

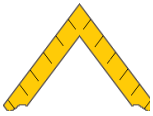
# TRESTLEBOARD

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

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April 2006

## FROM THE EAST



Brethren:

First of all, a very Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all – March 17th is that day of the year when EVERYONE is Irish and even we Scots wear a touch of Emerald Green in memory of the Auld Sod (but we won't drink their whisky owever)

It has been a busy month at your Lodge. Our first Masonic Outreach weekend on March 4th and 5th had a wonderful turnout of somewhere in the neighborhood of 90 potential Masons in attendance and resulted in a least three new applications for degrees with more pending in the near future. Thanks to EVERYONE WHO MADE THE EVENT POSSIBLE – YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE! We hope to do a similar event in about 6 months so if any of you know a potential candidate, let's start lining them up now.

Our stated goal for raising Master Masons in 2006 was ten and by the end of March, we will have raised four so we are on track there. I need all our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts to get to work on their proficiencies so they can participate more fully in the social and Masonic activities of the Lodge. Let me know if you need help and I will see to it with the help of Worshipful Clarence Kussner, our Officer's Coach and Chairman of the Mentoring Committee – we are here to help!

Last month I received a very nice letter from Grand Master Sorsabal congratulating us on being ranked



number 9 of the top 25 California Lodges with respect to our contributions to Masonic Charities. I was pleased with this until I received the Lodge Contribution recap from Grand Lodge and found that of 127 Master Masons in our Lodge, only 11 or 8.66% had contributed from the period 7/1/2005 through 3/1/2006. My Brothers, we can, we MUST do better than that. Our contribution year will end on 6/30/2006 and I'd like to see at the very least, that 50% of you have made a contribution to our fraternity in the form of much needed support for our Masonic Homes. It doesn't have to be much. Even \$10.00 each from a hundred Masons adds up - and you know it's going 100% for a good cause – our Brother Masons, their Widows and Orphans in need. Remember your obligation and make that contribution today. You can send it direct to Grand Lodge or send it to our Secretary. I'm counting on you Brothers and Thanks.

We had our District Inspector's Annual Visit at the March Stated Meeting and I was proud of the officer's corps for their deportment and ritual – mine might have stood a bit of improvement however, but that's another story.

We moved the Red Skelton collection to the Lodge on March 12th and have started to catalog that fabulous collection. We are continuing to work on the Library and the environs to further make Culver City-Foshay a real showplace as well as an accepted font of Masonic enlightenment. Remember, we are always there on most Sundays from around 9:30 AM till High Twelve or thereabouts. Master Masons, Fellowcrafts, Entered Apprentices and the public are welcome.

The Lodge Trap Shoot has been scheduled for Sunday, May 19, at 9AM at the Triple-B Trap and Skeet Range. Cost will be about \$10.00 for 25 birds plus we will have some extra shells for lessons and instruction. There is a restaurant on site as well as a gun store selling all kinds of ammo and accoutrements. Don't know anything about shooting trap? Not to worry, plenty of us do and we'll be happy to teach you the basics. Don't have a

shotgun? Again, not to worry, we have plenty. Just bring yourself and eye protection. Call me directly at (310) 839-8853 to reserve your place – it will be fun, I promise.

Finally, my Brothers, I implore those of you who can do so to attend Stated Meetings and degrees – we need you, and our new Brothers need you. Come home.

My telephone is (310) 839-8853, my Cell is (310) 729-9082 and my e-mail is [rpierc04@sprynet.com](mailto:rpierc04@sprynet.com). Let me hear from you.

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

### FROM THE WEST



Last month (March )was pretty busy with our Third Degrees and one Second Degree. Not to mention our First Annual Masonic Information Breakfast, all of which were well attended, but if you were not there shame on you, you were missed.

In April we will have our Stated Meeting on Wednesday the 5th with dinner at 6:30 and Meeting at 7:30. All masons are welcome for Dinner. Remember, for all Entered Apprentices when the Worshipful Master greeted you in the Northeast Corner on our Lodge you became a Mason and are welcome to all of our dinners and most of our Social Events. On April 27th we will be having the Officers School of Instruction in So Cal Lodge all Officers must be in attendance and all Master Masons are invited.

Next, my brothers I have received a list from the Worshipful Dick Pierce, of all of the Entered Appendices and Fellow Craft Masons. The list is rather lengthy, however it will be my duty soon to contact each member on that list along with their coaches and see if we can advance some new Entered Apprentices to Fellowcraft , and raise Fellowcrafts to Master Masons. I hope to contact all of you soon .

Fraternally  
Todd F Langworthy  
Sr Warden

### FROM THE SOUTH



Freemasonry in general, and our lodge in particular, adheres to principles of distinguishing ourselves through our garments and dress. We wear aprons as the badge of a mason, and the officers adorn themselves with jewels which depict the symbols of their stations.

Officers are required to wear tuxedos for degrees, but so far no other dress code has been established. While many of the 'sideliners' dress in suits for degrees and stated meetings, some choose more casual attire. In an effort to establish a more consistent style of dress for the various types of functions at the lodge, allow me to present some dress codes I picked up during my time in England.

