

TRESTLEBOARD

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

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March 2006

FROM THE EAST



Brethren:

As this is my first chance to address you as your Master, I thought I would share with you my main goals and objectives for 2006. Actually, I should say **OUR** goals and objectives because I cannot achieve them without your active support. Our Lodge has made a good deal of progress during the last year under Worshipful Veneck and I hope to continue this upward climb on the Masonic mountain with his able assistance and guidance and *your* all-important cooperation.

First of all, I have set a goal of raising ten new Master Masons during 2006 and as we have already raised two to date (Richard Wollin and Richard Byrd) with at least three more ready in the very near future, that seems a reasonable figure. In addition, if our upcoming **Masonic Information Breakfast** on March 4th and 5th (Saturday and Sunday morning) produces another dozen candidates, we are going to have a busy year with respect to degrees.

Speaking of the breakfast, this is a great opportunity for you to invite any of your friends and relations who you think might have an interest on the craft. If you know *anyone* who is interested, simply call Worshipful Clarence Kussner, PM, at (310)398-7683 to make a reservation or for more information. I also highly recommend that any Brother who can make it, join us that weekend to help represent the Lodge to potential Masons. Just call Brother Clarence and make a reservation.

Another new program we want to initiate is a formal **Masonic Mentoring** process where we have *trained* Master Masons available to assist our new Brethren in their Masonic journey.



I have asked Worshipful Clarence Kussner, our Officer's Coach, to undertake the initial organization and launch of this new program. He will be contacting many of you to attend an organizational and training meeting in the near future.

As to our **Ritual Work**, I plan on having several in-depth **workshops** during the year to develop and polish our skills as ritualists to enhance the degree experience for our candidates. In this, I am most beholden to Worshipful Clive Revill, PM, an accomplished thespian with vast experience in both stage and screen, who has agreed to teach these classes which are open to all Master Masons of this lodge (space permitting) with priority given to serving officers. This is a rare opportunity to learn ritual technique, floor work and elocution from a true master of his craft. More details on these ritual workshops in the very near future.

Work will continue on the **Lodge Library** project and our infrastructure with improvements to the physical plant such as electrical and kitchen upgrading having a priority. Worshipful Merrick Hamer, PM is in the process of cataloging our initial collection and we will be moving on the Red Skelton collection very soon.

Finally, I'd like to execute some fun events open to all the Brothers of Culver City-Foshay – Entered Apprentice, Fellow craft or Master Mason. The first of these events is scheduled for a Saturday or Sunday morning in April when we will be going to have a **Trap/Skeet Shoot** at Triple-B Trap Range located at the junction of the 60 Freeway and Rosemead Blvd. Brother Richard Haft and I will provide the shotguns and instructions for those of you who need them and we'll have some ammunition for practice. It should be a fun morning. If you are interested in attending this fun event, call me for details at 310 839-8853 and let me know your level of experience in trap shooting so we can organize squading and training to maximize the fun. Space is somewhat limited depending on how many folks need basic instruction.

OK, I've had my say! Now it's your turn! What do *you* want to accomplish in 2006? What do you want to do for social events? What are we doing right but more importantly, what are we doing wrong? Why aren't many of you attending Stated Meetings and Degrees? Perhaps you simply live too far away, I can understand that one but for many of you, that's not the reason. Where has Masonry failed you? Perhaps the Leadership has failed you? Whatever the reason,

whatever the gripe, whatever the suggestion or complaint, I need to hear it my Brothers. My telephone is 310 839-8853, my Cell is (310)729-9082 and my e-mail is rpierc04@sprynet.com. Let me hear from you.

Your Obedient Servant,
Richard Pierce
Master
Culver City-Foshay 467

What is Modern Freemasonry, and where did it change from its older historic form and purpose? Part 2, Continued from February Trestleboard.

We left Part 1 with the following question unanswered “*Why history was distorted and outright abandoned by the Reverend Anderson and others? Politics and Religion – pure and simple!*”

For these reasons - while the earlier Scottish and Irish Freemasonry had found powerful patrons in the person of the Scottish kings like Robert Bruce, it was the only son of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, known as James the First and Sixth of Scotland and England who, in 1603, after the death of Queen Elizabeth I, assumed the English throne and started the chain of events which, in the end, resulted in the ultimate demise of the older form of Masonry.

