

The Trestleboard ☉ November 2015

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480, Free & Accepted Masons

November Events

Nov 3, 7:30pm
Stated Meeting
refreshments at 5:30
dinner at 6:30

Nov 14, 6:00pm
Memorial for
Worshipful David Shull
at Orinda Lodge

Nov 24, 6:30pm
Hiram Award for Don Hoskins

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From the East - *Worshipful Gary D. Sparks, Master*

As we enter November and the coming holiday season, we have very much for which to be thankful. We have two new Master Masons in our Lodge, both of whom are making an immediate impact by volunteering their time in the Officers' corps. We have our families, friends and each other in this incredible Masonic fraternity which extends far outside of our little Lodge to the four corners of the Earth.

I want to extend my warmest personal greetings to each of you and to those whom you love, and hope that you will, together with those who will surround you at your Thanksgiving table, pause, reflect, and give humble thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us.

I am thankful for the opportunity to have served Acalanes Fellowship Lodge as Master in 2015, and have been humbled and awed by this year of service. I have learned much, including that I must continue to dedicate myself to the continued search for light in Masonry, and my own personal and professional life.



I am thankful to have known Wor. David Shull, who entered into rest on September 7th, and for the impact he had on me as well as on our Lodge. If you haven't already done so, please remember to RSVP with Sr. Warden Marion Rogers for our Masonic Memorial Service for Worshipful David coming up on November 14th at the Orinda Masonic Lodge. I am also thankful to have known Wor. Jim Yribarren, who also just entered into rest on November 6th. I did not know Worshipful Jim as well as others in the Lodge, but I know that he made a profound impact on many of us. The Lodge is in a much better place with these two exceptional men having been a part of it.

Congratulations to Bro. Adam Hanin, who was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 31st, and a heartfelt thank you to Martinez Masonic Lodge #41 for allowing us to use your beautiful and historical facility to confer this degree. Together with the outstanding work done by our ritual team, it made for an exceptionally memorable day for Adam and for all of us.

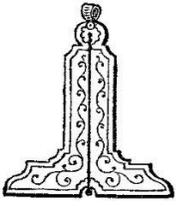
We still have seats available for our upcoming Hiram Award presentation and festive board on November 24th as we present Bro. Don Hoskins with the Hiram Award for 2015. Please be sure to RSVP in the usual manner or at www.acalanesfellowship.org/events. Friends and family members are all invited as these will be public festivities.

November also brings a very special event to San Francisco: the World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet Masons and Grand Lodge officers from around the world, and to join them in education and fellowship. More information is available at the Grand Lodge of California website at www.freemason.org.



I would like to congratulate the newly elected and appointed officers of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge who will be serving the Lodge in 2016, particularly Bro. Marion Rogers who will serve as Master of the Lodge. I am eager and excited to see what this next year will bring. The Installation of Officers will commence at 4:30 pm on Saturday, December 12th, followed by dinner. There is no charge for the Installation dinner; however, your RSVP is required at www.acalanesfellowshiplodge.com/events.

Please save the date of December 19th, as this will be our annual Sweethearts Holiday Luncheon at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge. More details to come, but your support is always welcomed to demonstrate to our Sweethearts just how important they are to the Lodge. As always, if you are a Mason who has been away from Lodge for a while, I invite you to return home to Acalanes Fellowship. No matter how long you have been away, I invite you to renew your relationship with the Fraternity. We are best able to seek Light when the past is united with the present, so that we may all look to the future. I look forward to seeing you at our next Stated Meeting on December 1.



From the West -*Marion P. Rogers, Senior Warden*

Please mark your calendars for December 12, 2015. That's the date for the Installation of the Acalanes Officers for 2016. The ceremony is held at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge and begins at 4:30pm Saturday afternoon. Dinner will follow.

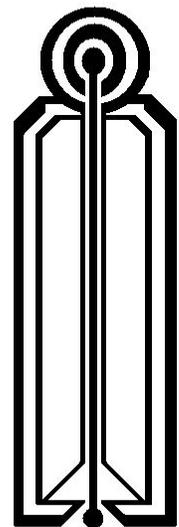
From the South -*Harry G. P. Burt, Junior Warden*

Having performed for a little over a year the Junior Warden's duty to provide the Lodge's refreshments, I thought the Lodge might like a summary of where we stand and hear about some of the highlights of dinners since January 2014.

The books for 2014 closed with a notional surplus of \$727.38 (and I will get to 'notional' in a moment) based on an income of \$8044.80 and expenses of \$7317.42. That year we had the required 12 Stated Meeting dinners and hosted two District Officers Schools of Instruction (DOSI), as well as a Hiram Award, two Sweethearts Luncheons and David Kreutzinger's Third Degree meal.

At the beginning of 2015 we changed caterers. We have been very happy with our new caterer, who has brought a new level of cuisine to the lodge. The year so far has seen 11 Stated Meeting Dinners, a Sweethearts Luncheon, two DOSIs, a Dinner Theater, and lunches for two Master Mason Degrees. We are running a notional surplus of \$1,025.64 based on an income of \$9,575.17 and expenses of \$8,473.78. The income was exaggerated by donations of food and other items totaling \$427.82 in support of our Luau in July.

