

The Trestleboard

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From the East - *Worshipful Harry G.P. Burt, Master* master@acalanesfellowship.com

As I sit writing this in a Hotel Room in London, this is truly "From the East". Our group of 8 Masons and 3 Non-Masons had a very impressive trip, visiting Ireland Scotland and England. We were privileged to visit Killwinning Lodge O which has continuous records of Speculative Masonry going back to 1642 and intermittent records as early as 1580. Records before that may well turn up in the Moscow archives. Killwinning Lodge O has chartered lodges over the years and as such qualifies as a Grand Lodge which seems to undermine the claim of the Grand Lodge of England being the first Grand Lodge. PM Vick Vickers is currently assembling all of our photographs into a single archive while Brother John Minagro is developing a trip diary. Both the photo archive and the diary will be made available through links from the Lodge Website. In addition, we will present the highlights of the trip during the August Stated Meeting Dinner.



The picture accompanying this article was taken at Monolithos Lodge, the second lodge at which we exemplified the California Second Degree with our Grand Secretary taking the role of Junior Steward. I think we and Orinda Lodge can be very proud of both exemplifications. The Monolithos Lodge Brethren were intrigued by the Masters Hat which is not used in English Lodges. Perhaps we might be emulated?

It is a sign of the current strength of our Lodge that while five of us were in the UK the Lodge was also able to Initiate Brother Jason Harding. Welcome Brother Harding. I am sure you will absorb and make good use of the lessons of Masonry.

In my absence our Senior Deacon has led the work on our [third annual Luau](#) to be held on July 11 in conjunction with the July Stated Meeting which is moved from July 4 to July 11 at 5 pm. Finally, note we shall be [visiting Mendocino Lodge on August 19](#) for the Past Masters Visitation when Brother Leon Zhao will be passed to Fellow Craft. We are planning a Barbeque at the Tunzi Ranch in Comptche, where camping will also be available.

From the West *Michael Roberts, PM, Senior Warden srwarden@acalanesfellowship.com*



I would like to express my gratitude to all the officers of Acalanes Fellowship lodge who participated in the excellent initiation of our Brother Harding on Tuesday June 27th. It was a very enjoyable degree and it was an honor to be a part of his Degree team that evening. A special thank you goes out to Orinda Lodge which loaned us their Jewels, aprons and rods for our degree. I'm busy putting the finishing touches on Worshipful Otis Simonsen's upcoming Hiram Award ceremony coming up on Saturday August 12th. The ceremony will be held in our lodge room at 4:30 PM with a catered dinner to follow. A formal invitation will be coming out shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to request that if any Brother is interested in becoming a lodge Officer OR serve on a committee to please contact me via phone, email or in person. There is always a need for future officers and committee members. I look forward to seeing you all at our annual Luau on Tuesday July 11th. Aloha!

From the Secretary's Desk *-Fred Lezak, Secretary secretary@acalanesfellowship.com*

OK, so the SF Giants have gotten off to a rough start. There is still some great baseball to come. And that means the Masons4Mitts program is back. Last year California Masons raised over \$80,000 for the Junior Giant program. For a mere twenty bucks you can buy an underprivileged young boy or girl a baseball mitt so they can play this great game in the Junior Giant program. You can give me cash or a check or you can go to Masons4Mitts.org. Be sure that you donate through Acalanes Fellowship Lodge or let me know that you donated so I can make sure that the Lodge gets credit.

We are also getting a group together to go to the September 11th game with the L. A. Dodgers. If you are interested, please let me know either on the Lodge app. Or to me directly at

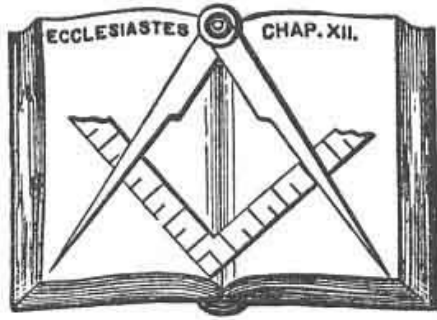
Lezak1000@gmail.com

As always, you are invited to attend our stated meeting dinner and meeting on the first Tuesday of any month. 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. You will thank yourself for attending. If you need a ride, please call me at (925) 360-4328.

Congratulations to our newest brother!

