

# The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ September, 2017

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## From the East - *Worshipful Harry G.P. Burt, Master* [master@acalanesfellowship.com](mailto:master@acalanesfellowship.com)

So the dog days of summer, the rising of the dog star Sirius with the Sun, were this year enhanced with a solar eclipse, a couple of pool parties and a visitation to the historic lodge of Mendocino where our Past Master's team of ritualists exemplified the second degree.

The Mendocino Lodge was built by the first Master of the Lodge, who placed on its roof a carving he made from a huge redwood stump. The carving depicts a scene central to the Masonic Third Degree. After the visitation, we took the opportunity to have a pretty special barbeque at a pretty special place. The Tunzi Ranch has, since 1946, been in the hands of four generations of the Tunzi family (with Frank, the Fifth Generation, arriving just 6 weeks ago).

Larry the current owner and third generation, helped his father build the Masonic location, complete with outdoor lodge for degrees (particularly Royal Arch) and complemented with a cookhouse, hot showers and all modern conveniences. The BBQ pit is huge and fueled by wild Madrone wood that burns down to magnificent ashes. Twenty five attended the BBQ, including six of the Tunzi family. Four of us camped overnight at the Ranch while others found accommodation in nearby Fort Bragg.

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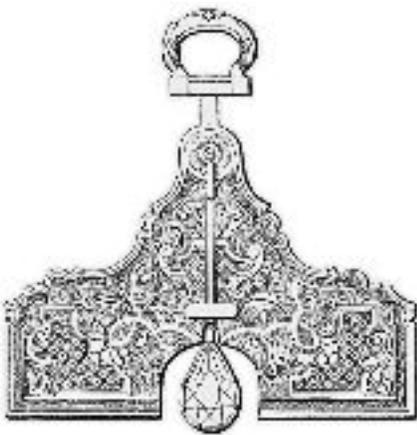
Non-Masons, where you will learn the meaning behind many of the features and appurtenances of the Lodge. Dinner is at 6:30 (email me for reservations by COB Monday before). Ceremony is at 7:30

This Stated Meeting (September 5<sup>th</sup>) features our oft delayed official visit of our Worshipful Inspector who will present Brother Gerald Patchen with his 50 year pin and certificate. Come join us in the Reception of a Grand Lodge Officer and the Presentation of the Flag. The October Stated Meeting will be Advanced Stations

And lastly, on September 30<sup>th</sup>, Island City Lodge is hosting a day of Masonic Education led by Worshipful Kenneth Nagy of San Diego, followed by the celebrated Island City Festive Board. If you are interested, email me for details.

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## From the Secretary's Desk -Fred Lezak, Secretary [secretary@acalanesfellowship.com](mailto:secretary@acalanesfellowship.com)



September is the anniversary of the signing of The Constitution of the United States.

*We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*

These most famous words of the preamble to The Constitution of the United States can and should define the life that we, as Masons, will live. We frequently are reminded that many of the great and distinguished men who were signers of the

Declaration of Independence and The Constitution of the United States as well as other founders of our great nation (George Washington for example), were Masons.

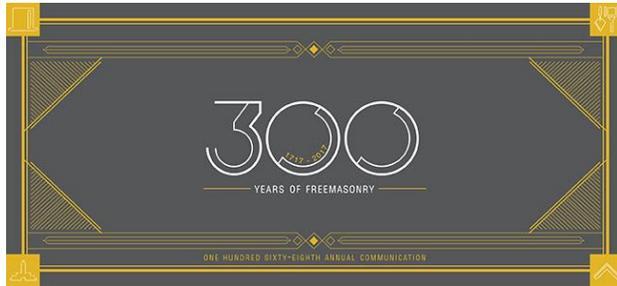
What we need to remember is that many of the ordinary citizens who became heroes through their service to our country to protect and preserve our Constitution were also Masons. We need also to remember that it is up to you and me, as Masons and citizens of this great nation, to continue to preserve all of the benefits enumerated in the preamble to the Constitution. We are put in mind of the three great lights of Masonry; Brotherhood, Charity and Truth. We also need to be awakened to the other precepts and our belief in political freedom, religious tolerance and personal integrity. The signing of The Constitution was their time. Preserving the spirit of that grand and noble document is our time.

