

TRESTLEBOARD

Culver City Foshay Lodge No. 467 F. & A. M.
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February 2008

FROM THE EAST



Greetings brethren, family, and friends. I am pleased to say that our lodge experienced an excellent and productive first month of the year, gaining strides in both degrees and building association matters, and I want to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment.

Not only did we raise Bro. Snohomish Brown to the sublime degree of Master Mason and confer a night of First Degrees in which we saw a father present at his son's initiation and a son participate in his father's initiation, we hosted our monthly Officers School of Instruction, of which was the best attended OSI I have seen in ages. Let's keep up this momentum!

Regarding the advancement of candidates, I am calling upon the Top Signers and close friends of each applicant and candidate to assist me in staying in touch with their respective brothers and keeping me apprised of their status, proficiency progress, and willingness to advance.

My intention is to schedule firm dates for candidates and degrees at least a month in advance, so all the brethren will know when to mark their calendars, and also that I may announce specific members degrees in the Trestleboard each month. To make things simpler and more predictable in regards to degrees, I am scheduling First Degrees on the first Wednesday after the Stated meeting, Second Degrees on the second Wednesday afterwards, and Third Degrees on third Wednesday after the Stated Meeting

(which is usually the last Wednesday of the month). In this manner, it will not only give us a logical progression and expected night for certain degrees, but also help arrange degrees degree nights with the candidates with a firm idea of when the particular degrees occur each month.

This month at our Stated Meeting on the 6th, we will be voting to on the applications of Timothy Yust and James McKay, and if they are elected to receive the degrees of Freemasonry at our lodge, we will be conferring their First Degrees on the 13th. Tentative Second Degrees are scheduled for the 20th, as well as a possible Third Degree on the 27th. As our Junior Warden mentions in his own article, imagine the progress we can make this year if we continue in this manner throughout.

I am also beginning a project with the intention to create a 'History of Culver City Foshay Lodge' in a DVD format. Please help in this manner by providing any scrapbook images, stories, and memorabilia from the early days of our lodge, that we may compile and record are history for future generations to enjoy.

I will also be speaking with elder members of our lodge to tell their tales and assist me in presenting the the vital chronology of our lodge's development since the heydays of the 20's. I hope everyone has a lovely Valentine's Day, and encourage each of to continue cultivating the friendship and brotherly love that strengthens and unites us a sacred band of brothers and family.

Fraternally,

Christopher Sanders
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



February is a wonderful month. We are almost halfway through the Winter (unless you are a skier like our esteemed Treasurer and I are, in which case we have more than half the season yet to be enjoyed!) . Spring is soon-to-be approaching and St Valentine's Day is upon us.

Valentine's Day is both a day to celebrate our love for our own life partners, our wives and girlfriends, and a day to remember and recognize our Masonic Widows.

Each one of us will ultimately 'shuffle off this mortal coil' at the end of our days.

If we are lucky, we will have had the opportunity to share joyful years with someone we love along the way.

This is an excellent time to remember that each one of our Masonic Widows was also the beloved wife of one of our dear Brothers.

By remembering, calling, and visiting our Masonic Widows, we brighten their days and we honor our ascended Brethren by showing our love and respect for their beloveds.

Call me, W. Chris, W. Clarence, or W Dick if you would like the names and phone numbers of our Widows so that you can call them and wish them a Happy Valentine's Day.

What a great opportunity to do something simple, easy, uplifting, and truly Masonic!!!

Jim Blumenthal
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



January has arrived and January has now passed on. Soon, the same will follow as two new candidates pass from the degree of Entered Apprentice to that of the Fellow Craft. This can only be accomplished through proficiency in the work. This proficiency requires the aid and assistance of each and every active brother, since new and foreign terms, ritual and philosophy are being presented and passed on. This, therefore, becomes the journey and responsibility of each who have traveled this Masonic pathway before.

In addition to having two new Entered Apprentice Masons, we have several degrees lined up for the months to come. Let's continue to focus on bringing the unenlightened into the Light that we hold deep within the innermost chambers of our hearts.

If we can maintain even a fraction of this speed with one or two new Entered Apprentice Masons each month, we can see twelve to twenty-four new Brothers of the Lodge as a result. Imagine the impact of such a simple and steady growth.

Already, we can feel the impact of new brothers initiated this past year and now, we can anticipate the excitement of a growing lodge in this, our current year. Let us not lose focus or be distracted from the minutest principles of Freemasonry, since focus is paramount to achieving our goals.

Finally, remember always that the actions of one can influence the whole. When a brother is active and other brothers see this activity, it sets a precedence of proactive membership and strong desire to do the work; the opposite, however, can lead brothers to find excuse for the neglect of their duties.

"Duty is with us always." So let us always remain dutiful, strong and true in our dealings one with another in the light as well as in the dark, regardless if "in the Lodge, or abroad in the world."

Fraternally,
Jonathan P. Dilley, JW

Introducing Dylan Nicholas

Culver City-Foshay Lodge will soon be conferring the First Degree of Masonry upon Mr. Dylan Theo Nicholas who is no stranger to the Masonic community in Culver City. Dylan joined the Order of DeMolay in his mid-teen years in Theodore Roosevelt Chapter.

He performed active roles and was responsible for the chapter's growth during the time he served it. The valuable relations he developed with several freemasons of our lodge inspired him to petition it for the degrees of Masonry when he became of age.

Dylan will bring to our lodge a taste for the arts. This is not surprising to one who knows that he has descended from parents who are also active in the arts.

Both his mother, Genevieve Nicholas and his father, Constantine Nicholas, produce films and avidly support the arts, including opera. Dylan, following a similar path will find much in common with many of our lodge members.

Being brought up in the Buddhist tradition, he reflects and introspective nature that will enhance his appreciation for the Masonic allegories.

It should also be noted that he also has a palate for fine foods. His generosity has been well demonstrated when he several times treated his former DeMolay "Chapter Dad" to dining at fine restaurants in appreciation for what DeMolay has meant to him, as well as to a performance of the opera Parsifal at the Los Angeles Music Center. Let us welcome Dylan to our lodge!

LODGE CALENDAR



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Stated Meeting

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12
7:30pm Building Association Meeting

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13
7:30pm 1st Degrees

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19
7:30pm 2nd Degrees

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26
7:30pm 3rd Degrees



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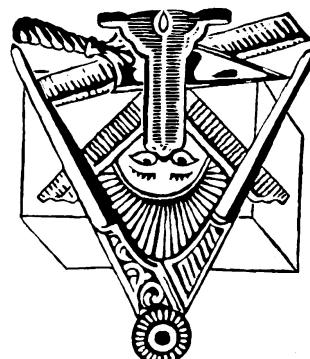
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