

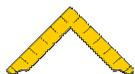
# TRESTLEBOARD

Culver City – Foshay Lodge No. 467, F. & A. M.

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## February 2006

### FROM THE EAST



My Brethren:

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Lodge as your Worshipful Master this past year. I would also like to thank those, especially the officers, who have worked with and helped me over the past several years. To the Past Masters, thank you for the wise and timely advice whispered in my ears. To the membership, thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year. Being an officer in Culver City Foshay #467 Lodge is one of the greatest honors I have ever received and I look forward to many more years of service to the Lodge & Masonry. Culver City Foshay has become my second home. Your support in our service to our lodge, our community, and for me over the last few years has been incredible. Thank you is just not enough to say.

I am pleased to say that coming up on Wednesday Feb. 8, we will be raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Richard Stephen Wollin the degree will be at 7:00pm please plan to attend this very special evening, refreshments to follow.

One final note, on Sat. Feb. 11 please plan to attend our 2006 Installation of Officers scheduled for 7:00 pm. Join me in welcoming our new Worshipful Master, Dick Pierce and the Officers for 2006. This upcoming year promises to be bigger and better than ever!

See you in Lodge

Fraternally, Timothy Veneck,  
Worshipful Master



### FROM THE WEST



### **What is Modern Freemasonry, and where did it change from it's older historic form and purpose?**

Traditional English Freemasonry and from it, American Freemasonry, in its present form, traces its origins from the dining clubs of London and to the philosophical and scientific meetings of the Royal Society of England - comprising such illustrious personages as Robert Boyle, Elias Ashmole, Isaac Newton, Francis Bacon, Christopher Wren, and others of that ilk. Masonic legend also traces its purported lineage to the stone mason's craft guilds of medieval times, from which we have opted to use the classic tools of masonry in an allegorical and philosophical sense, likening the building of one's Masonic character to the building of a stone edifice, and also borrowing heavily from old testament stories of Solomon and the building of his temple, including the creation of a partially factitious individual familiar to every Mason, called Hiram Abif, the Widow's son.

But how did Masonry, as we know it today really come about? One popular theory has it that with the end of the cathedral building epoch in Europe, the operative mason's guilds in England and Scotland (two very different places in those days, by the way, both politically and culturally) found themselves in a declining membership position and began to accept certain "gentlemen of prominence

and influence” into their craft lodges as a method of maintaining political influence and prestige. Some say this practice gave rise to the term “Free & Accepted” Masons – suggesting that the honorary non-operative or speculative Brethren were “Accepted” by their “Free” operative Brethren as full members of their respective Lodges. Another school of thought traces the term “free mason” to one who worked in “free” stone meaning sandstone, limestone or other freely worked media as opposed to marble or granite, while another theory states that the term came from the ability of master masons to travel freely between jobs because of their unique talents and skills. This was not the usual privilege of craftsmen in medieval times when most people were tied by fealty and custom to their local villages and local feudal lord. Over time, in any case, the membership of operative brethren continued to decline while the numbers of speculative brethren increased and in 1717, with the codification of our ancient landmarks and regulations by the Grand Lodge of England, the publication of *Anderson’s Constitutions of the Freemasons* in 1723 and the ultimate amalgamation of the Antient (or more traditional) and Modern Grand Lodges of English Freemasonry some years later, there emerged a fraternity of quasi-Philosophic Masons, very close in purpose and mission to that we know today in English, American and some (but not all by a wide margin) forms of European Freemasonry

