

The Trestleboard

- ACALANES FELLOWSHIP LODGE #480, F&AM -

DECEMBER 2019

FROM THE EAST

A message from Worshipful Robert S. Strohmeyer

Fraternal greetings from the East, my brethren.

2019 has been a very good year at Acalanes Fellowship. As we close out one Masonic year and look forward to the next, we should take a moment to consider together what we have accomplished in the past 12 months.

The theme for Acalanes Fellowship in 2019 was Legacy & Service. In the spirit of that theme, we undertook a three-fold plan to secure the future of our lodge and hall through fundraising, elevate Masonic Education in our lodge, and increase our focus on charitable service to our community. I am very pleased to say that we made very fruitful efforts on all three fronts.

Our 2019 Crab Feed was a tremendous success, handily beating our fundraising goal with some 150 attendees. Following that success, we raised another couple thousand dollars with our first of what I hope will be many spring pancake breakfasts. That breakfast turned out to be one of our most productive fundraising events in the last decade or more, given the relative ease of organizing the event compared with the money it raised for our lodge.

In addition to shoring up our hall funds to help cover the cost of a new roof, which will be installed in the coming months, we were able to put some of that money to good use in our community by sponsoring two high-profile events benefiting Lafayette public Schools: the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival and the Lafayette Reservoir Run for Education. Our participation in these events not only helped to bolster the education of youth in our community, but also raised the visibility of our lodge, as several of our brethren were able to attend to booths at the event, as well as hand out finisher's medals to runners in the 5K and 10K. These events were a great opportunity for us to practice and showcase Masonic charity.

Our focus on Masonic Education in 2019 was an important element in our efforts to preserve the legacy of Acalanes Fellowship. We held three excellent events over the course of the year, tiling lodge on the First, Second, and Third degrees, respectively, for the purpose of teaching aspects of Masonry not generally explored as deeply in the course of our normal business. The brethren attending these events reported that they gained valuable insight into our Craft, and enjoyed the fellowship of the social hours that followed each event.

I know that in 2020 we will continue to build on the great things our lodge has achieved in this past year and those previous. As Master-Elect Adam Hanin has communicated, we will be celebrating our 100th Year as a lodge. Fittingly, Brother Hanin has planned a great program of events, and assembled (and continues to assemble) effective committees to plan and host a variety of charitable, social, and educational activities both in and out of our stated meetings. If you have not already volunteered to serve on one of these important committees, please contact Brother Hanin and do so as soon as possible. We need your help to make our Centennial Year a big success and set the tone for our next hundred years.

Brethren, I thank you very much for the trust you have reposed in me as your Worshipful Master for 2019. I have served you and this lodge to the best of my ability, and I am hopeful that the work we have done together has bolstered your pride in Acalanes Fellowship and served our lodge and community well. I look forward to continuing to serve this lodge in 2020 and beyond. In the coming year, I will continue to support our Worshipful Master as Senior Warden of this lodge, and it is my fervent hope that I may serve Acalanes Fellowship in a variety of capacities in the years to come.

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

FROM WEST TO EAST

A Message from Master-Elect Adam J. Hanin

Before I begin, let me simply say this: Thank you, Brethren.

Thank you for your trust in me, and for your support. I am honored to have been elected Master for next year, and look forward to serving you and the lodge to the best of my ability.

We have a lot to look forward to next year. From our annual Crab Feed on January 25, to our 100th Anniversary Celebration on October 3, next year should prove to be engaging and fun for all. Add in community service, Masonic Education and some great degree ceremonies, and I foresee 2020 to be a very memorable one in our Lodge's history.

To get there, and ensure all these activities occur without a hitch, we will need to work together. As I've said before, relying on the new officers alone to plan, organize and manage all of these activities is most definitely not a recipe for success. It takes everyone who is able to ensure our lodge continues to be vibrant and energetic. This is why I am still looking for some brethren to step forward and volunteer to help throughout the year.

You don't need to be an officer, or even have any plans or thoughts of becoming one... you simply need to have some free time and an interest in making our lodge the best it can be. You don't even need to be a Master Mason! And if you ARE interested in becoming an officer someday, this is a perfect opportunity to get some experience in how the lodge works, and how events and activities are planned and implemented.

Below are just a few of the committees that still have space for members...

Social Committee

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

Service Committee

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

Sweethearts Committee

Plan and manage 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

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.

100th Anniversary Committee

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

If any of these seem interesting to you, or if you have any questions at all, please drop me an email at SeniorWarden@acalanesfellowship.com. And don't forget to register for our Installation of Officers on December 14. I am so proud of the great line we have for next year, and hope you will join us as we are all installed into our new roles.

I will see you in lodge!

