

Trestleboard

MAY 2008 | Culver City Foshay No. 467 F. & A. M.



FROM THE EAST

The month of May is upon us, which holds a few special events that I would like to call to everyone's attention. Our Stated Meeting on the 7th is our Inspector Freddie Davis's official visit, and he has requested Hawaiian attire for this festive annual event, so please continue the theme from last month and garb yourself in your finest Hawaiian attire in honor of our Inspector. We are also holding a Table Lodge on the 31st, and I would like for everyone to please read and share the information on the flyer included in this edition of the Trestleboard and help spread the word. A Table Lodge is a fun yet ritual dinner, and this one in particular is open to all masons and their male guests, and provides an excellent opportunity to evoke the spirit of fraternal bonds and a chance to celebrate with brethren of various degrees and anyone else interested in our Ancient and Honorable Institution. The cost will only be \$20, which includes a fine multi-course meal and a commemorative firing glass, which we plan to put to good use throughout the evening. I would especially appreciate assistance in contacting and encouraging any members we have not seen in some time, as well as newer candidates. Brethren from other lodges are more than welcome as well. Please RSVP by May 28th to 467events@gmail.com.

Many improvements have been made on our lodge this past month, including new fans in our dining hall, a new easier access door to the upstairs women's restroom, and a long needed repair to our balcony above our entrance, which now looks as good as new. I would like to thank Bro. Bob Leggio for all of his hard work in organizing these repairs and improvements. I would also like to thank Bro. George Wollin for the many contributions and efforts he has put into keeping our supplies and lodge equipment pristine and beautiful, in addition to his fine job as our Stated meeting chef. Good work, brethren! Next month, our brother Gino Giacinti will be receiving his 50 year pin, and we will be arranging a visit to his home to present him this special honor. Please make yourself known if you would like to join the officers when we travel to visit Bro. Giacinti on this memorable occasion.

As the summer months will soon be upon us, I encourage the brethren please feel free to express any ideas or suggestions for fun summer events and projects. We have also been endeavoring to reinstate our DeMolay chapter, and could use the assistance of anyone who feels inspired to mentor and guide the young men eligible for the Order of DeMolay, and we are also especially interested in meeting with any potential candidates for the reinstated chapter. Please feel free to contact Merrick Hamer at mrhamer@yahoo.com or call him at 310-480-0478.

Fraternally,
Christopher Sanders, Worshipful Master

FROM THE BETHEL

I would like to thank all of the Masons and their friends and family who came to the Star Wars Dinner. Everyone had a lot of fun with the movies playing while they dined. It is great to see such wonderful support from the Lodge members. The girls really appreciate when so many of the Masons come to their dinners. We had a great turnout and fundraiser. Thank you.

We are now thrilled to introduce our new 'JD2B', Alyssa Johnson! A JD2B is a young lady aged 9, who may join all Bethel activities as a full member of the Bethel, except for the meetings. Alyssa will spend the next year joining us at activities and helping with dinners and other fundraisers. She will be coming to 'Bee Hive' meetings and doing crafts, baking cookies, and learning about Job's Daughters. At age 10 she will be initiated as a full Job's Daughter. We also have three other girls who are very excited to join as JD2B's, are coming to Bee Hive meetings also and are excitedly awaiting their 9th Birthday so they can become JD2B's with Alyssa. Our Bee Hive is run by Chelsea Barnes, Past Bethel Guardian and Past Honored Queen of our own Bethel No. 2.

At our meeting on Monday, May 12, we will be having a Mothers' Day Tea to honor the Moms of our Bethel which includes past Bethel Guardians, council members, and anyone who was part of our Bethel and is a Mom. Tea and cookies will be served at 5:30 p.m. and all of our Moms and Grandmothers who join us for tea will be invited to stay for the meeting which will start at 7:00 p.m.

On Friday, May 23, we will have a Spring Dance which will be held at the Lodge. Tickets for the dance will be \$8.00 each and will include drinks and snacks. Dress code for the evening is casual. The dance is open to prospects, friends and family.

On Monday, May 26, instead of our regular meeting we will be having our annual Memorial Day BBQ. Details for the BBQ are not as yet set, so if you would like more information, please call or e-mail one of our Council Members for updates.

As always, all Master Masons are welcome to join us for our regular meetings which are held every second and fourth Monday at 7:00 P.M. If you have daughters, granddaughters, sisters or nieces who would be interested in joining in on our activities please drop us a line from the website or join us in our meetings, we would love to hear from you!

