

Trestleboard

June 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

While trying to put together an article for this month's Trestleboard, I was struggling with a topic to write on when I remembered something that had happened a few years ago that took me quite by surprise. Before I go into that, however, I'd like to make a few comments on what has been happening and what will be happening in Lodge.

Thanks to the continued dedication of the line Officers, we have been advancing the candidates through the First and Second Degrees and will be conferring their Third Degrees starting in September, if not sooner.

Our Table Lodge "Festive Board" was a huge success and I would be remiss if I did not thank Most Worshipful R. Stephen Doan, PGM for giving a talk to our Candidates and invited non-Masons, Worshipful Richard Pierce, PM for putting the script together and ordering the firing glasses and last, but not least, our beloved Chef, Brother George Wollin for preparing a sumptuous meal.

In June we will be holding an election for Jr. Warden and installing him at the July Stated Meeting. Worshipful Merrick Hammer will be stepping down and our Senior Deacon, Brother Curtis Schumacher will be install as Jr Warden. In addition, Brother Francis Taguchi will be installed as Senior Deacon, followed by Brother Mahmoud Ghaffari as Jr Deacon, Brother Adrian Beckmann as Marshall, Brother Snohomish Brown as Senior Stewart and Brother Dylan Nicholas as Jr Stewart. The Brethren will hold those Offices until our annual installation in January.

One more item, the July and August Trestleboards will be combined into one Trestleboard. Now, on to my topic.

I used to take my clothes to a Dry Cleaner owned by a lovely married Korean couple. They moved and I lost contact with them for about 4 years.

When I took over as Secretary of the Los Angeles Scottish Rite, I would pass a Dry Cleaning Store near the office as I drove to work. One day I decided to give them a try, mostly out of convenience. To my pleasant surprise, they were the same people I used to do business with, and now, have re-continued bringing my business to them again.

On Tuesday morning, February 5th, I stopped by to drop off my clothes for dry cleaning. There were several people waiting for service and the customer who was being waited on was picking up and paying for his laundry when I heard the owner of the Cleaners say, "You only owe me one dollar, your bill was 21 dollars, but you left a 20 dollar bill in your pants pocket". I smiled and looked at the customer and said, "How many Cleaners do you know who would return money they found in a customers pocket?" He replied, "I'm always forgetting to clean out my pockets and she (one of the owners) gives it back to me, now she just deducts the amount she finds from my bill. I've left as much as a 100 dollars in my pockets, but I never have to worry because I know I'm dealing with honest people".

I looked around at the expressions on the faces of the customers waiting to be served, and to a person, they were surprised.

It's not often that you hear about someone's honesty in business, especially from another person who has nothing to gain for the compliment.

Honesty is an attribute of integrity and covers a large area, honesty in business, in our personal relations, with ourselves and with our commitments. In the scenario I mentioned above, my Cleaners could have kept the money, never said anything, and the customer wouldn't know anything except that he misplaced some money somewhere. Had the Cleaner done this, wouldn't they be putting a price on their honesty, which is really putting a price on their integrity?

What price would you put on your Integrity? As Masons, it's not for sale, whether it's for making a buck or for breaking our word or commitment, as in our Obligations --- it's just not for sale.

God Bless Us All

Fraternally,
David Francis Philips, Master



FROM THE WEST

From the West:

The cannons have been fired, memories created and new candidates have manifested!

In this opening sentence is found the simple secret of a successful and growing Lodge and I wish to throw open the gates and reveal the secret at a time when I feel our Lodge actually gets it. However, I will make this brief as I do not wish to write a book, yet!

First, "The Firing of the Cannons!"

There is deeper meaning to this than just to bang a glass on a table at a table lodge, I use it here to represent the calling out to the brethren in an effort to rally around the standard of Fraternity!

Second, "The Creation of Lasting Memories."

Things come and go, fortunes are amassed and lost in an unpredictable ebb and flow, yet our memories remain with us throughout, until the day comes when we must surrender them to age or the passing into the Celestial Lodge above. Until that time comes, our memories are the greatest influential factor in the decisions that we make. Thus, the importance of well performed and presented ritual, special events, lectures and journeys, such as a Lodge trip to an Annual Communication and so forth.

Third and Last, "The Manifestation of Candidates!"

How is this one of the three secrets? Answer, the secret lies in the manifestation itself, they manifest because in "The Call of the Cannon Fire" and in "The Creation of Lasting Memories" comes the magic of "FUN!"

When we are having fun, we are healthy and growing!

My goal as I prepare for the responsibilities of Master in the coming year is to continue to apply these secrets in our Lodge and remain healthy and continue to grow. Is this not, "Applied Freemasonry."

Fraternally,
Jonathan P. Dilley
Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brethren!

July is now approaching and the way is being prepared for the ascension of officers to advance. It may be recalled that it was necessary that the seat of the Junior Warden be occupied by a Past Master for this Masonic year, but temporarily only, since other officers were vigorously studying to advance. Addressing the need, I gave my assent to accept the office, and the suffrage of the brethren responded by granting me the privilege.

I have truly enjoyed the privilege of working with a committed core of Lodge Officers under the inspiring leadership of Worshipful David Francis Philips. Notwithstanding, it will be a greater joy to relinquish the office in the interest of officers whose continued progress is about to reward them with greater responsibilities. All the line officers will advance as a result of this progress and I shall have the particular honor of passing the jewel of the Junior Wader to our Senior Deacon Curtis Shumaker upon his

anticipated qualification and election to that office.

