

# The Trestleboard

- ACALANES FELLOWSHIP LODGE #480, F&AM -

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AUGUST 2019

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## FROM THE EAST

*A message from Worshipful Robert S. Strohmeyer*

Fraternal greetings from the East, my brethren.

With August now upon us, and the summer now mostly behind us, we are well into the second half of our Masonic year. I hope you all have had a fun and fulfilling summer, and that the coming fall sees you all in health and prosperity.

As a lodge, we have a great deal to look forward to in the second half of 2019, so I'd like to take this opportunity to offer a preview of events to come in the ensuing months.

On Saturday, August 17, we will proudly honor Brother Fred Lezak for his years of service to our lodge. If you haven't already, please do RSVP for the dinner.

We have a number of worthy candidates working their way through the Masonic degrees at present, and can look forward to several proficiencies at our Stated Meetings in August and September. We are planning a First Degree Visitation from our good brothers of Orinda Lodge, to be held here at Acalanes Fellowship on the evening of Tuesday, August 20. In September, we will turn our attention to preparing for a series of Second Degrees, and then will prepare to confer a couple of Third Degrees in October/November, before we close out the year. I will be reaching out to many of you to participate in these degrees.

September is Open House Month, and Grand Lodge has offered assistance in publicizing open house events for lodges throughout the state. We will hold our Open House BBQ on the afternoon of Saturday, September 7. Please let me know if you're available to help with the Open House, the BBQ, or both.

In October, we will be holding our semi-annual Dinner Theater Night. This event has been a big hit with the wives and sweethearts in years past, and we expect it to be a great time. Current target date is Saturday, October 12.

Masonic education has been a big focus for us in 2019, and we were very pleased with the quality of our presentations in our Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Lodges of Instruction so far this year. In November, we will hold a Lodge of Instruction on the Third Degree, and hope to host some newly raised brethren at that event.

It will soon be time for us to elect officers for the 2020 Masonic year. 2020 will be the 100th anniversary of our lodge, and we're looking forward to having a full line of officers for this auspicious year. Brother Adam Hanin and all our line officers are working with our officers' coaches and Worshipful Greg Thompson on their proficiencies.

Finally, our tradition of closing out the year by celebrating our sweethearts will continue this year, of course. In December, we will host our wives, daughters, mothers, and Masonic widows at a festive luncheon, and we hope to see another great turnout.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming degrees, and to a prosperous second half of the year for our lodge.

—Robert S. "Bob" Strohmeyer, Master  
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*Worshipful Bob Strohmeyer  
Master*

# FROM THE WEST

## *A Message from Senior Warden Adam J. Hanin*

Even though we were officially “dark” in July, your officer corps has been busy working on plans for the coming year.

In mid-July I held a meeting with several past masters and brethren to share a preliminary plan for next year, should I be elected to become Master for 2020. The plan, built on results from the lodge survey, includes more social events, community involvement, charitable service and Masonic education. I’m not quite ready to share the full plan with the entire lodge, as there’s still work to be done (including a meeting with a broader group of Past Masters and line officers), but with time progressing unendingly forward, there are some things I need everyone’s help with.

In particular, I noted in the survey results that many members wanted to help with events and activities but weren’t sure how to. At the same time, the officers of the lodge and a small handful of regulars have often been shouldered with not only running the lodge and coordinating ritual, but also planning and running all the lodge events. As a result, it seemed most important to me to establish a number of committees for next year to help run and manage events and activities and get more of the non-officer members involved in the lodge.

So, in no particular order, here is a list of SOME of the committees I expect to establish for next year where I know I will need YOUR assistance to build success for the lodge. Please read through these, and if you are interested in participating in one or more of them, let me know at [srwarden@acalanesfellowship.org](mailto:srwarden@acalanesfellowship.org), or the next time you see me at a lodge event.

### **Stated Meetings Committee**

Coordinate menus, table settings, decor and speakers for Stated Meeting Dinners.

### **Masonic Education Committee**

Organize Masonic education sessions, invite external speakers, schedule and promote events. Coordinate and deliver 2 open houses during the year.

