

TRESTLEBOARD

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

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Have a Happy 4th



FROM THE EAST Semi-Annual Report



My Brothers, we are now 6 months into Masonic Year 6006 and it's time for a report from your Master as to the State of the Lodge.

Let's look at the scorecard and you can judge for yourself where we stand:

Membership: as of 30 June 2006 – 128 Master Masons

Net gain or loss to date: +1

Note this does NOT include FCs and EAs

Initiated: 6 Goal: 10

Passed: 2 Goal: 8

Raised: 4 Goal: 8

Scheduled Degrees in next 90 days:

EA – possibly 2

FC – possibly 3

MM – possibly 4

1 pending investigation

1 delayed investigation (Candidate out of state)

1 withdrawn candidate (own choice)

Dues remitted by order of Charity Committee – 2

Suspended for non-payment of dues – 3

Deceased Brothers will be accounted for at the year's end.

As you can see, we are doing OK but not great. We need all FCs and EAs to work toward completing their proficiencies ASAP and we need to find at least four more new candidates for Masonry – Wear your rings and other Masonic Identification and be prepared to provide applications and answer questions while the DeVinci Code has kindled interest (however misguided) in our Craft.

Attendance:

Not so hot. About the same 20-25 guys every Stated Meeting. Here is an area where we could REALLY improve! Hopefully, the new blood will flesh out our active ranks as they become raised to MM status. Come on Brothers, support your Lodge and join us when you can.

Financial Condition of Lodge:

I don't have the actual numbers available at this moment but I can tell you that our net income is DOWN substantially due to our restricting hall rentals only to certain events and restricting hours of operation at the request of our neighbors. We are regaining some rentals after a 6 month hiatus but we are struggling to maintain the status quo in the face of some major repairs to our front façade (about \$5,000.00) and interior electrical work at the main power panels in the Lodge for about the same amount. We are also contemplating an upgrade of



the kitchen facilities if we can find a way to pay for it without touching our capitol accounts. There will be a full and complete accounting in December as I leave office as your Master.

We have a full compliment of officers on the Building Association but our President, Wor. Tim Venek is leaving in early August to take a management position in San Francisco. We will elect a person to fill the position for the balance of his term as President according to the regulations of the CMC.

Bill Williams, our Rental Manager is doing a good job under very difficult conditions and restrictions and he needs all our support. There have been no real problems with the current rentals to speak off but we have hired a new security company to provide security for our party rentals which will reduce our liability.

We also raised our insurance coverage for the building and its contents to cover the increased replacement costs and the improvements to the lobby and library and its contents which were completed in April. Wor. Merrick Hamer is cataloging all our books and is probably about one quarter way through that project. Any additional donations of appropriate books would be appreciated. Contact Merrick Hamer for details.

Events to date

So far this year, we have had a couple of “Sunday GI Parties” and divested ourselves of years of accumulated junk (and found some neat things as well). Additionally, we have begun to install a “Chamber of Reflection” in the hallway adjacent to the Tyler’s Room which will be complete in the next several months and it is my intention to integrate this chamber into our candidate’s experience once I obtain the guidance from Grand Lodge on how to do this without violating our established rituals and landmarks. As you know in February, we presented a series of informational breakfast seminars on Freemasonry which were expensive but did generate at least six applications for Masonic Membership. We are expecting more returns as time passes and may have another similar breakfast in late October if we can find a cheaper method of finding prospects than direct mail which simply is not cost effective at this juncture.

In May we had a very successful Lodge of Instruction and lecture of the workings of an English Lodge of Emulation working in the First Degree and a demonstration of a typical Chamber of Reflection which was very well attended by Masons in general, if not EAs and FCs, and is currently featured on the Grand Lodge of California’s public web site, I suggest you all check it out as we are quite honored in having been so recognized. (<http://www.freemasons.org/news>)

We have scheduled a similar Lodge of Instruction where the Grand Lodge of Iran (in Exile) will demonstrate their First Degree Working in Pharsee (Persian). Date and time will be announced as soon as permission is obtained from our Grand Lodge and the required protocol exchanged between the two grand jurisdictions. (I’d guess in September)

We are also in contact with Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge, asking them to put on a degree demonstration in the future as well.

Our Masonic Education nights are finally taking hold. I was gratified to see half a dozen brothers at the last one held on 14 June, all working hard on their various proficiencies. Way to go Brethren! Thanks to my Senior Warden, Todd Langworthy, for ramrodding this very critical education program.

Other events to date included a day of trap shooting which was “kind of” rained out and which kept some of the Brothers away but four of us who showed up has a great time (in ideal trap shooting weather, BTW) anyway and we will try again later in the fall. We also had a garage sale and raised over \$900.00 for Brother Robert “Dad” Ellsworth who in now safe and residing in a board and care facility in Torrance. Many thanks to Wor. Kussner for that effort.

Youth Orders

Speaking of Dad Ellsworth, here’s the current status of our two Masonic youth orders – **Bethel Number Two** of Job’s Daughters is surviving – just! They seem to be having events and meetings on a regular basis but need continuing support and encouragement. Who can help?