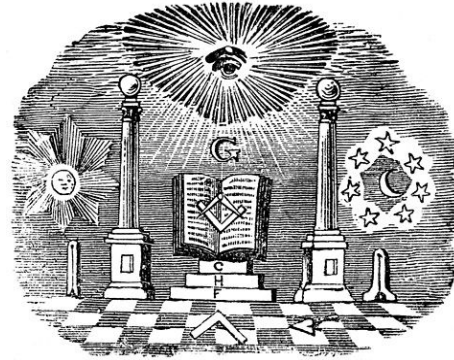
Jason Harding - Initiated June 27, 2017





3rd Degree Anniversaries

| Name | Raised | Years a MM |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| Eldon G. Keefer | 7/31/1946 | 71 |



Birthdays

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

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|-------------------------|---------|
| Russell J. Chapman | July 2 |
| Christopher M. Urani | July 2 |
| John P. Minagro | July 3 |
| Scott E. Carter | July 7 |
| Donald R. Hansen, PM | July 8 |
| Charles R. Tolerton, PM | July 8 |
| Gary A. Yanes, PM | July 10 |
| Michael P. Kenny | July 13 |
| Thomas C. Thompson | July 13 |
| Walter J. Moser | July 14 |
| Richard N. Young | July 21 |
| Paul J. Crawford | July 26 |
| William J. Haynes | July 31 |

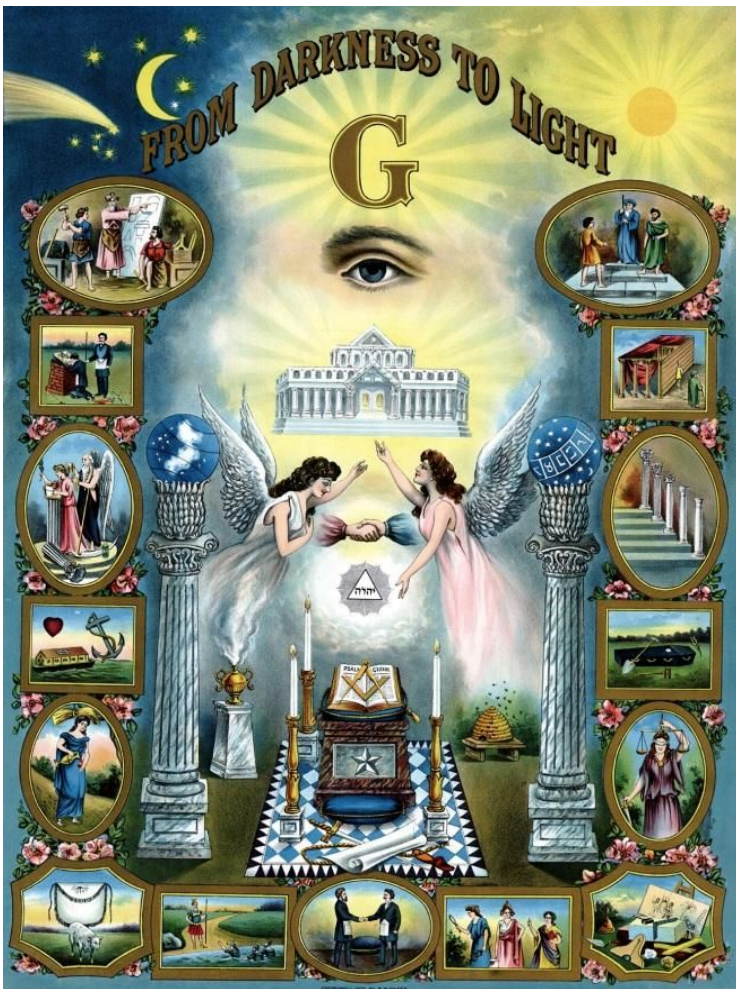
July Stated Meeting and Luau *July 11, 5:00pm*



It's time for our annual Luau! Put on your ugliest Hawaiian shirt, and get ready to hula the night away. Guests encouraged!

Menu: Hawaiian Grilled Chicken, Kalua Pork, Steamed Rice, Macaroni Salad, Hawaiian Rolls and Butter

Alternatively, you may email rsvp@acalanes.org or call (925) 284-7815 to register.



