

The Trestleboard

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From the East

A message from Worshipful Terry Killgore

Greetings from the East, Brethren!

Spring is in full bloom and April showers have given way to May flowers.

Speaking of new growth, our Lodge has grown with the initiation of eight new Entered Apprentice. A great deal of work went into getting our newly initiated brethren through the process. Hats are off to the Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 Degree Team but special thanks go out to those that STEPPED UP and filled some empty chairs. I look forward to seeing these same men and others receive their Fellowcraft Degree in the coming months as they seek further light in Masonry.



In light of the number of EAs that just came through, I was thinking on the term Entered Apprentice and came across this:

Where does the term Entered Apprentice come from?

When a candidate receives the First Degree of Freemasonry, he is said to be entered. It is used in the sense of admitted, or introduced; a common as well as a Masonic employment of the word, as when we say, "the youth entered college".

In the Middle Ages, a Master was recognized as one who was classified at the highest point of professional recognition. Membership was by selection and took a long and prescribed route through the guild system. When a young man possessed the proper characteristics, he could become an apprentice Mason. The learning process took a full seven years. His examination was lengthy and ended with his submission of a "Master's Piece" which was judged before he could become a "Fellow of the Craft". Once he gained experience and recognition, he was entered in the book. Thus, he became an "Entered Apprentice".

The Pocket History of Freemasonry

Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, VOL I, 1929, P 333

I thought it to be brief, yet informative, and wanted to share.

In other news, we have a Sweethearts' Dinner planned for Saturday, May 14th at The Greenery. Please make an attempt to attend. This is an opportunity to show those that are special to us a good time while breaking bread with the brethren. Plans are also being finalized for our Luau scheduled to take place in July. Look for more details to come about this event.

I am still looking for an increased attendance during our Stated Meetings and hope to see more of you.

As always, stay safe and we will talk soon.

Fraternally yours,

Terry Killgore

Master

From the South

A message from Cary Carlson, PM, Junior Warden

Brethren, please allow me to introduce myself. I am your Junior Warden, Cary Carlson. I am honored to be filling in this year as there was a need in the line of officers.

This is not my first go as a Junior Warden, nor through the line. I was master of Berkeley Lodge No.363 in 1982, and also Orinda No.122 in 2014. I affiliated with Acalanes Fellowship in 2016 and have been a happy sideler filling in when needed ritualistically—whether for degree work, installations, or funerals.

I want to encourage you to consider a masonic service among your final wishes. I have performed many such services since my being Master in 1982. It has been my highest Masonic honor to render such services in churches, funeral parlors, gravesides, and even over zoom during Covid. We are very flexible and can accommodate most wishes. You can save expenses by having a memorial service at the lodge as well.

Our service is at once beautiful and reassuring. It gives comfort to family members and friends and also shares some of our masonic values with those who might have only the slightest knowledge of our beloved fraternity.

If you think that you might be a bother to the lodge—nothing could be further from the truth. We are always honored to remember a departed brother as a last tribute of our affection. We are happy to be there for your loved ones. Please consider it.

*Cary Carlson, PM
Junior Warden*



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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.