

The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ June, 2018

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From the East - *Worshipful Michael Roberts. PM, Master* master@acalanesfellowship.com

The month of May has been another busy month for the lodge officers! We had a very successful 1st Degree on Tuesday May 22nd for Dale Satre with the assistance of the Senior Warden Sean Mergy of Orinda Lodge. Welcome to the craft, Brother Satre!

I am also very pleased to announce that our Hiram Award nomination committee has met and selected our 2018 recipient! Please join me in congratulating Brother Bob Smith, who has diligently served our lodge both as our Tiler and behind the scenes as our past Temple Board President & member. Bob's Hiram Award Ceremony is slated for the evening of Saturday, September 22nd and more details will follow in the coming months.



We will wrap up the month of May on Tuesday May 29th with our monthly lodge potluck from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. The lodge officers will then head up to the Lodge Room to rehearse for our upcoming 2nd Degree on Saturday June 9th. All Fellowcrafts & Master Masons are welcomed to attend this rehearsal. As a reminder, If you are interested in serving our lodge as an officer or volunteer in any capacity please do let myself or any of the lodge officers know.

In June our Stated Meeting & Dinner will take place on Tuesday, June 5th, followed by a traveling 2nd degree on Saturday, June 9th at the outdoor lodge room at the Masonic Homes in Union City for Brother Reynold Dandan. The degree will start promptly at 9 AM and conclude around 11:45

AM. We will then head back down the hill for a prepared Picnic Buffet including hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixin's. Please be sure to RSVP via Eventbrite in advance so we can get an accurate headcount for the caterers. Volunteer guided tours of the Masonic Homes grounds have also been arranged in the 1 PM hour.

Finally, on Tuesday June 26th we will have our monthly lodge potluck from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. There is no cost to attend, all are always welcome and we just ask that you bring either a salad, entrée or dessert to share. It's an excellent time to break bread and get to know each other better! Thanks all, and I look forward to seeing you all around the lodge soon!

From the West - *Robert Strohmeyer, Senior Warden*

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“So work the honey-bees,
Creatures that by a rule in nature teach
The art of order to a peopled kingdom.”

-*William Shakespeare, Henry V (Act 1, Scene 2)*



There seems to be little mystery to the Masonic symbol of the beehive.

For as long as humans have observed the natural world, the bee has represented to us an obvious example of industriousness and purpose.

Our ancient brethren considered the beehive a central and most important symbol for inclusion in Masonic lodges and ritual. The discovery of an ancient beehive at Rosslyn Chapel in 2010 demonstrates that early Masons revered this emblem so deeply that they deliberately constructed a living hive into the rafters of their sacred building, allowing ports for the bees to enter and leave as they might, even as the buzz of human labor went on in the chapel below.

Masonic scholar Dr. David Harrison, author of *The Lost Symbols of Freemasonry*, tells us, “The symbol is a very ancient one, representing the working lodge. Seven bees are usually seen flying around the hive, seven being the number to make a perfect lodge. The bee was used as a symbol in ancient Egypt, and the beehive symbol dates back to at least ancient Rome.”

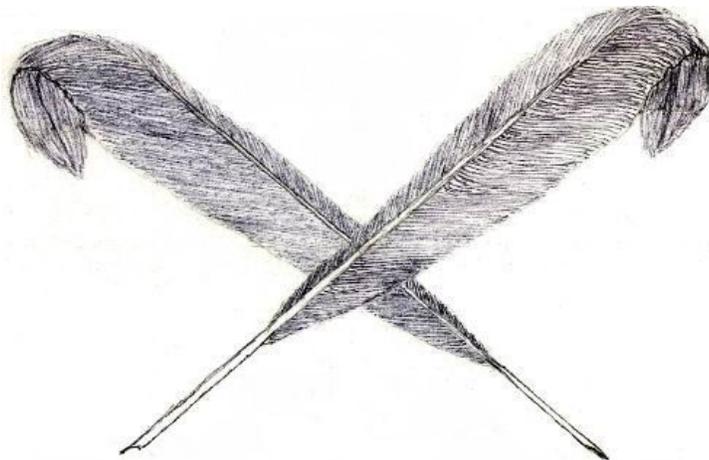
Ancient though it is, contemplation of the beehive is as relevant to the 21st Century Mason as it was to the ancient Egyptian. In a world increasingly fragmented by the wedges of social media and mobile devices, the beehive reminds us that we are all part of something greater. Our lodge should serve as a hub of fraternal connection and a center of shared labor and support, wherein we promote

each other's welfare and rejoice in each other's prosperity, particularly in this contemporary reality that is so otherwise divided.

