

# The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ September 2016

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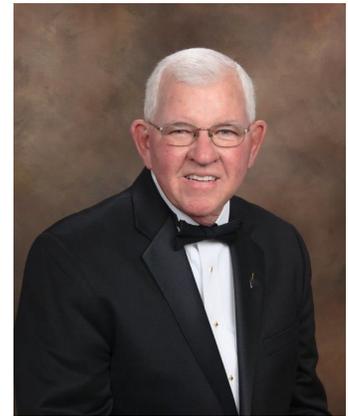
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## **F**rom the East *-Worshipful Marion P. Rogers, Master*

Time marches on! Schools are now in session and the Olympics are in full swing. I haven't had time to watch all that much but I did watch a couple of games that caught my attention. It was heartbreaking to see USA's Mara Abbott lose the women's cycling road race in the last few seconds - she went from first to fourth and therefore no medal. Then there was the heart-warming story of the track runners Nikki Hamblin of New Zealand and Abbey D'Agostino of the USA lending each other a hand after they both took a spill.



Last week we celebrated our newest Hiram Award winner, Bro. Michael Weis. It was great seeing several of his family members and several of our brothers and other Hiram Award winners present. The salmon dinner provided by Scott and Paula Zimmerman was outstanding.

We have a busy fall in front of us. Our officers are preparing themselves for new positions next year by learning the required proficiencies. Our degree teams are practicing for upcoming degrees. We expect to confer a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree in September and two 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees in October. The 2<sup>nd</sup> degree for Bro. Terry Killgore is scheduled for October 18 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree for Bro. Jonathan Groetsch is scheduled for October 22 at the Columbia historic lodge. I hope all the brothers can join us for these degrees.

There are a number of social activities coming up. On Saturday, September 17, the Orinda Masonic Lodge is hosting a Masons4Mitts fundraiser from 5 to 9PM. There will be food, fellowship and much

more. September 28 is Masonic Night at the home of the San Francisco Giants. This event is in support of our Masons4Mitts program whereby we donate baseball mitts to underprivileged children.

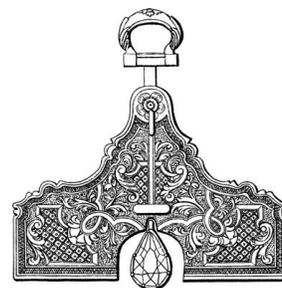
On October 2, the Blackhawk Museum is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the Children's Education & Transportation Fund. The ticket price includes dinner and admission to the Spirit of the Old West Display. This should be a great evening for a worthy cause. Lastly, on October 8, the Aahmes Shrine is hosting a Country BBQ and Old Fashioned Barn Dance. Information on each of these events can be found in the following pages.

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

It is still a marvel to me how Masonry works in general and in our lodge in particular. I also marvel at the effort that so many make on our behalf to make Masonry come alive for us. Let us take for example a typical Stated Meeting.

The Junior Warden (or in our case at the moment, the Senior Deacon) is responsible for the dinner. He sets the menu with the caterer, works with the master to advertise the after dinner presentation, gets the message out to members, collects responses, and informs the caterer how many to expect. This process makes use of the Lodge Website and so falls under the



Jurisdiction of the webmaster, our current Senior Steward. Several brothers come early to make sure the lodge is in a fit state and to set up the tables. The Tiler prepares the lodge by putting out the jewels, aprons and furnishing the podiums with gavels and pillars. The Chaplain prepares and gives the Grace. Then there is the speaker who spent time preparing the presentation. The money collected by the Senior Deacon goes to the Secretary who then passes it fully accounted to the Treasurer. The Treasurer pays the caterer. And everyone keeps a good and faithful record of the transactions for later audit. All this business activity facilitates the bonding that occurs before and during dinner and sets the scene for the Stated Meeting.