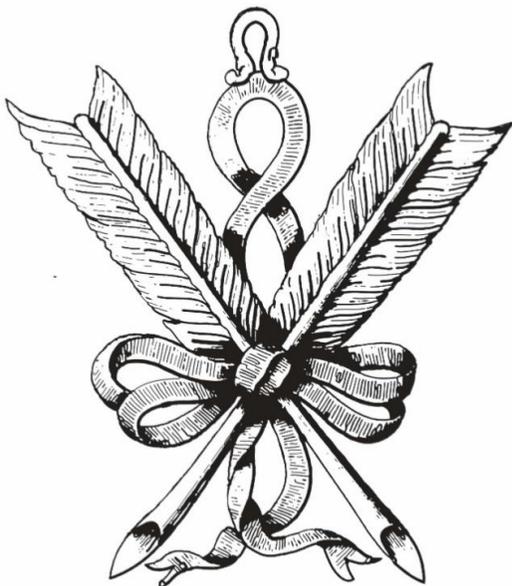
I think it fair to say that the Luau was a terrific success. The Dinner Theater was also a success. With Dick Kellogg's daughter appearing in the cast we had the privilege of meeting some of the cast and a brief introduction by the director to the very funny play "Moon over Buffalo". We have just had a Master Mason's lunch on October 31 for Brother Adam Hanin at Martinez Lodge (not included in the accounts at this time). At the time of writing, we plan a Hiram Award Dinner for Don Hoskins on November 24, a Stated Meeting dinner December 1, and will have the Installation on December 12, and our Sweethearts Luncheon December 19.



So now to the notional word: It is easy enough to track income and immediate expenses for events, but we do make use of materials that cannot be so easily tracked such as tablecloths, napkins, and so forth. Thus the actual surpluses will be less than stated, but probably leaving a small real surplus for the lodge.

From the Secretary's Desk

As you can see from the messages of the Master and Senior and Junior Wardens, there is a lot of activity at the lodge over the next few months. There will be the Hiram Award for Don Hoskins, the installation of officers, and the Sweethearts Luncheon. Following that we will have the annual crab feed (assuming crab season resumes in time). Also, this is the time of year for payment of dues.



Our dues this year will be \$169.00. Following our By-Laws, dues are set to be \$125.00 plus the Grand Lodge total per capita fee rounded up to the nearest dollar. Grand Lodge has set the per capita fee to be \$42.50 plus \$1.00 for the Washington Memorial. Dues notification letters were mailed the week of October 26, 2015. Dues are due by January 1, 2016.

With all this activity, not even counting our monthly stated meetings with the monthly dinners and presentations, you can see what you are missing if you don't join us. If you need a ride, call one of the officers and we will try to get you to the meeting. If you haven't been to lodge for a while, we have missed you. Come on down and see what's new. I can assure you that you will be happy you came.

See you in lodge.

-Fred Lezak, Secretary

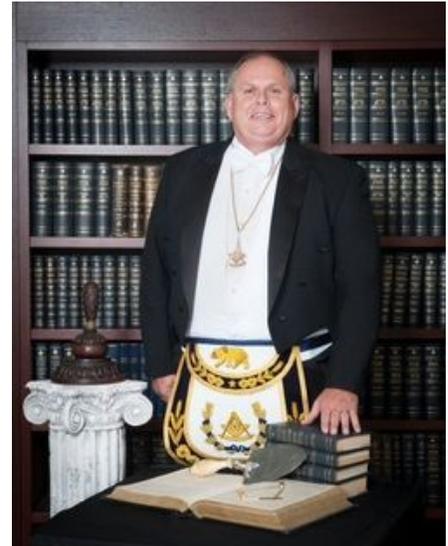
November Birthdays

Thomas Frutiger	November 1	Jay Newman	November 19
Calvin Crawford	November 5	Jeremy Branch	November 20
Bradley Rupert	November 5	Danny Ho	November 24
Timothy Crawford	November 8	Ronald Reese	November 25
Harvey Syversud	November 11	Kenneth Owen	November 26
Chandler Eason	November 16	John Kalivoda	November 29
Conrad Larson	November 19		

Meet Our New Grand Master, Martin “David” Perry

Brother Martin “David” Perry was raised a Master Mason in Silverado Lodge No. 782 of Napa on March 23, 1988. He served his lodge as Junior Warden in 1993. Following consolidation with Napa Valley Lodge No. 93, David served as Master in 1996. He continued to assist his lodge after his term as Master and was recognized with the Hiram Award in 1999.

Brother Perry has served the Grand Lodge of California for over fourteen years. In 2000, he was appointed a District Inspector and acted in that capacity for nine years. In 2008, he was appointed the Assistant Grand Lecturer for Division I and served four terms until he was elected the Junior Grand Warden in 2012. David has served on the Grand Lodge Ritual Committee, the Inspectors Training Sub-committee, and the Executive Committee. He has also been a member of the board of directors for the Masonic Homes of California, Acacia Creek, California Masonic Foundation, California Masonic Memorial Temple, and the Nob Hill Masonic Center.



