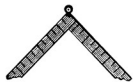


Trestleboard

February 2009

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

*A year dedicated in Loving Memory to
Gaylord "Pops" V. Roten
Outstanding Masonic Youth Leader &
Past Master of Liberal Arts Lodge No. 677*



FROM THE EAST

As I mentioned in my previous Trestleboard Article, writing about future events as if they have already happened presents some interesting challenges. For example, it's Friday afternoon before our Sunday, January 11th Installation and here I am writing about the future in the past tense, at least about a couple of items.

First, thank you to Most Worshipful Larry L Adamson, GM for installing our Lodge Officers and Most Worshipful R Stephen Doan, PGM and Most Worshipful Melville H Nahin, PGM for being the Master of Ceremonies and the Installing Chaplin respectively. We had a wonderful show of support and turnout for the Lodge and I am looking forward to building on the successes of our Jr Past Master, Christopher Sanders. For our members who were not able to attend, I introduced Mrs. Dolly Balin as the First Lady of Culver City Foshay Lodge during my term as Master and announced the name of our Hiram Award Recipient for 2009, Brother Dick Pierce, PM.

And speaking of Dick Pierce, in our January Calendar, he is listed as being in charge of the Robert Burns celebration and dinner on the 21st, but do to unforeseeable circumstances, it has been changed to Wednesday, March 11th. He is going (and by now has gone) into the hospital for a surgical procedure and, God willing, is doing exceptionally well now. Nonetheless, keep him in your prayers for a speedy and full recovery.

Also, Brother James Blumenthal announced at our January Stated Meeting that he has been diagnosed with throat cancer and has by now had surgery to remove it. Please keep him in your thoughts for a speedy and full recovery.

At our Stated Meeting for February, The Secretary and Treasurer will be giving their annual reports and I will be presenting a budget for 2009. And at the March Stated Meeting, it will be the Official Visitation of our Inspector, Worshipful Fred Davis. The dress for the evening will be Hawaiian Shirts

Once again, thank you for electing and installing me as the Master of Culver City Foshay Lodge #467. I will do my best to build on the foundations of the lodge that were laid down before me, and with that in mind, I would like to close my article with the following article that was printed in the December 2002 issue of the Signal Hill High Twelve Bulletin titled "The Builder", that I would like to share with you:

"An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the house building business to live a more leisurely life with his wife and enjoy his family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by.

The employer was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he would build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career.

When the carpenter finished his work, the employer came to inspect the house. He then handed the front door key to the carpenter saying, "This is your house, my gift to you."

What a shock! What a shame! If the carpenter had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it differently. Now he had to live in the home he had built none-too-well!

So it is with us. We build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up less than the best. At important points we do not give the job our best effort. Then with a shock, we look at the situation we have created and find that we are now living in the house we have built. If we had realized, we would have done it differently.

Think of yourself as the carpenter. Think about your house. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board or erect a wall. Build wisely. It is the only one you will ever build. Even if you live in it for only one day more, that day deserves to be lived graciously and with dignity. The plaque on the wall should say "Life is a do-it-yourself project."

Who could say it more clearly? Your life today is the result of your attitudes and choices of yesterday and your life tomorrow will be the result of your attitudes and choices you make today."

God bless us all.

Fraternally,
David Francis Philips, Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

Before I focus my thoughts on the month of February, I would like to once again congratulate all of the new Officers for 2009! What a wonderful installation, everything went smoothly and as usual the food was culinary treat with special thanks to the Midnight Mission.

Moving thru the new year and at the start of each month, we have a chance to renew the passion that I am sure each of us feels as we plan for the Lodge and it's events.

As the Senior Warden, I have a unique opportunity to work with new candidates, Initiated Entered Apprentices and Passed Fellow Crafts as they prepare to be Raised as Master Masons. With the help of Grand Lodge by providing clear and meaningful materials for Candidate Education, there has never been a better time to create new programs for not only the education of our candidates but also for the education of our brethren as a whole. We will be doing this through a steady schedule of candidate education nights to be held on the first Saturday of every month at the Lodge from 6:30pm - 9:00pm and also through the presentation of the California Masonic Code at Stated Meetings as announced and headed by our new Worshipful Master David Philips.

I look forward to the impact of these new programs and the bond created from the continued discourse of Masonic Principles and what it truly means to be a part of the Greatest Fraternity in the World!

God Bless every one of us and allow me to wish each of you a Happy Valentines Day!

Fraternally,
Jonathan P. Dilley, Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brethren!

The Winter Solstice has only recently visited us and much of the earth still rests after its labours, yet, the apparent path of the sun is uninterrupted by theses events. Even amid the shorter days, when that

solar sphere is at the midi, we temporarily rest from our own labours in order to contemplate what we have accomplished and to remind ourselves of what remains to be done. This celestial-terrestrial relationship seems to make it fitting that we take the opportunity to be thankful, to pay tribute and to enjoin our duties and responsibilities.

