

# The Trestleboard

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## From the East

*A message from Worshipful Robert S. Strohmeyer, PM*

Greetings from the East, my Brethren. It has been a fantastic year in our lodge so far, and our lodge is alive with activity. We've raised six Master Masons since the start of the year, initiated three Entered Apprentices, and at the end of April we passed three brothers to the degree of Fellowcraft. Please join me in congratulating Brothers Sunil Awasti, Robert Kaleta, and Mark Collins on their advancement in Masonry.

The month of May will be busy as well. In addition to our Stated Meeting on Tuesday the 2nd, we will confer the Third Degree upon Brother Derek Walter on the morning of May 13, and then that evening, we will have a fun Sweethearts event—a Murder Mystery evening. Bring your sweetheart, dress up in your best 1930s attire, and join us for the fun. Sweethearts attend free! [Click here RSVP](#).

At the end of the month, on the evening of Tuesday, May 30, we will initiate Mr. Stephen Bell into our Fraternity. Please mark your calendars and join us for a great evening.

Fraternally yours,

*Bob Strohmeyer, PM*

*Master*



# From the South

*Peter A. Peterson, Senior Warden*

It continues to be a pleasure serving as your Junior Warden. It is finally dawning on me how each Masonic assignment and position prepares a man to move forward in Masonry and a Blue Lodge in particular.

Your Dining Committee—Senior Deacon Mark Williams, and our Stewards Chris Benz and Rob Seitelman—and I have been working towards having menu and dining plans set for the remainder of the year. We brought back Zimm’s Catering, which we used in years past. It’s good to be back with them, as we have always enjoyed their meals. Scott Zimmerman is a Master Mason; he and his wife Paula have always been a joy to work with and do their best to meet our many demands.



It helps if you make a “reservation” though Evenbrite as that gives us an idea of how many meals we need for our Stated Meeting dinners. We want to make sure we give as accurate a headcount as we can to ensure everyone gets fed. You do not have to pay online through Evenbrite, there is an option to “pay at the door.” The important thing is YOUR presence! Reservation or not, we’ll try to see that you get fed. Or just show up for the social hour, we would enjoy your company. Stay for the meeting and get caught up on what has been occurring in your Lodge since things started getting back to “normal.”

Even more important to your venerable JW: our two Stewards have also stepped up to lead and ensure we have sufficient help cleaning up after our Stated Meeting dinners meals. Since word went out those declining to help when requested must go three rounds with Brother Benz, you have heard no more whining and pleading from me asking for help at the end of our meetings. Seems those two have found a unique style of leadership getting things done behind the scenes!

As part of this “leadership training,” Worshipful Strohmeier assigned SD Williams and I to develop a plan for the new scholarship program discussed during the April Stated Meeting. Brother

Williams has done an excellent job doing preliminary work on this effort and will provide an update during our May Stated Meeting. Moving forward, we will need a vote from the membership allowing us to proceed. As an FYI: we have already received a \$500 donation to the scholarship fund and pledges of \$2000 from other members. Grand Lodge Secretary, Alan Cassalou, PM of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480, has pledged to match up to a certain amount of what our Lodge raises. This is a big deal for us, and the plan is to make this scholarship program an annual event. Please help with your support once the program is up and running.

We had to postpone at least one Sweetheart social event in April, but Worshipful Brad Rupert has put together an event that is sure to please all. We will host a Murder Mystery Night on May 13, to be coordinated by two professional actors. These are fun events and members of the audience are selected to “play” certain cast roles while the rest listen to the narrative and try to pick up clues to identify the perpetrator at the end of the evening. Lots of fun, lots of fun food! Wear your best period gangster attire! (In my case, my everyday ensemble.)

My evil twin, the Hall Association President, has asked me to put in a few words on his behalf. We are having a long overdue “spring cleaning” on Sunday, May 7. (We have renters in the Lodge on May 6). We need a lot of help, as there is a lot of work to be done. Work will begin at 8:00 and “teams” will be assigned to different tasks - kitchen cleaning, outdoor landscaping, dining hall floor cleaning and buffing, Lodge room vacuuming and shampooing are just highlights. We will also be moving “seasonal” and other seldom-used items to our new storage shed to free up space in our janitorial closet. Hope to see you then!



*Pete Peterson*

*Junior Warden*



## Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

<p><b>May 2, 5:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Stated Meeting &amp; Dinner</b></p> <p>5:30 pm social hour 6:30 pm dinner 7:30 pm meeting</p>	<p><b>May 7, 8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>Lodge Spring Cleaning Day</b></p> <p>Please come down and help us out with a Spring Cleaning of the lodge. Many hands make light work!</p>	<p><b>May 13, 9:00 am</b></p> <p><b>Third Degree</b></p> <p>Join us as we raise Brother Derek Walter to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.</p> <p>All Master Masons Welcome!</p>	<p><b>May 13, 6:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Murder Mystery &amp; Sweethearts Night</b></p> <p>Dress like the cat's meow for this mafia wedding! Flapper dresses, zoot suits, feather boas and headbands, pinstriped suits and fedoras are all appropriate.</p> <p><a href="#">RSVP HERE</a></p>	<p><b>May 30, 6:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>First Degree</b></p> <p>Join us as we initiate Mr. Stephen Bell into our ancient and honorable Fraternity.</p> <p>All Masons in good standing are welcome!</p>
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