

# TRESTLEBOARD

December



2006

“Every man is the architect of his own fortune.”  
Appius Claudius

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

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## FROM THE EAST



Almost the final blast of my trumpet – but what a blast it’s going to be!

Greetings Brothers! I presume you all had a fine feast at Thanksgiving, have finished all your holiday shopping, wrapping, etc. and are now totally relaxed and looking forward to the various Fin de Sicle festivities and the start of a new year. I know I am, as on January 13, AL 6007 at approximately 8:15 PM I will turn over the Master’s Hat, Gavel and myriad responsibilities of Culver City-Foshay 467 over to your 2007 Master Elect, Brother Todd Langworthy. Thus, I will only have the honor to serve as your Master for some 1352 and 1/2 more hours (but who’s counting) as I write this missive.

Before the sands run out on my tenure as Master however, I ( and ALL OF YOU as well) will have the opportunity to participate in one of the rare moments in a Mason’s life – The night he receives his 50 Year Pin celebrating his Golden Half-Century as a California Freemason.

Just think of that – fifty years of Masonic fellowship, fifty years of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, Fifty years of Faith, Hope and Charity, fifty years of Grand Lodge communications, fifty years of Stated Meetings (well, OK, I admit some things are more fun than others) and fifty years of Masonic service to the Craft and to mankind. Surely an event well worthy of honor and

celebration and one which comes but once in a Mason’s career (In fact, it comes only once in 50 years).

**WORSHIPFUL WILLIAM REGISTER, PM TO BE HONORED WITH MASONIC FIFTY YEAR PIN!**

Such an event will take place on the evening of December 6th at the dinner preceding our monthly stated meeting when we will honor Worshipful William Rogister, PM of this Lodge (1963 & 1992) with his 50 year Golden Veteran Pin in recognition of his service to California Freemasonry.

Worshipful Rogister now lives in the high desert and does not often honor us with his presence - but he will be present on December 6th and it is my will and pleasure that EVERY MEMBER OF CULVER CITY-FOSHAY be at that dinner if humanly possible!

This means EVERY ENTERED APPRENTENCE, FELLOW CRAFT and MASTER MASON on our membership rolls (excepting you guys in England, out of state and otherwise more then say, 100 miles from the Lodge, who are most welcome but excused with regrets if you can’t make it).

Worshipful Rogister has offered (in his usual generous fashion) to pay for everyone’s dinner and has requested that our Job’s Daughters and DeMolay Boys be on hand as well and we owe it to Worshipful Bill and his Lady Vi, to comply and make his evening of honor a memorable and happy one. So, you all will have a free dinner AND the opportunity to participate in a unique and rare Masonic occasion. You can’t beat a deal like that with a stick.

We will open Lodge at 6:00 PM (Officers only), call off to refreshment and dinner and finish our business afterwards. Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons are then invited upstairs to their own short meeting in the Library with me (your Master) to discuss Masonic Formation and Education while the stated meeting concludes its normal monthly business.

**IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL ENTERED APPRENTICES, FELLOWCRAFTS AND MASTER MASONS TO BE THERE TO SEE BILL'S 50 YEAR PRESENTATION AND TO ATTEND THE MEETING FOLLOWING.**

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For those of you who don't know Worshipful Rogister personally, you are in for a treat – Bill has had not only an outstanding Masonic career but his personal life reads like an adventure book (But you only get the details if you attend the dinner). Bill has been my sponsor for many Masonic organizations from the Shrine to the Royal Order of Scotland and Allied Masonic Degrees and I am proud to say I am his friend.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR DINNER NOT LATER THAN SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd. CALL WOR DICK PIERCE at 310 839-8853 or e-mail to [rpierc04@sprynet.com](mailto:rpierc04@sprynet.com). I'M SERIOUS ABOUT THE RESERVATIONS – RENEE KUSSNER, OUR MASTER CHEF, IS NOT A MIND READER (Actually, she CAN read Clarence's mind but that's another short story). SEE YOU ON DECEMBER 6th!**

Fraternally,  
Dick Pierce  
Master (For a while yet)

## **Greetings From the West** (For possibly the last time)



From now on I will be writing you from the East. Possibly the hardest part of writing these articles or letters is my biggest problem “Procrastination” and then the next problem is writer's block, just not knowing what to put down on paper. This month the problem was the later not knowing what to put

down, I did have a few ideas but nothing came out when I sat down to write. Suddenly the idea came to me. I really don't know why I didn't come up with it right away it is long over due and is appropriate for the season.

