

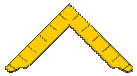
# TRESTLEBOARD

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

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## May 2006

FROM THE EAST



**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL  
MASONS OF CULVER CITY-FOSHAY  
LODGE Number 467**

**LODGE OF INSTRUCTION  
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17**

Brethren, it is my will and pleasure that a Lodge of Instruction be opened in the First Degree on Wednesday, the 17th of May, 2006, Anno Lucis 6006 at Culver City-Foshay Masonic Temple at 7:00 of the Clock for the purpose of Instruction and to promote Masonic Fellowship.

Therefore, it is my direction that all Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft Masons of this Lodge present themselves at that time and place, suitably attired for further instruction in Masonry. Master Masons of this Lodge are also strongly urged to attend and support their Brothers in Masonry. The Lodge will be tyled and not open to non-masons. Master Masons with proper Masonic credentials from other Lodges are welcome to attend and may bring interested Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts from their Lodges for whom they can properly and fully vouch, as guests for the evening.

**DRESS CODE FOR SIDELINERS:** Dark Suits, white shirts and subdued pattern ties are requested



from all attendees if at all possible. At minimum, coat and tie required.

**DRESS CODE FOR PARTICIPANTS AND OFFICERS:** Tuxedos with white gloves for all except Master who will be attired in white tie and tails, cuffs, collar and apron. Well shined black shoes and socks for all.

**PURPOSE AND AGENDA:** This Lodge of Instruction will feature lectures from several preeminent Master Masons on the history, purpose and practice of York Rite and Scottish Rite Freemasonry and a demonstration and explanation of a typical Chamber of Reflection as used in English and Continental Lodges. The Lodge will open promptly at 7:00 in the evening and close promptly at 9:00 when we will adjourn to the salon for light refreshment and fellowship. Latecomers will not be admitted during certain portions of the ceremony so please be prompt, always remembering our parking situation.

**THE VENUE:** This Lodge of Instruction will be holden, in so far as we can accomplish it, in the manner of an English Lodge of Emulation which is quite different from what most American Masons are familiar with. Officers will enter in formal procession already wearing their aprons and jewels. All ceremonies are conducted with great formality and gravity and we will have a demonstration of voting in the English fashion as well as other ceremonies as appropriate. There will be Masonic music played at intervals.

**THE REASON:** It is the duty of the Master of a Lodge to see to the education and advancement of those Brothers who have not attained the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and to prepare them to assume their proper place in the Masonic Life of

their Lodge to the extent he can do so. One way to do this is to provide inspiration and encouragement, and a Lodge of Instruction is designed to do just that - to inspire as well as encourage.

Many of you have, for one reason or another, not continued to advance through the degrees as is your right. It is my duty as Master of this Lodge to ascertain the reasons for this and to provide suitable assistance to any Brother who desires it in order that he may fully enjoy the benefits and privileges of our ancient fraternity.

**MY INTENTION:** To produce a Masonic evening which will give those of you who have never traveled Masonically, the opportunity to experience, in some small degree (pardon the pun), Freemasonry as you might see it practiced in England, Scotland or elsewhere in the world. Hopefully, it will be an enlightening and educational experience and steady your resolve to complete your degrees and join us in full Masonic fellowship as Master Masons and to assume your rightful places in the management of the Lodge.

**FINAL WORD:** While this message falls short of an Official Masonic Summons, I am directing all the Brothers of Culver City-Foshay Lodge to make every effort to attend and unless I hear directly from you in the form of an e-mail, telephone call or letter, I will assume that you will be in attendance, and shall direct my Junior Warden to plan refreshments accordingly. Realizing that many of our Brothers live somewhat more than a cable tow's distance from the Lodge or have otherwise reached and in some cases, gone beyond the "golden years", I will understand and regretfully forgo your presence with no additional notification required. We will of course, miss your friendship and counsel and wish you health and happiness whithersoever disbursed around the globe. Everyone else: Please be present or accounted for. My e-mail is [rpierc04@sprynet.com](mailto:rpierc04@sprynet.com), my telephone is 310-839-8853 and my address is 8929 Gibson Street, Los Angeles, CA 90034.

