



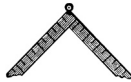
# TRESTLEBOARD

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

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## April 2007

### FROM THE EAST



Greetings from the East, March has been a fabulous month. First if you haven't been here for our meetings our last Stated Meeting was a good event. To begin with, we honored our good friend and Brother Ronald Chandler with his Golden Veterans Award (Fifty Tear Pin). Clarence's wife Rene prepared Dinner and our own Inspector Fred Davis presented the Pin.

At our Stated Meeting I presented my Budget for 2007, and with a few minor adjustments it was passed unanimously. If you have ever been a Worshipful Master you know what a relief that is. It is truly good to have great friends and brothers behind you. We also voted to accept Mr. Lionel Francis Gaucher to receive the first degrees, he will be voted on next month, hopefully.

Secondly, on our last Stated Meeting we voted on the Application of Gordon Lee to receive the First Degree of Masonry. On that note I was personally pleased because Gordon has been a close friend of mine for over four years, I was proud to sit in the East for his First Degree. Next, Mr. Christopher Lee Mc Nair was initiated on the same evening. I will say that it was a good night.

The degrees went a little long. However, the refreshments were wonderful ( thanks again to our Jr. Warden James Blumenthal). Also on the 28th of March, we had 3 Second Degrees for Robert Leggio, Charles Snyder and Jason Napolitano. Senior Warden Christopher Sanders was in the East and did a fabulous job.

### 2007 DUES ARE DUE!

Our annual dues of \$79.00 were due January 1st, 2007. If you have not already paid, please help the secretary by sending your check today. Your \$6.58 per month goes to support the Lodge in its endeavor to provide community interaction and most of all provides benefits to you the valued member. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO "CULVER CITY – FOSHAY LODGE"

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In April, we will have our Stated Meeting on the 4th, and this will be the Inspector's Official Visit so please come and welcome our Inspector Fred Davis if you haven't already. On April 11th we are planning two Second Degrees, for Vincent Ramone and David Falica. Christopher Sanders will be in the East. We'll possibly hold a first Degree for Lionel Francis Gaucher, provided all goes well. Finally, on April 25th a Second Degree for Brother Ansell Young.

It is always a good thing to have a busy schedule especially when it is full of Degrees and Celebrations. I am sure that there will be more to come. Culver City has been busy this year, please come by and see us at work. There are a lot of Brothers who I have not seen in a long time .

Please come on by and celebrate a very good year with us.

Fraternally,  
Todd Franklyn Langworthy

## FROM THE WEST



Greetings from the West,

April finds us at the beginning of the Spring season, one of my favorite times of the year. Not only are we feeling the fresh influx of vitality as our days grow longer and warmer and all the beautiful flora is in bloom, but we also find ourselves at the time of the Equinox, in which the Sun is in balance with the Earth and we experience an equal amount of light and darkness. As masons, this season gives us the opportunity to examine our own lives and energies to see if we are in balance and dividing our time according to our masonic instruction. Are we finding adequate time in our service to spiritual pursuits and charitable behavior? Are we maintaining an equilibrium between our usual vocations and our need for relaxation and repose? Our three important aspects of our lives like our health and well-being that we feel are out of whack, or projects and aspirations we feel are neglected? Spring grants us a wonderful time to get back in balance, to discard physical clutter and let go of behavioral patterns that no longer serve our best interests, and recommit to positive and healthy activities and attitudes that strengthen and harmonize our beings. The wisdom found in our masonic degrees and teachings are a wonderful source of instruction for anyone attempting to establish more balance and positive change, and I encourage everyone to take our lessons to heart in this time of renewal.

I would like to thank all of the Entered Apprentices who have responded to my efforts to assist you in preparing to advance to the Second Degree. Some of you have been E.A.'s for years, and I am very pleased and excited to see each of you getting back into the groove and expressing enthusiasm and commitment to progressing through the next two degrees. We have conferred and will continue to confer a number of Second Degrees each month, so please stay in contact with me so we can schedule you appropriately.

Fraternally,

Christopher Sanders

## FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings from the South,

As I write this, we are sitting on the edge of the Vernal Equinox, one of the two points on the Wheel of the Year of equal Night (Nox) and Day. Balance is this holiday's principle as we enjoy newly warm days and still cool evenings.

Moving from somnolent Darkness to active Light has been central to most societies' stories including ours, and some of the wisdom from long ago is as applicable today as it was in years past. The ancient Greeks were especially well-known for their insightful musings. Among other things, they thought a lot about pleasure and recognized that there were different ways of seeking gratification.

A few decades ago, the hue and cry was "If it feels good do it (now)." The Greeks called this Cyrenaic Hedonism, named for their famous philosopher and pleasure seeker, Cyrano. Cyrenaic hedonism is as impatient and immature as a youth. It wants its pleasure NOW.

It falls to immediate gratification without personal effort and can be seen in the primitive opportunism of the hunter-gatherer's approach to the world.

There was another Greek philosopher named Epicureus who also enjoyed a rollicking good time. He enjoyed it so much that he was always looking for ways to heighten the pleasure and he discovered that, by delaying gratification for the moment and doing the necessary planning and background work now, he could create an even greater pleasure a little bit down the road.

Epicurean hedonism's willingness to temporarily delay gratification set the stage for most of our greatest works and joys throughout history. It embraces the patience and maturity that agrarian societies required to take the time to prepare the fields and feed the plants to assure a healthy harvest celebration when we approach the Autumn Equinox.