September is also Lodge membership month. We will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Brother Jerry Patchen. We are continuing in our effort to bring our older members back to the lodge. Many of them cannot drive at night and need help in getting to lodge. If you have an interest in helping in this effort, please give me a call at (925) 360-4328. We are also trying to bring back our not-so-old brothers who have not attended lodge for a while. If you know of such a brother,

please make an effort to bring him to a stated meeting dinner. You know he will be pleasantly surprised.

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.

I will see you in 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.

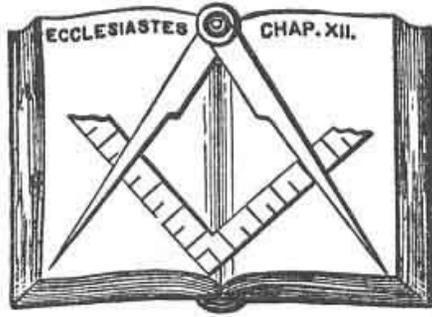
And during this 300th year of Freemasonry, it's different. It's your **once-in-a-lifetime** chance to reflect on the last 300 years as we look to the future. Don't miss your chance to celebrate—the past, the present, and the future.

### **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.

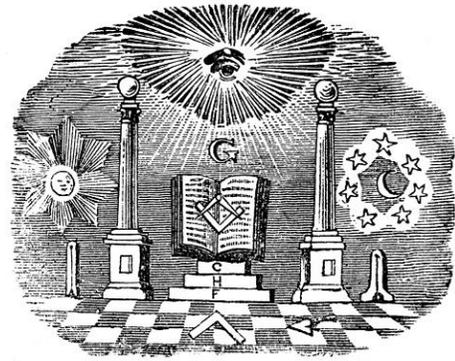
Marking the culmination of a weekend steeped in tradition as well as centuries of shared dedication to freemasonry, the 300th Anniversary Gala and Banquet will be a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of the bonds of brotherhood, and will be a night you'll never forget. Space is limited—reserve your tickets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

[More Details Here](#)



## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Name	Raised	Years a MM
Marvin J. Kay	September 27	69
Herman L. Zeller	September 20	62
Gerald H. Saurman	September 24	60
George H. Konstantopoulos, PM	September 22	56
Alvin J. Weis, PGM	September 20	51
Gerald E. Patchen	September 30	50
Alan L. Sherman	September 10	49
Harvey A. Uhl	September 19	49
Howard L. Strause	September 24	49
Jay B. Williams, PM	September 26	47
Spencer M. Sealander	September 25	46
Robert L. Polvi	September 9	41
Harvey K. Syversrud, PM	September 8	36
Larry W. Woods, PM	September 15	33
James A. Borup	September 23	31
Thomas P. Hogan	September 10	15
Johannes G. Peters, M.D.	September 22	10
Richard A. Kellogg	September 22	8
Kishore V. Nath	September 10	6
P G. Korwin	September 8	5



## 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
Frank P. Essert	September 12
Robert L. Smith	September 16
Richard D. Snowden	September 19
Sheldon Winnick	September 20
William B. Simpson	September 25
Dennis P. Rodgers, PM	September 29

## September Stated Meeting *September 5, 5:30pm*

This month's stated meeting is filled with special events. From the official visit of the Worshipful Greg Thompson, Inspector of the 305th Masonic District, to the presentation of a 50 year pin to Brother Gerald Patchen, to a lecture on the US Constitution by our Junior Deacon, David Kreutzinger, there will be lots of activity. Be sure to join us!

**Menu:** Hot Dogs, Chili, Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Claim Jumper Pie

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**HARVESTFEST**

*A County Fair at Our Masonic Home*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

Live Country and Bluegrass Music | Barbecue Lunch | Favorite Festival Treats  
Face Painting | Balloon Artists | Stilt Walkers | Petting Zoo | Bounce Houses

**FREE FOR ALL MASONIC FAMILY MEMBERS!**

RSVP by September 1 at  
[masonichome.org/HarvestFest](http://masonichome.org/HarvestFest) or (510) 475-2144

The poster features a wooden signpost with a Masonic logo at the top. The signpost has several directional signs: 'FOOD', 'FACE PAINTING', 'GAMES', 'PETTING ZOO', 'LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC', and 'AND MUCH MORE!'. Below the signpost, there are illustrations of farm animals: a cow, a sheep, a rooster, and chickens. To the right, there are illustrations of a red and white striped circus tent with a '2017' sign on top, a purple and white striped tent, and a blue and white striped tent. Musical notes are floating in the air.



