

The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ June 2023

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From the East

A message from Worshipful Robert S. Strohmeyer, PM

Greetings from the East, my Brethren. Summer is here, the weather is warming up, and our lodge continues to prosper in 2023. At the end of last month, we were pleased to welcome Bro. Stephen Bell into our Fraternity, and we're excited to see him embark on his Masonic journey.

This month, we look forward to honoring Worshipful Michael E. Roberts with the Hiram Award, which is the highest honor a lodge of Masons can bestow upon a brother, other than electing him Master. Worshipful Roberts' years of dedicated service to Acalanes Fellowship have earned him this prestigious recognition, and we invite you to join us for the event on Saturday, June 17, at 6:30pm. [Please RSVP here.](#)



Finally, as provided for in our bylaws, our July stated meeting will be moved to the SECOND Tuesday, to avoid overlap with Independence Day. Please plan to join us for the July stated meeting at the usual time on Tuesday, July 11.

Fraternally yours,

Bob Strohmeyer, PM

From the South

Peter A. Peterson, Senior Warden

Well, you missed it! Our Murder Mystery night was a fun and successful event, complete with camaraderie, laughter, great food (courtesy of Senior Warden Brad Rupert), and sartorial splendor - Past Master Adam Hanin and his bride, Melinna, looked right out of a Great Gatsby movie set. A certain unnamed, but beloved JW, took home the Best Actor award. Unfortunately, and despite his vast investigatory background, he also was part of the team that got the Boobie Prize for failing to correctly identify the murderer!

Those of us who come up with ideas, do the planning, and then do the hard work to put these social events on do so for a variety of reasons. First, and foremost, we do this out of love for the Fraternity and brothers of the Lodge. With one or two exceptions, these social events are open to all brothers, their significant others and family members. Many of us attend and participate solo out of a desire to socialize with our brothers and get to know their loved ones in a much more relaxed environment than a Stated Meeting. If you are new to our Lodge and have never attended one of our events, I strongly encourage you to do so, if for no other reason than to get to know us better. If you've been away from the Lodge for a while, these events may be a good way for you to slowly ease your way back.

That leads up to three future events you might want to pencil in on your calendars. As you know, the Hiram Award is one of the two highest honors a Mason can be awarded. It is given in recognition of exemplary and selfless service to Masonry in general, and particularly to Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480. The ceremony for the Hiram Award is on a par with our Installation ceremony, very ritualistic and celebratory. Past Master and current Officers Coach, Michael Roberts, is the 2023 Hiram Award recipient and his ceremony is scheduled for June 17, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a dinner afterwards. Please sign up to attend as soon as possible.



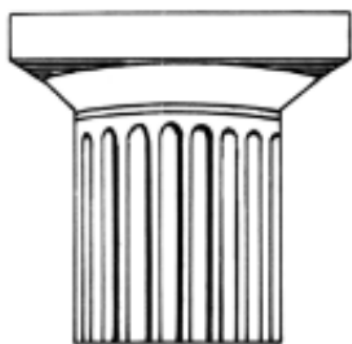
Our July Stated Meeting will be moved to Tuesday, July 11, due to the Independence Day holiday. Lodge member Tim Wilbur—past Hiram Award recipient, Shrine Mounted Patrol member, beverage-dispenser *par excellence*, and rumored stand-in for Santa at the Shriners Children’s Hospital—will be firing up the grill for a BBQ dinner before our meeting. You won’t want to miss this (and you can even “dress down” for the event).

Worshipful Strohmeier and SW Worshipful Rupert are in the planning stages for a resurrection of one of our most popular social events—a Luau! If all goes as anticipated, this event will be held on September 9. Rumor has it, a certain JW and SD have bets going on as to who will serve more libations (Mai Tais from the SW and Pina Coladas from the SD). My money is on the JW!! 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.

Once again, my evil twin the Hall Association President has asked me to put in a few words on his behalf. A special shout-out to all those who showed up for our May 7 spring cleaning. It’s amazing what can be accomplished when a group of dedicated Masons get together. Our big projects were completed, as well as most of our smaller goals on Sunday, May 7.

If you haven’t noticed, the wood and framing around our windows, as well as the railings under and around the outdoor chair lift are deteriorating. Those are our most pressing concerns now and we will be looking into bids to get the work done.

Pete Peterson
Junior Warden



Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

<p>June 6, 5:30 pm</p> <p>Stated Meeting & Dinner</p> <p>5:30 pm social hour 6:30 pm dinner 7:30 pm meeting</p>	<p>June 17, 6:30 pm</p> <p>Hiram Award for WB Michael Roberts</p> <p>Join us as we honor Worshipful Michael E. Roberts, PM, for his service to our lodge.</p> <p>6:30pm Award Ceremony Dinner to follow ceremony</p> <p>RSVP HERE</p>	<p>July 11, 5:30pm</p> <p>Stated Meeting & Dinner</p> <p>This meeting is <u>moving to the 2nd Tuesday</u> due to Independence Day</p> <p>5:30 pm social hour 6:30 pm dinner 7:30 pm meeting</p>
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