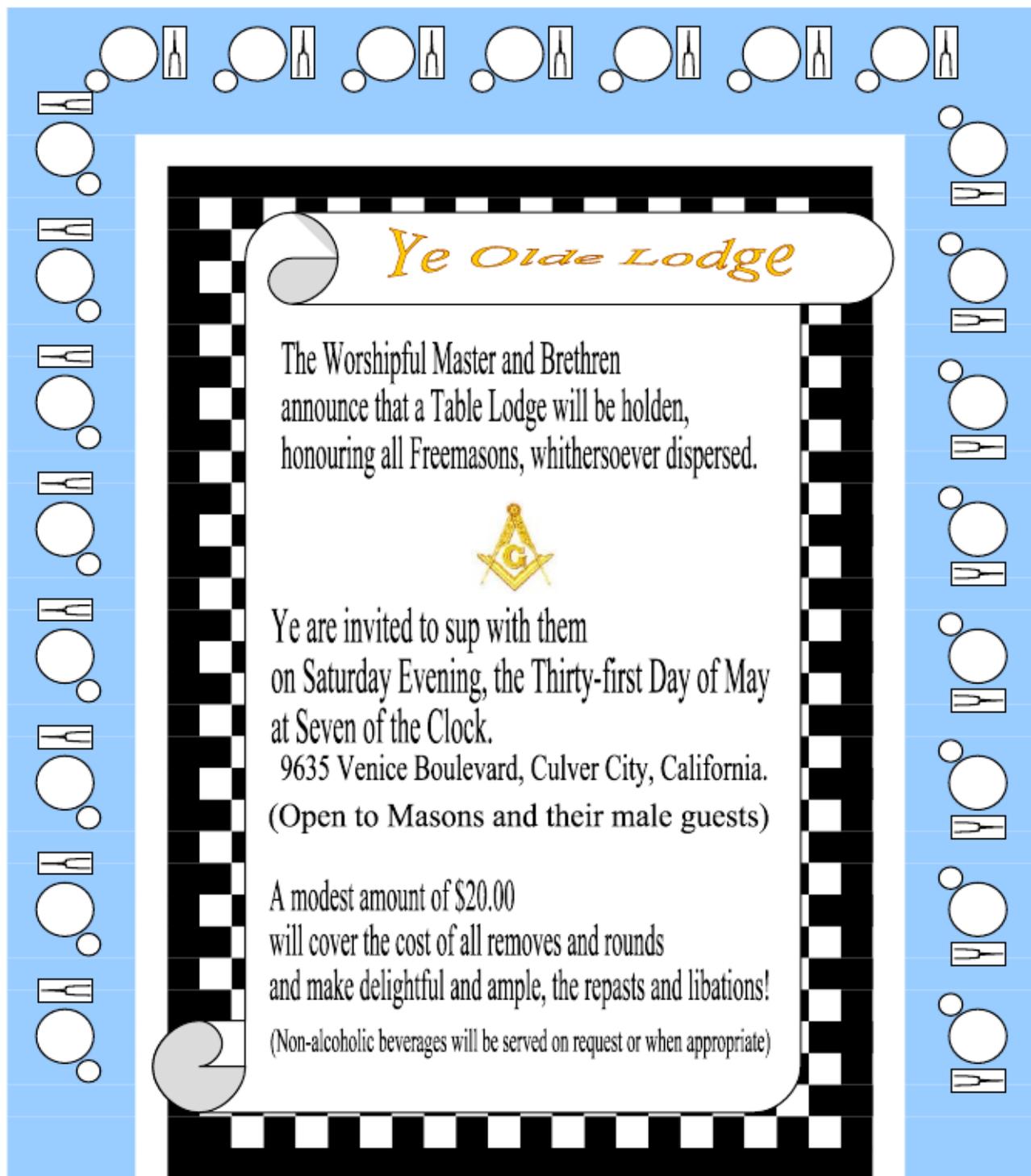
Please visit our new website, www.bethel2.org, where you can easily find information on upcoming activities of the girls, reserve seats or spaces at them with the click of a mouse, see photos of fun days we've had recently and have an easy way to contact the Bethel Council members.

Joyce Strader

Guardian Treasurer

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Culver City-Foshay Lodge, No. 467, Free and Accepted Masons



Ye Olde Lodge

The Worshipful Master and Brethren
announce that a Table Lodge will be holden,
honouring all Freemasons, whithersoever dispersed.



Ye are invited to sup with them
on Saturday Evening, the Thirty-first Day of May
at Seven of the Clock.
9635 Venice Boulevard, Culver City, California.
(Open to Masons and their male guests)

A modest amount of \$20.00
will cover the cost of all removes and rounds
and make delightful and ample, the repasts and libations!
(Non-alcoholic beverages will be served on request or when appropriate)

R.S.V.P. with Worshipful Christopher Sanders
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The Builders

By Joseph Fort Newton [1914]

The Foundations

TWO arts have altered the face of the earth and given shape to the life and thought of man, Agriculture and Architecture. Of the two, it would be hard to know which has been the more intimately interwoven with the inner life of humanity; for man is not only a planter and a builder, but a mystic and a thinker. For such a being, especially in primitive times, any work was something more than itself; it was a truth found out. In becoming useful it attained some form, enshrining at once a thought and a mystery. Our present study has to do with the second of these arts, which has been called the matrix of civilization.

