

# The Trestleboard

- ACALANES FELLOWSHIP LODGE #480, F&AM -

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SEPTEMBER 2019

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## FROM THE EAST

*A message from Worshipful Robert S. Strohmeyer*

Fraternal greetings from the East, my brethren.

Our beloved fraternity has stood for centuries as a beacon of brotherhood and a model of social harmony. Through ages fraught with conflict, and horror, Freemasonry has shone through the dark of ignorance to light the way to a brighter and better world. Everywhere men have followed its precepts, liberty and self-government have tended to overturn the rule of tyranny and empower the individual with the implements of temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice.

The capacity of Masonry to illuminate the darkness of human society stems not from a central dogma or hierarchical authority, but from the vibrant activity of Masons collectively, within their lodges and collaboratively across jurisdictions, living the ideals of Masonic thought. Freemasonry is not some mere collection of texts and rituals dully read and recited; it is compassion and accountability made real in the world by the actions of ordinary Masons in their daily lives.

The peculiar vibrance of Masonry comes not from any single source. It comes from all of us together. Most importantly, it comes from you.

Just as Masonry is not a central hierarchy, a vibrant lodge is more than just a single Worshipful Master distributing orders through the Wardens to the brethren. To truly thrive and emanate its goodness into the world, a lodge must be a hive of active, energized individuals, each contributing their own passions and visions to the whole.

As Brother Adam Hanin, our Senior Warden, continues to lay out his plans for his presumptive year in the East, I am struck by the wholeness and wisdom of his vision. Adam's call for a diversity of active committees, composed of brothers from throughout our lodge, is inspiring to me, and I want to encourage all of you—whether you're a Past Master who's just recently served in the East or a distant brother who hasn't been to lodge in years—to consider how you might get involved in one of these committees.

I have already offered Adam my commitment to serve as needed, and I hope you will do the same. In fact, if you haven't been to lodge in a while, getting involved in one of these important committees is a great way, re-engage. And frankly, our lodge shines more brilliantly when we have a lot of smaller contributions from those we see less often than when we have only a few officers giving nearly all their time to its daily operations. It's true that many hands make light work, and also that many lights make a brighter world.

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

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# FROM THE WEST

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

Hail, Brethren!

In last month's Trestleboard, I shared a number of committees for next year in need of members, and I've been very pleased with the responses so far. Many brethren have stepped up and volunteered their time and efforts to ensure our lodge runs smoothly next year.

But there's always room for more! If you have always wanted more from the lodge, but are unable or uninterested in becoming a line officer (or if you ARE interested, but not ready just yet), then joining a committee is an ideal opportunity. Being on one of these committees next year will allow you to help shape the future of our lodge, and give you insight into how a lodge actually runs. I can tell you there's a lot more to it than Stated Meetings!

So, as a reminder, here are a few of the committees I'm looking to establish for next year. As before, if you are interested in lending your time or expertise to any of these, let me know at [srwarden@acalanefellowship.org](mailto:srwarden@acalanefellowship.org). And if there's something you'd like to do at the lodge that isn't listed here, let me know... I'm all ears!



*Adam J. Hanin*  
Senior Warden

### **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.

### **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

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## *From the West (continued)*

### **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 all 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.

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 let's discuss. Next year is a pivotal one for the history of our lodge... our 100th Anniversary. Let's make it a year to remember!

See you in Lodge!

—Adam J. Hanin, Senior Warden  
[srwarden@acalanesfellowship.com](mailto:srwarden@acalanesfellowship.com)



# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



S. Andre Sternang - September 2  
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  
Kris J. Wainscott - September 27  
Dennis P. Rodgers, PM - September 29

# 3RD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

Marvin J. Kay - September 27 (71 years)

Gerald H. Saurman - September 24 (62 years)

George H. Konstantopoulos, PM - September 22 (58 years)

Alvin J. Weis, PGM - September 20 (53 years)

Gerald E. Patchen - September 30 (52 years)

Alan L. Sherman - September 10 (51 years)

Harvey A. Uhl - September 19 (51 years)

Howard L. Strause - September 24 (51 years)

Jay B. Williams, PM - September 26 (49 years)

Spencer M. Sealander - September 25 (48 years)

Harvey K. Syversrud, PM - September 8 (38 years)

Larry W. Woods, PM - September 15 (35 years)

James A. Borup - September 13 (33 years)

Thomas P. Hogan - 10 (17 years)

Richard A. Kellogg - September 22 (10 years)

Kishore V. Nath - September 10 (8 years)

P. Garth Korwin - September 8 (7 years)



# HALL ASSOCIATION UPDATE

## *A Message from Hall Association President Pete Peterson*

We've had quite a bit of activity going on at the Lodge since my last report. As you may recall, earlier this year we were working on our annual roof leak problem that, at the time, had resolved itself since the rainstorms passed (no rain = no dripping water). Yearly, we keep ignoring the problem and the fear is the rain damage will cause major damage unless we do something about it. We had been researching methods of resolving the roof problems once and for all, and were all set to get the work done, but an even more serious and immediate problem came up - a problem with our sewer line,

You've had monthly updates about all the drama if you've been attending our Stated Meetings, so I'll try not to repeat myself too much on what has transpired to resolve this issue. Worshipful Marion Rogers, HA Treasurer Mark Williams and I have had to deal with Grand Lodge, plumbers, the City of Lafayette and the County sanitation district during this months-long process. Estimates for the work ranged between a little less than \$20,000 up to \$38,900, money we don't have.

