

# The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ September, 2018

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**From the East** - *Worshipful Michael Roberts. PM, Master* [master@acalanesfellowship.com](mailto:master@acalanesfellowship.com)

Greetings from the East:

It's hard to believe that we are already in the fourth quarter of 2018! Acalanes Fellowship Lodge is continuing to roll full steam ahead for the month of September with a traveling Past Master double second degree at Benicia Lodge on Saturday September 15th for Brothers Jason Harding and Noah Meier. Lodge will open at 6:15pm and all Master Masons and Fellowcraft Masons are invited and encouraged to attend. For those of you who are not aware this degree will be held in the first Masonic Hall built in California and dedicated on December 27, 1850.



On the following Saturday September 22nd we will then present the Hiram Award to Brother Bob Smith at 5pm. The Hiram Award, it is presented to a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary. It is the highest honor other than being Master of the Lodge that can be bestowed on a member of a Masonic Lodge. Please join me in congratulating this amazing brother.

On Tuesday, September 25th we will not be having our monthly potluck as we have many Brethren heading to San Francisco to participate in the annual Masons for Mitts program. This year the Giants will be host the Padres with game start time of 7:15pm. If you have not already done so, please visit the [Masons for Mitts website](#) to purchase tickets for the games and donate a Mitt for only \$20.

Please be sure to use the “East Bay Aces” link when purchasing a Mitt so our district gets the credit. This really is a fun and inexpensive night for you and your whole family and all for a great cause. Every baseball season, the Masons of California partner with Angels Baseball, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Diego Padres, and San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball (MLB) teams to bring the fun and teambuilding skills of baseball to more California kids. MLB foundations in each region are committed to serving the community and providing a positive outlet for children. Throughout the season, teams of Masonic lodges in each region face off in friendly competition to help the most kids they can, by purchasing baseball mitts for children who participate in programs through the MLB foundations. The Masons4Mitts team from each region that funds the greatest number of baseball mitts will publicly present their check, along with the grand master, at Masons Night at the ballpark in Angels Stadium in Anaheim, AT&T Park in San Francisco, Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, and Petco Park in San Diego.

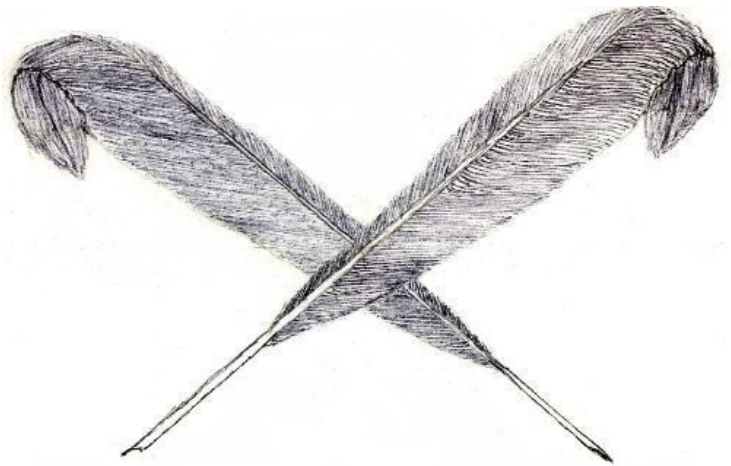
I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Stated Meeting & dinner on Tuesday September 4th!

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

My dear brothers,

As some of you know, I am recuperating from a major operation. It is times such as this that the power of masonic brotherly love becomes absolutely clear. The love, support, good wishes and driver help that Pat and I have received over the past 8 weeks has been profound. The definition of brotherly love and relief is what the members of this lodge provide every day and every meeting. And it is

not just me. There are other brothers who are going through some very tough times right now. But the brothers of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge are there every step of the way providing moral, spiritual and physical support. Pat and I cannot thank you all enough but the real joy is knowing that you are there for us and others. Above all else, this is what masonry is about, and the fact that Acalanes Fellowship Lodge is a prime example of these tenets is not surprising.



For you to experience some of this brotherly love come to the stated meeting. If you have not been for a while, we miss you. 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.