For me the Stated Meeting is a monthly reminder of the degree rituals we went through and the promises we made. The cares of the world are washed away by the beauty and glory of the opening. The transaction of business is a reminder that business can and should be transacted with respect and efficiency and the closing reminds us to take the lessons of the level, plumb and square into our everyday lives.

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

September is here already and the annual Masons4Mitts program is coming to an end. Each \$20 buys a baseball mitt for a deserving underserved boy or girl. The campaign is in conjunction with the Junior Giants.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** we will present a check to the Giants Community Fund at home plate in AT&T Park in San



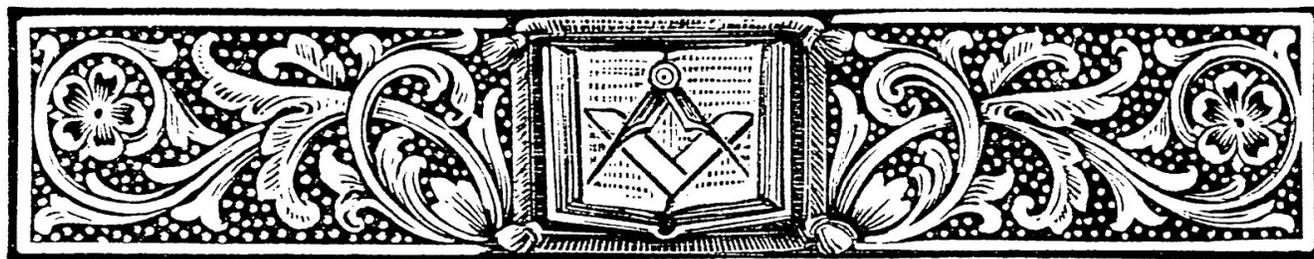
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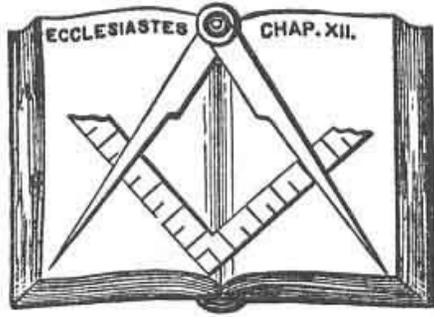
Francisco. We have been asked to gather your lodge members, family, and friends as we mark the end of the 2016 Masons4Mitts campaign celebrate being “the guys who give mitts to kids.” Last year we reserved a section in the lower box and in the center field bleachers. Lower box seats are \$45, bleacher seats are \$20 and center field bleacher seats are \$15. I need to know as soon as possible how many seats you want so I can order them. Or you can order them yourself by going to [Masons4Mitts.org](http://Masons4Mitts.org). Please make checks out to “Masons4Mitts” with “Masons Night Tickets” in the memo line.



Several of you ordered tickets at the last stated meeting. I will have at least 10 box tickets, most of which are spoken for, and 8 center field bleacher tickets. Let me know ASAP if you want tickets. Orinda Lodge is hosting a fundraiser for Masons4Mitts on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The festivities are scheduled to begin at about 5pm.

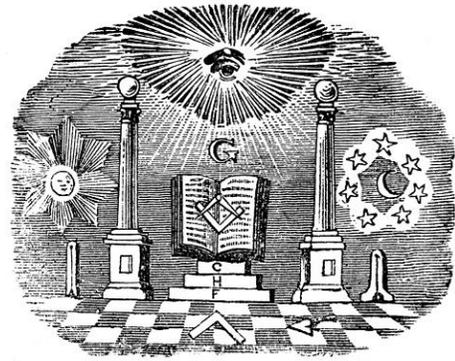
The feeling of brotherly love and good fun continues to abound. Our ritual work is solid and getting better. This is the time for you to return to lodge if you haven't been for a while. Don't feel embarrassed or shy. We want you back and I can guarantee you will be welcomed.





## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Name	Raised	Years a MM
Marvin J. Kay	9/27/1948	68
Herman L. Zeller	9/20/1955	61
Gerald H. Saurman	9/24/1957	59
George H. Konstantopoulos, PM	9/22/1961	55
Alvin J. Weis, PGM	9/20/1966	50
Gerald E. Patchen	9/30/1967	49
Alan L. Sherman	9/10/1968	48
Howard L. Strause	9/24/1968	48
Harvey A. Uhl	9/19/1968	48
Jay B. Williams, PM	9/26/1970	46
Spencer M. Sealander	9/25/1971	45
Robert L. Polvi	9/9/1976	40
Harvey K. Syversrud, PM	9/8/1981	35
Larry W. Woods, PM	9/15/1984	32
James A. Borup	9/23/1986	30
Thomas P. Hogan	9/10/2002	14
Johannes G. Peters, M.D.	9/22/2007	9
Richard A. Kellogg	9/22/2009	7
Kishore V. Nath	9/10/2011	5
P G. Korwin	9/8/2012	4
Rodney K. Impey	9/28/2013	3



## Birthdays

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

Ernest R. Everett, PM	September 3
Arne Simonsen, PM	September 3
Jeffrey D. Boschert	September 6
Amos J. Leffler	September 9
Frank P. Essert	September 12
Robert L. Smith	September 16
Frank F. Ransome	September 19
Richard D. Snowden	September 19
Sheldon Winnick	September 20
William B. Simpson	September 25
Dennis P. Rodgers, PM	September 29

# Hiram Honoree Michael Weis

As Delivered by Michael Roberts, PM

Michael Weiss is a native Californian who was born in Stockton and lived in the central valley town of Manteca until the age of 14.



His family moved to Lafayette when he was a freshman at Campolindo high school in Moraga. While in school he competed in sports such as Baseball and Track and also participated in the Jazz Band playing the saxophone.

While in High School Michael got his first taste of Masonry as a member of the Orinda Chapter Order of DeMolay, where he met and was mentored by our dearly departed brother David Shull who acted as the chapter advisor.

After graduating from Campolindo High, Michael attended Diablo Valley Community College and then moved on to Fresno State.

After college Michael entered into a career as a field Ironworker for 21 years. He was very appreciative of all the Ironworker veterans from California, New York, Chicago and Arizona who mentored him.

During his career he worked on the erection of many high rise buildings that are still standing today throughout Northern California, and also the demolition and repair of the Bay Bridge after the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989.

The Bay Bridge repair was one of the highlights of his iron work career. As many of you may recall the San Francisco Bay Area was paralyzed due to the earthquake. In 3 short weeks, Michael and his team got the Bay Bridge back into action.

Other jobs he worked on were:

- The Geothermal power station on Cobb Mountain near Clear Lake
- The erection of high rises in Oakland, San Francisco and throughout the Bay Area
- The erection of three container cranes at the port of Oakland
- Heavy rigging in all Northern California Oil Refineries
- Installation of heavy machinery and bank vaults
- Conveyor changes at the Ford and NUMI plants
- The high rise building at the corner of California and Kearney which included assembly and installation of the aluminum and glass facade.

After retiring from Ironworking, Michael turned his attention to another of his passions which is Gardening.

For the past 15 years Michael has owned and operated a Gardening and Landscaping business. He has worked in and developing many beautiful gardens in Piedmont, Oakland, Orinda, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Martinez, Alamo, Danville and Blackhawk.

In Michael's spare time... Michael is an extremely proud father of his two adult children, Tamara and Jeffrey, and his three beautiful grandchildren. Kira (10), Joseph (8) and Logan (5). He speaks of them often and really enjoys the time he spends with them. Family is VERY important to Michael.

Michael's many hobbies include the family tradition of hunting and fishing with his Father Alvin, Brother David, Son Jeffrey, Nephew John, and Grandsons Logan and Joseph. In fact, rumor has it Michael and his father Al have a salmon and halibut fishing trip planned with friends next week in Bellingham, Washington.