The **Theodore Roosevelt Chapter** of the Order of DeMolay is sadly, just about moribund (dead) and if

anyone has any suggestions for reviving the Chapter, I'd appreciate knowing about it or contact Dad Don Hunziker. I'd hate to lose these youth groups, but they don't survive without members, activities and responsible and consistent adult support and supervision. *If things do not turn around in the next 90 days, I will recommend return of the Chapter Charter and disbursement of the remaining Chapter funds to another DeMolay jurisdiction at the October Stated Meeting.*

2006 Hiram Award

Currently awaiting recommendations from my Hiram Award Committee on possible recipients for 2006.

2007 Officer's Qualifications

All the potential/perspective officers for 2007 need to be in contact with our Officer's Coach, Wor. Clarence Kussner, as soon as possible to begin work on qualification for elective and appointive Lodge office. **DO NOT PUT THIS OFF!** Election will be held in November and Installation in December as per the CMC. Time is of the essence!

Officers School of Instruction and DISTRICT AFFAIRS

Not too well attended overall so far, Gentlemen. *We have to do better in this regard*, especially as we will have a new District Inspector in August and I desire a 100% turnout to welcome the new guy at the August OSI – and yes, I did say 100%

Bye Bye, Wor. Douglas Calhoun – Yes, it is true, Worshipful Calhoun and his wife Sharon, are departing permanently for the fun city of Los Vegas where Sharon will be taking a senior management position with a company servicing the trade in redecorating and major renovation of hotel properties. Rumors that Wor. Calhoun has landed a job as a Pit Boss at a major casino remain unsubstantiated at this time.

We will be holding a chili-fest pot luck dinner at the August 12th Stated Meeting to say good bye to the Calhoun's and send them on their way in grand Culver City-Foshay style. All Culver City Foshay Masons of whatever degree are strongly encouraged to attend – after all, he might be back here some fine day as our Inspector again. Be warned.

So much for the first six months. I'd like to thank everyone who supported me in these efforts. Nothing would have happened without you. Now let's finish the last six months with a bang and start your new Master off on the right foot in January.

Your comments and criticisms of this report are encouraged.

Fraternally,
Dick Pierce
Master

Greetings From the West



For those of you who missed the Stated Meeting on the 7th, we did have some unfortunate news, most of us know by now that our District Inspector and Past Master of Culver City Foshay, Doug Calhoun will be leaving us in August. Doug's wife Sharon has been offered a better position with the company she works for (a good deal more money). The job is in Las Vegas, therefore they must move and take the new position. Secondly, our recent Past Master Tim Veneck has also been offered a better position with his company and he will be having to leave town, this is sad for me because both of them are good friends who have been a great deal of help and encouragement to me, they will be missed. I will keep in touch with both Doug, and Tim promised to keep in touch of course. Please try to attend the next stated meeting on the 5th of July as I am sure that both of them will be there.

Next we had our first (in a long time) Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Education Nights on June 14th and it was a great success, much thanks to Sean Fernald and Worship Dick Pierce for making the night as successful as it was, and thank you all of you candidates who showed up and took part in the work. I am encouraged to see our candidates doing well.

Lastly I would like to remind all of you to attend our next Stated Meeting on July 5th. (It should be interesting as it will be the first Stated Meeting where I will be in the East.) please be there. Also, since our last months Candidates Education Night was such a success, we have planned one for July on the second Wednesday, the 12th. Finally, I would

like to invite all Master Masons to our June and July Meetings of the Building Association to be held on June 27th and July 25th. It is important to be present at all Building Association meetings to keep up with all the new business in the Building or upkeep of our lodge, it may also be the last meeting to be presided over by our president Tim Veneck. Please be there and show your support.

Fraternally,
Todd F. Langworthy
Senior Warden

From the South



Article not available at the time this issue was sent out for publication.

Officers School Of Instruction

The Officers School of Instruction will be at the Westchester Masonic Hall on Thursday, July 27 at 7:00pm with Southern California Lodge No. 529 as the host. 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.

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

Temple Association Meeting

The Temple Association meeting for July will be held on Tuesday the 25th at 7 pm. All Masons including Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are welcome.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT RESERVE AUGUST 2nd TO SAY FAREWELL TO WORSHIPFUL DOUGLAS K. CALHOUN, PM

There will be a going-away celebration on Wednesday, August 2nd prior to our Stated Meeting to say an official farewell to Worshipful Douglas K. Calhoun and his Wife, Sharon as they depart for Los Vegas, Nevada to begin a new life in the little desert resort town founded by one Benjamin Segal back in the early forties. All Past Masters and Lodge Brothers and friends are cordially invited to seats in the dining room!

Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM and will be a pot luck Chili feast – bring a pot of your favorite homemade chili, a salad or something sweet (besides yourself) and help us say good bye to a real pillar of Culver City-Foshay Lodge for over 14 years.

