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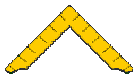
Culver City – Foshay Lodge No. 467, F. & A. M.

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November 2006

FROM THE EAST

FROM THE EAST – The Final Chapter (Almost)



Brethren, November is upon us and thus, this month's communication from me will be the last (save but one) time I will have the honor of addressing you as your Master. November brings us to one of the most important events in our Masonic year – the election and appointment of your Lodge leadership for the ensuing Masonic year, AL 6007.

This is not an event to be taken lightly (pardon the pun). Those Brother Masons who will have the responsibility of guiding your Lodge for the next 12 months need your help and support and this begins with your doing your Masonic duty and being present at their election which will be holden on Wednesday, 1 November at our Stated Meeting for that month. Please, be present to exercise your franchise if at all possible. Thanks.

As to other business, we had a very, very busy October what with Grand Lodge Annual Communication, the conferral of six Entered Apprentice Degrees (four for CC-Foshay and two for Beverly Hills Lodge), and our Lodge Halloween Party which was a great success. Nine of us traveled by van to San Francisco (see Wor. Clarence Kussner's story and photos) and we had a really wonderful time of fellowship, accomplished our mission of voting on the various resolutions and election of

our new Grand Line. We met up with our Junior Past Master, Worshipful Tim Veneck and his bride Colleen and enjoyed spending time with them as well. October 19 was also a special day for our Secretary, Andy Pederson who celebrated his birthday with us on that evening. I could not get a straight answer out of Andy on exactly how old he is, but a reliable source tells me that along with the Dead Sea Scrolls, some old minutes relating to actual Masonic meetings held while King Solomon's Temple was under construction were also uncovered and they bore Andy's signature. You do the math!

Results of the voting on the various pieces of legislation are now available on the Grand Lodge Website at *California Freemason .Org* and I direct your attention there for specifics. In a nutshell, most of the items were housekeeping and will have little effect on the day to day operations and policies of our Lodge, but one important item, the introduction of a new, easier to read California Masonic Code did pass and we look forward to its publication in the near future. We also elected Most Worshipful Mel Stein as our new Grand Master and we can expect 2007 to be an exciting and fruitful year in California Freemasonry. Our Lodge Brother, Very Worshipful John L. Cooper III was again elected to the position of Grand Secretary – Way to go Brother John!

I had the honor of being appointed to the Grand Lodge, Lodge Support Committee in addition to continuing as a member of the Masonic Formation Task Force which will continue its mission of revitalizing Freemasonry in California with at least ten more certification classes scheduled for calendar 2007 all over the state from Redding to San Diego. In short, while my term as your Master is over, I still have plenty of Masonic tasks to perform.

Speaking of my approaching end - As you all know, I love costumes and fancy dress and several weeks



ago, I was ruminating with our Officer's Coach, Worshipful Kussner, and idly stated that I should probably have a special costume to wear as the Immediate Past Master. I asked Clarence if he had any suggestions and without batting an eye, he replied "A muzzle!" Sic Transit Gloria Mundi, as Merrick would say. How soon they forget.

Hopefully, we will finish my year with the conferral of two or three third degrees which is a nice way to go out and if accomplished, will meet my original goals for degrees which I proposed when installed. I'll save the recap of exact numbers for my final report on the "State of the Lodge" in December but suffice to say that while there have been some minor disappointments along the way, all things considered, it's been one hell of a fun ride and I thank you all for allowing me to be your Master this past year.

One final item by way of information, I have suggested to the Master of Beverly Hills Lodge 525 that if they cannot find a suitable permanent home that they might consider holding their Stated Meetings at Culver City-Foshay Lodge on the first Tuesday of every month. That way, we could support them logistically and with officer personnel while they get back to full strength. I will be proposing this arrangement formally to our Building Association Board at their next meeting. In my opinion, it's a win-win deal for everyone involved. We'll keep you posted.

Don't forget to be at the November Stated Meeting if at all possible and may all of you and yours have great Thanksgiving Holiday and if possible, do something to support our serving Military Personnel during this holiday season, they deserve it.

Thanks again My Brothers, and don't forget to vote "early and often" as they used to say in Chicago.

