

The Trestleboard

- ACALANES FELLOWSHIP LODGE #480, F&AM -

OCTOBER 2019

FROM THE EAST

A message from Worshipful Robert S. Strohmeyer

Fraternal greetings from the East, my brethren.

October is upon us, and with it we look forward to the coming Masonic year. Our next Stated Meeting will see officers in advance stations, with our Senior Warden, Adam Hanin, sitting in the East. And next month, we will hold our annual election of officers.

This time of year, we're inclined to think deeply about the longevity of our lodge, and the succession of officers that helps ensure a vibrant future and the preservation of our Masonic legacy. While Masonic lodges everywhere often face challenges in maintaining a strong line of succession, and Acalanes Fellowship is certainly no exception, I am proud of the legacy our Past Masters and brethren have created for us, and I am confident and hopeful that the future Masters and officers of Acalanes Fellowship will continue to carry on our heritage with honor.

In the near term, I want to emphasize to all our brethren that, although we have experienced some disruptions in a few chairs of our officers' line, the line remains strong, and your officers remain committed to filling principal roles as needed while brethren continue to develop in their Masonic journeys and rise to fill those chairs. I am encouraged by the ongoing commitment of brothers like Worshipful Tom Riley, who has qualified to return to fill an essential post in 2020, as well as Worshipful Michael Roberts, who continues to serve as our officers' coach after serving two terms as Worshipful Master in the East.

Your principal officers, officers coaches, and the Past Masters Council continue to work together to ensure the continuity of our lodge leadership and a succession plan that will carry us through the next five years and beyond, complete with contingency options for those occasional unexpected disruptions that we may face from time to time.

At the same time, I would like to remind all our brethren that Freemasonry depends on the active participation of all Masons in the lodge. Whether you're a newly initiated Entered Apprentice, a Master Mason, or a Past Master, the energy and vitality of the lodge depends on you. Please do take a moment to review Bro. Adam Hanin's article in this issue of the Trestleboard, as well as the list of committees he published in the previous two issues. There are many important and interesting ways that you can make a difference at Acalanes Fellowship.



Worshipful Bob Strohmeyer
Master

—Robert S. "Bob" Strohmeyer, Master
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FROM THE WEST

A Message from Senior Warden Adam J. Hanin

As we begin to wrap up this Masonic year, I want to share some thoughts on next year. As you should know by now, there has already been a lot of behind-the-scenes work to put a plan in place that has something exciting for every member of the lodge in 2020.

One of the wonderful aspects of Masonry is the wide range of interests and the multi-generational aspect of our membership. We truly come from different backgrounds and experiences, and all of us have varying wants and needs. So in planning a lodge's activities, one size does not fit all.

You have told us that you want more Social Activities besides Stated Meetings, that you want more community involvement and charitable work, that you want more Masonic Education, and that many of you want to participate in some way to help make these things happen. And yet, one who wants Masonic Education might not have any interest at all in Community Outreach, and one focused on charitable work might not be motivated by social activities.

So how do we address this? My plan for next year features many events in all of the areas listed above (and more) to meet your individual needs. It is supported by an understanding and an expectation that, with a lot of activities and events to choose from, you are not going to want to or be able to attend every event.

What it also means is that your officers' corps can not possibly plan, implement and participate in every event, either. That's where our committees come in. WE NEED YOUR HELP to make next year the best it can possibly be.

I've already heard from many of you expressing interest in helping out on one or more committees. But we still need more help. If you have a particular interest in making the lodge a more social place outside of stated meetings, or if you have a particular interest in coordinating volunteer efforts for local charities, please let me know. Without strong committees in these two areas, our plans for next year will have to be scaled back and we will miss out on delivering events that would have made a difference for many of our brethren.

You don't have to be an officer to participate in these committees... you don't even have to ever WANT to be an officer. All you need is an interest in contributing to the fabric of our great lodge, and making it a better place for all of us. Of course, if you ARE interested in being in the line, this is also a great way to learn how the lodge works and to become more active. And if you haven't been very active in the past because we weren't delivering what YOU needed from the lodge, why not look at this as a way to get reacquainted with your brethren and to help organize an event or two that are meaningful to you.

In addition to our committees, we also always need assistance in delivering degrees. If you haven't attended a degree in a while, I encourage you to do so (we have 3 third degrees coming up in the next few weeks). I believe the degrees are really the heart of Masonry... delivering them - or even simply being there - is always educational and incredibly rewarding, and it means the world to the candidate. Remember all the work that went into delivering your degrees - now you can pay that brotherly love forward!

As we approach 2020—our 100th Anniversary year—let's ALL work together to make Acalanes Fellowship Lodge the place we each want it to be.

—Adam J. Hanin, Senior Warden
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Adam J. Hanin
Senior Warden

3RD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

James V. Davey - October 25 (64 years)

Henry L. Hoffman - October 23 (57 years)

Theodore D. Zeller - October 30 (57 years)

Richard G. Keihner - October 13 (41 years)

Thomas E. Riley, III, PM - October 30 (35 years)

George R. Peck - October 22 (34 years)

Frank P. Essert - October 26 (34 years)

Kevin S. Moore - October 26 (28 years)

Marion P. Rogers, PM - October 24 (10 years)

Robert L. Smith - October 1 (8 years)

Adam J. Hanin - October 31 (4 years)



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

J. O. Dryden, II - October 3, 1956

Michael E. Roberts, PM - October 4, 1971

Richard D. Maxwell - October 9, 1947

Milton F. Bruzzone - October 15, 1928

Max W. King, PM - October 15, 1941

Donald H. Freitas, PM - October 19, 1944

Michael S. Weis - October 19, 1952

Gerald W. Walker - October 31, 1947

G. Michael Wilson, PM - October 31, 1957



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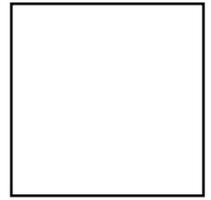
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Oct 1: Stated Meeting and Dinner

Be sure to join us for our monthly Stated Meeting.

Refreshments will be served at 5:30 pm.

Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Stated Meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Oct 20: Lafayette Reservoir Run for Education

The brethren of Acalanes Fellowship will represent our lodge at a booth at the Lafayette Reservoir Run for Education. We need volunteers to man the booth and talk with the public about our lodge and fraternity. To volunteer, please contact brothers Fred Lezak and Mark Williams at charity@acalanesfellowship.com.

Oct 22 & 26: 3rd Degrees for Bros. Alan Houlberg & Fraser Marshall

Please join us for the raising of Bros. Alan Houlberg and Fraser Marshall to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Houlberg will be raised on the evening of Tuesday, October 22, at 6:30 pm. Bro. Marshall will be raised on the morning of Saturday, October 26, at 9:00 am.