As summer begins, let us all take a moment to observe the bees in our yards, and consider for ourselves how like them we should be, to the benefit of Masonry and all society.

From the Secretary's Desk *-Fred Lezak, Secretary secretary@acalanesfellowship.com*

June is busting out all over. The three most important messages for you this month are the July 4th parade with Orinda Lodge, Masons4Mitts and coming to the stated meeting.



Each year, Acalanes Fellowship Lodge, or to be more precise me and Worshipful Michael Wilson, March with Orinda Lodge in the Orinda July 4th Parade. This is a great way to let folks know about Masons and to help our

fellow lodge. Please meet us at Orinda Bart east parking lot at 9am. Lunch is served at Orinda Lodge - hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixin's. We really need you to be there to show the world that masonry is alive and well.

Each year we raise money by buying mitts for \$20 each. These funds go to the Junior Giant program. You can give me the \$20 (cash or check) or go online to Masons4Mitts.org. On the menu at the top, click on "Northern California" then click on "East Bay Aces" which is our team. Click on "give a mitt". Fill in the information and **BE SURE TO FILL IN THE LODGE INFORMATION.**

You can also sign up for the game. This year the game is September 25th (a Tuesday night). The giants will be playing the Padres. We will be buying tickets as a group. I have ordered ten tickets for the regular bleachers. They are \$20 each. I will keep two for myself. If you want to join me, please let me know as soon as possible. They will go fast. We always have a great time at the game. More at the stated meeting.

Speaking stated meeting, 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 any month. The feeling of brotherly love and good fun continues to abound. Our ritual work is solid and getting better. 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) 360-4328.

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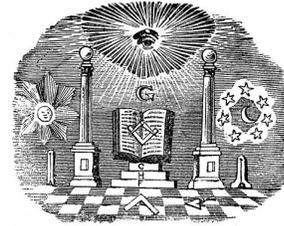
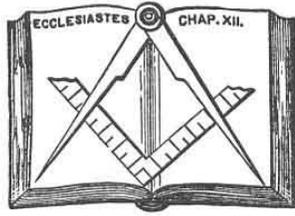
The Hall Association continued its ongoing efforts to spruce up the lodge and keep up with ongoing maintenance issues. Hall Association “Emeritus” member, Bob Smith, continues to make visits to the lodge making sure nothing is “broken” and ensuring supplies and other equipment needs are available if needed.

Work on the rear stage area continues that will enable the lodge to have needed additional storage area and will make the lodge even more attractive to future renters. Worshipful Rogers and Brother Korwin should have this long-term project completed soon.

Worshipful Burt, with assistance from our esteemed Lodge Secretary - Fred Lezak - continue their efforts at attracting renters who are interesting in using our facility. The “mixer” Worshipful Roberts and the lodge hosted with the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce proved fruitful as we have received rental requests from folks who attended that event. Worshipful Burt is in negotiation with one group that may result in a long-term rental agreement.

On a down note, someone spray painted graffiti on the parking lot side of our building. We hope to get it cleaned up or painted over soon and hope this does not become a recurring event. We will be discussing the possible installation of security cameras to monitor the exterior of the lodge.

As you can see, there is a lot of behind-the-scenes activity that goes on to keep our lodge functioning. We continue to have an unfilled vacancy on the Hall Association and encourage anyone interested to apply.



3rd Degree Anniversaries

Birthdays

Please join us in wishing our brethren very happy birthdays this month.

