

The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ April 2016

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From the East - *Worshipful Marion P. Rogers, Master*

It is a good thing to be capable and confident in an emergency. I have had to personally respond to an emergency on three separate occasions and am fortunate that I had the necessary training so I could act appropriately. At the end of February we held an emergency response class at the lodge so we would have more trained responders in our lodge.

In the class we learned CPR, AED (Automated External Defibrillator) use, and First Aid. There are now 19 individuals who know how to operate the AED purchased by the Hall Association, which will be installed soon. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the AED for the lodge, please remit your check to Brad Rupert, the Hall Association Treasurer (Brad Rupert, Treasurer, PO Box 1, Lafayette, CA 94549).



Our lodge officers recently hosted the monthly District Officers School of Instruction (DOSI), where we welcomed the officers of Orinda Lodge and Bay Cities Lodge, who are part of our district. The purpose of these sessions is to help the officers improve their ceremonial skills and to reinforce the lessons we are taught through masonry. It is also a time when we can socialize with our brethren from other lodges. There are inspectors and officers coaches who work with us who have dedicated many hours improving their own skills. I am grateful for the services of our inspector, Worshipful Greg Thompson, PM and our three lodge coaches Wor. Tom Riley, PM, Wor. Michael Roberts, PM and Wor. Gary Sparks, PM.



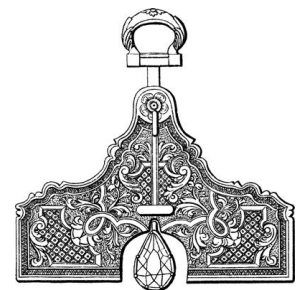
On May 14, we will celebrate Most Worshipful Alvin Weis PGM's 50 years in Masonry. PGM Weis has been a role model for many through the years, and has helped us along our masonic journey. It was an honor to have him serve as my coach when I took the degrees of masonry. I encourage you to join us to honor this extraordinary man and his Masonic legacy on May 14 at the Union City Masonic Homes, starting at 4:00 PM. Following the ceremony we will have a Hawaiian Luau. Since space is limited, please let me know no later than April 14 if you will attend (Marion Rogers, 925-596-3312, marion.rogers@comcast.net). Wives and guests are invited.

Masons have a long history of supporting education for our children, and our Grand Master has declared April to be Public Schools Month. On April 22, we will be gathering at Sankofa Academy in Oakland to meet the school staff, tour their facilities and celebrate their contributions to educating our youth. If you would like to join us just let us know. The program begins at 8:15 AM.



From the West -*Harry G P Burt, Senior Warden*

Masonry is the greatest and arguably the oldest fraternity, but in order for us to be successful we have to have expectations to share with each other and new members. From the moment a prospect shows interest we have to understand his expectations and he has to understand ours. We have to have expectations of our performance as brothers, officers and coaches and share our personal insights into Masonry to draw out prospects' and candidates' thoughts so they develop an early excitement about Masonry's purpose. Expectations generate enthusiasms that we can share with our brethren to improve the world by improving ourselves.



From the Secretary's Desk -*Fred Lezak, Secretary*

March winds and rains are behind us. Boy, the year goes fast, doesn't it. But we continue with the year of membership. At our April stated meeting we will be celebrating the 50th masonic anniversary of three brothers: Gerald Hertz, Fred Schachtman and Tommy Thompson. The stated meeting will also be the official visit from our District Inspector, Worshipful Greg Thompson. Please plan on joining us at the dinner at 5:30pm followed by the presentation of 50 year pins and the meeting. It all happens on April 5, 2016.



We continue to send out membership surveys. If you have not yet received one, you will be getting one soon. If you have already received one and have not yet responded, please do so now. Keeping our contact information for our brothers up to date is very important. Your help here is truly appreciated.

Once again, if you have not been to a stated meeting and the dinner preceding it, you really need to come. The feeling of brotherhood, camaraderie, joy and fun is growing. Come and be a part of it.