Come help our excellent Past Masters Team

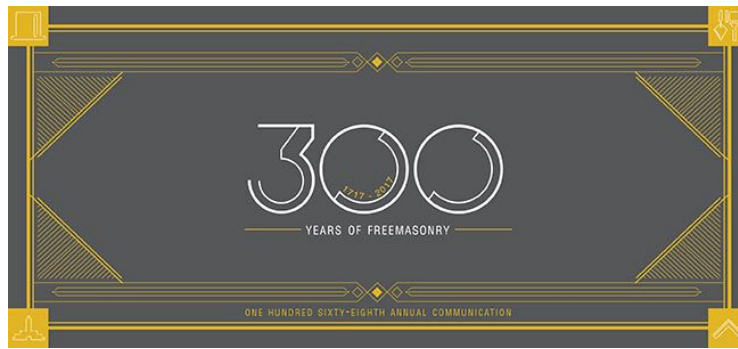
Pass to the Degree of Fellow Craft

Leon Zhao

Saturday, August 19

2:00 pm

Mendocino Masonic Lodge



Three hundred years ago, foundations were laid that would inspire and unite generations of gentlemen—foundations that continue to be built on today. Important as ever, the Annual Communication serves as a way to unite us, both in spirit and purpose.

Annual Communication weekend, October 13-15, is an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of your peers; to salute the grand master and welcome the new one. It's a time to honor the bonds we form between brothers. And, it's a time to make your voice heard - you will direct the future of the fraternity through your vote in our business sessions.

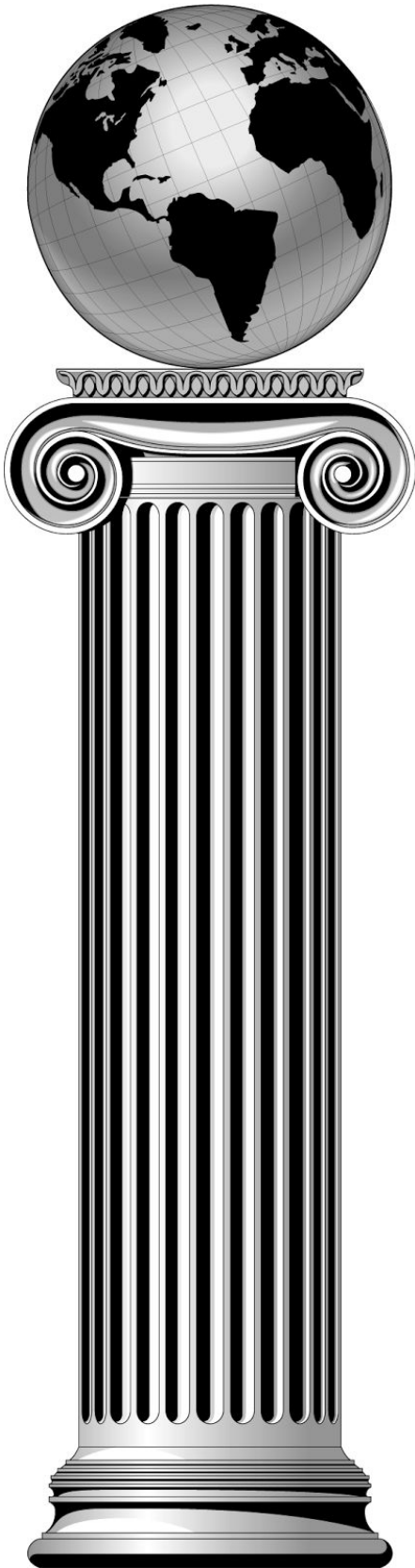
And during this 300th year of Freemasonry, it's different. It's your **once-in-a-lifetime** chance to reflect on the last 300 years as we look to the future. Don't miss your chance to celebrate—the past, the present, and the future.

300th Anniversary Gala and Banquet

Toast to the 300th anniversary of Freemasonry during an unforgettable night at the 300th Anniversary Gala and Banquet, on Saturday evening. Held at the 110-year old Fairmont Hotel—a sparkling jewel atop Nob Hill—the night will reflect the enduring sophistication and revelry of San Francisco's golden era. Mix and mingle during cocktail hour before enjoying a lavish seated dinner, with awards and recognitions throughout the night.

Marking the culmination of a weekend steeped in tradition as well as centuries of shared dedication to freemasonry, the 300th Anniversary Gala and Banquet will be a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of the bonds of brotherhood, and will be a night you'll never forget. Space is limited—reserve your tickets today.

[More Details Here](#)



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