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Schedule of Events

(www.acalanesfellowship.org)

- Jan 6: Stated Meeting & Dinner**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
Social Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- Jan 17: DOSI 8:00 AM - Noon**
Brentwood-Antioch
- Jan 31: Crab Feed**
Social/Auction 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
- Feb 3: Stated Meeting & Dinner**
Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
Social Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM

From the East

Brothers, Sweethearts and Friends,

It is my honor and my privilege to serve as Master of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 for 2015. Thank you for bestowing your faith and trust in me to lead and care for our Lodge for the next year. And thank you to everyone who helped make our Installation a terrific success, particularly to **Most Worshipful Al Weis** and **Worshipful Phil McAlister** for serving as the Installation Officer and Master of Ceremonies, and **Worshipful (and newest member of our Lodge) Michael Wilson** for serving as Installing Chaplain, and to my family who continue to support my Masonic career and activities even though it takes me away from home.



I am excited for what 2015 will bring to our Lodge. We have an outstanding officers line who bring great energy and enthusiasm to their positions, and I am grateful to each and every one of them for their willingness to serve with me this year. And **Worshipful Tom Riley** has agreed to sever another year as our Officers Coach, so we will be in good hands!

I am looking forward to a year of terrific events which should be both fun and educational. Our new officers will jump right into this year by initiating our first candidate on January 27, 2015 at 6:30 pm. All Masons are welcome and invited to attend, and we would love to have all of our sideline seats occupied in support of our new Brother. And, of course, we will be hosting the **BEST crab feed of the year** on January 31, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Lafayette Community Center. If you have not yet purchased your tickets to our annual fund raiser, be sure to do so now before we sell out. We are anticipating a full house, and are adding a terrific clam chowder to the menu this year. Please make your reservations online at www.acalanesfellowship.org/events, or contact this year's chairman, **Marion Rogers**, for more information.

Other events on calendar this year will be a **Valentine's Day Sweethearts Luncheon**, presentations and essay contests in partnership with our local schools, our annual Kentucky Derby Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields (and yes, we have the Director's Room again!), a rummage sale, chili cook-off, a charitable golf tournament, visitation with other lodges and more. We also look forward to participating actively in the Masons for Mitts program with the San Francisco Junior Giants program.

As we begin 2015, I challenge each Brother of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge to evaluate what being a Mason, and a member of this Lodge, means to you. As Masons, we are members of the world's oldest and largest fraternity. We join for different reasons – some of us for fellowship, others for a sense of belonging, and yet others who want to explore the mysteries, symbolism and esoteric teachings. What we all have in common is our belief in the Supreme Architect and a commitment to each other. Many of us find ourselves struggling with the pressures of life, work and family schedules. I understand that, and face those same pressures myself. Rather than viewing your Masonic membership as yet another pressure, consider that we are an outlet for that pressure. Lodge is a place of respite, where you can find relief from the outside world. For those who have been away from us for a while, I encourage you to attend just one Lodge event each month – whether it be a stated meeting, the conferring of a degree, or attending a social event.

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One thing is true, and that is that we get out of Masonry what we put into it. But more than that, the Lodge benefits exponentially from each Brother who participates in our activities. And in 2015, we need your participation more than ever as we begin to undertake more community outreach, offer more charitable relief and give more back to the Brethren. Together we can do great things. We can repair the world by improving ourselves and by strengthening our Blue Lodge. We can do great work together, and we can have fun doing it because as you know, **we are the Friendly Lodge!**

Fraternally,

Gary Sparks, WM AFL #480

3rd Degree Dates January Birthdays

First Name	Last Name	Raised Date	Years MM
Kenneth	Branch	1/17/2004	10
Scott	Carter	1/30/1971	43
Jack	Chudley	1/28/1948	66
William	Hockenberry	1/1/1947	67
Robert	Pearson	1/23/1951	63
Val	Rodrigues	1/17/1984	30
Otis	Simonsen	1/29/1963	51
Edward	Stack	1/26/2011	3
Timothy	Wilbur	1/17/2004	10

First Name	Last Name	Birthday	Raised Date
Scott	Ingram	3	6/30/1992
Serge	Chemla	4	5/19/1986
Gary	Sparks	5	3/7/2009
James	Yribarren	5	3/30/1996
Henry	Hoffman	6	10/23/1962
David	Prichard	10	6/26/2007
Howard	Strause	12	9/24/1968
Kevin	Moore	19	10/26/1991
Kevin	Roberts	21	11/18/1997
Thomas	Hogan	26	9/10/2002
David	Kreutzinger	30	11/8/2014

Brethren of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge # 480

I hope this note finds everyone well and enjoying the New Year.

It is my pleasure to announce that **Worshipful Tom Riley, PM** has again agreed to serve our lodge as Officers Coach for the 2015 Masonic year. As a reminder the Officers Coaches are appointed by the District Inspector and report directly to me and no one else. If anyone has issues with an Officers Coach please feel free to let me know and we can discuss it and hopefully come to a resolution.

I would like to Thank Tom for agreeing to step in and help us out again this year. I would like to Thank Tom for his service last year as well.

My apologies for not being able to attend the Installation of Officers due to my recent foot surgery and hope to be able to sit in lodge with you all again soon.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Greg

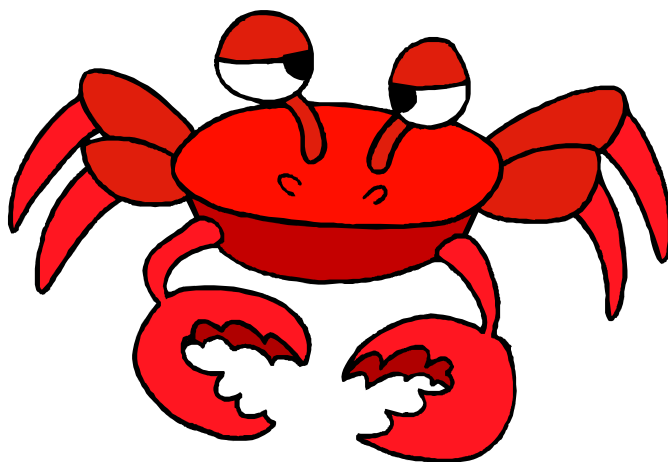
Greg Thompson, PM

Inspector, 305th Masonic District

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

2015 Crab Feed

January 31, 2015



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 \$40/person

Steak & Clam Chowder \$40/person

Crab, Steak & Clam Chowder \$50/person

CHILDREN (Age 12 & under):

Crab & Clam Chowder \$15/person

Steak & Clam Chowder \$15/person

Crab, Steak & Chowder \$25/person

* Dinners include salad, garlic bread and ice cream cups

Order Your Tickets Today!

The Deadline for ordering tickets is January 21.

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

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Charity

- Gary Sparks*
- Marion Rogers
- Harry Burt

Membership Retention/Dues

- Michael Roberts*
- Brad Rupert
- Tom Riley
- Gary Sparks
- Marion Rogers
- Harry Burt
- Fred Lezak
- Mark Williams

Budget

- Mark Williams*
- Marion Rogers
- Fred Lezak

Financial/Life Membership

- Ryder Brose*
- Jack Kalivoda
- Tom Riley
- Paul Crawford
- Orren Rupert

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