

The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ November, 2017

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

This has been a Masonic year that in many ways is similar to every other. We cut down the trees threatening our Lodge. Someone crashed into the Lodge and we are working our way through repairs. We are working with a Neighbor to replace the fence between our properties. We held a moving Memorial Service in the Lodge for Jack Chudley. The City of Lafayette is again considering traffic management developments that would require removal of the Lodge (we have a good team on this). We had a visitation to Mendocino Lodge 179 and a great BBQ on the Tunzi Ranch. Crab Feed and Luau. And we are again trying to get 5 year plans for the Lodge and for the Hall off the ground. These are all things typical of what happens in the annual cycle of keeping a lodge in being.

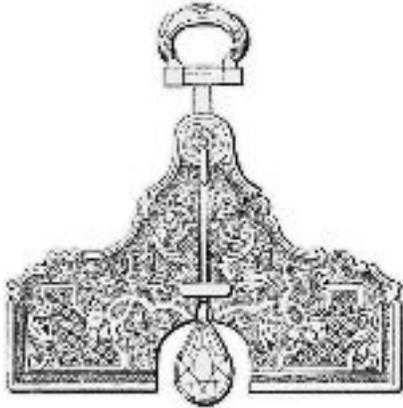


We have had five entered apprentice degrees, two FC degrees and two MM degrees. We have been approached by over 20 men interested in Masonry, three of whom have joined us and 10 of whom we are working with. We have established a policy that the first line signer of a prospect will be the person's coach. Experience at other lodges indicates that this encourages careful thought when bringing in a new member and develops members more likely to contribute because of the commitment made right at the start. We are building better Builders, taking good men and making them better.

As the year approaches its end we look forward to a tour of the Nike base on the Marin headlands conducted by Brother Kreuzinger on November 11th, who will also tell us about how the SF Bay has

been defended from the earliest days of written history. Finally, Installation of Officers is just over a month away (December 9th, 5:30 sharp) and we have a Sweethearts Luncheon on December 16th at 11:30am. We look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

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



My Brethren and friends, it simply amazes me how fast 2017 has flown by! It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve you as Senior Warden of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480. In November the Brethren will be electing the Officers who will lead the lodge in the ensuing 2018 Masonic Year and beyond. I am very proud to serve with such an excellent core of Officers who truly love our gentle craft and the lodge members and extended families they serve. Acalanes Fellowship Lodge is still in need of a future lodge leaders in the form of Junior and Senior Steward so if you would like to serve in this important occupation please let me know.

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to offer a new opportunity for Acalanes Fellowship Lodge to make a difference in the lives of children that live in our community. At our Stated Meeting on December 5th, Acalanes Fellowship Lodge will have a United States Marine representing the Contra Costa County Toys for Tots Program in attendance. He will be in dress blues to meet with you and take the toys and any cash donations he receives that night with him for children in need in Contra Costa County who might otherwise not have any toys during the holidays. Any new (unwrapped) toy from infant to teenager would be greatly appreciated. Please plan on attending our upcoming December Stated Meeting Dinner and donate generously to this very important cause. I look forward to seeing you all again soon!

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

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication for 2017 has come and gone. Eight members of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge attended this year. The results of the voting on the resolutions have been posted on the Grand Lodge website but the most important news as far as we are concerned as members of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge is that the per capita rate was raised only to \$48.75. That means our dues will only be raised two dollars to \$174.00 for 2018 (\$125.00 plus the per capita of 48.75 rounded up to the next dollar). Dues letters will be sent out on or about November 1st.

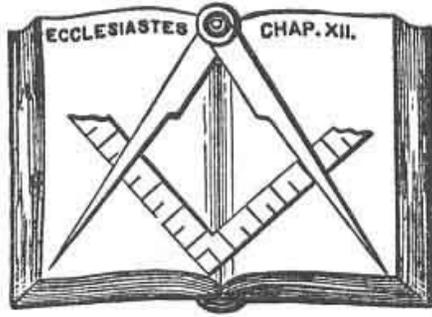
We are continuing in our effort to bring our older members back to the lodge. Many of them cannot drive at night and need help in getting to lodge. If you have an interest in helping in this effort, please give me a call at (925) 360-4328. We are also trying to bring back our not-so-old brothers who 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. Please remember that many of these brothers have not been with us for a while. They may feel uncomfortable with all of the new brothers that they have not met before. It is up to us, as the friendly lodge, to make them feel well received

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.

