

# The Trestleboard

Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 ☉ November 2024

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## Upcoming Events at Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480

November 5th, 7:30 pm

**Stated Meeting**  
**Election of Officers**

Social Hour 5:30 pm  
Dinner 6:30 pm  
Stated Meeting 7:30 pm

November 19th 6:00 pm

**304th District Officer**  
**School of Instruction**

Hosted by AFL#480  
Open to All Masons RSVP  
with Mark Willams SW

December 13th, 5:00 pm

**Night at the Theatre!**  
**Town Hall Theater**

Dinner 5:00 pm  
Christmas Play 7:00 PM

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## From the East

*A message from Worshipful Bradley O. Rupert, PM*

Hello from the East. Welcome to this month's edition of the Mason Lodge Trestleboard! Only two more months and Trestleboards to go. As we come to the end of another excellent year from AFL#480, let's reflect on the exciting events last year and those coming up. Elections to Crab Feeds to ACOM.

Special reminder that we will have **officer elections on Nov 5th 2025 at the stated meeting**. This date also happens to be the National election day and my birthday. Please make an effort to come to the stated meeting this month and RSVP as soon as possible. You can RSVP by [clicking here](#). Another important date coming up is **Saturday December 7th for installation of officers**. Make sure to save the date!!!



Last month our lodge held a 2nd degree for Brother **Joshua Hernandez**. Multiple officers were in advanced stations for the degree. **Mark Willams JW** completed the entire degree from master chair, and **Chris Bentz JD** did the SD work including that lecture. **Eshan Shafae and Patrick Labit** stepped in as our new SS and JS respectively and will be taking over those chairs next year. This is a significant milestone in their Masonic journey and for our lodge as we move forward into 2025.

Report on **2024 Annual Communication California Grand Lodge**. Turnout this year was excellent with 5 new lodges and one research lodge being formed and chartered . This year many lodges sported colored hats and had their ladies wear matching color dresses. Fellowship and fun were the order of the day. Fun times were had at the Top of Mark Hotel and at the Tonga room for sure.

Here is a link to [2024 Voting Results Grand Lodge ACOM 2024](#) Results were interesting this year. The cipher going to plain english was turned down along with a few other resolutions. You should have also got an email with the results. If you have any questions please see me or one line officer for a detailed explanation.

As we move through the next two months, let's remember the importance of fellowship and support within our community. Together, we can achieve great things!

Fraternally yours,

*Brad Rupert - Master 2013 & 2024*



# From the West

*Peter A. Peterson, Senior Warden*

Well, well, well! Time is nigh! How the H—l did I go so quickly from being your beloved Tiler to sitting in the East in 2025 (assuming the election goes well, can't take anything for granted - insert smiley emoji).

**Upcoming: Elections of officers during the November 5th** Stated Meeting (insert crossed fingers emoji). November 19, District-wide DOSI training for the installation ceremony to be exemplified by your very own AFL#480 officer line.

The pressure is on. We need to practice to show the world we know what we're doing! THEN, installation of your 2025 officer line on December 7th. Please come one and all. These are very elaborate and beautiful ceremonies, and so meaningful to the participants. It's always great to see a good turnout to help us celebrate. The planned 2025 Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480 line of officers is a blend of veterans and younger Master Mason brothers, which is a healthy sign for the future of our beloved Lodge. They are:



- Master - Peter A Peterson
- Senior Warden - Mark A Williams
- Junior Warden - Kaveh Astaneh-Asl
- Treasurer - Rob Seitleman
- Secretary - Gary D Sparks, PM
- Chaplain- Frank Shoffner
- Assistant Secretary - C Randall Tolerton, PM
- Senior Deacon - Christopher D Benz
- Junior Deacon - Sunil K Awasti
- Marshal - Cody Wilbur
- Senior Steward - Eshan Shafae
- Junior Steward - Patrick W Labit
- Organist - John Minagro
- Tiler - Joseph Parra

What a great group of Masons. We've already worked together serving in advanced stations during a few ceremonies. Brothers have been eager and willing to show up for practices. And to think, we get another whole year serving you! I can't wait.

Fraternally - *Pete Peterson Senior Warden*

## From the South

*Mark Williams, Junior Warden*

As we move into November it is a busy time of the year for Masonry and for our Lodge! Many of us just spent a powerful weekend at the 175<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California. This was my first time attending, and it was impressive in both the awesome ceremonies and the fellowship experienced from the gathering of Masons from all over California and all over the world! It is always inspiring and humbling to experience one's participation in the traditions of our ancient and honorable institution. And to learn more about the amazing work done by Brother Masons, Masonic institutions, and affiliated organizations. It surely makes one proud to be a Mason!



After observing the election of and installation of next year's Grand Lodge leadership, it is time to get ready for our own election in our Lodge. I hope that you will agree that the many Brothers that we have stepping up into leadership positions bodes well for the future of Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480! For the first time in many years we have not had to call on a Past Master or other past Lodge officer to "fill in". And the energy and enthusiasm that our newer Brothers bring indicates a vibrancy for our Lodge for years to come!

As we move into the end of the year, let's recognize the many accomplishments that our Lodge has achieved in 2024. It very much sets the stage for a great and successful 2025! Happy Thanksgiving month!

Fraternally - *Mark Williams Junior Warden*

# MASONIC EDUCATION

I've run out of material. I'm also regressing in my computer skills as evidenced by the fact I couldn't find any emoji clips on Google Drive for my above article. They must be well hidden.