## **H**all Association *Pete Peterson, Tiler* [no2pete@aol.com](mailto:no2pete@aol.com)



The Hall Association continues its ongoing efforts to spruce up the lodge and keep up with ongoing maintenance issues. Our downstairs air conditioning unit went out recently, requiring us to call in an “expert” to inspect the unit. After installing a new fan motor and capacitor, things are now working well. He also inspected and cleaned the upstairs unit and gave it a clean bill of

health. Our renters reported problems with our kitchen oven and ice maker, and our outside chair lift stopped working. Fortunately, we have Hall Association members who were knowledgeable enough to quickly diagnose and fix those problems at no expense to the lodge.

As word gets out that our Lodge is available for rentals, Worshipful Burt continues to receive interest from quite a few nearby community groups. This duty has kept him busy, but as usual, Brother Harry keeps a smile on his face.

A preschool childcare facility contacted us asking about renting our facility all year, five days a week, all day. The Hall Association denied the request as it would require modification to our parking lot, and most likely to our building itself to comply with various state and local code requirements. It would have also had a negative impact on our other renters and on Lodge activities as well. I previously mentioned contact from a group associated with the nearby Lafayette Elementary School about long-term after-school use of our facility. That did not work out as the group could not

attract enough clients to make it work financially for them. The summer Cooking School program will conclude this month.

For all you life-long learners out there, Worshipful Harry is working with a person who wishes to rent our facility Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings to teach basic Italian; contract and Insurance details are being worked on. If this goes through, Lodge members and their families may participate. Not sure what the fees will be, but you will be kept informed if this works out.

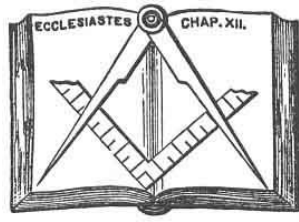
Doric Lodge (York Rite) continues to rent our facility for their monthly meetings. They have a decision to make in September as to continue renting our facility or look for another meeting place. We hope they continue their relationship with Acalanes Fellowship Lodge as some of their members are members of AFL #480 as well.

Of special note: The City of Lafayette and Harry are working out details of a possible contract where the City will rent parking spaces in our lot for their employees during the day. This could result in a significant source of annual revenue for the Lodge.

Worshipful Rogers and Brother Korwin are nearing completion of the work being done on the stage area in the West. This work will enable the lodge to have needed additional storage area and will make the lodge even more attractive to future renters

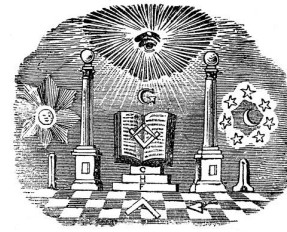
As you can see, there is a lot of behind-the-scenes activity that goes on to keep our lodge functioning. We continue to have an unfilled vacancy on the Hall Association and encourage anyone interested to apply.





## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

Name	Raised	Years a MM
Marvin J. Kay	9/27/1948	70
Gerald H. Saurman	9/24/1957	61
William L. Whitten	8/13/1958	60
George H. Konstantopoulos, PM	9/22/1961	57
Alvin J. Weis, PGM	9/20/1966	52
Gerald E. Patchen	9/30/1967	51
Alan L. Sherman	9/10/1968	50
Howard L. Strause	9/24/1968	50
Harvey A. Uhl	9/19/1968	50
Jay B. Williams, PM	9/26/1970	48
Spencer M. Sealander	9/25/1971	47
Dean D. Van Norman, PM	8/24/1976	42
Robert L. Polvi	9/9/1976	42
Ronald J. Reese	8/29/1978	40
James R. Barley	8/25/1979	39
C. T. Watson	8/30/1979	39
Gerard M. Wilson, PM	8/22/1979	39
Harvey K. Syversrud, PM	9/8/1981	37
Clinton J. Jossey	8/28/1984	34
Larry W. Woods, PM	9/15/1984	34
John R. Osborne	8/24/1985	33
James A. Borup	9/23/1986	32
John B. Cook	8/20/1994	24
Trandafir Mihutoni	8/19/2000	18
Stephen E. Milano	8/18/2001	17
Thomas P. Hogan	9/10/2002	16
Angel G. Alvarez-Mapp	8/12/2003	15