Almost every club and establishment in England requires one of three types of dress codes: casual, smart, and formal. 'Casual' is rather self-explanatory, and usually consists of jeans, tennis shoes, comfortable shirts, and the like. 'Smart' means no tennis shoes, jeans, or t-shirts, and generally implies nice leather shoes, slacks or khakis, and button up shirts. 'Formal' requires suits and ties.

The officers of the lodge have come to the agreement to encourage the brethren to adhere to these codes for all future functions. A minimum of 'smart' attire is to be expected for stated meetings and degrees, and essentially any tiled event, as well as special occasions like receptions for the Grand Lodge officers and such. Brethren can of course dress 'formal' for these events as well, as many do already. 'Casual' attire is welcome at any informal or non-tiled gathering, such as Sunday morning rehearsals and the like.

We ask that the brethren begin to adhere to these codes, not in an effort to control anyone's sense of fashion or inconvenience those who do not work in 'smart' or 'formal' attire, but in an effort to distinguish our degrees and stated meetings as important events. We particularly desire to make an impression upon the candidates, to demonstrate to them that we recognize their initiations of as special and worthy of distinction, and dress accordingly in a manner that sets us apart from the casual and mundane.

I for one remember my first degree vividly, and the appreciation and respect I gained for the brethren when I watched them all arrive in tuxedos and suits in preparation for my degree. As a lodge, let us continue to make each event special and important, and let our attire reflect our distinction and respect for the sacred rites and fellowship in which we participate.

For such is a beautiful thing.

Fraternally,  
Christopher Sanders  
Jr Warden

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**Brethren:**

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By the time these processes are completed and the Post Office delivers them, it could take a week for you to receive it." In addition to being more efficient, we save printing, folding, stapling, labor and postage costs. As an added benefit, the pictures in the Trestleboard received by email are in color.

If you want to change to email delivery, please contact Doug Calhoun at:  
DougCalhoun@earthlink.net "

## *York Rite to Address Lodge in May!*

At our Stated Meeting of MAY 3rd, at my invitation, an senior officer from the ROYAL ARCH MASONS will provide a short introduction to York Rite Masonry in California. Our nearest RAM Chapter is Santa Monica Bay Chapter No. 97. If you are interested in or wondered about York Rite Masonry, I promise you an interesting and informative evening.

Dick Pierce  
Master  
Companion, Chapter 97, RAM

PS – We will have other Masonic Bodies provide similar programs in June (Scottish Rite), July (Shrine), September (Sojourners) and November (Commandry). Exact Schedule TBA but will probably be on Stated Meeting nights.

### **OUTSTANDING WEB SITE RECOMMENDED**

At the recommendation of another Brother, I investigated a truly outstanding and informative web site – <http://www.Freemasons.Freemasonry.com/> it is titled PIETRE-STONES Review of Freemasonry. There are many public as well as restricted sections and those of you who are “qualified” will have no problem gaining access to the esoteric portions of the site. Many good research papers, book reviews, discussion groups, different languages, jurisdictions, etc, etc. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** as a research source. For Masonic personnel as well as non-masons. If you have problems getting your Masonic Password for full access, contact me directly. In the meantime, everyone can sign up for the newsletter.

Dick Pierce

## Fiesta LaBallona

**Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th**

10-11am Set-up

11-1pm

1-3pm

3-6pm

Fiesta hours of operation are 11am-6pm Saturday August 26th, and 11am-6pm August 27th. We need a minimum of three people in the booth helping (1) run the digital camera and tripod (2) working the laptop computer, and (3) talking to people who stop at the booth for any number of reasons, (Masonry, what is the ID program about, is this information given to the Police, will we be contacting them at a later date, what do we do with this information, etc., etc.). Plus, we will need at least three others to roam around the Fiesta passing out leaflets and talking-up the Kids ID and fingerprinting program. These six people are the minimum needed per shift; it would be nice to have more.

Also we need Spanish speaking individuals who can explain the program to those whose mother tongue is not English. This is very important because a good portion of the families attending the fiesta are Hispanic.

If everyone who commits to a shift shows up on time and stays for the time allotted we will not need more people, but we all know from past experiences that people find reasons to not show up on time or not at all so, that is why we are going to over book this event like we did last year so we can make sure no one has to stay longer than his or her allotted time.

Last year there were complaints that we overbooked the number of people we needed and they felt useless and bored!! If the people who are assigned a time get there fifteen minutes early the people working inside the booth can show them how to work the camera and laptop computer before they go off shift. Part of this gathering is for the two Lodges to get to know each other better, so the more the merrier. If Culver City Foshay and Ionic Lodges could guarantee four (4) individuals each per time slot and ask as many others as possible to stop by and give some of their time Saturday or Sunday I think we can pull this off with flying colors!!!

Thank You,  
Richard Pierce, Worship Master Culver City Foshay  
Lodge #467

## **Officers School Of Instruction**

The April Officers School of Instruction is on Tuesday, April 27th at the Westchester Masonic Center with Beverly Hills 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 1st section of the Master Mason degree and proficiency.