Fraternally and Sincerely,  
Richard Keith Pierce  
Worshipful Master  
Culver City-Foshay Lodge #467, F & AM-  
State of California

## FROM THE WEST



I have decided to break from my usual report on the upcoming events and degrees. In order to send you all the first of hopefully many reports on Masonic Education. I have found many topics of interest in my search; however I decided to use my first article to illustrate the convention of the First Continental Congress in 1774.

The First Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia's Carpenters Hall on September 5<sup>th</sup> 1774. Twelve of the thirteen colonies sent delegates, Georgia was facing desperate problems and needed the support of the regular British.

The First Congress did not originally advocate independence, it sought to right the wrongs inflicted on the colonies and hoped that a unified voice would gain them some attention so that their grievances might be heard in London. It was hoped at the time that a peaceful objective could be obtained. The thirteen colonies sent 55 delegates; they were mostly men of good social standing (Under the tongue of good report and coming well recommended). Many of them being from different backgrounds and from the different colonies did not know each other, however after frequent meetings and dinners, important friendships came about. Of the prominent members in attendance were George Washington, John Adams, Patrick Henry, Joseph Galloway and Samuel Adams.

The first plan was a consideration of John Galloway to create an American Parliament to act in concert or cooperation with the British Parliament. This idea was not taken in agreement with the other members; however, it was primarily an attempt to reach a peaceful harmony with the British. Before any agreement could be reached however, Paul Revere arrived with the Suffolk Resolves (a series of political statements by a number of Boston area communities). These speeches further distanced the members of congress. After time the radical elements gained the upper hand and Galloway's peaceful plan was vetoed.

An association (or committee) was formed to boycott by means of non-importation, non-exportation

of goods. These agreements were enforced by other committees in each community who would publish names of merchants who did not honor the boycott and encouraged public frugality.

The Congress composed a Statement of American complaints. It was addressed to King George III to whom the delegates still for the most part remained loyal. This statement of complaints was the first official declaration addressed to the King.

Finally, this First Congress agreed to convene again if the complaints addressed to the King were not properly honored. That meeting of the Second Continental Congress was called in May 1775.

The majority of the members of the delegates of the First Continental Congress were Masons. I hope that in reading this article you notice as I did numerous similarities to our own meetings familiar to you.

Respectfully Submitted  
Todd F. Langworthy  
Sr Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH



As the blossoming of Spring is upon us, I hope that everyone is as delighted as I am by this season and the abundance of beauty that we are able to experience here in the practical paradise of Southern California.

We are truly able to revere the glorious works of the Creator on a regular basis, and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to contemplate upon the wonders of rebirth and renewal these next few months, and how these themes can improve ourselves as men and masons.

Spring provides us with the perfect time to recommit ourselves to healthy principles and refresh all aspects of our lives. The time is ripe to not only cleanse our surroundings of clutter and clean out our physical environments, but also to clear our hearts and minds of mental and emotional patterns that may be acting as internal clutter and garbage,

and also cleanse our bodies of all the fatty and toxic indulgences of the winter and holiday seasons. I highly encourage everyone to enjoy the benefits of spring cleaning on all levels, and the increased vitality and beauty that such a process grants us. If anyone would like any tips or suggestions in this regard, please feel free to speak with me.

I would like to remind everyone to please RSVP with myself or one of the stewards regarding our stated meeting dinners. I can be reached at 310-570-5090, and Bill Williams can be contacted at 310-387-9583. I am also still appreciative of any feedback and suggestions regarding the post-degree food items. The stewards and I have been working hard to provide the brethren with tasty and nutritious refreshments after our labors, and hope to continue in this manner. And finally, please take heed to my previous article regarding our attire at degrees and meetings. We shall be receiving a number of new candidates these upcoming months, so let us make the best impression upon them as possible as we usher them into the beauty and glory of our ancient fraternity.