## Birthdays

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

Jeffrey R. Nott	August 4
Trandafir Mihutoni	August 7
Donald L. Hoskins	August 8
Adam J. Hanin	August 10
Robert A. Richardson	August 20
Boris J. Minzyk	August 22
Cary L. Carlson, PM	August 22
Angel G. Alvarez-Mapp	August 22
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

Kenneth C. Owen, PM	8/9/2003	15
James H. Chamberlain, PM	8/21/2004	14
Robert S. Strohmeyer	8/24/2004	14
Charles R. Tolerton, PM	8/31/2004	13
Danny Ho	8/19/2006	12
Daniel M. Argueta	8/18/2007	11
Johannes G. Peters, M.D.	9/22/2007	11
Michael E. Roberts, PM	8/23/2008	10
Richard A. Kellogg	9/22/2009	9
Harry G. Burt, PM	8/14/2010	8
J. O. Dryden, II	8/20/2011	7
Kishore V. Nath	9/10/2011	7
Timothy J. Riley	8/25/2012	6
P G. Korwin	9/8/2012	6
Peter A. Peterson	8/17/2013	5
David B. Stickney	8/22/2015	3



***You are invited to attend:***

## ***The 2018 Hiram Award Ceremony***

***Saturday, September 22, 2018***

***Presented to Brother Robert Smith***

***5:00 PM - Ceremony***

***6:30 PM - Dinner***

***Dress:***

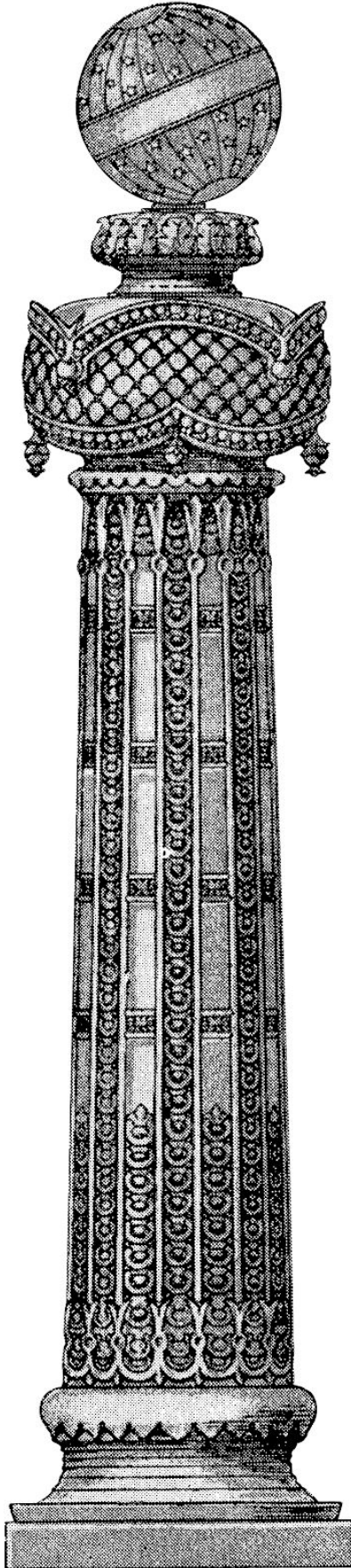
***Tux for Officers***

***Semi-Formal / Business Attire for others***

***All family and friends are welcome to attend. Bring a guest ... Everyone is welcome. It's the perfect event to introduce someone to Masonry.***

***Following the ceremony, we will enjoy a meal together to honor Brother Bob. [CLICK HERE to reserve your seats!](#)***





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## Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

**September 4**

**Stated Meeting**

Reception at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

[Click and Register](#)

**September 15**

**2nd Degree: Harding & Maier**

*Benicia Historic Lodge*

Dinner at 5:00 pm

Degree at 6:15 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

[Click and Register](#)

**September 22**

**Hiram Award: Robert Smith**

Ceremony at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

[Click and Register](#)