Then, which is to say after 1717, as now, the purpose of a speculative Freemason’s Lodge was to provide a secure meeting place where like-minded gentlemen of learning and quality could gather for fellowship and conviviality in a “safe” environment to work the rituals and ceremonies which were also then, as now, designed to “make good men better” – both for the benefit of the individual Mason as well as for the “good of the order”. As time passed, these lodges became more like gentlemen’s dining clubs, most of them meeting in taverns and inns of the day such as the famous Goose and Gridiron in London. There, within a tyled lodge, the Brethren could network, discuss the events of the day, confer degrees, have a convivial meal and consume copious quantities of liquid refreshment free of outside influence and, of course, of supervision from the distaff side. They also borrowed from the older English tradition of a “box” club where members donated funds to a common pool to be used for the benefit of any Brother in need. This early form of group insurance had been practiced by the various merchant and craft guilds in London and elsewhere

long before the Mason’s came on the scene. That then was the beginning of “Masonic relief” which would grow into that we have today. The Grand Lodge of England, that is the Moderns, also made an early attempt at public relations by sponsoring a school for boys, which prompted the Ancients to do the same in founding a school for girls and the rest, is history, calumniating in world famous Masonic charities as we know them today both in England as well as here in the United States.

I propose however that something vital was lost in translation between our original, pre Grand Lodge beginnings and the more formal organization, politics and purpose of the Grand Lodges of England - both Modern and Antient.

The fact is that we know another Freemasonry had existed in a far, far different form for many years prior – in Scotland, and in Ireland as well, under the protection and encouragement of the Stuart Royal House and many written records are still extant to support this claim. Formal Scottish Freemasonry had existed at least from the early 14<sup>th</sup> century. There is documented evidence of a Royal Arch working in Sterling in 1590 and many people believe that even earlier, Scotland’s Masonic founding fathers were, in all probability, the Poor Knights of the Temple who fled Europe somewhere between 1307 and 1312 under the relentless and baseless political persecution by King Phillip IV of France and Pope Clement V. Many of these fugitive knights found sanctuary in Scotland because the Scots, under King Robert the Bruce were already excommunicate for opposing Edward the Second and therefore the Papal edict forbidding any person to shelter or succor the Templars under pain of excommunication had no real authority.

Such Scottish Masonic records as still exist (for many were destroyed under Cromwell and various following Hanoverian historians (including those at Grand Lodge) list membership roles in such places as Mother Killwinning Lodge number 1 and Edinboro’s Saint Mary’s Chapel Lodge in 1475 - long before the English Grand Lodge was even contemplated and of course, there was a Templar church built in London’s Fleet Street in 1161 although it is doubtful if it had any real Masonic connections at that time.

The Sinclair family or Saint Clair's of Roselyn, have been the hereditary Grand Masters of Scottish Masonry since the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314, when Robert the Bruce defeated the army of England's Edward the Second to gain Scotland's independence. Roselyn Chapel, now a popular tourist attraction, thanks to Author Dan Brown and the DeVinci Code was dedicated in 1446 by William Sinclair, who had been appointed Patron and Protector of Scottish Masons in 1441. And I am here to tell you that anyone who has visited Rosslyn Chapel, as I have, can have no doubt of both its antient hermitic as well as esoteric Masonic connections.

So what happened? Why did the writers of the English Constitution and the founders of the English Grand Lodge, abandon their ancestral Masonic Heritage? Why was history distorted and outright abandoned by the Reverend Anderson and others? Politics and Religion – pure and simple! I will continue with this story next month and you will learn why it came about that we do not discuss either politics or religion in our Masonic Lodges.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Richard Pierce  
Senior Warden and Master Elect



## From the South

This February we have several events to attend, as well as a few reminders about next month. First we will be having our Stated Meeting on the Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup>. Second, on the 8<sup>th</sup> be certain to be here at the lodge because our good friend Richard Wollin will be having his Third Degree, Richard is one of the Sons of George Wollin our Marshal for next year, please be certain to be there for the Degree.

Next we will be having our annual Installation of Officers on Saturday the 11th. Richard Pierce will be installed as Worshipful Master. Todd F. Langworthy will be Senior Warden, and Chris Sanders will be in line as Jr Warden. It is important that all members should be at lodge for the installation

because we will be having many visitors from other lodges as well as some visitors from Grand Lodge.