Thankful indeed, were the brethren during the gathering of their families at the home of our then Master-elect, David Francis Philips, while they celebrated the joy of the season. We celebrated the season indeed, but also the accomplishments of a Freemasonic year well spent. The lodge grew, men were made Masons, instruction brought up the Apprentices and Fellows and charity and relief were offered from the heart of the brotherhood. Our Master, Christopher Sanders and Master-elect had done much to stimulate participation and actuate the craft, defining a year of great achievement and adumbrating the future with a favourable opinion.

Tribute is a duty owed to success and assiduity. Hopefully, we have been generous in our recognition of the hard work of those upon whose efforts the lodge has surely depended; and they are many indeed. At times the efforts have been so great that we have chosen to give especial recognition to a worthy individual. Lately, this has been expressed in our recognition of Brother George Joseph Wollin, our Tyler and chef extraordinaire. Naturally, the lucullan delights, offered at our Stated Meeting Dinners are the conspicuous marvels attributable to George. Yet they are the mysterious transformations that take place behind the scenes, during the quiet hours, when disorganized things have been given order and unkempt things have been made to look pristine; for these subtle accomplishments have been traceable to this tireless brother. The Hiram Award with which he had recently been invested is a most deserving tribute. Congratulations, Brother Wollin!

Finally, a new Freemasonic year began with the Installation of the Officers, most recently, when it was proclaimed that the era of difficulties had been surmounted and that a new age, a lodge of the future had begun. The path had been paved and brethren have embraced under the radiance that nurtures and reemerges as spirit, intellect and charity. The diversity of the lodge is truly remarkable, and the time has come when all men, of whatever walk of life, who are worthy and faith bearing, may find a home. Congratulations to the spirited Master, David Francis Philips, whose outstanding talents will conduct this lodge of the future in its ensuing year!

As we continue to contemplate, let us never forget the guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe, upon whose love for humanity, a new age of human kindness, virtue and progress will depend.

Fraternally,

Merrick Rees Hamer, PM, Junior Warden

Fraternal Greetings from Bethel 2, International Order of Job's Daughters – YOUR Bethel!

As we begin our new Masonic year, during which the Grand Master has indicated he desired to make inroads with our various youth orders, I take this opportunity as Associate Bethel Guardian to give you advance notice of Bethel events for the next six months and cordially invite all the Masons of Culver City-Foshay Lodge to participate in these events with our girls – Sponsoring a Masonic youth order requires more than simply throwing money at the kids and thinking you are sponsoring them. WRONG! We Masons, as the host organization for the Bethel, are responsible for supporting these young ladies financially, as well as morally and more importantly, spiritually. That means BEING THERE FOR THEM. The next six months will see the following social events where your presence is requested:

Friday, February 20, Western Theme Dinner

Friday, April 24th, Iron Chef Dinner

Monday, May 25, Bethel Meeting and BBQ

And of course, your attendance is encouraged and welcomed at the monthly Bethel Stated Meetings:

- Monday, 26 January
- Monday, 23 February
- Monday, 23 March
- Monday, 27 April
- Monday, 25 May
- Monday, 22 June

BROTHERS, THE BETHEL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO SURVIVE!

Finally, there will be a monthly update in our new Trestleboard on Bethel activities written by Bethel personnel which you are encouraged to read and keep apprised of what's going on in YOUR youth organization.

Fraternally,
 Dick Pierce, P.M., Associate Bethel Guardian

Sunday Morning Open House & Meet The Master

The brethren are hereby reminded that Sunday Mornings are “Open House” at our lodge.

With few exceptions, the doors to the temple are open to brethren who wish to socialize over coffee, tea, doughnuts or bagels. It is an opportunity to brush up on ritual since coaches are usually on hand to help out.

It is a time to get to know strangers or friends who have desired to learn about freemasonry and to incite them with encouragement. Also, the Worshipful Master, David Francis Philips, plans to be present on Sunday Mornings at eleven o’ clock, to provide for the chance to “Meet the Master” for non-Masons, as well as Masons.

Generally, the doors open a nine o’ clock in the morning and remain open until about noon. Please join our fraternal company!

CULVER CITY FOSNAV LODGE #467			March 2009			CULVER CITY FOSNAV LODGE #467		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1 10am to 12 noon Candidate Coaching	2	3	4 Stated Meeting 7:30 (Dinner 6:30) Inspector's Official Dinner (Dinner 6:30)	5	6	7 Candidate Education 6:30pm to 9pm Jonathan Diley, SM		
8 10am to 12 noon Candidate Coaching Duelight Springs, Rgator	9 Pavane	10	11 Robert Burns Celebration & Supper 7:30pm Dick Pierce, PM	12	13	14		
15 10am to 12 noon Candidate Coaching	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 Degree Or Practice 7:30pm	19	20 Spring Rgator	21		
22 10am to 12 noon Candidate Coaching	23	24	25 Degree Or Practice 7:30pm	26	27	28 Youth Night Menick House, PM 7:30pm		
29 10am to 12 noon Candidate Coaching	30	31 OSR @ Beverly Hills: 3rd Degree 1st Section 7:15pm						