



# Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship  
Lodge No. 480

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## Schedule of Events

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- Oct 6:** Stated Meeting & Dinner  
Social Hour: 5:30 PM / Dinner: 6:30 PM / Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- Oct 9-11:** Annual Communications
- Oct 13:** DOSI 6:30 PM Acalanes
- Oct 24:** Hiram Award Ceremony for Don Hoskins 5:30 PM
- Oct 31:** Adam Hanin 3rd Degree Ceremony - Martinez Lodge - 9:00 AM
- Nov 3:** Stated Meeting & Dinner (Election of Officers)  
Social Hour: 5:30 PM / Dinner: 6:30 PM / Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- Nov 14:** Memorial for Dave Shull - Orinda Lodge 6:00 PM
- Nov 18-21:** World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges
- Dec 1:** Stated Meeting & Dinner  
Social Hour: 5:30 PM / Dinner: 6:30 PM / Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM
- Dec 12:** Acalanes Fellowship Lodge Installation Ceremony - 4:30 PM
- Dec 19:** Annual Sweetheart's Holiday Luncheon
- Jan 31:** Annual Crab Feed - 5:30 PM

## 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.

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## In Memoriam

### David Macaulay Shull

April 1, 1918 - September 7, 2015

Initiated: November 15, 1966

Passed: January 10, 1967

Raised: February 21, 1967

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

**Be thy resting-place.**

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



# Birthdays Raised Dates

Brother	Birthday
Oscar Dryden, II	3
Michael E. Roberts	4
Charles A. Page	6
Richard D. Maxwell	9
Robert J. Darius	14
Milton F. Bruzzone	15
Max W. King	15
Donald H. Freitas	19
Michael S. Weis	19
Gerald W. Walker	31
Gerard M. Wilson	31

Brother	Raised Date	Years MM
Jeremy K. Branch	10/24/2006	9
Richard R. Celestre	10/14/1972	43
Donald K. Chambers	10/15/1948	67
Andrew C. Cratsenberg	10/15/1957	58
Calvin K. Crawford	10/25/1975	40
James V. Davey	10/25/1955	60
Jonathan W. Del Arroz	10/4/2008	7
Frank P. Essert	10/26/1985	30
Henry L. Hoffman	10/23/1962	53
Richard G. Keihner	10/13/1978	37
Conrad K. Larson	10/8/1978	37
Kevin S. Moore	10/26/1991	24
George R. Peck	10/22/1985	30
Thomas E. Riley, III	10/30/1984	31
Marion P. Rogers	10/24/2009	6
Robert L. Smith	10/1/2011	4
Theodore D. Zeller	10/30/1962	53

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On September 15th, member of our Lodge attended the "Masons Night at the Ballpark" at AT&T Park, and witnessed Grand Master Russell Charvonja present the San Francisco Giants with a check for more than \$90,000 raised by the 2015 Masons4Mitts campaign in Northern California for the Junior Giants Foundation. Even better, San Francisco Giant player Marlon Byrd, himself a Master Mason at Conejo Valley Lodge #807, helped to present the check. Statewide, the Masons of California, including Acalanes Fellowship Lodge (spearheaded by Bro. Fred Lezak), raised more than \$159,000, enough to give mitts to more than 8,000 children in need!

Another thank you is in order for Wor. Michael Roberts, who assisted me by facilitating and organizing our first annual booth at the Lafayette Art and Wine Festival (which followed on the heels of our first annual booth at the Moraga Faire), and also to Bro. Pete Peterson for his donation of a 5-foot-wide banner to the Lodge. I can't name all of the Brothers who helped man the booth and the parking lot over the weekend, but we had a very nice display and spoke with many people about Freemasonry and about our Lodge in particular, including several men interested in learning more about Masonry. All in all, I think we made a very good impression and consider the booth a terrific success.

Congratulations to Bro. Don Hoskins, who has been selected to receive the Hiram Award this year. The Hiram Award is the highest distinction that can be conferred by a Lodge upon a Brother, and is an acknowledgement and recognition of Bro. Hoskins' many years of service to our Lodge. Thank you for your dedication and devotion to Acalanes Fellowship Lodge throughout the years.

Our upcoming calendar is quite busy. This weekend is the 2015 Annual Communication in San Francisco, and the principal officers will be attending, along with several Past Masters. On Saturday evening, October 24th, we will be presenting Bro. Don Hoskins with his Hiram Award and celebrating afterwards with a Festive Board dinner. On Saturday morning, October 31st, we will be traveling to Martinez Masonic Lodge to visit and confer the 3rd Degree of Masonry on Bro. Adam Hanin. November brings us the World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges in San Francisco, followed by our Annual Installation of Officers on Saturday, December 12th and our Annual Sweetheart's luncheon on Saturday, December 19th.

I am very saddened to report the passing of Wor. David Shull, a true hallmark of Masonry at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge and a Past Master of the Lodge, who entered into rest on September 7, 2015 at the age of 97 years, 5 months and 6 days. Wor. Shull was raised on February 21, 1967, and was a Cornerstone Society Member and recipient of the Hiram Award during his 48-year Masonic career. Although his health began to fail him in recent years, his mind and acumen for Masonry remained sharp and acute, and Wor. Shull has left an indelible impression on me during my relatively short time in Masonry. Not only has the Lodge lost a tremendous Mason, but we have lost a truly remarkable man. We will host a Memorial Service for Wor. Shull, followed by a reception, on Saturday, November 14th, to be held at the Orinda Masonic Lodge just down the road. Please join us to remember our Brother and to celebrate his life and his contributions to Masonry.

As always, if you are a Mason who has been away from Lodge for a while, I extend you an invitation to return home to Acalanes Fellowship Lodge. No matter how long you have been away, we 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 October 6th, 2015.

**Sincerely and Fraternaly,**

**Gary Sparks,  
Master, Acalanes Fellowship Lodge No. 480**

### **Termite and dry rot damage at the Lodge - Report from the Hall Association**

You may have heard that we have run into a problem with damage to the lodge building. It started as signs of termites in the Secretary's office. We called in Clark Pest Control, specializing in tracing and managing termite damage, back in the late Spring. Clark inspected the building and determined that we had subterranean termites and dry wood termites. Clark injected poisons into the subsoil to rid the building of the subterranean termites and then tented the entire building to address the dry wood termites.

Their report indicated that the damage was more extensive than expected. On the parking lot side of the building we had extensive termite damage coupled with dry rot due to water retention on the parking lot.

In the early summer, we contracted with Paul Davis Restoration & Remodeling of the East Bay to remove and repair the wood damaged by the termites and wood rot, to replace the windows facing the parking lot and install a drain to get the water away from the building next to the parking lot. The work effort by Paul Davis Restoration has been underway for three weeks and is expecting to be completed in 2 to 3 weeks.

While we are not expecting further contracting costs, we must be aware that lead, asbestos, or further damage could conceivably be found. We will also be responsible for painting outside and inside the lodge, but we expect that we will handle these ourselves.

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

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- Mark Williams\*
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#### Sunshine

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