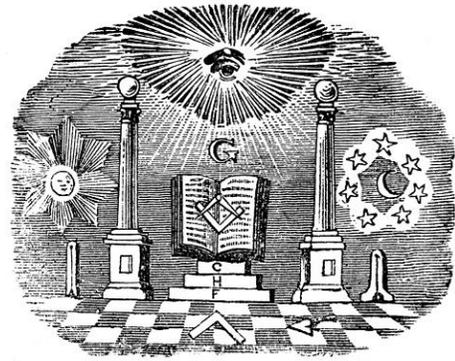
I will see you in lodge.





3rd Degree Anniversaries

Name	Raised	Years a MM
Jack Heinz	11/17/1953	64
Frederick T. Lezak, Jr.	11/8/1961	56
Ernest R. Everett, PM	11/24/1964	53
Gary B. Estes	11/22/1966	51
Orren C. Rupert, PM	11/22/1973	44
Charlie M. Wooten	11/23/1976	41
Jon M. Haynes	11/25/1980	37
Richard D. Maxwell	11/8/1983	34
Phillip L. Mc Allister, Sr., PM	11/8/1984	33
Steven F. Klamm	11/19/1987	30
Allan L. Casalou, PM	11/26/1991	26
Lew Jenkins	11/9/1993	24
Michael S. Weis	11/16/2004	13
Robert J. Knebel	11/19/2005	12
Partha (James) S. Chowdhury	11/20/2010	7
Paul J. Crawford	11/6/2010	7
Timothy J. Crawford	11/6/2010	7
Kevin W. Moore	11/10/2012	5
David L Kreutzinger	11/8/2014	3



Birthdays

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

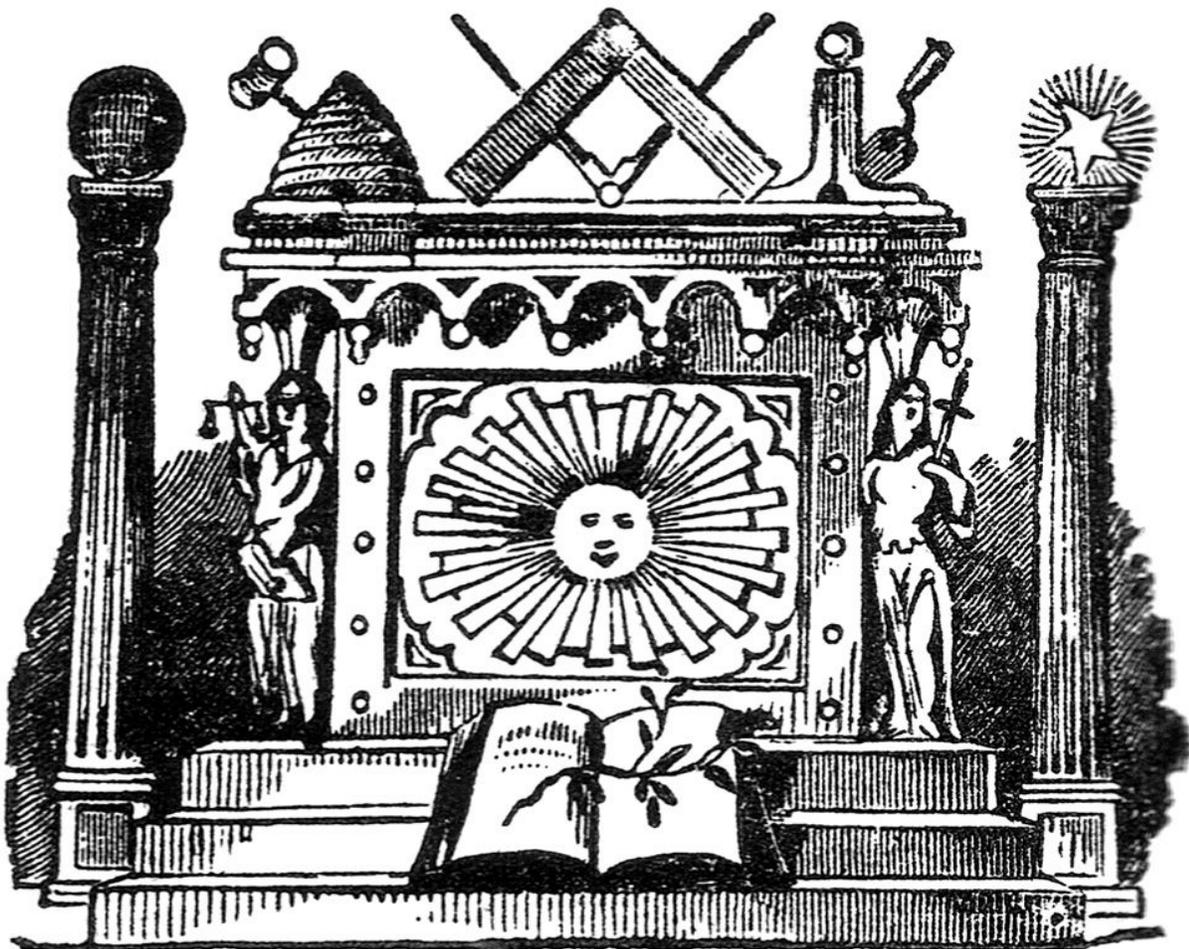
Thomas W. Frutiger	November 1
Bradley O. Rupert, PM	November 5
Timothy J. Crawford	November 8
Harvey K. Syversrud, PM	November 11
Chandler S. Eason, Jr.	November 16
Jay J. Newman	November 19
Danny Ho	November 24
Ronald J. Reese	November 25
Kenneth C. Owen, PM	November 26
John H. Kalivoda	November 29