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**Grand Master's Proclamation:**  
**SEPTEMBER 2017 IS U.S. CONSTITUTION OBSERVANCE MONTH**  
*1717-2017: Celebrating 300 Years*

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States is the foundation of our democratic government and responsible for the multitude of freedoms we enjoy today; and

**Whereas**, as we reflect upon the 300<sup>th</sup> year of our brotherhood, we must celebrate the democratic achievements that our forefathers accomplished; and,

Whereas, many of the founding fathers of our country were Freemasons, and through their ideals and efforts, they formed a society that promoted democracy and established a new order based on upholding the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, all Masons pledge to uphold the peace and order of civil society by demonstrating allegiance to our country and obedience to the laws under whose protection we live; and

Whereas, as Masons, we strive to set an example for others in our society and communities by demonstrating compassion, kindness, temperance, tolerance, and respect alongside our storied principle tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth; now

Therefore, as Grand Master, I proclaim September 2017 as **U.S. Constitution Observance Month** in California. I ask all California Masons to select a date in September to celebrate the United States Constitution within their lodges, by recognizing the parallels between our founding fathers' words and our own treasured ritual; by including Masonic youth orders in a celebration of our constitutional freedoms; and by recognizing the importance of our continued efforts to promote civility within society.

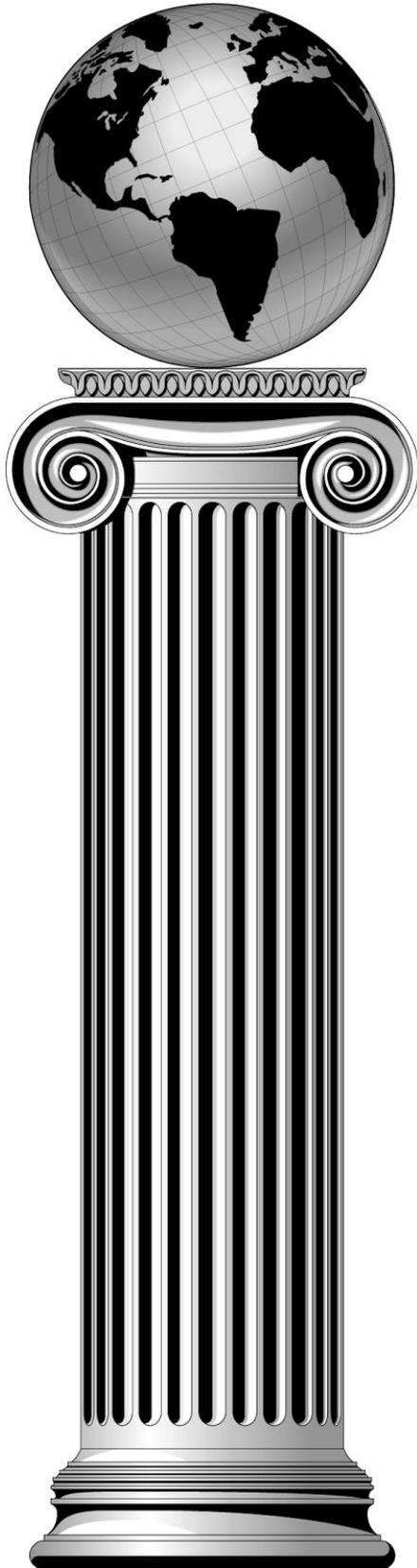
Dated this 25th day of June, 2017.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Attest:

  
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Grand Master

  
Allan L. Casalou  
Grand Secretary



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## Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

**August 31**  
**Orinda Lodge Open House**  
**Masonic Walkabout**  
Dinner at 6:30 pm  
Ceremony at 7:30 pm

**September 5**  
**Stated Meeting**  
Reception at 5:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:30 pm  
Meeting at 7:30 pm

**September 16**  
**Harvest Fest**  
**Masonic Homes**  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**September 30**  
**Day of Masonic Education**  
**& Festive Board**  
**Island Cities Lodge**

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