

The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ July, 2018

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

Greetings from the East:

At our Stated Meeting dinner during the month of June we had a guest speaker, Past Honored Queen Jesse DeMercurio of Job's Daughters Bethel #247 provided us with an informational presentation about this youth order and invited us to attend their upcoming installation ceremony to be held at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge on Tuesday June 12, 2018. The emphasis of her presentation was the importance of Masons engaging and supporting all Masonic Youth Orders by attending their meetings, becoming mentors and of course financially. Without Masons engaging, Masonic Youth Orders such as Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay simply cannot survive.



On Saturday June 9th, Acalanes Fellowship lodge returned to the Masonic Homes outdoor lodge room to confer a double 2nd degree for brothers Reynold Dandan and Andre Sternang. The degree went very well, and our excellent cast of ritualists put on a fabulous degree for these two brothers. Afterward we enjoyed a picnic buffet and a handful of us went on tours of the facilities conducted by actual residents of the Masonic homes. If you have yet to visit the Masonic Homes in either Union City or Covina I highly encourage you to do so.

On Tuesday June 12th the Job's Daughters Bethel held an initiation at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge and a handful of Brethren from our lodge joined me in attending this very important occasion. As you may not be aware, the Jobs Daughters Bethel #247 has been struggling for over 2 years to boost

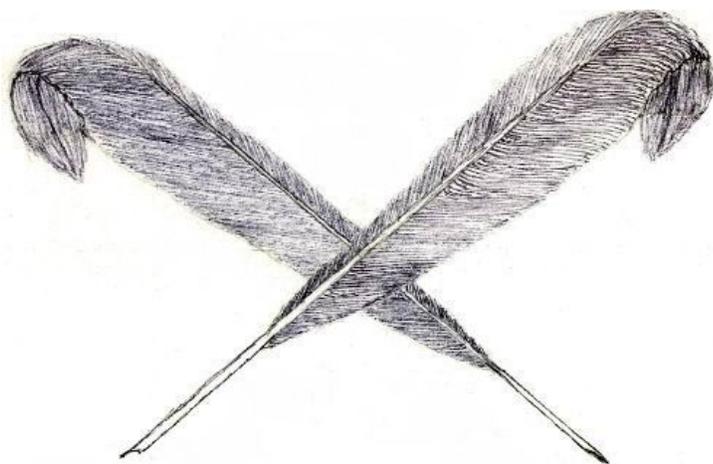
its membership. This initiation was extra special as they had guest ritualists from three different Bethels to fill the stations. Without the assistance of these other Bethels this initiation would not have been possible. They had three initiates that night and for the first time ever had a full house (sideliners) and a choir. The initiation was very informative to me and I now have a much better understanding of what the Job's Daughters are about, and I highly encourage you all to attend their next meeting. If you would like more information about the Job's Daughters or any other youth order, please contact me and I'll be happy to direct you to the local contact.

It is hard to believe that the month of July is already here! We will have our monthly [stated meeting on July 3rd](#) and as with lodge tradition go dark for the rest of the month. I wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July holiday and look forward to seeing everyone during the month of August.

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

The most important messages for you this month are Masons4Mitts and coming to the stated meeting.

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.

Hall Association *Pete Peterson, Tiler no2pete@aol.com*



The Hall Association continued its ongoing efforts to spruce up the lodge and keep up with ongoing maintenance issues. We've had ongoing issues with one of our regular renters regarding cleanliness issues after their use of lodge facilities. This has caused some concern when showing off the lodge to other prospective tenants. Worshipful Burt and Brother Bob Smith are

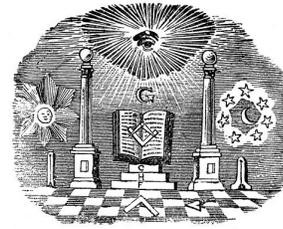
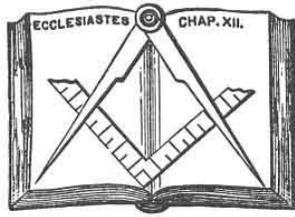
diligently working with the renter to ensure their use of our building does not detract from its appearance and impact our ability to attract new tenants.

