

# TRESTLEBOARD

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

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June 2006

## FROM THE EAST



Brethren, I write this month's message with mixed feelings of satisfaction and disappointment. Satisfaction in that last evening (May 17<sup>th</sup>), the officers of Culver City-Foshay Lodge, with the invaluable assistance of Worshipful Nick Mitchell, Senior Warden of Southern California Lodge and a Past Master of Tranquillity Lodge 185, London, England presented an exemplification of an English Lodge working in the First Degree and Worshipful Merrick R. Hamer P.M. and our Junior Warden Chris Sanders provided a beautiful and moving demonstration of a typical Chamber of Reflection as used in many Latin American and European Masonic Jurisdictions, a ceremony rarely experienced by United States Blue Lodge Masons. Additionally, Illus. Sam Patassi, Personal Representative of the Grand Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States and a Past Grand High Priest of York Rite in California, presented a talk on the various and sundry organizations which make up the additional paths to light available to new Master Masons.

The good news is that the evening was well attended by visiting Master Masons and Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts from other Lodges.

The bad news is that the majority of Culver City-Foshay's Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts were absent from an exciting evening of Masonic

Education which was designed expressly for them to aid in their Masonic progress towards the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Last month, in the Trestleboard, as Master of the Lodge, I expressly *ordered* all EAs and FCs to be present at the May 17<sup>th</sup> evening to receive instruction in Masonry and to have a dialog regarding their Masonic progress or lack thereof. It was my direction that all EAs and FCs should attend or notify me directly of the reason for their absence. Only THREE Brothers in question complied with their Master's orders with respect to their absence that evening! Something is wrong!

Either you are (1) not reading the Trestleboard, (2) do not understand your Masonic obligation to respond to an "almost official" summons by the Master of your Lodge or, (3) perhaps you simply don't care to advance in the craft or (4) have lost interest in Masonry altogether. Frankly, I was very disappointed that more of you did not make the effort to observe the beautiful and moving evening provided for your benefit. Many of your Lodge Brothers worked long and hard to produce this rare event and your apparent lack of interest was the only down side of the evening.

In fairness, let me add that I realize your time is valuable and that many of you have other important obligations to consider. Family, work, church and other things may be keeping you from enjoying the fellowship and benefits of our great and ancient fraternity, BUT, my Brothers, when all is said and done, YOU must make a serious and long term commitment to Freemasonry if you are ever to really benefit from it. This is not optional if you wish to progress in the Craft.

All of us get benefit from this fraternity only to the



extent to which individual effort is put into it. Unlike many other organizations, a Mason can only advance by diligent hard work and by honing his skills in the craft – *There is no free ride in Masonry*. If you desire to be one of us in true Masonic fellowship “as all Brothers and fellows have done who have gone this way before”, *there is a price you must pay*. It is called *participation!* It is called *discipline!* it is called *commitment!* These three attributes; participation, discipline and commitment are what, in the final analysis, makes a man a Mason.

Finally, to all the EAs and FCs who were in attendance, I thank you for your presence and participation and hope that you came away from the evening with a determination to complete your proficiencies in short order and join us Master Masons in governing and growing our Lodge. We need you - for you ARE the future!

Richard Pierce  
Master

P.S. Hopefully, we will see ALL our EAs and FCs at the next Masonic Education Evening hosted by our Senior Warden.

## From our May 17th Lodge of Instruction



Worshipful Nick Mitchell, Senior Warden of Southern California Lodge and a Past Master of Tranquillity Lodge 185, London, England presented an exemplification of an English Lodge working in the First Degree



Our Jr. Warden Christopher Sanders in the Chamber of Reflection

## From the West



May has been a busy month. On Wednesday the 10th we had three first degrees, Jesse Nelson, Masato Taguchi and Francisco Romero. Next was on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>, a Lodge of Instruction. All Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts and Master Masons were welcomed and the Lodge opened on the first degree. On Sunday May 21st, we had a trap

shooting outing scheduled at the Triple B Shooting Park. (*This outing was postponed due to rain*). Finally on the 31st of May Wednesday we had another three, First degrees for Brian Maui, Adam Ruff and Colin Schaeffer. For your information, all above events are for Entered Apprentices Fellowcrafts and Master Masons. I mention this because it is my hope that more Entered Apprentices join us when they can. Furthermore it is important that all Entered Apprentices join us at our first degrees. This is important for the candidates as well as for the attendees "you learn quite a bit by observing the degrees".

That being said we do have a busy June ahead of us. On June 7th we will be having our Stated Meeting, again I hope that all Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are there for dinner. On Wednesday June 14th, I plan to reinstitute the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft information nights, a time for all candidates to meet and practice their proficiencies with their coaches and receive Masonic information. Any question that you might have about the degrees or proficiencies that can be answered at this event might be postponed til June 21st if we have degrees scheduled for the 14th. It is important that all Entered Apprentice and Fellow Crafts attend these nights.