Curtis Scott Shumaker was initiated into Culver City-Foshay Lodge 26 October, 2005 and shortly after his raising, 20 September, 2006 demonstrated an active participation in lodge events and rituals. He served as the Junior Deacon in 2008, before being appointed the Senior Deacon in 2009.

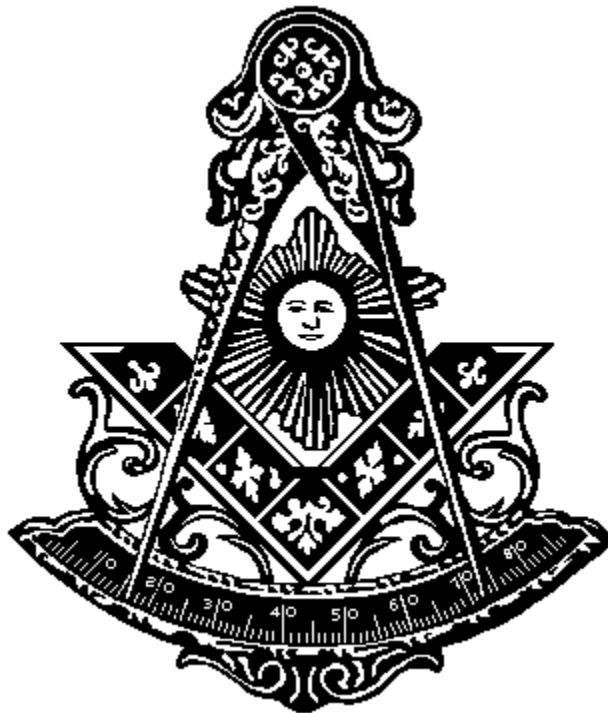
Upon that appointment, he accepted the challenge to work with double the usual effort in order to close the gap in the officers' line which had been briefly secured by a Past Master. The beauty and finesse with which Brother Shumaker had recently performed the Senior Deacon's Lecture to the advancing Fellowcrafts is indicative of a secure line in the future and a valid plan of action.

While I am congratulating Brother Shumaker on his accomplishment, as is naturally due to a worthy successor, I wish also to congratulate Worshipful Brother Philips for implementing the plan all the officers who have contributed to it and have proven commendable in their work. They too will be advancing or continuing to serve, due to their proven assiduity and skill.

In closing this pleasurable message, I offer thanks to the Brethren of Culver City-Foshay Lodge, No. 467, Free and Accepted Masons, for entrusting me with the honor of the Junior Warden's office during this portion of the Freemasonic year.

Fraternally,

Merrick Rees Hamer, PM, Junior Warden



FROM THE BETHEL

Bethel No. 2 Semi-annual Installation of Officers

On Monday, June 8th at 7:00 pm we will have our semi-annual Installation of Officers. We would like to invite all Master Masons from our Lodge to join us for the evening.

Our regular Stated Meetings are every second and fourth Monday at 7:00 pm. Any Master Mason is welcome to join us, and we appreciate seeing you at our meetings.

June Stated meeting: Monday, June 22nd .

On June 25th we will be heading up to Visalia for Grand Bethel. Bethel No. 2 will have our first Grand Bethel girl in quite a few years. She will travel around the state of California representing our Bethel at various events, and installations. We are all very excited for her and this year we have a larger group of Bethel members going to Grand Bethel than we have had in a very long time.

Joyce Strader, Bethel Secretary
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NEWS FROM THE BEE HIVE

The JD's to Bee of our Bethel will all be joining us at Grand Bethel this year also. They participate in arts and crafts events, and their own Bee Hive variety show to practice and put on. We know they will have a lot of fun meeting other JD's to Bee from all over the state.

The JD to Bee Bee Hive meets on the second Monday of every month from 6:30- 7:30 pm at the Lodge. If you know any new year old girls who would like to be a part of this wonderful group please contact me.

Chelsea Barnes, Bee Keeper
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Masonic Service Bureau Report

May 19th, 2009; Speakers from the Masonic Youth Orders were present. They talked about the benefits and effects of their groups.

The Order of De Molay and Jobs Daughters, are helping young men and women strive for more than they could have imagined.

The two orders along with Rainbow for(little)Girls is making a comeback.They are regaining a foothold in American society. All of Masonry will benefit from this process.

The next meeting, Sunday August 23rd, will concern resolutions proposed for the next Grand Lodge coming up in October. Anyone interested in joining me please contact me at:

home-310-3984507 or work-310-6527224.
Until next time be good to yourselves.

Your Service Bureau Rep.
Ed C. Chaplain
CCFL

THE CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER FOR JUNE TO ALL THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS WHO WE LOVE.

WE THANK THE GREAT CREATOR FOR THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS OF THE WORLD.
WITH THEIR LOVE AND GUIDANCE,WE,THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS,
ARE HUMBLLED IN THEIR PRESENCE. MAY THE LORD KEEP AND PROTECT
THEM FOR ALL THE DAYS OF THEIR LIVES.
AMEN

ED C. CHAPLAIN