

# The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ July 2023

## From the East

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

Greetings from the East, my Brethren. I hope you've all enjoyed Independence Day, and that the summer sun is bringing you joy and good fellowship. This month, as voted on by the brethren, we will be holding our Stated Meeting on the second Tuesday, July 11th. Our Senior Warden, Worshipful Brad Rupert, has organized a great BBQ dinner for us, and we look forward to some fantastic smoked tri-tip from Brother Tim Wilbur. I know I haven't even come close to hitting my BBQ quota for the season, so I'll be right there ready to dig in with you all.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP FOR THE STATED BBQ](#)

As we go into summer, be sure to dress comfortably for the stated meetings. At the July and August meetings, summer dress will be the norm. This typically means a white button-down shirt and casual dark pants, but feel free to brighten things up with your favorite Hawaiian wear and shorts. Our lodge room gets pretty hot in these months, and I want you all there in good comfort.

Finally, mark your calendar for Saturday, September 9, when we will hold our Luau. I'm very excited to see us restore this great tradition of the lodge. Worshipful Brad Rupert and Brother Pete Peterson are working on a fun agenda, with dancers and terrific food. It's going to be a great event.



# From the South

*Peter A. Peterson, Senior Warden*

Water, water, everywhere, but none of it hot!

As you all probably know, we rent our facility to a cooking school during the summer and the occasional holiday. Students range in approximate age from 8 - 12 years old and learn everything from food preparation, safe food handling, kitchen cleaning (kinda-sorta), and prepare menus ranging from pizza to more exotic fare - French, German, etc.

You can probably guess, hot water is vital to this program, as well as to our Lodge activities. A couple of weeks ago, we got daily calls from the school complaining about a lack of hot water. This has been an issue in the past and usually occurred because the pilot light went out. So, with some under-the-breath grumbling, a few of us made a daily trek to get the pilot light lit. After a few days of the pilot light going out many times a day, it finally occurred to our “pilot lights” that maybe it was the water heater itself. Sure enough, our 17+ year-old water heater had finally broken down (a bit like my Good Twin, the Beloved JW!). We now have a new water heater, and all is well in the hot water world.

But...as you've heard me comment before, it is a never-ending battle to keep up with Lodge maintenance. Some of you may have noticed the trim around some of the outside upper windows coming loose. The railing under the staircase leading up to the second floor is failing. Another concern is the insulation and dry wall that was removed from the storage closet after a car damaged our building. Those are all projects your Hall Association is currently working on. Thank heavens, we have an unlimited source of funds to pay for all this (he said somewhat sarcastically!).

