



# Trestleboard

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## Schedule of Events

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- May 2: Day at the Races**
- May 5: Stated Meeting & Dinner**  
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge  
Social Hour: 5:30 PM  
Dinner: 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- May 9: Moraga Faire**
- May 16: DOSI 8:00 AM - Noon**  
Live Oak
- May 30: Dinner @ 6 / Show @ 8 pm**
- Jun 2: Stated Meeting & Dinner**  
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge  
Social Hour: 5:30 PM  
Dinner: 6:30 PM  
Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- Jun 20: Chili Cook-off**
- Jun 23: Hanin 2nd Degree 6:30pm**
- July 7: Stated Mtg and Luau**
- Aug 22: Stickney 3rd Degree**  
Union City 9:00 am

## From the East

### Brothers, Sweethearts and Friends,

First, I want to apologize to you for the delay between editions of the Trestleboard. Many of you have inquired about the Trestleboard, and I shoulder the responsibility for it not having made it to you recently. I want to assure you we have not forgotten about you, and you will be receiving your monthly Trestleboard on a regular basis each month from now forward.

The last several months have been eventful. Our Treasurer and Secretary, as well as the Wardens and myself, have attended our respective retreats and learned much about the operations and planning for our Lodge. We also hosted a first-of-its-kind webinar in March on the conspiracy theories inspired by Freemasonry, presented and webcast by the Grand Lodge of California from UCLA. Despite a few technical issues, the webinar was well-received and offered those of us who are unable to easily travel an opportunity to participate in an interesting topic of Masonic education. We look forward to hosting more of these down the road.

Our upcoming calendar is quite busy, and I am looking forward to the great opportunities for fellowship with our Brethren and their families. On Saturday, May 2, we will once again gather at Golden Gate Fields for our Annual Kentucky Derby Day at the Races, for a day of fun, friendship and cheering on these incredible horses on this exciting day. On May 9, we will participate in the annual Moraga Faire and Car Show with a small display and offer Child ID fingerprinting to attendees. On May 30, we will host Date Night and Dinner Theater at the Lodge. We plan a romantic, plated dinner for our members and their wives or significant others, followed by a performance of "Moon over Buffalo" at the Town Hall Theatre across the street. Bro. Dick Kellogg's daughter will be performing in the show, and may even (time permitting) give a small talk at dinner about the play itself.

On June 20, the Acalanes Fellowship Chili Cook-off returns to life! This will be a fun competition open to members of our Lodge and also our sister Lodges. Chop it up, dice it, slice it and spice it up, and bring your best-tasting and mouth-watering chili to Acalanes Fellowship Lodge and see how it compares to the rest. There will be special prizes offered for the winning entries.

Be sure not to miss our Summer Luau, which will be held on Tuesday, July 7. We will hold a short Stated Meeting at 5:00 pm (rather than 7:30 pm), followed by a great evening of Island-kine fun and grinds, including Kahlua pig, Huli Huli chicken, tropical fruit, poi, Hawaiian music, hula dance and maybe even a Tahitian Fire Dancer as it gets dark! This is sure to be a great evening of Aloha for our Masonic ohana (family)!

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## In Memoriam

### Raymond A Sevilla

May 6, 1957 - April 20, 2015

Initiated: May 20, 2003

Passed: September 27, 2005

Raised: September 23, 2006

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**Soft and safe to thee, my brother,**

**Be thy resting-place.**

**Bright and glorious be thy rising from it.**



# MASONS 4 MITTS

## Masons Night at AT&T Park

**Tuesday, September 15**

The Masons 4 Mitts program has been expanded to include San Diego and Los Angeles in addition to San Francisco Giants.

Tickets to the Sept. 15 Giants game should be ordered before May 15. The order form is attached to this email.

Donations to the Masons 4 Mitts are greatly appreciated. Be sure to support Northern California and the SF Giants.

<https://www.masons4mitts.org/>

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On a final parting note, our thoughts and prayers are with Most Worshipful Al Weis, Bro. Michael Weis and the Weis family after the unexpected passing of Virginia Weis. Gini was always a welcome face around the Lodge, with an infectious smile and kind words for everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Ursula Sevilla after the passing of Bro. Ray Sevilla. **For those of you who are able to attend, Acalanes Fellowship Lodge will conduct a Masonic Funeral Service for Bro. Sevilla at 6:30 pm on Friday, May 1, at Hulls Walnut Creek Chapel funeral home. I know that Ursula would appreciate your support and attendance.**

If you are a Mason who has been away from Lodge for a while, I extend you a special invitation to return home to Acalanes Fellowship Lodge. Your Masonic brothers miss you! No matter how long you have been away, I invite you to renew your relationship with our Lodge and 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 May 5, 2015.