Douglas K. Calhoun, PM

Inspector, 366th Masonic District

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### **WHAT DO MASONS DO?**

As Masons, we are often asked, "What do Masons do?" Often times, we don't give very good answers to that question. We say, "We do degrees," or "We give scholarships," or "We're a fraternal organization."

Those answers are not really responsive, and they do the fraternity a disservice. The answer to that question is really so simple: We offer men the opportunity to make good friends, to help others, and to nourish their own value system. Let me explain.

We offer men opportunities to make good friends. We are a very democratic institution. We have both the high and the low, the rich and the poor. We regard no man for his worldly wealth or honors. We are taught to look for the internal indications of a man's character and not his external ornamentation. This habit of looking for a man's quality of character is -- and we may wince at the word -- a spiritual exercise because it calls again and again on the very best that is in us.

We offer men opportunities to help others. We do help each other. We help, encourage and support one another. Not only that, but we try to help our elder brothers and their widows. and not only that we look beyond the lodge and try to be a positive force in our communities, especially with respect to young people. This habit of continually reaching out to help others is also a spiritual exercise, because it calls on the very best that is in us. We offer men opportunities to nourish their own value system. As we reflect on our degrees, especially our Entered Apprentice Degree, we note that it is tilled, front to back, with a very definite philosophy. We hear

about the tenets of our profession as a Mason: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We hear about the three theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity. We hear about the four cardinal virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. When we participate in our degrees as a candidate, or as an officer, or as a sideliner, we discover that hearing those words and reflecting on their significance is also a spiritual exercise because it nourishes the best that is within us.

So, when someone asks you, as they will, "What do Masons do?" you will be able to tell them that Masonry offers men these opportunities to make good friends, it offers men opportunities to help others and it offers men the opportunities to nourish their own value system. Upon reflection, we can see that this is more than a simple answer to a straightforward question. It is a defining question because in answering it, we discover as we do, we are.

*ILL. WAYNE T. ADAMS, 33° is a PG M of the Grand Lodge of Maine and an attorney with a law office in Kennebunkport.*

### **The Letter "E"**

Someone has advanced the opinion that the letter "E" is the most unfortunate character in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger, in hell all the time, and has never been in Indiana, Ohio or Masonry.

But we call his attention to the fact that "E" has doubled up in Freemasonry and is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble.

Without it there would be no meat, no life, no Heaven. It is in the center of honesty, makes love perfect and without it there would be no editors and no news.

*--from Tied to Masonic Apron Strings, by Stewart M. L. Pollard, 33°, 196*

## **Challenge of Tomorrow**

I fear we've been traveling on the street of "By and By" in Freemasonry for far too many years. We just may have lost too many opportunities of the yesterdays gone by to catch up with tomorrow.

Take the "can't" out of Freemasonry's vocabulary along with the word "impossible" and you'll be surprised at the success you'll achieve. Sure you'll make mistakes. The only way not to err now and then is to travel on the street of By and By toward the house of Never.

When we look at some of the problems confronting us today, we must realize they didn't come upon us overnight. They started years ago and have grown out of all proportion, mainly because we've been traveling on the street of By and By. Like the mythical ostrich, we've been burying our heads in the sands of oblivion. We've been hoping if we didn't look, if we ignored them, they would go away. They haven't -- and they won't -- unless we stop sitting on our hands and get off the streets of By and By.

Freemasonry's challenge for tomorrow must begin today. Far too much time, manpower, and resources have been lost forever.

*--from The Search for Leadership, by Allen E Roberts, 33 1987*

## **Common Sense**

Freemasonry is one of the essential and powerful agencies which have the opportunity and responsibility of revealing to mankind those motives upon which civilization rests. Let us bravely face our task.

Our message is old but ever new, and it will challenge a new age fraught with much uncertainty and peril.

We must preach the Brotherhood of all mankind, based upon the worship of a common God--our Father. We must define just what we mean by this great doctrine and implement our affirmation of Brotherhood in our relations with all races, creeds and nations.

What a shame it is that other groups, professing the same purpose, condemn and censure us because we are unwilling to surrender ourselves to their control of our thoughts and actions. We make no attempt to control theirs. Any church or other organization which takes such an attitude fails in its duty to God and to man.

*--from the 1946 Allocution of Grand Commander Melvin M. Johnson*

# Our Masonic Seminars, March 4th & 5th



A delicious breakfast was prepared and served by our fantastic kitchen crew



Masons ate with and talked to the guests before going up to the Lodge room to hear the speakers. Masons from various Lodges joined Culver City Foshay Lodge for our first Masonic Seminar



Potential candidates sat in the North. Paul Clark from Chino Hills Lodge, and Clive Rivell from Culver City Foshay spoke to the guests

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Meeting	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
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<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 7:00 Temple Association Meeting	<i>26</i> Degree or Practice	<i>27</i> Officers School of Instruction So. Calif Lodge	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
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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.

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