James I was a true Stuart and the first of his line to inherit the crown of England although he was the sixth of his line to sit on the ancient Scottish throne and, unlike his mother, Mary Stuart, he was a Protestant! His was not a happy reign. In 1605, a group of disaffected Catholics attempted to blow up parliament by placing kegs of gunpowder in parliament's basement – it failed, but brought a renewed wave of anti-catholic sentiment and cries for reform and religious freedom in England. James I is probably most remembered as being the editor of the King James Version of the Bible. In those days of religious and political (essentially the same thing) upheaval, duels were often fought and old friendships destroyed over minor doctrinal points, and the Freemasons of the period did not escape their share of troubles of this type as lodges were oftentimes torn apart by religious and political differences, very often miniscule in the

extreme.

James's son, Charles I, assumed the throne in 1625 and promptly married Henrietta Maria, daughter of Henry IV of France – a Catholic, which very much annoyed the majority of a very protestant parliament who had not forgotten the Gunpowder plot some few years earlier. Things went from bad to worse - ending in civil war between the two opposing sides of parliament (the roundheads and the cavaliers or royalists) which ultimately resulted in the execution of King Charles I and the beginning of the dictatorship of Oliver Cromwell in 1653 as Lord protector – from which position, he forced his very conservative Protestant beliefs on England, Scotland and Ireland as well. He forbade Masonic meetings and suppressed the universities with the immediate consequence that the English Masonic and hermetic movement went underground, including the members of the Royal Society and most of the intelligencia of England. The Parliament had even more stringent ideas about religion and surpassed Cromwell himself in passing various laws prohibiting any travel on the Sabbath and one could be imprisoned or even executed for profanity or blasphemy and, according the Parliament, anything they did not agree with was potentially blasphemous. When Cromwell died, he was succeeded by his son Richard who was however no Oliver and in 1660, the English Kingship was restored in the person of Charles II, a weak but rather enlightened individual who actually supported Freemasonry, Alchemy, intellectual inquiry and the liberal arts and sciences of the day.

During his reign, both the Great Plague of London in 1665 and the Great fire of London in 1666 took place and many Masons participated in the rebuilding of London, most notably, Sir Christopher Wren, the principal architect of the rebuilding of London, a member of the Royal Society and an esoteric Mason of some accomplishment who was very interested in formal alchemy and physical science. Under Charles II, the two-party English political system of Whigs and Tories also came into being as a formal division of political thought as well, i.e. Liberal vs. Conservative as it remains today.

Upon the death of Charles II in 1685, James II (and VII), the last of the Stuarts and the third son of Charles I assumed the throne. His reign was also one

of continuous religious and political turmoil of the first order. He held the throne for only three years, but in 1687 issued the *Declaration for Liberty of Conscience* allowing freedom of choice in the matter of religion, gaining him no reward but instead the animosity of both Catholics and Protestants in the bargain. Now the Catholics and the Protestants were at each other's throat once again, this time with the various Masonic lodges in England, Scotland and Ireland, racked by both religious differences as well as politically, those of Whig and Tory persuasion exacerbating the matter even further into yet another period of civil war. James II was defeated at the Battle of the Boyne by King William III of Orange in Ireland in 1690. It was not a good time to be a Mason in England although on the continent (mainly France), things Masonic were going somewhat more smoothly (on the surface at least).

William of Orange and his wife Mary Stuart assumed the throne jointly in 1689 and the religious strife continued unabated. William, a staunch Dutch Protestant was constantly haunted by real or imagined Jacobite (Stuart) plots against his throne. He retaliated against the Scottish clans who were largely of Stuart sympathy, culminating in the massacre of the MacDonalds by the Royalist Campbells in 1692. James II, now in exile in France, was constantly stirring up Jacobite plots against William – which would have serious consequences for English and Scottish Freemasonry and, in the end, change the course of Masonic History forever.

When the Hanoverian King (George I) assumed the crown in 1714, he too had to contend with the ongoing Jacobite problem, for in 1715, the first of the Jacobite risings took place in Scotland when the highland clans rose in an abortive attempt to place the Old Pretender, James Edward Stuart (James III, according to his supporters) on the throne. It was suppressed but in consequence, all things Stuart, Scottish and Jacobian became anathema south of Hadrian's Wall and sadly this included Scottish Freemasonry as well. *Note that this was just two years before the Grand Lodge of England was formed and only 8 years prior to the publication of Anderson's Constitutions.* Hanoverian historians and high ranking loyalist Hanoverian Masonic leadership in London ruthlessly ex-

cised all things pertaining to Scottish Masonry in the new "English" constitution. Old traditions were disregarded, Masonic history rewritten or ignored and new history created. It was a politically correct document and safe (non-political) Masonic institution which emerged in the form of the Modern's organization which guaranteed it first of all, Royal acceptance and, more importantly, Royal patronage – which it has retained to this day.