The good news: the fixes that have been done to date are sufficient and the sewer line does not need immediate replacement. We can get by for a few more years with annual maintenance – roto rooter-type work and a good “flush” of the system (no pun intended). We have set up our maintenance to get done each year just prior to summer when our lodge is most busy with renters.

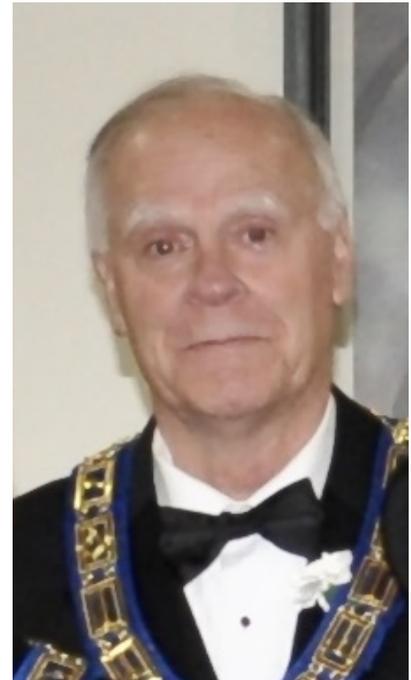
We are back to work on the roof repair/replacement work and the timing couldn't be better. Historically, our Junior Warden and/or his seat in the South get a little wet from leaks directly above that station. Most recently during Brother Lezak's Hiram Award ceremony, a couple of brothers noticed sunlight beaming into the Lodge from small bigger than pin-hole sized holes in our roof. Now, if repairs aren't completed before the upcoming rainy season, we'll have leaks not only in the South, but also the area between the Junior and Senior Warden's stations. That will make for some interesting perambulations!

We can't put this off any longer. We have researched inexpensive and effective repair options for the roof and have made a decision. We have the funds set aside in the Lodge Major Projects Account. During our upcoming September Stated Meeting, I will make a motion to transfer funds from the Major Projects Fund to the Hall

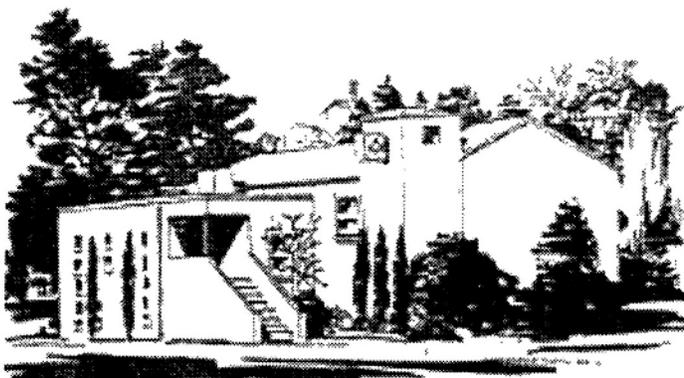
Association checking account to get the work completed.

As you can see, there is a lot of behind-the-scenes activity that goes on to keep our lodge functioning. We've been busy but doing our best to keep this venerable Lodge building functioning as needed work continues.

—Peter A. Peterson, Tiler & Hall Association President  
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*Pete Peterson  
 Tiler & Hall Association President*



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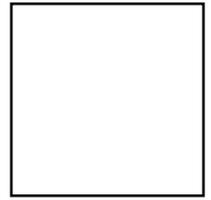
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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### ***Sept 3: 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.

The Stated Meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

### ***Sept 25: Hogg Island Oyster Picnic***

A group of Brothers will be having an oyster picnic at the Hogg Island Oyster Farm in Marshall, and we are extending the invitation to any other Brothers interested. Cost should be \$50 a head and includes Oysters, wine and beer, and a pretty nice picnic (bread, cheese, meats, sides, etc.).

Contact Harry Burt to join the fun:  
hgburt@comcast.net

### ***Sept 21-22: Lafayette Art & Wine Festival***

The brethren of Acalanes Fellowship will represent our lodge at a booth at the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival. We will also raise some funds for our lodge by making our parking lot available to event attendees for a nominal fee. We need volunteers to man the booth and the parking lot. To volunteer, please contact brothers Fred Lezak and Mark Williams at [charity@acalanesfellowship.com](mailto:charity@acalanesfellowship.com).