Also as a side note, if any member is interested in getting any information or in joining the York Rite (Knight Templars Commandery). Be sure to mark your calendar for Monday the 27th. On that date Santa Monica Bay Commandery will be having their Installation of Officers with myself installed as Generallismo. The installation will be held at Santa Monica Masonic Center on Santa Monica Blvd (here the Scottish Rite hold their meetings)

Finally, on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March we will have our March Stated Meeting and our Inspectors Official Visit, be sure to be there. Not to mention as I have mentioned before that we all must be here at Lodge on Saturday and Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for our First Annual Masonic Information Breakfast this is the first time we have tried an event like this and I think that it will be extremely interesting.

Fraternally  
Todd F Langworthy  
Jr Warden



### January Masonic Service Bureau Meeting

The meeting was held on January 22nd, 2006. New bureau officers were elected and installed. Also, newly elected Masters from various Lodges were recognized.

As usual, the pastries and coffee were great!!

At the February 26th meeting the Deputy Grand Master will be in attendance.

Until next time  
Your Bureau Rep.  
Ed Calzaretto

### In Memory

Bro. Glenn Hoyt Marshall has passed away on January 4th. Glenn has been a Mason since 1964

### A Big Day of Scottish Rite Honours and a Visit with Paster Master McCubbins and Family

Saturday, 3 December, 2005 was a big day for several members of our lodge. Many of the members of Culver City-Foshay Lodge are rather involved with activity in the Los Angeles Scottish Rite, and two of them were honored by the Supreme Council in Washington D.C. by being made Knights Commander of the Court of Honor.

Those thus honored were our Senior Deacon and Junior Warden-elect, Brother Christopher Randolph Sanders and Brother James Picard Blumenthal who has been appointed to serve as Senior Deacon for the ensuing Freemasonic year. The title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor is reserved for those who render exceptional serve on behalf of the Scottish Rite or on behalf of the work and community. Both of these brothers have served as Degree Master within the structured rituals and each has contributed significantly in other ways as well. The Los Angeles Scottish Rite has done much to stimulate the interest of members of Culver City-Foshay Lodge, and we enjoy the felicity that comes with these honors as we note the humble gratitude of those who received them.

As the conferral of the honors was held in San Diego this year, four of us, Merrick R. Hamer, P.M., Clarence D. Kussner, P.M., Poke Runyon and Christopher R. Sanders, paid a visit to Worshipful Brother Kenneth B.C. McCubbins who resides with his wife Betty in Oceanside. Also present were the McCubbins' daughter and son-in-law, Susie and Steve Ralls. We brought lunch to share and all of us joined around the tables and chatted. It was a wonderful walk down memory lane. Betty and Kenneth were surely excellent hosts and the family was truly gratified by our visit. Worshipful McCubbins served as Master of our lodge in 1983 when he presided over a very productive year. He taught others, by his example, valuable administrative skills and provided important leadership during the major renovations which he inspired.

Submitted by  
Merrick R. Hamer, P.M.





## February Calendar Items

**2/1 Wednesday**

**6:30 pm** Stated Meeting Dinner

**7:30 pm** Stated Meeting

**2/11 Saturday**

**9:00 am-Installation Practice**

**7:00 pm-Installation of 2006 Officers**

The Reception will begin at 6:30 in the Lodge in the main dinning room downstairs.

**2/8, 2/15 Wednesdays**

**7:00 pm** –3rd Degrees

**2/21 Tuesday**

**7:00 pm** – Masonic Hall Association

### February Officers' School of Instruction

The next District Officers Association meeting and Officers School of Instruction is Monday, February 27, 2006 at the Westchester Masonic Hall. Ionic Composite No. 520 is the host. The topics to be addressed will be to bring everyone up to date on the latest information from Grand Lodge, clarify some instructions given at previous schools, review any recent Administrative instructions, and review the work for the Entered Apprentice degree and proficiency.