When the Scottish Clans rose again in 1745 with the arrival at Glenfinnan of the Young Pretender, Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie), Scotland's Masonic fate was more or less sealed - at least as far as the English Freemasons were concerned. Even As late as the reign of Queen Victoria, at her Diamond Jubilee, many valuable documents relating to Scottish Masonic history, pre 1700s, were systematically destroyed at her direct order.

One immediate result was that it became a wise practice NOT to discuss either religion or politics in an English Lodge although this prohibition did not apply in the continental Lodges as evidenced by the French Revolution and its aftermath. American Lodges however, now follow the English tradition and refrain from such discussions in a tyled Lodge.

Sadly, what was also lost, were many of our older hermetic traditions of free intellectual inquiry and philosophical research into, and search for, the true secrets of a Master Mason. We may have lost our real reason for being and traded security, political and social acceptance in place of the search for light in the form of the real secrets of a Master Mason – As we say in the Third Degree – “until future ages shall discover the right” but who among us today is making any real effort in that quest? And if not us, then who shall it be?

Richard Pierce
Master
Culver City-Foshay #467

FROM THE WEST



(I'm going to have to get used to that) for some time now I have been greeting you from the south, that is now in the capable hands of Christopher Sanders our newly installed Jr. Warden. Just to mention if you didn't make our February 11th Installation of Officers you missed a fabulous event, which indeed was well attended.

Secondly to recap we had a third degree for Richard Byrd on the 15th of February, this was also a great event apart from our new officers first and well done degree, which was also a chance to hear the Fellowcraft Proficiency done in the long form. Richard Byrd did a fine proficiency and all officers and visitors present did a wonderful job.

As for March, I would first like to encourage you all to be here at Culver City Foshay on the 1st for our Stated Meeting (and Inspectors Official Visit) I hope that you can all be there. Next, on Saturday and Sunday, March 4th and 5th, we will have our First Annual Masonic Information Breakfast "I refer to it as our first annual because I hope that it is a great success and we will have one every year" Our own brother past mast Clarence Kussner is organizing the event and I promise that I will be there. For those of you who are familiar with Weekend events you will know that if I am there it is an event in itself, so I offer it to you as a challenge, If I can get the weekend off from my boss, then I challenge you all to try and do the same and be there for our Masonic Information Breakfast. Finally, on Tuesday, the 21st of March will be our next Masonic Hall Association Meeting at 7:00PM. Please try to be there for our meeting and support our Lodge

Fraternally
Todd F Langworthy
Sr Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



After three years in the Senior Deacon's chair, I am honored and delighted to serve our Lodge as Junior Warden and get a better view of the brethren from my new position. Given that I am called upon to represent one of the three great supports of Freemasonry, that being Beauty, I am inspired to choose this as a theme of my service and my contributions to the monthly Trestleboard. With this in mind, I ask the brethren, what do they consider beautiful about Freemasonry? And what can we do to add more beauty to our lodge and our Craft?

As I am also called to provide refreshments and sustenance for the hard working brethren, I would like to get feedback regarding any preferences they have for our post-degree food items. The Stewards and I are looking forward to spicing up the menu and offering some healthier options for the late night feasting. Please feel free to speak to us about any suggestions you have in this regard.

We shall also be providing a menu of the upcoming stated meetings dinners from now on in the Trestleboard. I would like to encourage everyone to please make reservations with myself or one of the Stewards 4 or 5 days in advance, including any invited guests, as this will greatly assist Renee Kussner with the superb job she renders in preparing our meals.

As we have begun this year with a good deal of momentum and enthusiasm, I look forward to seeing more brethren visiting the Lodge, participating in the degrees and social functions, and enjoying all the rights and benefits our lodge has to offer. We are blessed to be composed of a diverse group of intelligent, talented, dedicated men, and sharing in that brotherhood is truly a beautiful thing.

Fraternally
Christopher Sanders
Jr Warden

"Secretary's Corner"

THE UNIFORM CODE OF BYLAWS OF LODGES

ARTICLE IX

DUES

Section 1. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be \$_____ per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.

Or in the alternative

The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of **\$50.00** plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January. (10/03)

Section 2. No member, who shall be in arrears for dues at the time of an election shall be permitted to vote, or be eligible to be elected or hold any office. Such disqualification shall not apply to a member whose dues have been remitted at any time within one year previous to an election.