First of all I would like to thank Worshipfull Dick Pierce for his leadership and for his help (for me at least), he helped me over my biggest stumbling blocks), and was always there to support us. His hard work over this last year has been greatly appreciated. If you need any convincing just look at our library. He will indeed be a hard act to follow, but his example will not be.

Next I would like to thank all of the officers who helped throughout the year. First of all I would like to thank Chris Sanders who has provided the refreshments after the degrees throughout the year. I for one have always enjoyed them, “It sure beat the last guy”. Not to mention, Bill Williams and John Bournazos who helped set up before and set up the food during the degrees. Finally, I would like to mention that he did a wonderful job this Halloween setting up and hosting a fantastic party with good food, drink and entertainment from magician Charles Schneider and Worshipful Merrick Hamer. Chris, lets try to do it again please.

I really can't thank the officers without thinking of one of my favorite brothers and good friend. We have all been giving him a lot of ribbing and lately a well deserved ata boy. This is of course Ed Calzaretto, he has been seriously working hard all year on his chaplain's work and I must say that he has done a great service to our lodge and our degree work. You can really be proud of your work Ed, we all are, Ata boy Ed.

Next I would like to thank our Secretary Andy Pederson, who not only kept our lodge up to snuff on our paperwork and was always there when called on, was also a source of encouragement for me while preparing for my next year. Andy, please don't be a stranger, we still need you at our sides “at least I do”, not to mention Clarence.

Did I promise not to mention Clarence, no I am sorry, I can not not mention Clarence. Clarence has been an awesome friend, a tremendous coach, an unbelievable traveling partner, (I suppose that is a Masonic metaphor), but I meant in the literal sense he's a great person to have by your side on your

travels. Seriously and jokingly he is always there in a big way. Thank you for helping me and for agreeing to help me next year (I know you just wanted another title: Worshipful Master Hiram Recipient, Rental Chairman, and now Brother Secretary). Seriously, thank you. I am going to need all the help you can give next year. I know you will be there.

James Blumenthal, thank you for being there for us all this year, not only for your help on all of our degrees but also for your help at every single Building Association Meeting (which will be on Tuesday November 28th if any one else is interested, please everyone be there). I am aware that you have a hard schedule with work and Masonry, but you always find a time to be there for us. I hope others will try to follow your fine example, we will have plenty of opportunity next year.

Brother Alan Ackereisen, thank you for your help on the Trestleboard, I am aware that we were a pain in the you know where. However you kept us in line and always had a good Trestleboard every month, despite our procrastination. Seriously, I appreciate your hard work and I hope I didn't fail to mention your dedication and hard work. Hopefully I can count on your support in the year to come.

Brother and good mentor Doug Warner, Thank you for your words of counsel and encouragement. Not to mention your dedication to our lodge and the Building Association (which will be meeting on Tuesday, November 28th if anyone is interested, everyone please be there). Really, you have seriously been a source of encouragement for me this year. Thank you very much.

Brother Don Hunziger, thank you for your ongoing support and ongoing good brotherhood. You have always been there for me and for us not only this year but each year that I have been involved with the lodge. Your efforts often go unnoticed but not unappreciated, not by me at least. Thank you very much.

Now, to mention a few Brothers who have not had any or at least not many ata boys this year (not that they are not deserved) Thank you Brother Sean Fernald. I hope that I can continue to count on you for helping our candidates next year, lets make some plans. Thank you George Wollin and Dahlan

Netsch and Richard Gorton. I hope to see you at all our degrees as I always have. Also Thank you to Charles Schneider and Francis Taguchi, although you were Fellowcrafts and Entered Apprentices this year, you were there to encourage and help the others (good Masonic Work) .