David is a member of Napa Chapter No. 30, Royal Arch Masons, and has received the Royal and Select Master Degrees. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Oakland, Aahmes Shrine Temple, and is also a member of Saint Francis Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. David is a member of Silver Spray Chapter No. 59, Order of the Eastern Star.

David has been very active with the Masonic youth orders serving as a member of the advisory council for Napa Chapter, Order of DeMolay, and has received the honorary DeMolay Degree for King Solomon’s Chapter. He is a past chairman of the advisory board for Napa Assembly No. 7, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and has served multiple terms as Rainbow Dad.

David has been active in the Hopewell Baptist Church and Napa Valley Baptist Church where he has served as a Sunday school teacher, director and trustee.

He has spent his career as a building service contractor throughout the Napa Valley.

David lives in American Canyon with his wife, Jeanette. They have two adult children, Nicholas, who is a Senior DeMolay, and Courtney, who is an active Rainbow Girl serving this year as a Member of the Grand Executive Committee, Color Bearer and Representative to Colorado and Nevada.

In Memoriam

James Louis Yribarren

January 5, 1946 - November 6, 2015

Initiated: February 21, 1995

Passed: November 18, 1995

Raised: March 30, 1996

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Kenneth Wilbur Edson

May 3, 1928 - October 10, 2015

Initiated: May 13, 1982

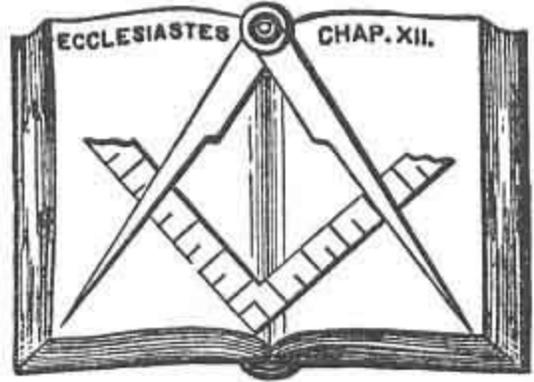
Passed: October 19, 1982

Raised: November 23, 1982

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



3rd Degree Anniversaries

Name	Raised	Years a MM
Allan Casalou	11/26/1991	24
Partha (James) Chowdhury	11/20/2010	5
Paul Crawford	11/6/2010	5
Timothy Crawford	11/6/2010	5
Gary Estes	11/22/1966	49
Ernest Everett	11/24/1964	51
Jon Haynes	11/25/1980	35
Jack Heinz	11/17/1953	62
Lew Jenkins	11/9/1993	22
Steven Klamm	11/19/1987	28
Robert Knebel	11/19/2005	10
David Kreutzinger	11/8/2014	1
Frederick Lezak	11/8/1961	54
Richard Maxwell	11/8/1983	32
Phillip McAllister	11/8/1984	31
Kevin Moore	11/10/2012	3
David Oyler	11/22/1997	18
Donald Pauli	11/30/1971	44
Orren Rupert	11/22/1973	42
Michael Weis	11/16/2004	11
Charlie Wooten	11/23/1976	39

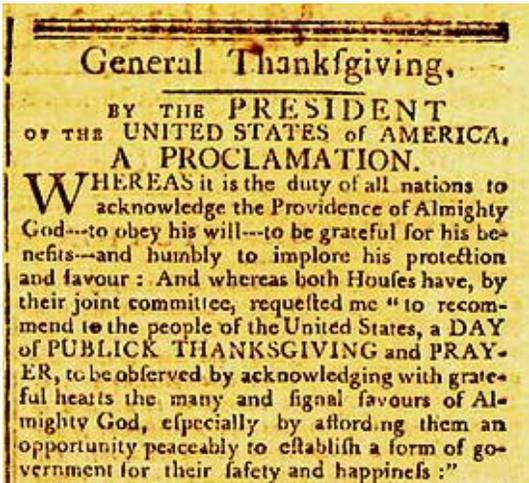
Wor. George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation

The first official Presidential Proclamation ever made in the United States was by President George Washington in 1789. Shortly after it was written, it was misplaced for some 130 years as a result of the move of the U.S. Capitol from New York to Washington D.C. The Proclamation now resides in the Library of Congress:



Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to “recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent



author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious

liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good

governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.

George Washington

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

The Hall Association would like to report on the activities happening at the Lodge. We held a well-attended Work Day on Saturday, October 17, 2015.



Volunteers cleaned the parking lot, the kitchen, and the Lodge Room. Brother Harry Burt led a crew that cleaned and straightened the downstairs storage closet.

The repair work to the Lodge building is progressing, and should be completed within next the few weeks. After the work is done, we will need to paint both the exterior stucco and the walls in the social area. Another Work Day will be scheduled to finish these projects. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave of their time to help maintain our Lodge.