

The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ October 2023

Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

Oct 3, 5:30 pm

Stated Meeting & Dinner

5:30 pm social hour

6:30 pm dinner

7:30 pm meeting

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Nov 4, 8:30 am

Third Degree

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From the East

A message from Worshipful Robert S. Strohmeyer, PM

Fall is here, my brethren, and we are readying ourselves for a busy season of Third Degrees. We are also laying the groundwork for our transition to the 2024 Masonic year.

Our October Stated Meeting will find officers in advance stations ahead of our November election of officers for the new year. Worshipful Brad Rupert, PM, will be sitting in the East. Bro. Pete Peterson will be sitting in the West, and Bro. Mark Williams will be in the South. Yours truly will be enjoying the view from the sidelines as we all get a preview of the 2024 officer line. Then, on November 7, we will hold our annual election of officers, and begin preparation for Installation of Officers on December 9.



Third Degrees

During the month of October your officers and Past Masters will be practicing and preparing to raise five of our Fellowcraft brethren to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the month of November. Dates have been posted to the [Lodge Calendar](#).

We hope to see as many of you as possible at these very special degree conferrals. The dates will be as follows:

Saturday, Nov. 4, 8:30 AM: Robert Kaleta

Saturday, Nov. 11, 8:30 AM: Derek Walter

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 PM: Mark Collins (pending proficiency)

Saturday, Nov. 18, 8:30 AM: Deepen Sapra

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6:30 PM: Sunil Awasti (pending proficiency)

While these dates may be subject to change based on emerging conditions, we are committed to raising our qualified Fellowcraft brethren and we hope to see as many of our brothers as possible at these degrees to show their support.

Fraternally yours,

Bob Strohmeyer, PM

Master

From the West

Brad O. Rupert, PM, Senior Warden

Hello from the West. It has been a very busy few months between degrees, proficiencies, and events. The Luau event was great this year and the hula dancers were not to be missed. We had over 50 people attend the Luau this year. Special thanks to my whole Luau committee that helped put on this excellent event. Pete Peterson, JW, did an excellent job with coordination of the food and set up, Cody & Tim Wilbur were on bar duty,



Worshipful Adam Hanin, PM, got us a cool photo background, and Worshipful Robert Strohmeyer made Mai Tais and helped all around. We look forward to having this event again next year!

Speaking of next year, we already have a lot planned for 2024 masonic year. Starting with installation of officers on December 9th at 6pm. Please make sure to save the date!! Formal invitations will be sent out after our stated meeting in November. Then AFL#480 Crab & Steak feed will be on Jan 27th, to be held at Orinda Lodge again. We will keep it rolling for the rest of the year.

Please reach out to me if you have additional new ideas for our next Masonic year. We plan to have many social and lodge events throughout the year. Including: dinner theater night, game night, joint picnics, and a traveling degree to Mendocino and or the Masonic homes. If elected in November, this will be my second time to have the honor to serve as Master of our friendly lodge. Lots has changed, but we always remain the friendly lodge and that's our plan for the future.

Brad Rupert, PM

Senior Warden

From the South

Pete Peterson, Junior Warden

As you can see from Worshipful Strohmeyer's article from the West, our lodge has been busy and will get even busier as the year ends. That's a great thing and indicative of a vibrant lodge with members willing to jump in and participate! Hard to believe but, if elected, your beloved JW will soon become your beloved SW! This journey has been an honor and privilege.

If you weren't there, you missed a fantastic Luau.

Great fellowship and food. The downstairs dining room was packed with not only brothers and family members from our lodge, but brothers from other lodges as well. Great seeing youngsters running around having fun. The hula dancers were entertaining and had us all up shaking our hips and other body parts, some of which weren't made to be shaken!



Quick follow-up note regarding our scholarship fund: If you previously pledged, now would be a good time to get your donation in. Checks can be made out to AFL#480 with a note “Scholarship Fund” on the memo line. If you haven’t pledged and wish to donate, that would be great as well.

Finally, on the Hall front. The Board has decided to replace, and not just try and repair, eight upper windows that have sustained weather damage over the years. We’re still in the bid analysis phase. The goal is to get this work completed before the next rainy season.

Participating as a Hall Association Board member is a very satisfying and fulfilling service to our lodge. Our Board has a couple of members “terming out” at the end of this year and we are looking for members to fill those seats. Let me know if this is something you would consider. You can ask any of us questions regarding the position.

Pete Peterson

Junior Warden



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