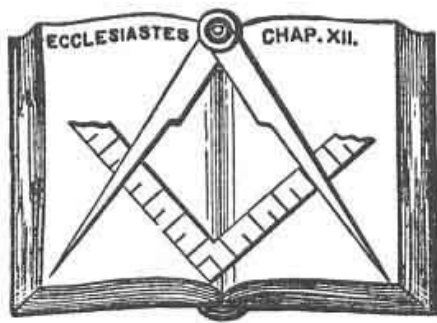
Hall Association Report -*Bob Smith, President, Hall Association*

The Hall Association held its first AED and CPR training session on Saturday February 27, 2016. Nineteen people attended the session and all passed their certification requirements and will receive proficiency cards in the near future. Richard Enea was a dynamic instructor and kept us all interested for the morning. We even had time to receive extra instruction in first aid.



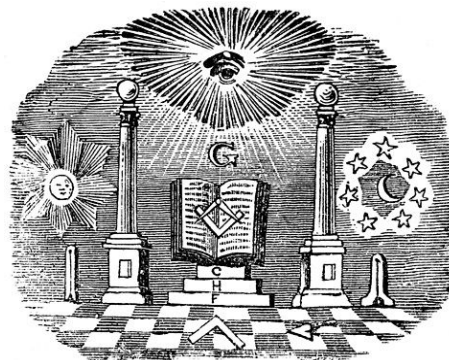
We will try to schedule another course if members of our lodge show interest. Let any Hall member know if you are interested. We are still in need of contributions towards the AED and if you would like to contribute please let Harry Burt or Bob Smith know.

We will place the new AED in our social hall. It comes fully loaded with instructions on how to use this life saving device.



3rd Degree Anniversaries

Name	Raised	Years a MM
John H. Kalivoda	4/12/1957	59
Amos J. Leffler	4/8/1958	58
Peter J. Axtman	4/23/1959	57
Donald R. Hansen, PM	4/21/1959	57
Gerald I. Hertz	4/19/1966	50
Jay J. Newman	4/20/1968	48
Gary A. Yanes, PM	4/18/1973	43
James L. Weeden	4/11/1974	42
Roy Couch	4/27/1976	40
Donald B. Burnett, PM	4/11/1978	38
Jeffrey A. Fesunoff	4/30/2002	14
Russell J. Chapman	4/29/2003	13
B. Ryder Brose	4/28/2007	9
Mark A. Williams	4/30/2011	5



April Birthdays

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

George H. Konstantopoulos, PM	April 6
Alan L. Sherman	April 7
Edward A. Stack, Jr.	April 7
David G. Wheeler	April 8
Robert L. Polvi	April 10
Richard G. Keihner	April 11
Donald K. Chambers	April 14
Thomas E. Riley, III, PM	April 15
James R. Barley	April 16
Frederick T. Lezak, Jr.	April 17
William Hockenberry, Jr.	April 18
Eldon G. Keefer	April 20
P G. Korwin	April 20
Robert D. Haile	April 22
Mark A. Williams	April 23
Timothy L. Wilbur	April 24
Otis Simonsen, PM	April 26

Starlight News - *Diablo Star Chapter OES*

The Order of the Eastern Star is alive and well in Orinda! We meet @7:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Our 1st annual Battle of the Bay - A's vs. Giants - Baseball & Brats simulcast is scheduled for **April 2nd** @ Acalanes Fellowship Lodge. This is sure to be a fun event for the whole family! Bring friends....there will be food, drinks, the game and fun for non-baseball fans - all for a modest ticket price. Check this corner next month for more details.

Our Fashion Show and Luncheon is set for **April 10th** @2:00 PM.

Want to know more about Eastern Star or thinking about joining our chapter? Contact Worthy Matron Pamela Lister: pamela.lister@yahoo.com, Worthy Patron Chris Hansford: hansfordclan@yahoo.com or our Chapter Secretary: oes214@gmail.com.



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Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

April 5, 5:30pm
Stated Meeting
Reception at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

May 7, 10:30am
Day at the Races
Golden Gate Park
Gates Open at 10:00 am
Buffet from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

May 14, 4:00pm
Alvin Weis PGM 50th
Union Cities Masonic Homes