

# The Trestleboard

- ACALANES FELLOWSHIP LODGE #480, F&AM -

NOVEMBER 2020

## FROM THE EAST

*A message from Worshipful Adam J. Hanin*

It's November, and that means ELECTIONS!

Thanks to the Grand Master's legislation that passed at last month's Grand Communication, we can now have virtual stated meetings! So on Tuesday, November 10 at 7pm, we will officially gather as a lodge via RingCentral for our first true business meeting since February, and will vote on a number of items.

First and foremost will be the ratification of all bills paid during the shutdown to fulfill the lodge's obligations. As you may know, as dictated by Grand Lodge, each month the officers of our lodge met to approve the bills so they could be paid. We must now ratify those bills as a lodge.

Then we will consider a motion to approve putting the Oakland Masonic Center, which we are a partial owner of, up for sale. The center, currently home to Live Oak Lodge and several appendant bodies, is struggling to stay afloat, and in the last Hall Association meeting, requested each of its owners hold a lodge vote to approve listing the property for sale. There is a summary report of the issue and need here: <http://bit.ly/OMCVote>

Finally, we will vote on our Officers' Line for next year. The proposed lineup of elected Officers is:

*Master: Adam Hanin*

*Sr. Warden: Terry Killgore*

*Jr. Warden: Robert Strohmeyer, PM*

*Secretary: C. Randall Tolerton, PM*

*Treasurer: David Kreuzinger*

Should I be re-elected, I will appoint the following additional line officers:

*Sr Deacon: Tom Riley, PM*

*Jr Deacon: Fraser Marshall*

*Marshal: Fred Lezak*

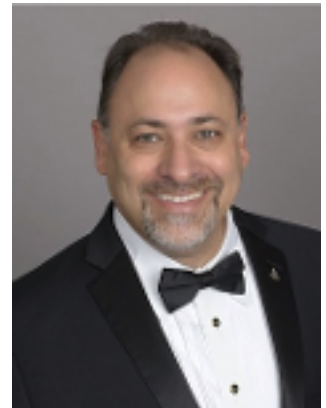
*Chaplain: Frank Shoffner*

*Sr Steward: Mark Williams*

*Tiler: Pete Peterson*

*Organist: John Minagro*

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*Worshipful Adam J. Hanin  
Master*

## From the East (continued)

November also means dues time! You will be receiving a note from our Secretary shortly about dues, but in a nutshell, this year's total dues are \$180, which is composed of lodge dues of \$124.75 and \$55.25 per capita. The lodge dues have not increased in several years - only the per capita from Grand Lodge has. Our annual dues are lower than those for almost any similar Fraternal Organization. We have purposely kept dues low in our lodge to ensure that all our members can afford to STAY members.

**The absolute simplest way to pay your dues quickly and easily is on our website or through iMember. Also, please be aware that dues cards will no longer be sent to you.** You can access your current (and your new membership card when we log your dues payment) through iMember 2.0 either online or on your mobile device. And if you really want a printed version, you can print right from the app.

Each year lodge officers spend MANY hours tracking down late dues payments. PLEASE do what you can to pay next year's dues this year, so we can focus more effort on lodge events and activities, and less on bugging our members for funds. Do it now so you don't forget!

As always, please stay safe and healthy

*Worshipful Adam J. Hanin, Master*



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# iMEMBER 2.0

A month in, nearly 85 percent of California lodges have already begun to access their portals in iMember 2.0, the new membership platform—one of the highest adoption rates of any grand lodge jurisdiction on the system. Yet with so many new features just a finger-swipe away—and many more being prepped for launch this fall—there are still lots of questions left to be answered, starting with some of the most basic.

## **How Do I Get to iMember 2.0?**

iMember 2.0 is designed to work on any mobile phone, tablet, or desktop or laptop computer with an internet connection. Simply visit [freemason.org](http://freemason.org) and click the “For Members” button in the upper-right-hand corner of the screen. If you haven’t logged on yet, you’ll need to create an account, so have your email address, membership number, and a unique password ready to go.

## **Can I Download iMember 2.0 on My Phone?**

Yes. Whether you have an iPhone or an Android phone, you can add a home screen shortcut to access iMember 2.0 quickly and easily. To install, use your web browser to visit the site, and select “Add to home screen.” The exact placement of the button will depend on your web browser (Safari, Chrome, or Firefox). See detailed instructions [here](#).