Finally, I would like to thank all of our Past Masters and coaches, Worshipful Douglas Calhoun I hope to see you in January if not sooner, Worshipful Tim Vennick It was great seeing you and Colleen as always I also hope to see you in January. Worshipfuls Nick Phillip and Clive Revill, thank you for your help throughout the year and I hope to see you January if not sooner. Bill Register, I will be looking forward to seeing you in December

I hope that I didn't leave anyone out, if I did come by and chew me out, it will be good seeing you. Thank you everyone and Happy Holidays.

Fraternally,  
Todd F Langworthy  
Senior Warden (for now)



### Greetings from the South

As I sit to write one of my final communications as Junior Warden, I am amazed at how fast this year has flown, and how much we have accomplished as a lodge this past year. Our Master has certainly fulfilled the mission of the phoenix that he set at his installation, as we have gained the vitality of many new and diverse members, enjoyed successful educational and social events, and cultivated a renewed sense of brotherhood and direction. I look forward to helping continue in this manner as I move to the West.

As I prepare to become Senior Warden, I am particularly focused on two responsibilities: candidate education and advancement, and increased participation in our degree work. Learning the Craft and teaching the Craft are two of the greatest joys of Freemasonry, and as members of we are all entitled to share in these joys on a regular basis. We have many great teachers at Culver City-Foshay, and many great students as I have seen this past year as I

have watched a number of talented candidates grow and learn as they advanced through their degrees. I highly encourage all E.A.'s and F.C.'s to stop by on Sundays for coaching, and always feel free to contact myself or the Officer's Coach's team with any questions or concerns, so that you may continue to progress on your journey through the degrees.

Participating as an officer in those degrees also allows for a chance to regularly experience the empowerment of the teachings of our ancient and honorable fraternity. Though the form of ritual remains the same, the spirit of each individual degree and candidate always provides for a unique and vibrant evening, particularly for those involved with the sacred honor of transmitting the wisdom and wonders of Freemasonry. For those members new and old who have yet to discover the fulfillment of officers degree work, please feel free to join us on Sundays and other times to learn the ritual work. If there are roles you are particularly interested in learning, and participating in for certain candidates, please let me know.

I hope everyone is having a happy and healthy holiday season, and I look forward to continuing our ascent into the New Year!

A beautiful thing indeed!

Fraternally,  
Christopher Sanders,  
Jr. Warden

### **Masonic Service Bureau Report**

The Service Bureau met on Sunday November 19th.. Brothers Ed Calzaretto and Alan Ackereisen attended. This was a short meeting, running about 45 minutes. The first order of business upon arrival was delivering the clothing to the Midnight Mission truck parked on the side of the building.

The Executive Secretary, Sam Pitassi announced that he was retiring as the Service Bureau Secretary by the end of June 2006. A replacement for him is now being sought.

Orlando Ward was present to talk and reflect on the benefits he received from the Midnight Mission. The next meeting will be on January 21, 2007 when new officers will be elected and installed.

## **Annual Installation of Officers**

Culver City Foshay Lodge will hold its Public Installation of Officers for the ensuing Masonic Year on the evening of Saturday, the 13th of January 2007, at seven o'clock.

The ceremony will be open to the families, friends, and guests of the brethren.

A reception to greet the officers will follow the ceremony.

### **Below are the officers who will be installed**

Master	TODD F.LANGWORTHY
Senior Warden	CHRISTOPHER SANDERS
Junior Warden	JAMES BLUMENTHAL
Treasurer	DOUGLAS WARNER
Secretary	CLARENCE KUSSNER, P.M.
Senior Deacon	NIKOLAUS FILIP, P.M.
Junior Deacon	DAHLAN NETSCH
Chaplain	EDWARD CALZARETTO
Marshal	GEORGE WOLLIN
Senior Steward	WILLIAM WILLIAMS
Junior Steward	NOT ASSIGNED AT THIS TIME
Tiler	DONALD HUNZIKER
Organist	MERRICK REES HAMER, P.M.

In addition to our new officers, Freddie G. Davis will be the new District Inspector for the 366th Masonic District beginning in January 2007. He will be replacing Worshipful Douglas Eichen.

Worshipful. Davis has been an inspector for about nine years in the South Bay area. Last year, he was the Junior Grand Deacon.