Fraternally,  
Christopher Sanders  
Jr Warden

## A Vision Manifested

The will to try a new approach is necessary to assure progress. Any good idea must be tested without fear of failure, lest conditions stagnate and human interest recedes into state of apathy and perfunctory behaviour. Truly, our symposium was a new idea for our lodge. Without previously trying anything like it, we invested heavily in an event that was advertised to 5000 men in the Culver City and surrounding communities. A free breakfast was provided to all guests who responded, and lectures designed to inspire men inquiring about the Masonic Order were well received. Even in the absence of success, men must be lauded who evince the courage to try. In this case, success is evident. We are learning of expressed interest in our lodge and fraternity by men who have indicated desires to apply for membership. Our Stated Meeting of April was proof of the beginning of this effect when

seven applications for membership were read. We anticipate additional applications, consequently.

While we must now prepare for the arduous but pleasant work of initiations and instruction, we must acknowledge those who participated in the formation of this successful event, held in March. The idea originated with Worshipful Clarence Kussner who applied his skills at marketing, intense personal contact and follow-up, keeping within the bounds of Masonic decorum. His vision manifested as others joined in to contribute with their particular talents. Brother Dahlan Netsch and his wife Karen applied their graphic skills at creating the impressive fliers that were widely distributed. These not only induced attendance by strangers inquiring about our fraternity, but also caught the attention of active freemasons from other lodges who attended the event to become acquainted with our success. Renee Kussner, Evelyn Calzaretto and Colleen Alves worked strenuously in the kitchen to make sure all were well provided for, and their product was a delicious and complete breakfast. Within the lodge room, Worshipful Richard Pierce oriented the guests, making them feel comfortable and with ample opportunity to produce their questions. His well known wit and humour are excellent tools to inspire and make audiences feel truly welcome. Brother Paul Clark, a member of Chino Valley No. 427, gave an inspiring talk on exoteric Freemasonry. It is evident that there is a social serge in esoteric interest and it was appropriate to reserve a portion of the symposium to address it. Brother Clark who highly knowledgeable and whose occupation is spent at addressing congregations managed this portion most efficaciously. Worshipful Clive Revill delivered a history of freemasonry and his well known skill as a professional actor captivated this audience with his customary enthusiasm. Finally, all the officers and contributing brethren deserve to be lauded, since each went out of his way to make a guest feel welcome, from the threshold of the temple door, to the dining at the tables, to the forum in the lodge room. Well done, all you architects and builders of a new idea!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Merrick R. Hamer, P.M.

## **Officers School Of Instruction**

The May Officers School of Instruction is on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Westchester Masonic Center with Culver City-Foshay 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 1<sup>st</sup> section of the Master Mason degree and proficiency.

Douglas K. Calhoun, PM  
Inspector, 366<sup>th</sup> Masonic District

## **Temple Association Meeting**

The Temple Association meeting for May will be held on Tuesday the 30th at 7 pm. All Masons including Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are welcome.

## **To the Officers of the Lodge;**

Some of you have not been wearing your name badges. WHY NOT ? !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you feel you cannot remember to bring them to lodge, perhaps they should be kept in the Tyler's room.. Decide what you want and/or remember to wear the badge.

Edward Calzaretto,  
Chaplain



**COME ONE, COME ALL**

Learn how to survive an earthquake! Find out what to do prior to, during and after an earthquake. Do it before the next one. We live in earthquake country, so earthquakes are going to happen - when, we don't know. So be prepared!

We will teach you how to protect yourself, as well as your home and its contents, so that you will be able to go on with your life with little or no interruption. We will have a show and tell of what you need in order to protect the contents of your home and what to have in your survival kits in case you have no running water, gas or electricity after an earthquake occurs.

Our presentation takes approximately one and a half hours, which includes a question and answer period.

IT IS FREE, SO WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LOSE, EXCEPT 90 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME!

The date is: Saturday, May 13, 2006

The time is: 10:00 a.m. to noon

The place is: Ionic Masonic Lodge

Presenters: Dale Leider and Tom Keller

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 11TH SO WE HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES.

