

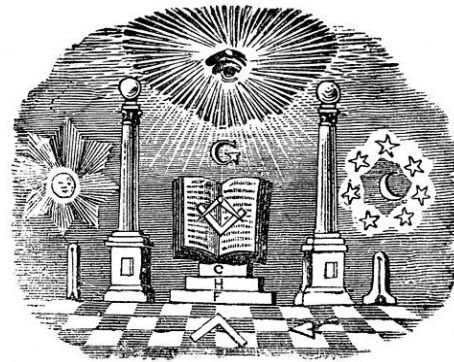
Sunday April 2, 2pm-4pm

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3rd Degree Anniversaries

Name	Raised	Years a MM
Charles A. Page	3/25/1947	70
Frank F. Ransome	3/17/1947	70
Walter J. Moser	3/11/1958	59
George Atashkarian	3/12/1962	55
Ralph W. Runckel	3/22/1966	51
Nicholas M Bloisa	3/19/1977	40
Brainard Platt	3/22/1977	40
William J. Haynes	3/30/1978	39
Donald H. Freitas	3/24/1979	38
Arne Simonsen, PM	3/27/1984	33
Roger G. Burt	3/24/1987	30
Alan J. Mac	3/28/1987	30
Brian R. Flannery	3/19/1998	19
Bradley O. Rupert, PM	3/18/2003	14
Scott D. Haile	3/16/2004	13
Dennis P. Rodgers, PM	3/23/2004	13
Lawrence W. Strohmeier	3/19/2005	12
Gary D. Sparks, PM	3/7/2009	8



Birthdays

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

Brainard Platt	March 1
Clinton J. Jossey	March 4
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, PM	March 21
Johannes G. Peters, M.D.	March 25
Allan L. Casalou, PM	March 29

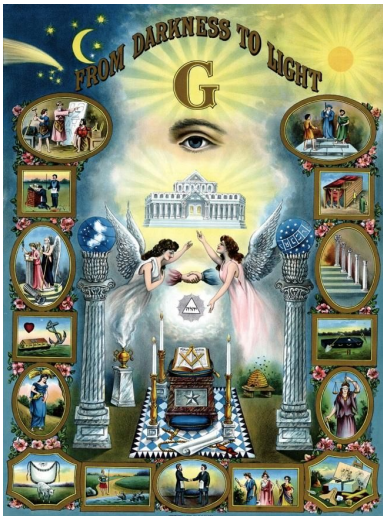
March Stated Meeting *March 7, 5:30pm*

We are pleased to announce that we will be privileged by the presence of Worshipful Terry Peters, President of DeMolay International, California, who will present to Most Worshipful Alvin Weis, his 60 year DeMolay pin. After the presentation Worshipful Peters will say a few words about DeMolay in California, and perhaps suggest how we can support our youth organizations.

Menu: Champagne Chicken, Glazed Carrots, Lemon Orzo, Caesar Salad, Rolls & Butter, Cake

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



Come help our excellent Ritual Team

INITIATE

Leon Zhao

Tuesday, March 21st

6:00 pm

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Cornerstone Ceremony *March 28, 7:00am*



Orinda lodge will host a continental breakfast at 7am on Tuesday March 28th, which will be followed by a Grand Lodge opening. We will then travel to the new fire station on Stone Valley Rd in Alamo via a bus/private vehicles for the Ceremony scheduled for 11:30. We will return to Orinda for a lunch from Worshipful Tom Kavishi's Hickory Pit.



GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

WHERE THE BAY COMES TO PLAY

Friends of AFL #480



Presents....

A Kentucky Derby Day at the Races!!!

When: Saturday May 6, 2017

Where: Golden Gate Fields Directors Room

Time: Please arrive at @ 10:30 a.m.

Gates open at 10:00 a.m.

Buffet hours: 10:30 – 3:00 p.m.

First race: 11:45 p.m.

Cost: \$100.00 per person

Includes: Valet parking, admission & reserved private room, daily racing program, Prime Rib buffet, hosted well bar; tax/tip for the food servers and a race named in honor of our lodge!

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE FOR A BIG WIN!!!

All payments must be received by Tuesday April 4th Stated Meeting

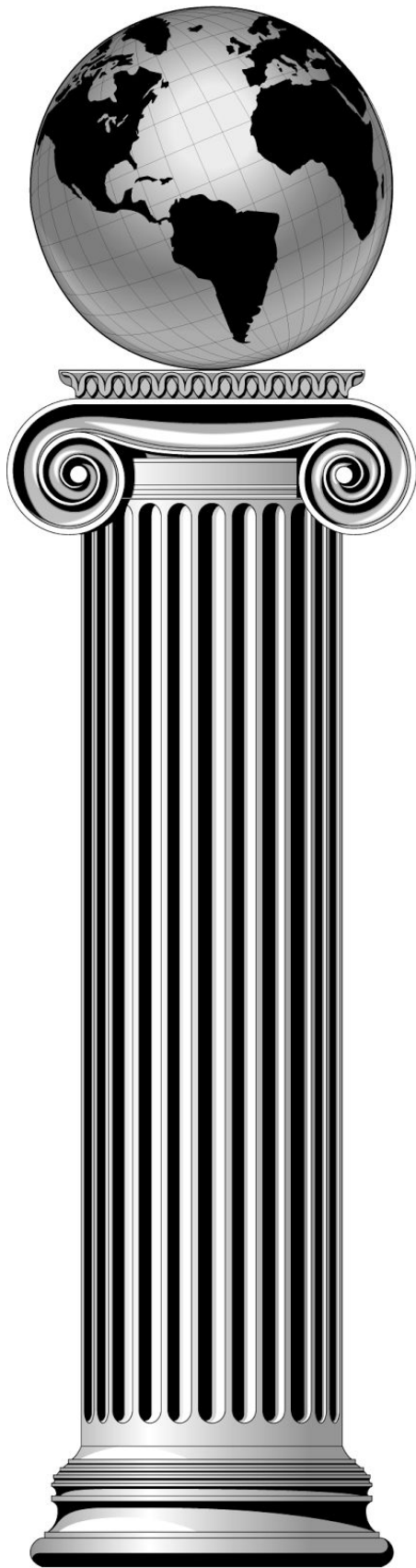
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If paying by check please send to:

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Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

March 7, 5:30 pm

Stated Meeting

Reception at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

March 11, 6:00 pm

Dinner Theatre Party

Dinner at lodge followed by

“Smokey Joe’s Cafe” at Town

Hall Theater

March 21, 6:00 pm

First Degree Ceremony

Initiation of Leon Zhao

March 28, 7:00 am

Cornerstone Ceremony

Breakfast at 7:00am

at Orinda Lodge

Ceremony 11:30 am

at Stone Valley Road, Alamo

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