## **Are There More Features in the Works?**

You bet! Here are a few we’re most excited about developing and introducing over the next several months:

### **1. Digital Dues, Reminders, and Payment Plans**

In the past two years, lodges across the state suspended more than 1,000 Masons for failing to pay dues. Yet, when reached by Grand Lodge staff, 82% of those suspended didn’t even realize they had failed to pay their dues—and two-thirds didn’t even know they had been suspended. With iMember 2.0’s digital dues, these types of failures will be a thing of the past. With just a few clicks, lodge secretaries will be able to send out reminders of upcoming dues to all registered members, using those members’ preferred communication medium. That includes email reminders, text messages, or even automatic phone calls. From there, members will be able to log onto iMember 2.0 and pay their dues online—either all at once or on an installment plan. For more information about digital dues, check out one of the virtual seminars designed for lodge officers, especially secretaries.

### **2. Expanded Social Networks**

Masons are all about fellowship, and iMember 2.0 will offer them unprecedented opportunities to connect. Just as you have access to your lodge profile on the new platform, iMember 2.0 will soon offer members the ability to join special-interest groups through a social media-style portal. So motorcycle enthusiasts can join “Hiram’s Hogs,” for instance, or snowbirds can join the “Solomon’s Skiers.” A beta version of this feature is already live, and members are clearly excited about it. In just four weeks, Masons have viewed posts in some of these affinity groups more than 25,000 times.

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# IMEMBER 2.0

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### **3. New Ways to Share Resources**

Just about every lodge has a back room full of extra aprons and officers' jewels. A new feature in development will give members a chance to donate or swap certain Masonic regalia on a virtual marketplace akin to Craigslist or Nextdoor. The new platform is called Solomon's List. Details are still being worked out, but imagine if newly formed lodges were able to take advantage of surplus regalia cluttering up older lodges.

### **4. One-Stop Shop for Hall Associations**

You probably already know about the challenges of operating a joint hall association with another lodge. This fall, iMember 2.0 will help relieve some of that burden by releasing a new Hall Association dashboard where members can store documents, communicate with their association across different lodges, and work with Grand Lodge to submit requests and reports.

### **5. Keeping Track of Attendance**

A virtual tiler's register is another feature in the works for iMember 2.0. Using this feature, members can scan a QR code at lodge through their phone to digitally check in to the meeting. For members, it's a fun way to track how often they visit lodge (either their own or while traveling); for lodge leaders, it's a useful tool to keep track of how active their membership is—and to act quickly when attendance flags.

*For questions on iMember, contact Member Services at (415) 292-9180 or [memberservices@freemason.org](mailto:memberservices@freemason.org).*

# OAKLAND MASONIC CENTER

At our upcoming Stated Meeting, we will vote to consider selling the Oakland Masonic Center. The center is home to not only the Live Oak Lodge, but many appendant bodies. Unfortunately, it is currently struggling financially due to a significant loss of rent revenue. At the last Hall Association meeting, the owners requested a vote on approval of listing the property for sale.

We will be discussing this matter prior to voting at our Stated Meeting. For more details, you can view a summary report of the issue at this link: <http://bit.ly/OMCVote>



# Masons of California

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bradley O. Rupert, PM - November 5

Timothy J. Crawford - November 8

Harvey K. Syversrud, PM - November 11

Chandler S. Eason, Jr. - November 16

Jay J. Newman - November 19

Danny Ho - November 24

Ronald J. Reese - November 25

Kenneth C. Owen, PM - November 26



# THIRD DEGREE ANNIVERSARIES

Frederick T. Lezak, Jr. - 59 years

Gary B. Estes - 54 years

Orren C. Rupert, PM - 47 years

Charlie M. Wooten - 44 years

Richard D. Maxwell - 37 years

Phillip L. Mc Allister, Sr., PM - 36 years

Steven F. Klamm - 33 years

Allan L. Casalou, PM - 29 years

Lew Jenkins - 27 years

David R. Oyler - 23 years

Michael S. Weis - 16 years

Robert J. Knebel - 15 years

Paul J. Crawford - 10 years

Timothy J. Crawford - 10 years

Partha (James) S. Chowdhury - 10 years

Kevin W. Moore - 8 years

David L Kreutzinger - 7 years

Reynold B. Dandan - 2 years

Sigmond A. Sternang - 2 years

William H. Hastings - 1 year

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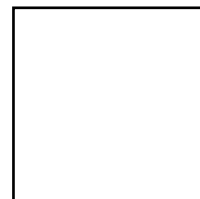
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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### *Every Tuesday Virtual Meetup*

Connect with the brethren during our weekly video chats! Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

**Join at this URL:**

<https://bit.ly/AFLWeeklyCall>

Password (if asked): AFL480

If Dialing in by phone:

(623) 404-9000

Meeting ID: 149 408 7025

### *Nov. 10: Virtual Stated Meeting*

Join us virtually for our first official business meeting since February! We will be electing new offices and voting on the sale of the Oakland Masonic Center. Masons only for this meeting.

**Start time is 7:00pm**

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