**Sincerely and Fraternaly,**

**Gary Sparks**

**Master, Acalanes Fellowship Lodge**

## April 3rd Degrees

First Name	Last Name	Raised Date	Years MM
Peter	Axtman	4/23/1959	56
B. Ryder	Brose	4/28/2007	8
Donald	Burnett	4/11/1978	37
Russell	Chapman	4/29/2003	12
Roy	Couch	4/27/1976	39
Jeffrey	Fesunoff	4/30/2002	13
Donald	Hansen	4/21/1959	56
Gerald	Hertz	4/19/1966	49
John	Kalivoda	4/12/1957	58
Amos	Leffler	4/8/1958	57
Jay	Newman	4/20/1968	47
James	Weeden	4/11/1974	41
Mark	Williams	4/30/2011	4
Gary	Yanes	4/18/1973	42

## May 3rd Degrees

First Name	Last Name	Raised Date	Years MM
Eric	Besag	5/15/1999	16
Serge	Chemla	5/19/1986	29
Kenneth	Crone	5/25/1959	56
Stephen	Galop	5/23/1998	17
Lawrence	Mc Laughlin	5/16/1981	34
Boris	Minzyk	5/21/1970	45
John	Mulhall	5/3/1997	18
Jeffrey	Nott	5/30/1978	37
James	Reno	5/19/2012	3
Frederic	Schachtman	5/24/1966	49
Franklin	Shoffner	5/25/1964	51
William	Smith Jr.	5/31/2014	1
Richard	Snowden	5/31/1972	42
Thomas	Thompson	5/7/1966	49
Christopher	Urani	5/15/2012	3
Richard	Young	5/1/1976	39

## April Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Birth Date	Raised Date
David	Shull	1	2/21/1967
George	Konstantopoulos	6	9/22/1961
Alan	Sherman	7	9/10/1968
Edward	Stack	7	1/26/2011
David	Wheeler	8	2/24/1987
Robert	Polvi	10	9/9/1976
Richard	Keihner	11	10/13/1978
Donald	Chambers	14	10/15/1948
Thomas	Riley	15	10/30/1984
James	Barley	16	8/25/1979
Frederick	Lezak	17	11/8/1961
William	Hockenberry	18	1/1/1947
Eldon	Keefer	20	7/31/1946
P	Korwin	20	9/8/2012
Robert	Haile	22	12/2/1952
Mark	Williams	23	4/30/2011
Timothy	Wilbur	24	1/17/2004
Otis	Simonsen	26	1/29/1963

## May Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Birth Date	Raised Date
Dean	Van Norman	1	8/24/1976
Kenneth	Edson	3	11/23/1982
Gerald	Saurman	4	9/24/1957
George	Atashkarian	5	3/12/1962
Nicholas	Bloisa	7	3/19/1977
Stephen	Milano	9	8/18/2001
Peter	Axtman	10	4/23/1959
Jack	Chudley	13	1/28/1948
Val	Rodrigues	16	1/17/1984
Partha (James)	Chowdhury	22	11/20/2010
Gary	Estes	25	11/22/1966
John	Cook	26	8/20/1994
Andrew	Cratsenberg	29	10/15/1957

Brethren, Friends and Families

Time for our annual **SPRING** Dinner and a Show.