November Stated Meeting *November 7, 5:30pm*

At this month's stated meeting our Junior Deacon, David Kreutzinger, will give a short talk on the defense of the Bay Area, and will discuss our upcoming trip to visit the Nike Missile Site in Marin Headlands on November 11. The meeting itself will feature election of our 2018 Officers. Come have your vote count!

Menu: Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Fresh Green Beans, w/balsamic, bacon & almond slivers, Garden Salad, Roll & Butter, Pumpkin Cupcake

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*You Are Cordially Invited to
Our Annual Installation of Officers*

Saturday, December 9, 2017

5:30pm

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge, #480

Cocktails and Dinner Immediately Following.

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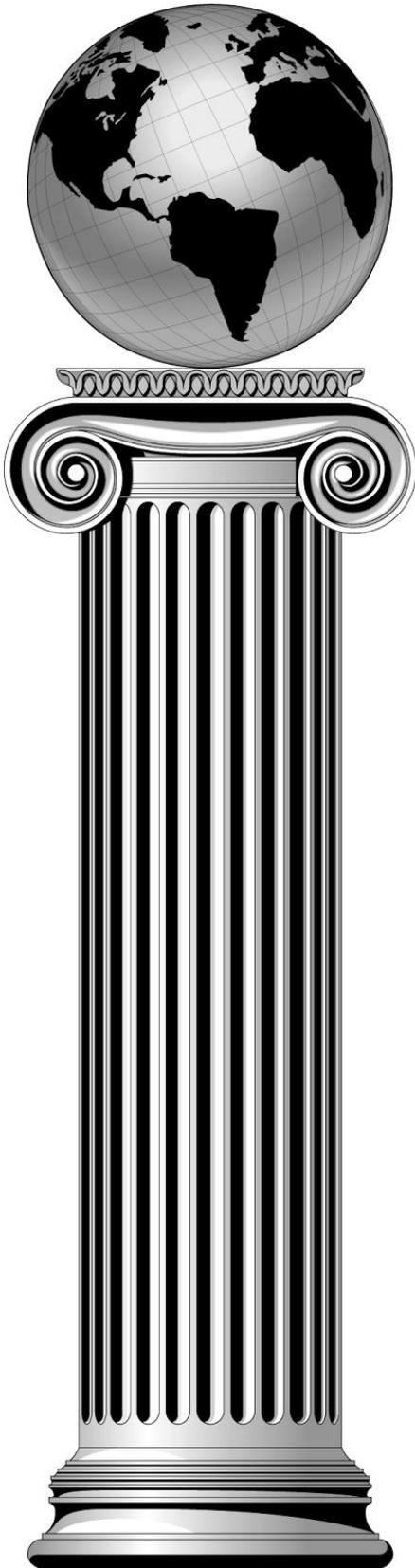
Celebrate the Holidays with Our Sweethearts!

Saturday, December 16, 2017

11:30am

Join us for holiday songs, cheer and fun!

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Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

November 7
Stated Meeting & Elections
Reception at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

December 5
Stated Meeting
Reception at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

December 9
Officer's Installation
Installation at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm

December 16
Sweetheart's Luncheon
Reception at 11:30am
Lunch at noon

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