Speaking of new tenants, Worshipful Burt has been in discussion with a group from the nearby Lafayette Elementary School about long-term use of our facility. If things work out (and it looks like it will), this will not only bring in additional revenue to the lodge but will also add to our efforts to be more involved in the community.

Worshipful Rogers and Brother Korwin are nearing completion of the work being done on the stage area in the West. This work will enable the lodge to have needed additional storage area and will make the lodge even more attractive to future renters

Brother Smith has cleaned up the graffiti that was sprayed on the parking lot side of our building. 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

Name	Raised	Years a MM
Eldon G. Keefer	7/31/1946	72

Birthdays

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

Russell J. Chapman	July 2
Christopher M. Urani	July 2
John P. Minagro	July 3
Scott E. Carter	July 7
Donald R. Hansen, PM	July 8
Charles R. Tolerton, PM	July 8
Gary A. Yanes, PM	July 10
Thomas C. Thompson	July 13
Michael P. Kenny	July 13
Walter J. Moser	July 14
Richard N. Young	July 21
Paul J. Crawford	July 26
William J. Haynes	July 31



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.

Something patriotic for July: In 1986 in London, and 2 years later on Broadway in New York, a new musical called “**Chess**” made it’s mark. With music by Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus of the pop group ABBA, and lyrics by Tim Rice, “**Chess**” is a story about a world championship chess match, set with political intrigue between the USA and The USSR, and of course how could you do a musical without a love triangle? One of its best songs, among its many great songs, is one called “Anthem” which is sung by the leading man, a Soviet Chess Champion, who reminisces about his mother country and how he loves and misses her. The song could apply virtually to any nation, and is a stirring and deeply moving patriotic number that bears knowing and thinking about.

Anthem

Music: Benny Andersson & Björn Ulvaeus

Lyrics: Tim Rice

No man, no madness
Though their sad power may prevail
Can possess, conquer, my country’s heart
They rise to fail

She is eternal
Long before nations’ lines were drawn
When no flags flew, when no armies stood
My land was born

And you ask me why I love her
Through wars, death and despair
She is the constant, we who don’t care
And you wonder will I leave her - but how?
I cross over borders but I’m still there now

How can I leave her?
Where would I start?
Let man’s petty nations tear themselves apart
My land’s only borders lie around my heart

You can listen to Josh Groban singing it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61DiWi00d2w>



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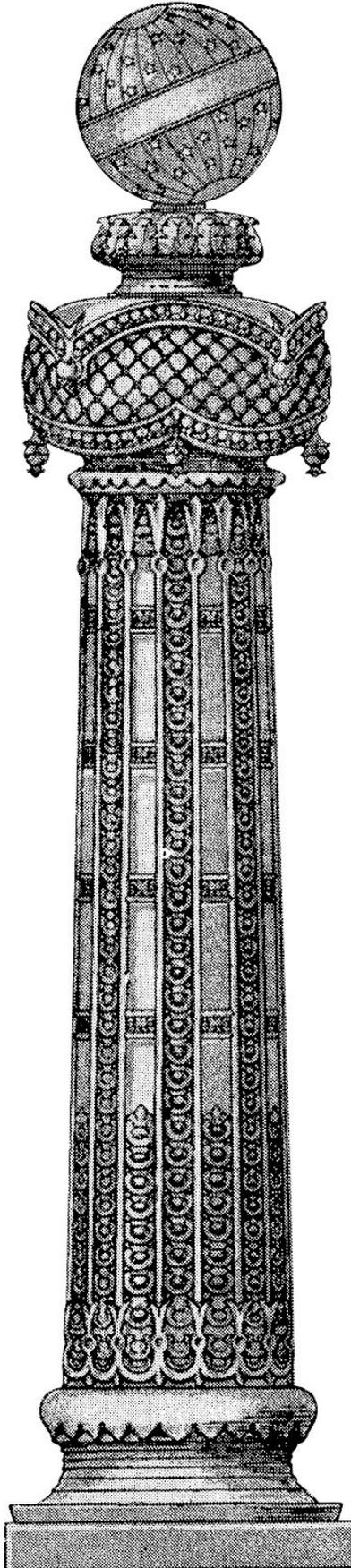
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Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

July 3

Stated Meeting

Reception at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

August 7

Stated Meeting

Reception at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting at 7:30 pm

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