

The Trestleboard

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From the East

A message from Worshipful Terry Killgore

The Degree Machine is starting up! Between the end of March and end of April we will have initiated 8 new gentlemen into our craft. That's right, 8 new Entered Apprentice will be coming in. We also have a number of EAs that need to pass their proficiencies so we can deliver some Fellowcraft degrees. Then we have the sublime degree of Master Mason. It is my hope to deliver some third degrees this year as I imagine it is every Master's wish. Please make every effort to attend some of these degrees as it enhances the experience for the candidate.



On that note, how about enhancing your own degree experience by participating in one? Since I became a member of AFL #480, our Lodge has always performed beautifully when putting on degrees. Some of the best in my opinion. You don't need to be an officer in order to participate. We are currently looking for people to fill Steward positions as well as deliver the Charge. Feel free to reach out to any officer or our Officers' Coach, Michael Roberts, for more details.

Let's not forget about the third degree proficiency. There is a proficiency for the Master Mason degree. If you have not already, STEP UP and get that done! There are several brothers that

can assist with the memory work if needed. I would be delighted to assist in getting any of you over this hurdle.

Each new member will be assigned a coach as is customary but we are all each other's coach. While the bond between mentor and mentee is strong, as a fraternity we must build relationships between us all. Part of what makes Masonry unique is the bond we share with each other regardless of race, socio-economic status, political beliefs or religion. At our core we want to help make our world a better place which in turn makes us better men.

As the new members come in, make some time to connect and welcome them in. After all, we are the Friendly Lodge. Encourage them to move through the degrees. By helping each other we help ourselves.

We plan on an upcoming Sweethearts' Dinner in May. We are also in the midst of planning our annual Luau which I am excited about. This is on the calendar in July. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming degrees, at the Stated Meetings or some other event.

Fraternally yours,

Terry Killgore

Master

From the West

A message from Robert S. Strohmeyer, PM, Senior Warden

It's probably uncontroversial to point out that the lore of our fraternity is richly steeped in the source material of the Holy Bible and the Torah. We find the content of our ritual teeming with references to the building of King Solomon's Temple, and to tales of related events in and around Jerusalem as recounted in the holy



writings. So for any Mason, a trip to the Holy Land is an opportunity to experience not only the sacred sites of the world's religions, but also origins of our Masonic traditions.

Last month, I had the pleasure of visiting Israel on business, and spent three days in Jerusalem, touring some of the holiest sites of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Perhaps none of



those sites is deeply linked to the essential Masonic experience as the Temple Mount itself. From the Western Wall, where orthodox Jews pray at the spot believed to be most near to the ancient site of the Sanctum Sanctorum, to the Dome of the Rock, believed to have been built on the site where Mohammed ascended to Heaven.

The Temple Mount as it stands today was rebuilt atop the ruins of the Second Temple, built under the authority of Zerubbabel in 516 BCE and destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. The Second Temple was constructed on the site of the First Temple, which was built by King Solomon, son of David, around 1000 BCE, on the top of Mount Moriah, near the ancient City of David.

April Birthdays

Edward Stack, Jr.	April 7, 1969
Mark Williams	April 23, 2951
Tim Wilbur	April 24, 1960



Third Degree Anniversaries

Gerald Herz	April 19, 1966
Jay Newman	April 20, 1968
Peter Axtman	April 23, 1959
Ryder Brose	April 28, 2007
Russell Chapman	April 29, 2003
Jeffrey Fesunoff	April 30, 2002
Mark Williams	April 30, 2011

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Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

May 3, 7:30pm
Stated Meeting

Social Hour starts at 5:30p
Dinner will be served at 6:30p

May 14, 5:30pm
Sweethearts Dinner

All Masons and their sweethearts, and especially our Masonic widows, are encouraged to join us for an evening at The Greenery in Walnut Creek.