### **Community Outreach Committee**

Provide a liaison with community organizations such as chamber of commerce, schools, city council and others. Ensure AFL480 is recognized and respected as a valued member of the Lafayette and broader East Bay Community.

### **Service Committee**

Identify community organizations who need physical volunteers (food banks, soup kitchens, etc). Coordinate at least 4 service work days for lodge members to participate in.

### **Social Committee**

Plan and manage at least 2 social events (Games Night and Dinner Theater Night) and 2 social fundraisers (Crab feed, Luau) for the lodge.



*Adam J. Hanin  
Senior Warden*

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## *From the West (continued)*

### **Sweethearts Committee**

Plan and manage 2 social events to honor our Sweethearts. Maintain a list of all lodge sweethearts and make regular contact with them to let them know we are available to assist them if they need anything.

### **Phone Tree**

Call brethren to notify them of events, check on health, invite them to lodge, or get important messages out to lodge members who do not have or use email. Report sick brethren and their families to the Chaplain for his follow-up.

### **Communications Committee**

Manage lodge communications and tools, ensuring there is consistent lodge branding, and that all communication vehicles are up-to-date. Includes Trestleboard, Website, Mobile App, Social Media, Eventbrite and Mailchimp.

### **Life Membership Committee**

Manage the lodge life membership program including maintaining member list and managing the financial accounts for it.

### **100th Anniversary Committee**

Plan and manage the 100th Anniversary celebration for the lodge.

As you can see, there is a lot to do, but I can tell you from experience the work to get there is rewarding. I encourage every brother to participate in some way, whether that means attending an event or serving on a committee to make our events special.

Again, if any of these look interesting to you – or if you have questions – drop me a note at [srwarden@acalanesfellowship.org](mailto:srwarden@acalanesfellowship.org) or find me in lodge and lets discuss.

See you in Lodge!

—Adam J. Hanin, Senior Warden

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# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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

## 3rd Degree Anniversaries

William L. Whitten - August 13 (61 years)  
Dean D. Van Norman, PM - August 24 (43 years)  
Ronald J. Reese - August 29 (41 years)  
Gerard M. Wilson, PM - August 22 (40 years)  
James R. Barley - August 25 (40 years)  
C. T. Watson - August 30 (40 years)  
Clinton J. Jossey - August 28 (35 years)  
John R. Osborne - August 24 (34 years)  
John B. Cook - August 20 (25 years)  
Trandafir Mihutoni - August 19 (19 years)  
Stephen E. Milano - August 18 (18 years)  
Kenneth C. Owen, PM - August 9 (16 years)  
Angel G. Alvarez-Mapp - August 12 (16 years)  
James H. Chamberlain, PM - August 21 (15 years)  
Robert S. Strohmeyer - August 24 (15 years)  
C. Randall Tolerton - August 31 (15 years)  
Danny Ho - August 19 (13 years)  
Daniel M. Argueta - August 18 (12 years)  
Michael E. Roberts, PM - August 23 (11 years)  
Harry G. Burt, PM - August 14 (9 years)  
J. O. Dryden, II - August 20 (9 years)  
Timothy J. Riley - August 25 (7 years)  
Peter A. Peterson - August 17 (6 years)  
David B. Stickney - August 22 (4 years)



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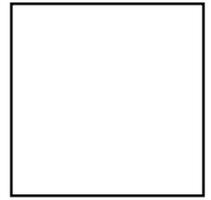
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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### *August 17: Hiram Award Ceremony*

Other than electing him as Master, the Hiram Award is the highest honor a lodge can confer upon a brother. This year, we are proud to honor Bro. Frederick Lezak for his dedicated service to our lodge.

Ceremonies begin at 5pm. Dinner to follow.

RSVP Required.

### *August 20: First Degree & Visitation*

The brethren and officers of Acalanes Fellowship are honored to welcome the officers of Orinda Lodge #122 for the conferral of the First Degree upon a newly elected candidate for our fraternity.

Degree to start promptly at 6:30pm. Refreshments to follow.