

The Trestleboard

- ACALANES FELLOWSHIP LODGE #480, F&AM -

MAY 2020

FROM THE EAST

A message from Worshipful Adam J. Hanin

Brethren, Sweethearts, Friends and Family All:

As another month of quarantine goes by, I can't help but think about the lost experiences we've had in the lodge. Stated meetings, social events, degrees, rehearsals, etc. All the things that in the past have defined who our lodge is.

At the same time, I've been overjoyed by the community we've created and grown virtually. We may not be able to be together physically, but we can certainly get together online, and that has seemed to be very effective. If you haven't joined us for one of our virtual meetings, please do. They are every Tuesday evening at 7pm, and are easy to access.

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*Worshipful Adam Hanin
Master*

Please feel free to drop in and chat with your brethren. We've all found it to be a great way to stay connected and ease some of the isolation loneliness. On Tuesday, May 5, we will have our second "Non-Stated Meeting" which will feature, in addition to general lodge and freemasonry updates, a continuation of our monthly Masonic Education with a discussion on Chalk, led by Worshipful Harry Burt.

Last month I split the membership list up and assigned brothers to call every member of our lodge - and our sweethearts - to check in on them and their families and let them know we are here for them. I am pleased to inform you that this effort was successfully completed, though we were unable to get through to everyone. Of those we did reach, reports are positive - everyone seems to be in relatively good health, good spirits and were happy to hear from the lodge. Please join me in thanking those who took the time to share some light and love: Celeste Graham, Worshipful Harry Burt, Worshipful Randy Tolerton, and Brothers Deepen Sapra, John Minagro, Richard Keihner, Will Swisher and Fraser Marshall.

As the quarantine continues, hold fast to the core tenets that define us as Masons; Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Reach out to each other and demonstrate that Brotherly Love. Check in, make sure we are all healthy (physically and emotionally) and that we are safe and healthy. For those who are in need of assistance, let me or any of your brothers know. This is NOT the time to be shy or embarrassed about asking for assistance. If you do not have the contact information for a brother, the Grand Lodge website has a simple Member Search feature.

I'd also like to remind you all that even though our Lodge activities are on hold, that doesn't mean our Masonic activities must stop. In fact, this is an ideal time to practice memory work. Call a brother and work together. Learn one of the charges. Work on your degree proficiency (or if you are a Master Mason and have never done it, learn the Third Degree proficiency). Officers, work on your proficiency for NEXT year's role. Let's use this time productively, so we come out of the this ahead of where we were when it started.

Finally, the lodge is here for you in time of trouble. Please let me know if any of our brothers are ill during this time, if anyone needs assistance getting groceries, or if someone just needs to talk. Together, we will come through this experience stronger.

My continued healthiest wishes and regards to you and your families.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Dean Van Norman, PM - May 1

Gerald Sauman - May 4

George Atashkarian - May 5

Nicholas Bloisa - May 7

Stephen Milano - May 9

Peter Axtman - May 10

Val Rodrigues - May 16

James Chowdhury - May 22

Gary Estes - May 25

John Cook - May 26

THIRD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

Franklin Shoffner - 56 years

John Mulhall - 23 years

Stephen Galop - 22 years



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund

The new Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund is designed to help Masons affected by COVID-19 get back on their feet. For those who need an urgent hand paying for groceries or medication—or facing longer-term income instability—the Relief Fund will provide access to local, state, and federal resources, offer direct emergency funds, and assist in other ways. Despite new government assistance and other programs, many people will have gaps to fill. The Relief Fund can help cover some of those gaps.

For those in a position to give, the Relief Fund is an opportunity to fulfill the obligation all Masons take to care for our fellow brothers and their families. All California Masons are encouraged to give what they can.

To learn more or give, visit the Distressed Worthy Brother Fund site at <https://bit.ly/worthybrother>.

Acalanes Fellowship Hall Association Closure

In keeping with the instructions from the California Department of Public Health March 16, 2020 and the Grand Master of Masons of California March 18, 2020, we are closing the lodge building facilities until the end of May 2020. The Hall Association Board of Directors will meet again in late May and make a decision as to what to do beyond May. Of course, this depends on the edicts from the State and the Grand Master. Additionally, the Lodge Work Day scheduled for May 2 has been postponed – a new date will be selected later.

Sincerely & Fraternaly and Be Safe,

Marion Rogers, President

Acalanes Fellowship Hall Association



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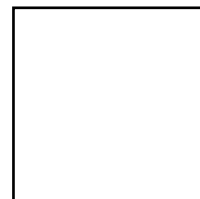
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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May 5 - Virtual Non-Stated Meeting

This month we will have a modified Stated Meeting. Since there is no ritual we can do, it will primarily be a check-in with our brethren. We will feature Masonic Education from Worshipful Harry Burt.

Start time is 7:00pm

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