This is also Acalanes Fellowship Lodge's district event

**Date:** Saturday, May 30th

**Dinner Time:** 6 pm

**Place:** Lodge "Mood lit" dining room for dinner catered by Zimm's.  
and then the Town Hall Theater across the street  
Dick Kellogg's daughter is in the play and Dick will be attending

**Dress** Let's show off for Dick's daughter! Tuxedo or Dark Suit

**Show:** **Moon over Buffalo -- A slam bang farce**

By Ken Ludwig

**Curtain Time:** 8 PM

**Cost:** \$50.00 per person. Theater tickets will be distributed at Lodge

**Menu:** **Appetizers**

Chicken Wings - Honey BBQ & Buffalo,

Salted Fingerling Potatoe's w/Aioli Sauce

Mushroom & Brie Soup Samplers

**Main Course**

Broiled Salmon topped w/hollandaise, pine nuts, sundried tomatoes, basil, Kalamata olives

Served w/ Garlic & Butter Spinach, Penne Pesto Pasta, Caesar Salad, Rolls & Butter

**Dessert**

Handcrafted dessert from Zimm's German Master Baker

**Reservations:** **Must be made and paid for Prior to Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Pay by PayPal, or cash or check to Harry Burt at 958 Treg Lane, Concord, CA, 94518**

**Harry's Phone Number is 925-334-6519**

**The Show**

*What? Bad news in this company? The House of Usher Repertory Theatre?*

A slam-bang farce from the author of "Lend Me A Tenor", "Moon Over Buffalo" focuses on George & Charlotte Hay, two fading stars of the 1950s. About to give up all hope of stardom, they receive word that they might just have one last shot: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if likes what he sees, he might cast them in his movie re-make of The Scarlet Pimpernel. Unfortunately for them, everything that might go wrong does in this hysterically funny comedy.

## Proposed trip to the UK in 2017

I am getting quite excited about our trip to the UK in 2017. Please pencil June 2017 into your calendars.

It is my preference that we fly direct to and from SF to London Heathrow. We will visit United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) in London and spend a few days sightseeing in London. I figure you will want to arrange your own entertainment – shows, museums, palaces, shopping etc. We might consider adding in guided tours of London and perhaps day trips to places like Stonehenge, Oxford, etc. We will then go to Scotland and visit the Grand Lodge of Scotland. At the moment we are looking at seven days in Scotland with day trip tours to Rosslyn Chapel and other points of interest on the East Coast, and a maybe three nights on the island of Mull or Oban to allow us a full day to visit Staffa to see Fingle's Cave and visit Iona to see the first Christian Settlement in Scotland. While on the West Coast, we can take in Glen Coe, Ben Nevis, Fort William, and so forth.

I have been talking to the Worshipful Michael Powell of Ethelfreda Lodge 6600 <http://ethelfreda.co.uk/> in Tamworth where we are arranging to exemplify one of the California Degree rituals, and hopefully see the same degree ritual as practiced by Ethelfreda Lodge. We also have had contact from Trevor Siddall, Secretary of Warwickshire Installed Masters' Lodge 4538 the premier private lodge in the Province of Warwickshire under the UGLE, who are keen to have Acalanes Fellowship Lodge to exemplify a California Degree ritual and are currently seeking permission from UGLE for us to do so. We might look at a side trip to Stratford upon Avon and take in a show.

If there is sufficient interest maybe we can fix up some golf. St Andrews is a possibility and for the masochists among you maybe an introduction to Scottish Links Golf. We also might be able to arrange some golf in the Midlands.

I am now getting some idea of costs. My target is \$4,000 to \$5,000, but I think we can do better. To minimize airfare we will probably want to book air travel by early June next year and travel mid-week. As a bench mark, mid-week flights are running (as of February) around \$1,600 return for June this year. Reasonable hotels with breakfast will average \$200.00 per night (\$100 per person). Our travel agent may be able to do better. We are therefore looking at \$3,000 for flights and 2 weeks accommodations. It is proposed we use a private coach for any long distance travel. Though I think Rail travel in the UK is really good and great value using advanced booking, I reckon it is better to have our baggage picked up and dropped off rather than struggling with it on trains. A luxury 49 seat coach will fit into a budget of \$13,000 and do everything we need. Smaller coaches will cost less, but probably more per capita. I figure we need to plan on \$400 a head for the bus for 9 days.

So for the next steps:

Send me an email if you are interested in the trip [hgburt@comcast.net](mailto:hgburt@comcast.net)

I will set up a survey monkey for the trip to gauge preferences and to identify who might like to help in planning

I will look into engaging a travel agent (and be glad for suggestions)

We need to think about reducing costs for children to help brethren with children attend

Everyone needs to start saving. My guess is that you will need to have \$2,000 each by next June and I suspect the balance for flights and hotels will be required by the end of 2016

Start thinking about what you want to do and see in London and Scotland

**Yours Sincerely and Fraternally**

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