# Photos



Maseo Francis Taguchi (center), was Raised on November 8th to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. On the left Merrick Hamer, PM and on the right Wor. Dick Pierce



From left to right, Merrick Hamer, PM, James Blumenthal, Dahlan Netsch, Thomas Shoaf, and Christopher Sanders. Brother Schoaf is Dahlan's step-son and received his first degree

## Our Halloween Party



## **MASONIC FORMATION THOUGHT OF THE MONTH!**

**True Freemasonry is NOT what you learn IN the Lodge but rather what you practice OUTSIDE of it!**

**It's like the difference between knowing HOW to build a cathedral and actually BUILDING one!**

**Think about it, and start building YOUR cathedral TODAY!**

**Our operative brothers are not remembered for what they *knew* but rather for what they *accomplished* with that knowledge!**

**Dick Pierce  
Masonic Formation Task Force**



### **AN ACT OF KINDNESS A MISSION AS YET INCOMPLETE**

October, 2005; a visit to Grand Lodge. All the usual happenings and activities going on. At an in-between time, I visited a church across from Grand Lodge called Grace Cathedral. A very old and awe inspiring structure. While exploring the church, I happened upon a rather large iron gate. Being a Locksmith, I inquired if the key could be shown to me. After some communications between one person and another, I was directed to the maintenance man, Roger Tyler. He led me to a small office and showed me the key. Now this was something he did not have to do. There could have been a million reasons for him to say he was too busy etc., etc. But instead, he went out of his way to do something nice. Nonetheless, we got to

talking about the key, and how he would like to have something more elaborate than what there was. I told him I would take care of it. I took measurements as well as pictures.

Fast forward now; October, 2006 Grand Lodge and all its trimmings. I made the key and took it to Roger. Unfortunately the key did not come out as planned. I apologized and measured once more. October it will be corrected.

The point I'm trying to make is that every act of kindness usually has a reward. I have, and many others have experienced it at some time or other. Even though you think you've done nothing special, the other person thinks otherwise. The end of this story will be in October, 2007. Until then.

Edward Calzaretto,  
Chaplain

### **Halloween at Culver City - Foshay Lodge # 467**

The Halloween Party in October was quite a lot of fun. It was nice to see everyone dressed up as whoever they chose to be. Though a good time was had by all, attendance was a little less than expected. I should say that Chris Sanders and a few others did a fine job of organizing the get together. Events such as this should be a regular happening in our lodge. One observation, is that there are not enough people willing to do the organizing. Granted, not everyone is cut out to be, or wants to be an organizer. Some people, such as myself, are better suited to carrying out orders. In this lodge, there are surely those who readily organize and get an event going. If so, don't keep your presence a Masonic Secret.

Edward Calzaretto,  
Chaplain

### **Editor's Note**

The position of Trestleboard Editor is now open. If anyone so desires to take over this position beginning with the January 2007 issue, contact Todd Langworthy.



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## Season's Greetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Meeting	6	7	8
10	11	12	Practice or Degree	13	14	Hanukkah begins at sunset
17	18	19	Practice or Degree	20	21	22
24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve						

## Dates to Keep in Mind

**Please Note:**

Brother Bill Rogester, P.M. will earn his 50 year pin on December 6th at our dinner before the Stated meeting.

The Dinner for the January Stated Meeting will be Pot Luck.

**There is no O.S.I. in December. The date for the Temple Board Association meeting for December was not yet determined when this Trestleboard was published.**

Annual Installation of officers to serve in 2007 will be held on Saturday, January 13th at 7 pm

**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.**

# 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, <sup>PM,HA</sup>	Organist & Asst. Officer's Coach
Douglas S. Warner, <sup>HA</sup> (Amy)	Treasurer	Donald C. Hunziker	Tiler
Andrew R. Pedersen, <sup>PM,HA</sup> (Donna Lee)	Secretary	Clarence D. Kussner, <sup>PM,HA</sup> (Renee)	Officer's Coach
Edward Calzaretto	Chaplain	Douglas Eichen, <sup>PM</sup> (Dianna)	Interim District Inspector 366 <sup>th</sup> 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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