COFFEE WILL BE SERVED

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**DON'T FORGET THE LODGE TRAP SHOOT ON SUNDAY, MAY 21st AT TRIPLE B TRAP RANGE AT 9:00 AM SHARP!**

**WE HAVE SHOTGUNS ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE, AMMUNITION AND INSTRUCTORS. JUST**

**BRING SAFETY GLASSES AND HEARING PROTECTION IF YOU HAVE THEM. COST IS**

**\$6.00 PER 25 BIRDS (CLAY PIDGINS). AMMO FOR THE FIRST ROUND WILL BE**

**PROVIDED COMPLIMENTS OF BROTHERS DICK PIERCE AND RICHARD HAFT.**

**TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE AND TO GET DIRECTIONS OR ARRANGE A RIDE**

**SHARE, CALL DICK PIERCE @ 310 839-8853 PRIOR TO FRIDAY, MAY 19th. I PROMISE YOU A FUN MORNING. THERE IS A LUNCH FACILITY WITH GOOD FOOD AND EXCELLENT COFFEE.**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL DICK PIERCE ANYTIME OR E-MAIL ME AT:**

**[rpierc04@sprynet.com](mailto:rpierc04@sprynet.com)**

**PS - IF IT SHOULD BE RAINING, WE WILL POSTPONE TO ANOTHER DATE SO PRAY FOR SUNSHINE!**

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**Fiesta LaBallona**

This is a monthly reminder that Fiesta LaBallona is on Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th

10-11am Set-up

11-1pm

1-3pm

3-6pm

Please contact Doug Warner if you have any questions or want to participate. Doug's phone is: 310-202-6747. His email address is: [dougie03@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dougie03@sbcglobal.net)



**SO YOU WANT TO  
LEARN TO DANCE #2**

**Join us for 8 Sundays of  
professional dance**

**lessons at Ionic Composite Lodge  
on:**

**June 25, July 9, 16, 23**

**and August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2006**

**Experienced Beginners 5:00-6:00pm**

**and Beginners 6:30-7:30pm**

**Cost is \$80.00 per person**

**Maximum 20 people per class**

**No make-up classes available**

**For information and reservations con-  
tact**

**M.W. Mel and Alice Nahin**

**(310) 275-5613**

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**March Degrees**



Wor. Pierce congratulates Russell Ryan Hughes upon being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 8th



Jose Valladollid is congratulated by Wor. Pierce and Wor. Hammer after being raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on March 22nd

**April Degrees**



Wor. Pierce congratulates Michael Patrick Heatherton on becoming an Entered Apprentice Mason on April 19th



Brian Refren is congratulated by Wor. Pierce and Sr. Warden Langworthy on being passed to Fellowcraft on March 29th

# May 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Jr. Warden Retreat	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Jr. Warden Retreat	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Degree or Practice	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10 am-Earthquake Preparation Class Ionic-Composite Lodge
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 Instructional Lodge	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 am Trap Shoot- ing	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Officers School of Instruction	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 Temple Assoc. Meeting	<b>31</b> Degree or Practice			

## Dates to Keep in Mind

June 24, Saturday-Lodge Management Certification Program in Anaheim

July 16, Sunday at 12:00 noon -4:00pm - Covina Masonic Home Annual Summer Festival,  
A Caribbean Cruise. Contact Peggy Parker at 626-251-2223 or email her at pparker@mhccov.org

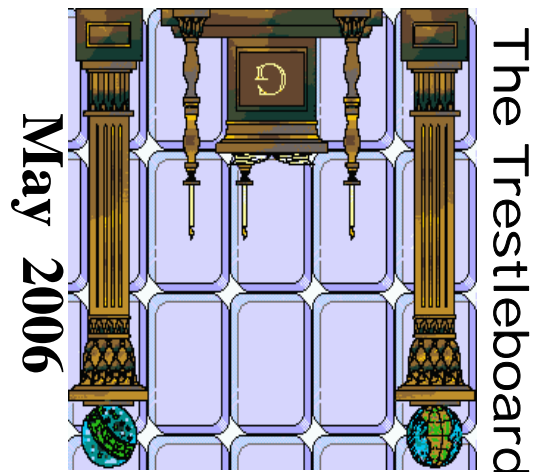
**If anyone is aware of any group which would be interested in renting the Lodge for a function, contact the Temple Association. Ask for Bill Williams.**

**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

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