People whose last names begin A through H should bring an entrée, Those whose last names begin I through P bring a salad and everyone else bring a dessert. I will be bringing two kinds of chili. The Lodge will provide drinks.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED
(REALLY) FOR PLANNING PURPOSES –
PLEASE CONTACT DICK PIERCE at
310-839-8853 TO CONFIRM NLT 27 JULY!**

At the July 5th Stated Meeting dinner, we will be saying Farewell to Timothy Veneck, PM. Bro. Veneck will be taking a management position job in San Francisco. We wish the very best to Bros. Veneck and Calhoun. Both will be missed around our Lodge.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
RESERVE AUGUST 11th FOR THE
LASR ANNUAL TABLE LODGE TO
BE HOLDEN AT THE WILSHIRE
BLVD CATHEDRIAL**

There will be a Masonic Table Lodge held on Friday, 11 August open to Master Masons only at the Los Angeles Scottish Rite Wilshire Blvd Cathedral. This year, it will have a military flavor as we honor the brave men and women of our armed forces. The Guest speaker will be **MAJOR GENERAL & BROTHER JAMES COMSTOCK, USAR (Ret)**, recently returned from Iraq who will provide a first person briefing on what is really happening in and around the combat zones. Prior service personnel are encouraged to wear their medals and decorations and retired personnel may wear their uniforms (if they still fit) **COST IS \$35.00 PER PERSON** which includes a souvenir Firing Glass and a very nice meal with wine or cider for the required toasts.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!
PLEASE CONTACT ILL. RON HART at 323
937-2566 (LASR Office) TO MAKE YOUR
RESERVATIONS EARLY – SPACE IS LIMITED!**

Fiesta LaBallona

This is a monthly reminder that Fiesta LaBallona is on Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th. Our Lodge will man the booth on Saturday, Ionic-Composite will man the booth on Sunday.

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**

In Memorial
(from Douglas Calhoun, PM)

Wor. Kenneth B. C. Mc Cubbins passed away on June 8, 2005 . He was Master of our lodge in 1983 and a very active member until moving to Carlsbad. I also received the email below from Wor. Wohlfarth.

Wor. Mc Cubbins was born on November 28, 1917 in Alberta, Canada. He received his degrees in Oregon. He was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 26, 1946, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on May 2, 1946, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 6, 1946. He affiliated with Culver City-Foshay on October 7, 1980. He was Junior Warden in 1982 and Master in 1983. He received the Hiram Award on May 16, 1989 and the Golden Veteran Award on February 7, 2005.

Soft and safe to thee, my brother, be thy resting place! Bright and glorious be thy rising from it!

Master & Secretary of Culver City-Foshay Lodge No. 467

The North County Times (7 & 8 June 06) reported the death of Brother Kenneth B. C. McCubbins on June 8, 2006 at Age 88. Brother McCubbins was a member of Culver City-Foshay Lodge No. 467.

I note from the Obituary, that he was also a member of Al Malaikah Shrine. He lived in Carlsbad, CA.

I presented him with his 50 Year Award in February 2005 with Mrs. McCubbins was in attendance.

Fraternal regards,
Jerry Wohlfarth, Inspector
490th Masonic District

Brother James Gregory Lee passed on to that Celestial Lodge Above on April 11, 2006.

He was Initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason on July 13, 1965, Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on July 19, 1966 and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 18, 1966. He was living in Versailles, Missouri.

*A very special and rare event is to take place at
Culver City-Foshay Lodge on Saturday afternoon,
the 15th of July at one o'clock.*



*Our Junior Past Master Timothy Veneck will be joined in
wedlock to Colleen Alves under a matrimonial ceremony
performed by Richard K. Pierce, Worshipful Master.*

*The ceremony will take place in the Lodge room at:
9635 Venice Boulevard
Culver City, California 90232*

The reception will follow in the dining room.

*To the recollection of most of the members of the Lodge,
we have never had a wedding ceremony take place in the
Lodge for a brother and his fiancé.*

*You are invited with your spouse or significant other to
attend this very special event and show your support for
a lovely couple.*



*It is requested by Tim and Colleen that there be no gifts
associated with this event. Please make a reservation by calling
Timothy Veneck at 310-422-5358 by no later than July 12th.*

July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11 Degree or Practice	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Degree or Practice	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 7:00 Temple Assoc. Meeting	26 Degree or Practice	27 Officers School of Instruction	28
29	30	31				

Dates to Keep in Mind

July 5th-6:30 pm, dinner and farewell to Wor. Timothy Veneck, prior to the Stated Meeting. This is Bro. Veneck's last Stated Meeting with our Lodge.

July 15th - 1:00 pm, Wedding of Bro. Timothy Veneck to Colleen Alves - at Culver City- Foshay Lodge

August 2nd-Pot Luck and farewell dinner before the Stated Meeting, Say farewell to Wor. Douglas Calhoun and his wife Sharon

August 26th and 27th, La Ballona Festival-Culver City-Foshay Lodge members only needed on Saturday the 26th.

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
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