### Masonic Service Bureau

The February meeting will be held on the 26th at the Pasadena Scottish Rite Temple.

### Dates To Remember

**March 4th and 5th at 10 am** - Masonic Seminar Breakfast

**March 26th** - 2006 Annual Breakfast with The Grandmaster. More information to follow.

**Anyone who would like to place an article or photo in the Trestleboard, please contact Alan Ackereisen. The new email address is: [alacker@dslextreme.com](mailto:alacker@dslextreme.com)**

## Masonic Temple Association

The new president of the Building Association for 2006 is Tim Veneck, PM. Tim is replacing Doug Warner.

### Masonic Youth Groups

March is Masonic Youth month. Come out and support the DeMolay and Jobs Daughters.

**If anyone is aware of any group which would be interested in renting the Lodge for a function, contact the Temple Association. Ask for Bill Williams.**

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1979 \*Norm Cool  
1980 \*Ronald H. Burlin  
1980 \*Westel R. Reed  
1981 William Rogister, Jr., P.M.  
1982 \*Edwin D. Cooke, P.M.  
1983 Merrick Rees Hamer, P.M.  
1983 \*Leon H. Stewart, P.M.  
1984 Andrew R. Pedersen, P.M.  
1985 \*Lewis Turner, P.M.  
1986 Robert L. Exline  
1987 \*Herbert Hargrave Jr., P.M.  
1987 E. Dale Peck, P.M.

1988 \*George Bozeman  
1989 Kenneth McCubbins, P.M.  
1992 John L. Cooper III, P.M.  
1992 David R. Stoy, P.M.  
1994 Douglas K. Calhoun, P.M.  
1997 Philip L. Clarke  
1998 Clarence D. Kussner, P.M.  
1999 Nikolaus Filip, P.M.  
2000 John E. Riordan  
2001 Douglas S. Warner  
2002 Ronald M. Balin  
2005 Thomas O. Fleming

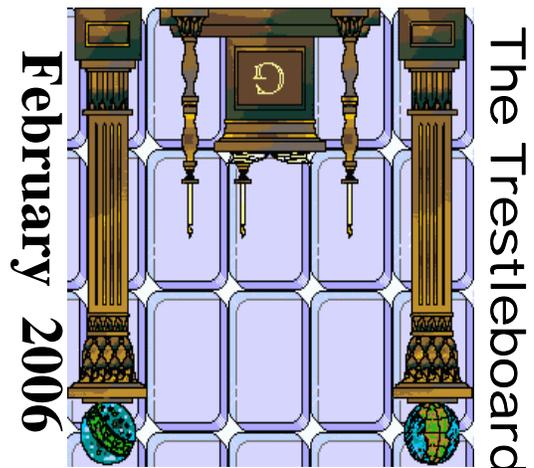
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# Officers 2005

New officers will be installed on  
February 11th, 2006

Timothy G. Veneck	Master	John J. Bournazos (Megan)	Sr. Steward
Richard K. Pierce (June)	Sr. Warden	George Wollin (Lynne)	Jr. Steward
Todd F. Langworthy	Jr. Warden	Merrick Rees Hamer, <sup>PM,HA</sup>	Organist
Douglas S. Warner, <sup>HA</sup> (Amy)	Treasurer		& Asst. Officer's Coach
Andrew R. Pedersen, <sup>PM,HA</sup> (Donna Lee)	Secretary	Donald C. Hunziker	Tiler
Keith P. Montgomery (Helena)	Chaplain	Clarence D. Kussner, <sup>PM,HA</sup> (Renee)	Officer's Coach
Christopher R. Sanders	Sr. Deacon	Douglas K. Calhoun, <sup>PM,HA</sup> (Sharon)	Inspector
Edward Calzaretto	Jr. Deacon		366 <sup>th</sup> Masonic District
Richard V. Gorton	Marshal	Alan Ackereisen	Trestleboard Editor

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