# EDITOR'S CORNER



Greetings Brothers,

Well, having started a new job last month the Trestleboard got a bit disheveled, you might've noticed the very dark print of the photo of our new EA for March, so I went ahead and reprinted a corrected image for this issue, just so our brother can have a legible photo!

Now that I'm "over the hump" at my new job, I'll be sprucing things up, adding in some masonic poetry and other literature to fill things out.

I'm also working with our Worshipful Master to stay on top of the calendar. Since I'm also the webmaster, I will endeavor to post events on the web as soon as I find out about them, so if you regularly visit our website, you will be able to see all of the current events scheduled, including those that couldn't make it into the monthly Trestleboard mailing.

I'm looking for your articles, biographies of famous Masons, or Masons who should be more famous, or simply anecdotes of some of your favorite experiences at Culver City-Foshay.

Many of us travel great distances to be involved in the Lodge, I originally lived in Santa Monica, but had to move to the "East Side" for work reasons.

In the past men didn't change jobs so often, but in today's project driven economy those of us who aren't homeowners have developed a more mobile lifestyle to adapt to the demands of the new global economy.

Thus I've found Culver-City Foshay to be an anchor of stability in an often insecure and unpredictable world.

You can contact me at [brianwredfern@gmail.com](mailto:brianwredfern@gmail.com) to send me submissions, questions or comments.

The submission deadline is the 18th of every month.

Fraternally,  
Brian Redfern, Trestleboard Editor

Greetings from the South (Continued),

Some of you, my brethren, are probably nodding your heads having felt this greater joy recently.

To you I give my deepest thanks because you are the source of so much of my own happiness in being a Mason.

Some of you are also wondering what the @#\$% I am talking about. It's because you have been missing out on this fun and I invite you to come out, be with us, and participate.

I promise you a good time and we need you in the Lodge. Sideliners are at least as important as officers in giving our new brethren a sense of the grandeur of our Craft and, more significantly, it's more fun for all of us when You are here.

If it has been a while and you can't quite remember the signs and the grips and the words, don't worry... they're just the trappings and we'll refresh you.

The real deal is that we are all made more and we all have more joy and pleasure when You are with us so "just showing up" is one of the most Masonic and fun things you can do. And you just may discover after all these years that you are a truly Epicurean hedonist!!

Masonic Trivia: What is the lost Master's Word and where can it be found in Masonic rituals? The first correct email or phone answer gets a prize!!

Brother Jim Blumenthal

Junior Warden





March's new Entered Apprentices Gordon Lee and Christopher McNair



February's Entered Apprentice, Muhammad Faisal Ashfaque

# LODGE CALENDAR



April 4th Stated Meeting  
Inspectors Official Visit.

April 11th  
Second Degrees,  
Candidates, David Falica, and Vincent Ramone

April 18th  
Practice or First Degree for Lionel Francis  
Gaucher ( Depends on Candidates  
Availability)

April 25th  
Second Degree  
Candidate Ansell Young.

## MASONIC SONG by Brother Robert Burns

Ye sons of old Killie, assembled by Willie,  
To follow the noble vocation;  
Your thrifty old mother has scarce such another  
To sit in that honoured station.

I've little to say, but only to pray,  
As praying's the ton of your fashion;  
A prayer from the muse you well may excuse,  
'Tis seldom her favorite passion.

Ye powers who preside o'er the wind and the  
tide,  
Who marked each element's border,  
Who formed this frame with beneficent aim  
Whose sovereign statute is order,  
Within this dear mansion may wayward  
contention,

Or withered envy ne'er enter,  
May secrecy round be the mystical bound  
And brotherly love be the center.

## THE MASON'S PLEDGE by Brother Rob Morris

Brother, hearken, while I tell you  
What we Masons pledged to do  
When, prepared at yonder altar,  
We assumed the Mason's vow!  
Foot and knee, breast, hand and cheek --  
Hearken while I make them speak!

Foot to foot, on mercy's errand,  
When we hear a brother's cry,  
Hungry, thirsty, barefoot, naked,  
With God's mercy let us fly.  
This of all our thoughts the chief,  
How to give him quick relief.

Knee to knee, in earnest praying,  
None but God to hear or heed,  
All our woes and sins confessing,  
Let us for each other plead;  
By the spirit of our call,  
Let us pray for brothers all.

Breast to breast, in sacred casket,  
At life's center let us seal  
Every truth to us entrusted,  
Nor one holy thing reveal!  
What a Mason vows to shield,  
Let him die, but never yield.

Hand to back, a brother's falling,  
Look, his burdens are too great.  
Stretch the generous hand and hold him  
Up before it is too late.  
The right arm's a friendly prop,  
Made to hold a brother up.

Cheek to cheek, in timely whisper  
When the temper strives to win.  
Urge the brother's bounden duty,  
Show him the approaching sin.  
Point to him the deadly snare,  
Save him with a brother's care.



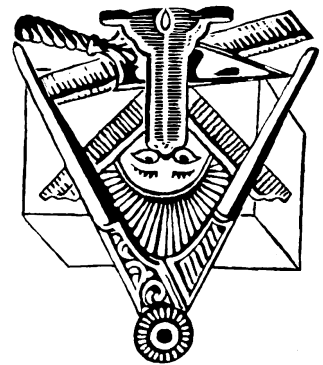
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