Name	Raised	Years a MM
Robert A. Richardson	6/30/1956	61
Donald L. Hoskins	6/7/1958	60
Max W. King, PM	6/9/1973	45
William C. Armstrong, PM	6/14/1975	43
Russell S. Kennedy, PM	6/24/1977	41
Sheldon Winnick	6/19/1979	39
William B. Simpson	6/30/1979	39
Milton F. Bruzzone	6/26/1984	34
Edward E. Stack	6/11/1985	33
Gary G. Charland, PM	6/8/1999	19
David E. Prichard	6/26/2007	11

Harry G. Burt, PM	June 1
John J. Mulhall	June 4
Phillip L. Mc Allister, Sr., PM	June 5
Stephen P. Galop, III	June 5
Gerald I. Hertz	June 10
Roger G. Burt	June 10
Robert S. Strohmeyer	June 15
James P. Reno, III	June 17
Theodore D. Zeller	June 18
B. Ryder Brose	June 18
Franklin H. Shoffner	June 22
Gerald E. Patchen	June 23
Jeffrey A. Fesunoff	June 26
Kenneth R. Crone, PM	June 27
Scott D. Haile	June 27
Richard A. Kellogg	June 28



Musical Moment - John Minagro, Junior Deacon

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Throughout my life I have felt inspiration from the words of various scriptures, but I've also been profoundly moved by the words and music of songs, even Broadway songs.

Included below is a link where you can go online to listen to the piece and enjoy the marriage of word and music, which always deepens its spiritual message. I would also encourage you to read, or better yet listen to each song at least 3 times – all at once, or over the course of the month – allowing the words, music, and their effects of inspiration and joy to sift upon your mind and being.

Religion has been a source and a cause for so much of good in the world, not only in terms of spiritual guidance, but art, architecture, literature, music, fashion, even food and drink. But as yin has a yang, religion has a dark side as well. “I Ain’t Afraid” is one such song praising the great things of all spiritual paths as well as a proclamation against spiritual abuse of any kind. Read and listen to this month’s unusual and thought provoking song on just such a topic as written about 20 years ago

I Ain’t Afraid

by Holly Near and Steven Milloy

I ain’t afraid

I ain’t afraid

I ain’t afraid

I ain’t afraid of your Yahweh

I ain’t afraid of your Allah

I ain’t afraid of your Jesus

I’m afraid of what you do in the name of your God

I ain’t afraid of your churches

I ain’t afraid of your temples

I ain’t afraid of your praying

I’m afraid of what you do in the name of your God

Rise up to your higher power

Free up from fear, it will devour you

Watch out for the ego of the hour

The ones who say they know it

Are the ones who will impose it on you

I ain’t afraid of your Yahweh

I ain’t afraid of your Allah

I ain’t afraid of your Jesus

I’m afraid of what you do in the name of your God

I ain’t afraid of your churches

I ain’t afraid of your temples

I ain’t afraid of your praying

I’m afraid of what you do in the name of your God

Rise up, and find a higher story

Free up from the gods of war and glory

Watch out for the threats of purgatory

The spirit of the wind won’t make a killing off of
sin and satan

Musical Moment - Continued

I ain't afraid of the Bible
I ain't afraid of the Torah
I ain't afraid of the Koran
Don't let the letter of the law
Obscure the spirit of the your love – it's killing us

I ain't afraid of your money
I ain't afraid of your culture
I ain't afraid of your choices
I'm afraid of what you do in the name of your God

I ain't afraid of your Sunday
I ain't afraid of your Spirit
I ain't afraid of your teachers
I'm afraid of what you do in the name of your God

I ain't afraid of your Sabbath
I ain't afraid of your borders
I ain't afraid of your dances
I'm afraid of what you do in the name of your God

I ain't afraid of your children
I ain't afraid of your music
I ain't afraid of your stories
I'm afraid of what you do in the name of your God

I ain't afraid of your Yahweh
I ain't afraid of your Allah
I ain't afraid of your Jesus
I'm afraid of what you do in the name of your God
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You can listen to The Klezmatics singing it here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-J-eSboXpw>

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Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

May 29
May Potluck Dinner
Reception at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm

June 5
Stated Meeting
Reception at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Meeting at 7:30 pm

June 9
**Outdoor Second Degree
& Barbeque**
Masonic Homes - Union City
Degree Begins at 8:30am

June 23
Feast of St. John
Basque Cultural Center
South San Francisco
Reception at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm

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