Next year, our very own Travelling Man - Junior Warden Kaveh - will be taking over this column, You will finally get a real education. As you know, Kaveh and our new Junior Deacon - Sunil - have led our Masonic Education Committee for several months now under the tutelage of Worship Mike Wilson, PM.

You've been missing a lot if you haven't been attending their monthly Masonic Education nights. Hopefully, Kaveh's columns will inspire you to learn more. And believe me, there's a never ending supply of Masonic knowledge out there that you've never heard of. I've been humbled a few times in their class with how little I really know about Masonry.

# MASONIC Phun Photos

2nd Degree for Joshua Christopher Hernandez



Fun and Fellowship After Degree

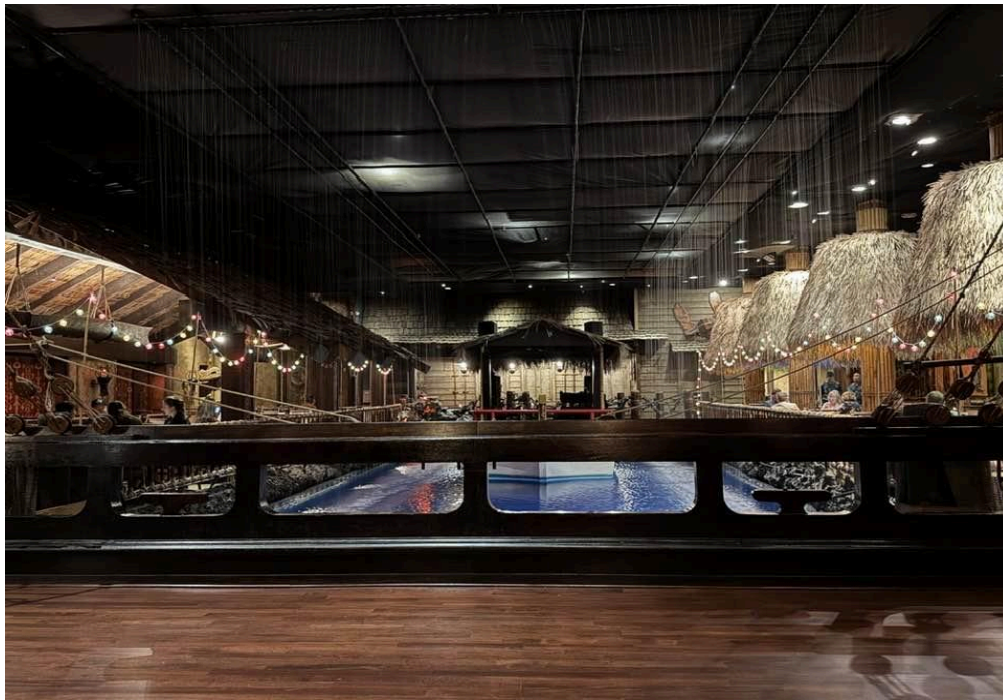


# More MASONIC Phun Photos

Fun at ACOM 2025



Famous Tonga Room in the Fairmont Hotel in SF



## Officers AFL#480 2024

<b>Master</b> Bradley O. Rupert, PM 925-890-8029	<b>Senior Warden</b> Peter A. Peterson 925-487-2725
<b>Junior Warden</b> Mark A. Williams 925-285-0630	<b>Treasurer</b> David L. Kreutzinger
<b>Secretary</b> C. Randall Tolerton, PM 925-818-8033	<b>Chaplain</b> Franklin H. Shoffner
<b>Assistant Secretary</b> Gary D. Sparks PM  <b>Senior Deacon</b> Kaveh Astaneh  <b>Senior Steward</b> Robert M. Seitelman	<b>Marshal</b> Sunil K. Awasti  <b>Junior Deacon</b> Christopher D. Benz  <b>Junior Steward</b> Michael A. McNulty
<b>Organist</b> John Minagro	<b>Tiler</b> Mark Collins

# 2024 AFL#480 Committees

## **Executive Committee**

Brad Rupert, Master PM - Chair  
Pete Peterson, Senior Warden  
Mark Williams, Junior Warden  
David L. Kreutzinger, Treasurer  
Randy Tolerton, Secretary

## **Auditing Committee**

Pete Peterson, - Senior Warden - Chair  
Gary Sparks, Assistant Sec PM  
Kaveh Astaneh, Senior Deacon

## **Sunshine Committee**

Frank Shoffner, Chaplain - Chair  
Tom Riley, PM  
John Minagro, Organist

## **Life Membership Committee**

Randy Tolerton, Secretary - Chair  
Ryder Brose - President  
Paul Crawford - VC Chair  
Tom Reilly - Member  
Fred Lezak - Member  
Mark Williams, ex-officio  
Brad Rupert, ex-officio  
Pete Peterson, ex-officio

## **Charity Committee**

Brad Rupert, Master PM - Chair  
Pete Peterson, Senior Warden  
Mark Williams, Junior Warden  
Randy Tolerton - Sec PM

## **Member Retention Committee**

Randy Tolerton, Secretary - Chair  
Tom Riley, PM  
Fred Lezak, Marshal

## **Dining Committee**

Mark Williams, Junior Warden - Chair  
Chris Benz - Junior Deacon  
Rob Seitelman, Senior Steward  
Kaveh Astaneh, Senior Deacon

## **Endowment Committee**

Randall Tolerton - Secretary/Chair  
Adam Hanin - Chair  
Ryder Brose - President