—Adam J. Hanin, Senior Warden
srwarden@acalanesfellowship.com



Adam J. Hanin
 Senior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY

A message from Secretary Randall Tolerton

Hello Brethren,

Greetings from your Secretary.

Another Masonic year is upon us with December being the month of the installation of officers for the ensuing masonic year. It is my honor to congratulate Brother Adam Hanin on his election to be the Worshipful Master for 2020. It is the highest position a lodge of Master Masons can bestow on a member. I also congratulate all of the other elected officers; Robert Strohmeyer PM as Senior Warden, Terry Killgore as Junior Warden, and David Kreutzinger as Treasurer.

It becomes my duty to inform you December is also the month when we pay our annual dues. Dues for 2020 are \$178.00. If you decide to pay via Pal Pay the fees associated result in the payment of \$186 for the year. Please be sure to pay your dues no later than December 31, 2019 so you remain a member in good standing. If you are a life member, you may also consider paying the per capita fee that Grand Lodge charges us each year. This year the per capita fee is \$53.00. I assure you that paying these fees is strictly voluntary so there is no obligation, but it will help the lodge cover many unforeseen challenges and meet charitable opportunities.

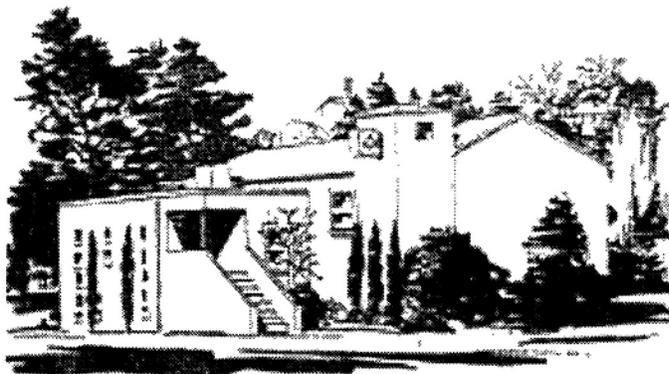
I have been a Mason for 16 years. Masonry is not a hobby. It is a way of life. We are taught the mystery of the craft and how to lead a better and fulfilling live. Masonry's prime objective is to make good men better. It is a never ending journey filled with joy and brotherhood. We have an obligation, an oath to make the world better for Masons and non-Mason's. Those of us who regularly attend meetings experience that brotherly love and truth at every turn. We are challenged from that experience to go out and make a difference in the world though our words and actions. I challenge you to do the same. For you to experience the same brotherly love, come to the stated meeting. It is THE event of each month when we can all get together and share. 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 each month. The camaraderie and good fun continues to abound. 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) 818-8033.

I will see you in lodge.

Fraternally,
Randall Tolerton, Secretary
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*Randall Tolerton
Secretary*



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Roy Couch - Dec 1, 1937

Roland J. Turk - Dec. 1, 1939

Liam C. Armstrong, PM - Dec. 5, 1922

Spencer M. Sealander Dec. 6, 1938

Jonathan P. Groetsch - Dec. 7, 1982

William J. Smith Jr. - Dec. 11, 1946

Steven F. Klamm - Dec. 15, 1956

Brian R. Flannery - Dec. 21, 1970

Timothy J. Riley - Dec. 21, 1962

William L. Whitten - Dec. 22, 1936

James V. Davey - Dec. 25, 1924

Allan J. Houlberg - Dec. 25, 1944

C. T. Watson - Dec. 25, 1941

Lew Jenkins - Dec. 27, 1947

Kishore V. Nath - Dec. 27, 1972

Charlie M. Wooten - Dec. 27, 1933

James A. Borup - Dec. 29, 1960

David R. Oyler - Dec. 29, 1958

Jay B. Williams, PM - Dec. 29, 1942

3RD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

Roland J. Turk - 48 years



Jeffrey D. Boschert - 11 years

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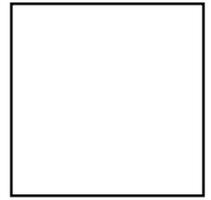
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Dec 3: Stated Meeting and Dinner

Be sure to join us for our monthly Stated Meeting.

Refreshments begin at 5:30 pm.

Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Stated Meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP.](#)

Dec 14: Annual Installation of Officers

Join us for the annual installation of officers.

RSVP required by December 7 to attend the dinner.

Ceremony: 5:30 PM

Banquet immediately following

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP.](#)

Dec 21: Sweethearts Holiday Luncheon

Please join us for our annual Holiday Sweethearts Luncheon. All Masons, significant others, or their widows are warmly welcome.

The charge for members is \$20.

There is no charge for wives, widows or young children.

Reservations should be made no later than Dec. 15.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP.](#)