Fraternally and respectfully,
Dick Pierce
Master

Greetings From the West



For those of you who have not been around lately, October has been a busy month. From Sunday the 8th to Wednesday the 11th we were in San Francisco for the Annual Meeting of The Grand Lodge. There

were nine of us taking the trip to San Francisco, and we had a fantastic time.

On the following Wednesday the 18th we did two Courtesy First Degrees for Beverly Hills Lodge, not to mention one of our own on Wednesday. Next on Thursday the 19th we had one more Courtesy First Degree and one first degree of our own. On the following Tuesday the 28th we will have our Building Association Meeting (I strongly urge all members interested in our lodge to attend the Building Association they are open to all Master Masons and are on all forth Tuesdays)

Finally, on Wednesday the 25th we will have our OSI at So Cal Lodge, it is mandatory that all officers (and all interested in becoming officers) attend the OSI each Month, this month we will concentrate on the Masters and Wardens Test Questions and Answers. The Grand Lodge Legislation will be discussed. Not to Mention on Thursday the 27th we will have one more First Degree. Finally Please don't miss the event scheduled on Friday the 27th, our Junior Warden Chris Sanders will be having a Halloween Party which promises to be a Gala Event, and we will have costumes and Magic and maybe some spooky goings on with Merrick Hamer. Do not miss the party.

Fraternally,
Todd F. Langworthy
Senior Warden

Greetings from the South



This past October I had the distinct honor and privilege of attending and participating in the annual Grand Lodge communication in San Francisco, and I had a grand time indeed. As I am sure the finer details of the proceedings have been covered elsewhere in the Trestleboard, let me just say that the fellowship and camaraderie I experienced with both the brothers of Culver-City Foshay as well as brethren from all over California was a cherished experi-

ence on my part, and I look forward to this event next year. I also highly encourage the various brethren of our lodge to consider attending Grand Lodge next year as well and experience the magnitude of the rights and privileges of our ancient and honorable fraternity.

As November has arrived, so have officer elections. It is my sincere hope and intention to be elected as Senior Warden, and subsequently begin preparing for my anticipated year as Master in 2008. One of my goals is to continue our fine tradition of superb ritual work, and I would like to extend an offer to anyone who wishes to participate in our ritual work who has not done so before to please step forward, express your interest and join us at our rehearsals.

We are blessed with a knowledgeable and seasoned core of brothers willing to teach our degree work, so please take advantage of this valuable resource. I would like to see every officer in 2008 have an understudy as equally proficient as himself, as well as increased involvement in rituals by brethren who are not in the line, and the best time to start learning the work is now. If there are any brethren who wish to fulfill the noble and rewarding roles of officers in 2008 of whom I am unaware, please feel free to speak with me soon so we can begin preparing throughout 2007.

I hope each of you having a safe and happy Autumnal season.

Fraternally,
Christopher Sanders
Jr Warden

Secretary's Corner

THE UNIFORM CODE OF BY LAWS 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 you everything is going well for you. As Secretary, I want to let you know that Dues Notices for 2007 are in the mail. (See above CMC printout)

As I reminded you before, if you get the Trestle-board 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 TB can be mailed electronically by e-mail or by regular mail.

In addition please note CMC:

§25010. ELECTION.

The election of the Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge shall be by ballot. The Lodge, by unanimous consent, may permit any designated officer to cast the ballot for the Lodge. If an eligible candidate fails to receive a majority of the votes cast, and the candidate receiving a majority is ineligible, there is no election. A blank ballot shall not constitute a vote cast. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for an election. An annual election held contrary to the provision of the section shall be void.

The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually at the Stated Meeting in November each year.

This is the next Stated Meeting (don't forget to attend)

Thanks,
Andrew R. Pedersen, P.M., Secretary

Ed's Grand Lodge Photos



Can anyone tell us how to get to Grand Lodge, we're lost!



We had to take him out in back and knock some sense into him.



The restroom next to the restaurant

Photos From Our October Degrees

On Wednesday, Oct. 18th we had 3 first degrees. From left to right: Christopher Sanders (Junior Warden), Johnathan Garland Bogan (First Degree Recipient), Ali Raze Nemazie (Courtesy First Degree recipient) for Beverly Hills Lodge NO. 528), Snohomish Kevin Brown (First Degree Recipient), James Bloomenthal (Senior Deacon), Ruben Labay Perin, Master of Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528.