Michael began his Masonic Career with Acalanes Fellowship Lodge when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on June 22, 2004. He was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on September 21, 2004 and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on November 16, 2004. He served our lodge as Tiler for 3 years from 2008 through 2010 and then Marshall for 5 years from 2011 through 2015. In addition, he served as an



active member of the Temple Board for 9 years. Masonry is also a family tradition as his father Alvin Weis has served as Past Grand Master of California and is also a Past Master of this lodge and his brother David is a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 9 in Marysville.

In closing, I'd like to say that Michael Weis is a true example of a humble servant. He exhibits the three principle tenets of freemasonry in everything he does (Brotherly love, relief and truth). When our lodge needs him, believe me he is just a phone away. I have observed him for years quietly hard at work behind the scenes in our kitchen, in the parking lot and all around our temple. Just like the cornerstone of the skyscrapers that he assisted in erecting during his career, Michael Weis has left behind a legacy of good work that will be enjoyed by all for many years to come.



**Friends of the Blackhawk Museums Fundraising Event  
to benefit the  
Children's Education & Transportation Fund**

**5:00 pm – Lobby & Upper Gallery**

No Host Reception • Spirit of the Old West Gallery Historical Re-enactments

**7:00 pm – Lower Gallery**

Sit-Down Dinner • Live Auction • Dancing to the Whiskey Pass Band • Raffle • Costume Prizes

*Spirit of the Old West period attire encouraged, 'Come as your favorite western character'*

**Tickets \$60 per person**

VIP Tables (Eight Guests) \$600

Blackhawk Museums - Tax-ID #94-3353881

Blackhawk Museums  
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Danville, CA 94506-4652

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# Northern California Masons

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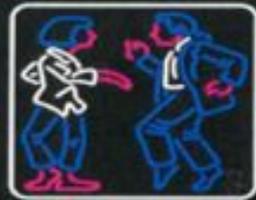


Fundraiser

BBQ / Food

**Saturday  
Sept. 17th  
5 to 9PM**

LIVE  
Music



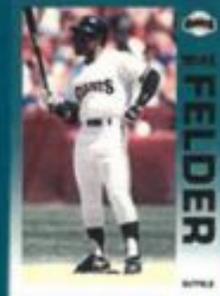
## The **RUCKUS** Band

Your Generous Donations Put Baseball Gloves  
into the Hands of Children in Need Ages 5 to 18yrs.  
SF Giants Merchandise Auction



Min.  
\$20.00  
Donation  
At Door

**Autographs By Former  
SF Giant Outfielder  
Mike Felder**



**9 Altarinda Road, Orinda, Ca. 94563**



ASMP & Purveyors  
Potentate's Official Visit

# Country BBQ & Old Fashion Barn Dance



"We ride so children can walk."

Featuring The Best in Live Music  
"Take 2"  
(John & Lynn Dibenedetti)

**This is Your Invitation**

Seating is Limited - **RSVP Early.**

Come, Enjoy This Special Event

**Everyone  
WELCOME**

Great Door Prize

PLUS

The Raffle: Many Fabulous Gifts



## When

Saturday October 8, 2016

Watering Hole Opens **4:30PM**

BBQ Served **6:30PM**

Dancing **6:00PM to 9:00PM**

## "From the CookHouse"

Ribs

Tri Tip.

Chicken

Sausage

Plus All The Fixn's

## Where

**Painted Hills Ranch**

7400 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore

## Cost

**\$35** each (kids under 14 - \$10)

(Proceeds benefit the Aahmes Shriners' Mounted Patrol & Horses)

**RSVP: w/ Check Mail Names of Persons in Your Party**

Brad Rupert at [bradley\\_rupert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bradley_rupert@sbcglobal.net) or (925) 890-8029

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## Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

**September 6, 5:30 pm**

**Stated Meeting**

Reception at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

**September 17**

**Masons4Mitts fundraiser**

Orinda Masonic Lodge

5 to 9 pm

**September 28**

**Masonic Night with the Giants**

AT&T Field

First Pitch 7:15 pm