When we inquire into origins and seek the initial force which carried art forward, we find two fundamental factors--physical necessity and spiritual aspiration. Of course, the first great impulse of all architecture was need, honest response to the demand for shelter; but this demand included a Home for the Soul, not less than a roof over the head.

Even in this response to primary need there was something spiritual which carried it beyond provision for the body; as the men of Egypt, for instance, wanted an indestructible resting-place, and so built the pyramids. As Capart says, prehistoric art shows that this utilitarian purpose was in almost every case blended with a religious, or at least a magical, purpose. 1 The spiritual instinct, in seeking to recreate types and to set up more sympathetic relations with the universe, led to imitation, to ideas of proportion, to the passion for beauty, and to the effort after perfection.

Man has been always a builder, and nowhere has he shown himself more significantly than in the buildings he has erected. When we stand before them--whether it be a mud hut, the house of a cliff-dweller stuck like the nest of a swallow on the side of a cañon, a Pyramid, a Parthenon, or a Pantheon--we seem to read into his soul. The builder may have gone, perhaps ages before, but here he has left something of himself, his hopes, his fears, his ideas, his dreams. Even in the remote recesses of the Andes, amidst the riot of nature, and where man is now a mere savage, we come upon the remains of vast, vanished civilizations, where art and science and religion reached unknown heights.

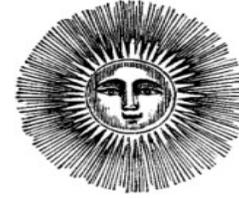
Wherever humanity has lived and wrought, we find the crumbling ruins of towers, temples, and tombs, monuments of its industry and its aspiration. Also, whatever else man may have been--cruel, tyrannous, vindictive--his buildings always have reference to religion. They bespeak a vivid sense of the Unseen and his awareness of his relation to it. Of a truth, the story of the Tower of Babel is more than a myth. Man has ever been trying to build to heaven, embodying his prayer and his dream in brick and stone.

For there are two sets of realities--material and spiritual--but they are so interwoven that all practical laws are exponents of moral laws. Such is the thesis which Ruskin expounds with so much insight and eloquence in his *Seven Lamps of Architecture*, in which he argues that the laws of architecture are moral laws, as applicable to the building of character as to the construction of cathedrals. He finds those laws to be Sacrifice, Truth, Power, Beauty, Life, Memory, and, as the crowning grace of all, that principle to which Polity owes its stability, Life its happiness, Faith its acceptance, and Creation its continuance--Obedience. He holds that there is no such thing as liberty, and never can be.

The stars have it not; the earth has it not; the sea has it not. Man fancies that he has freedom, but if he would use the word Loyalty instead of Liberty, he would be nearer the truth, since it is by obedience to the laws of life and truth and beauty that he attains to what he calls liberty.



FROM THE SOUTH



What does it mean to be a Freemason? At the Junior Warden's retreat in Ontario, we were each and every one of us asked to create a Mission Statement and set goals for our up and coming year as Master of our respective Lodges. In creating our Mission Statements as well as the contemplation of our goals, it became clear that in order to complete our task, we must first answer that great question and decide what exactly it means to be a Freemason. Is being a Freemason built around Brotherly Love? If so, how have we done as Masons in the accomplishment of this? Have we kept our obligations?

As we sit around the table with friends, family and brothers, as we speak with potential candidates, as we make ourselves known to community leaders and so forth, do we make it loud and clear that we love them and accept them as equals and have something worth while to offer them? Or do we look down upon them as lessor for not being what we are so proudly initiated as Masons? Also, do we avoid clicks in our local Lodges? Is being a Freemason built around Relief? If so, how have we done with this duty? Again, have we kept our obligations?

Have we given aid and assistance to those in need? What are some ways in which we reach out and help those in need? How can we become a beacon of light in our community? Are we responsible to serve within our community? Do we really need to revisit the age old question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Finally, is being a Freemason built around truth? If so, what truth do we have to offer? Also, if this truth is so important, how are we sharing it?

Let's keep this and all these questions in mind as we attempt to answer the important question of what it means to be a Freemason. Also, as we come up with answers, let's take action and strengthen our tie as well as our impact on the lives of those touched daily by our work in this craft we call Masonry.

Fraternally,

Jonathan P. Dillev. JW

Calendar May 2008

Wednesday May 7 | 6:30pm

Dinner

Stated Meeting | 7pm

Saturday May. 31

Table Lodge

YOU MUST RSVP for this event at
467events@gmail.com.

Every Sunday 9:30am – 12pm

Degree coaching

Wednesday June 4 | 6:30pm

Dinner

Stated Meeting | 7pm

Brian Redfern's Birthday

Tiler George Wollin

Senior Warden James Blumenthal

Junior Warden Jonathan P. Dilley

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