On Oct. 19th we had 2 first degrees. From left to right: Crisologo Araula, Ruben Labay Perin (Master of Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528), Dolby John Bruhn (Courtesy First Degree for Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528), James Bloomenthal (Senior Deacon), Merrick Hamer (Organist, Assistant Officers Coach), Gary Joseph Weber Jr. (First Degree Recipient), Richard Pierce (Master Culver City-Foshay Lodge #467)



ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO GRAND LODGE

Once again in the tradition of Culver City–Foshays long standing commitment to attend Grand Lodge the brethren took to the road. This time, instead of driving up individually a decision was made and agreed to rent a 12 passenger van from Avis. Renee Kussner found the company that had the vehicle while surfing the internet. Brother Kussner called Avis and was informed that a special rate was available for those who joined the “Half Century Club”. Reluctantly he admitted to being eligible and was rewarded with membership and a very good deal. The van was picked up on October 8th at 6 AM by the potential drivers, Brothers Hamer, Warner and Kussner. The intention was to be on the road by 7 AM after picking up everyone but that deadline was missed and was under way by 8 AM.

The nine brothers making the trip, Worshipful Dick Pierce, Senior Warden Todd Langworthy, Chaplain Edward Calzaretto, Treasurer Douglas Warner, Jonathan Dilly, Ron Balin and his Son Michael with those already mentioned were a very cohesive and fun loving group. Jokes, games, puns and quips were plentiful as one can imagine with the makeup of personalities on board. The trip up to San Francisco was made without losing anyone and all arrived in good spirits and still friends about 4 PM.

Tim Veneck and his wife Colleen met with everyone in San Francisco on Sunday. It was a warm and welcome reunion. They are missed very much since moving to Antioch. The time spent together passed too quickly. However, it was mentioned that possibly they would be in Culver City for the Installation of Officers in December.

All the Brethren attended Grand Lodge including Christopher Sanders, our Junior Warden who drove up separately with a friend and sat through the necessary items that came up for consideration and voting. Grand Lodge being prepared and more efficient this year managed to open and close on time each day. It was appreciated by all in attendance.

On Tuesday night everyone met at The House of

Nanking for Chinese food where a reservation was made for 7 PM. The food was very good and plentiful and not being shrinking violates everyone in the place knew they were enjoying themselves.

Wednesday morning the traveling brethren were picked up at their respective hotels and headed home. A collective decision was made to stop at Harris Ranch for a late lunch. As usual their reputation for great food was upheld. Nobody seemed to regret having stopped.

After dropping everyone off the van was returned about 7:45 PM and the rental was paid. If you are wondering what everyone contributed to make the trip, it was \$50 per person inclusive of rental and gas there and back. Not bad at all.

Fraternally,
Clarence Kussner

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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Meeting		2	3 4
5	6	7	8 Practice or Degree		9	10 11
12	13	14	15 Practice or Degree		16	17 18
19	20	21	22 Practice or Degree		23 	24 25
26 O.S.I.-7 pm	27 Temple Assn Mtg. 7pm	28	29		30	

Dates to Keep in Mind

Please Note:

OSI for the 266th Masonic District is **Monday, November 27th** at SoCal. The District 3rd Degree Team will present the second section of the 3rd Degree. All Officers are required to attend including Secretary's for this meeting only.

Brother Bill Rogester, P.M. will earn his 50 year pin in December, more info. will follow.

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 & Asst. Officer's Coach
Douglas S. Warner, ^{HA} (Amy)	Treasurer	Donald C. Hunziker	Tiler
Andrew R. Pedersen, ^{PM,HA} (Donna Lee)	Secretary	Clarence D. Kussner, ^{PM,HA} (Renee)	Officer's Coach
Edward Calzaretto	Chaplain	Douglas Eichen, ^{PM} (Dianna)	Interim District Inspector 366 th Masonic District
James P. Blumenthal (Linda)	Sr. Deacon	Alan Ackereisen	Trestleboard Editor
Dahlan L. Netsch	Jr. Deacon		
George Wollin (Lynne)	Marshal		

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