Section 3. Should any member suspended for non-payment of dues neglect for the period of two years to pay his dues or have the same remitted by his Lodge, he may be restored to good standing as provided for by the Ordinances.

Section 4. Any member in good standing may withdraw from membership by paying his dues and notifying the Lodge to that effect at a Stated Meeting.

I hope everything is going well for you in 2006. As Secretary, I want to remind you to check your Dues Card. If it not marked paid through 12-31-2006 you are delinquent. (See above CMC printout)

As I reminded you before, if you get the Trestleboard we have your correct address, but if you change your address, phone number or e-mail address, please let me know by e-mail at apedersen03@cs.com or by "snail mail" at 22428 Napa St., West Hills, CA 91304-2210 so that we can keep in touch. This is for both the Lodge and Grand Lodge.

The business has been taken care of. If you have any personal information that you might like to share with your Lodge Brothers, I have had inquiries about

what ever happened to so and so, and the only thing I can say is "their still a member" or" their not a member any more" I cannot tell them anything I do not know.

Please keep us up to date so we can communicate with you. The Trestleboard can be mailed electronically or by regular mail.

Thanks again and we are looking forward to a great year,

Andrew R. Pedersen, P.M.
Secretary

Hiriam Award Reciepants

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

*Deceased °Withdrawn

Officers School of Instruction

The District Officers Association and Officers School of Instruction will be on Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 P.M. at the Westchester Masonic Center on Manchester with Southern California Lodge as 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 Fellowcraft degree and proficiency.

366th Masonic District Changes

Changes to the 366th Masonic District were recently announced. Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528, which was meeting in Van Nuys, has moved to the Shrine Temple at 655 Jefferson Blvd. and has been assigned to the 366th Masonic District. They meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. They will give Masonry a much needed presence in the downtown and USC area. Please welcome our new brothers from Beverly Hills Lodge to our next District meeting. They will have to convert a room at the Shrine to a lodge room and also train and install a new line of officers. Once they get established, we should plan visitations to their meetings to show our support. Sunnyside Lodge No. 677 has moved to the 367th Masonic District under the Inspectorship of Wor. John M. Morrison. We will miss our brothers from Sunnyside who braved the 405 freeway each month to attend our District meetings and wish them continued success in rebuilding their line of officers.

Douglas K. Calhoun, PM
Inspector, 366th Masonic District



In February, new officers were installed for 2006

In Memory of Philip D. Friedel

Bro. Friedel was born June 27, 1919 in Baltimore, MD and passed away January 31, 2006 in Mission Viejo. He served in the Merchant Marines during WWII and earned his vocational education degree at CSULB. He became Professor in the Electrical Department at Los Angeles Trade Technical College and taught for 25 years. He is survived by his son, Philip R. Friedel in Irvine and his brother, Donald Markle in Port Charlotte, FL. Memorial Services held at Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills

Masonic Dates: 1st deg. 6-12-1958; 2nd deg. 9-25-1958;
3rd deg. 6-26-1959

March 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Meeting	2	3	4 10:00 Breakfast Seminar
5 10:00 Breakfast Seminar	6	7	8 Degree or Practice	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Degree or Practice	16	17	18
19	20	21 7:00 Temple Assoc. Meeting	22 Degree or Practice	23	24	25
26 Breakfast with Grand master	27	28	29	30 7:00 Officers School of Instruction at So. California Lodge	31	

Masonic Service Bureau

At the time of printing this issue of the Trestleboard, the date for the March Service Bureau meeting was not set. Please check the website for the date and time, or contact Ed Calzaretto.

Dates To Remember

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

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.

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

OFFICERS 2006

Richard K. Pierce (June)	Master	John J. Bournazos (Megan)	Sr. Steward
Todd F. Langworthy	Sr. Warden	William T. Williams	Jr. Steward
Christopher Sanders	Jr. Warden	Merrick Rees Hamer, ^{PM,HA}	Organist
Douglas S. Warner, ^{HA} (Amy)	Treasurer		& Asst. Officer's Coach
Andrew R. Pedersen, ^{PM,HA} (Donna Lee)	Secretary	Donald C. Hunziker	Tiler
Edward Calzaretto	Chaplain	Clarence D. Kussner, ^{PM,HA} (Renee)	Officer's Coach
James P. Blumenthal	Sr. Deacon	Douglas K. Calhoun, ^{PM,HA} (Sharon)	Inspector
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