Finally, on Tuesday June 27th, we will have our June meeting of the Masonic Hall Association, It is important that all members of the Association be present and all Master Masons are welcome to attend. Next, I would like to add that if any candidate can not be there for the information nights or any of the upcoming Entered Apprentice Degrees they can reach me at (310) 397-5997 or email me at: Ltodd900@aol.com

Todd Langworthy  
Sr. Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH



May has proved to be a memorable month for both our Lodge and myself, and I am happy to recognize this as a pivotal period. I was able to attend the

Junior Warden's retreat, help confer six first degrees, and participate in the superb Lodge of Instruction which we demonstrated some of the unique aspects of an English Lodge. Each of these events has further ignited my enthusiasm for Freemasonry and the future of our Lodge, so allow me to share some of my insights from these various inspirations.

At the Junior Warden's retreat, I shared in the fellowship of Junior Wardens from all over Southern California and learned from various members of Grand Lodge many useful tools that shall prove useful in helping run our Lodge. I was pleased to find out that most Lodges are in a state of growth in California and proud to represent our Lodge as one of those Lodges experiencing a steady influx of new brethren and energy. As we were encouraged to develop a vision for our respective Lodges, I couldn't help but appreciate the diversity, dedication, and genuine sincerity of the many brethren of Culver City-Foshay, and incorporated these elements into the draft of my vision and. Indeed, the opening sentence of my vision statement I feel sums up our Lodge: "Culver City-Foshay Lodge has been and continues to exemplify a place where the Light of Freemasonry shines bright."

Certainly our Light has been evident this month given that six brothers have taken their first step in Masonry, joining our Lodge as Entered Apprentice Masons and beginning their journey to seek out even more Light as they continue through their degrees. Each of them brings their own unique background and experiences with them, and adds to the synergy we share as a brotherhood. Truly we are blessed in this regard.

Truly we are fortunate to have the leadership and talent available to put on such a special event as the Lodge of Instruction, in which we were able to host not only brothers from various Lodges but many Entered Apprentices and Fellow-Crafts from our own Lodge, and shed some light upon the workings of an English Lodge and elaborate upon our Masonic heritage. This unique event served as a beacon for some of the brethren we have not seen in some time, and I hope with all my heart that this shall set a precedent for future involvement, and demonstrate that our Lodge has

much to offer. By drawing upon the rich culture and history we are privileged receive and claim as our own, we are able to continue strengthening our foundation for the future. A future that looks very bright my brothers.

Fraternally,  
Christopher Sanders  
Jr Warden

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### **Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Information Evening**

On June 14th, Bros. Todd Langworthy and Sean Fernald will be having an Entered Apprentice/Fellowcraft Information Night at the Lodge. All Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are encouraged to attend from 7 to 9 pm. to go over their prospective proficiencies in preparation to advance to the next degree. In the event that a degree is scheduled for the 14th, this Information Night will be held on June 21st.

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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**

### **Officers School Of Instruction**

The June Officers School of Instruction is on Monday, June 26th at the Westchester Masonic Center with Ionic Composite 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.

### **Bethel No.2 Care Packages**

Bethel No. 2 is proud to announce that they are supporting "COMPANY D" from Fort Drum, New York who is currently deployed in Afghanistan. They are making care packages to send to the unit (there is only one female). They are looking for items like toilet paper, handi-wipes, sun block, small bottles of bug repellent (non-aerosol), small bottles of hand sanitizer, toiletry items, magazines and paperback books, tootsie rolls and hard candies. You can drop off any items at the lodge and we will store them for the girls. You may also make a donation to 'Bethel No. 2' with a memo for care packages' so they can buy the necessary items. Please help support our Bethel's project and our troops.

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

### **Temple Association Meeting**

The Temple Association meeting for June will be held on Tuesday the 27th at 7 pm. All Masons including Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are welcome.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Meeting	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Entered Appen- tice Informa- tion Night	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Degree or Practice	22	23	24
25	26 Officers School of Instruction	27 7:00 Temple Assoc. Meeting	28 Degree or Practice	29	30	

## 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

**August 26th and 27th, La Ballona Festival**

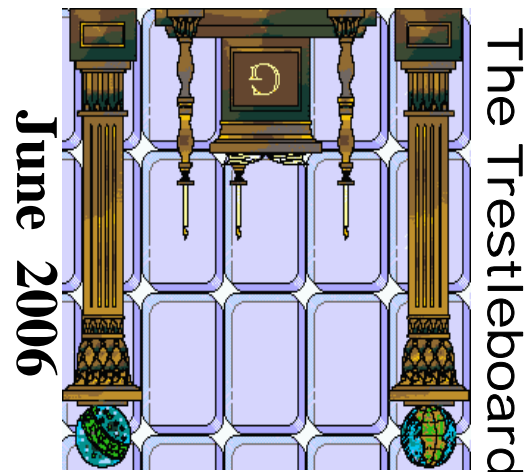
**If anyone is aware of any group which would be interested in renting the Lodge for a function, contact the Temple Association. Ask for Bill Williams.**

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

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