



Culver City-Foshay # 467 F. & A. M.  
**TRESTLEBOARD**

JANUARY 2011



**FROM THE EAST**

This is my last and final Trestleboard article as Master of the Culver City-Foshay Lodge #467 and I would like to thank each and every brother for the support that you have given during my year. It has been an amazing experience working with the Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge and I have grown considerably as a result. Without the support of the brethren, it would not have been as successful a year as it has been.

Here is the final tally:

Initiated – 11  
Passed – 13  
Raised – 15

With numbers like this, I have to say that the Lodge should be proud!

Culver City-Foshay Lodge #467 during the year 2010 has been full of light and I look forward to the year 2011 when I hope to see that light continue under the leadership of our new Master, Curtis Shumaker, after his Installation on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 4:00pm. I hope the brethren had a safe and Happy Holiday, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God bless each and every one of you and thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Master!

Fraternally,  
Jonathan P. Dilley, WM



## FROM THE WEST

I look forward to working with you all in my year as Master of Culver City-Foshay #467. During my year, my theme will be “education and intellectual development,” with the motto “Translatio Studii,” which means transfer of knowledge. My hope for the year is that the lodge will present a number of events and opportunities that will be attractive and interesting to our membership, youth orders, friends and families and through which we may learn more about ourselves, our fraternity, and our world. For members, from Past Masters to newly Entered Apprentices, who are interested in taking a larger role in the lodge, there will be many opportunities to participate in events or join committees. Here are some brief overviews of some upcoming activities and events:

**Masonic Information Night**—this event will take place soon, perhaps in late February or early March. It will repeat the successful information night we held last year for, but will include a brief play based on Plato’s “Allegory of the Cave” as an illustration of Masonic ideals. In addition, we will aim to have a family-based audience with potential Job’s Daughters and DeMolay candidates; therefore, each youth order will also give informational presentations.

**Joint Fund Raiser**—another collaboration between our lodge and youth orders early in the year, this event will be a multi-level fundraiser which will include a pancake breakfast, book sale, garage sale, and perhaps a bake sale for good measure. The proceeds will be split three ways between the lodge and the youth orders. During the coming couple of months, try to set aside any books or salable items that you might care to donate to this cause.

**Educational Trips**—during the course of my year, I plan to arrange group trips for Masons, Job’s Daughters, and DeMolays to the Getty Museum, Huntington Gardens, and the Griffith Observatory. I expect these trips to be enjoyable and educational to adults and youth alike; they will also demonstrate that our orders have many social and developmental benefits for our memberships. The first of these trips may come as soon as March. Watch for upcoming announcements for details.

**St. John’s Day Feast**—this June event, a new event for our lodge, will commemorate the famous first Grand Lodge event in 1717 in London, which led to the development of modern Masonry as we know it today. This formal dinner will have a period theme with the menu replicating the 1717 meal. A dramatic presentation will illustrate the reasons behind the original formation of the Grand Lodge.

**Halloween Party**—after our small but highly enjoyable Halloween party this year, several brethren were inspired with the idea of having a larger event open to the Culver City community in 2011. Ideas are still in the development stage, but so far the possibilities include decoration of the entryway for candy distribution to community children (possibly with a fog machine on the roof), dramatic events in costume upstairs (such as Merrick’s Raven performance), movies, and games.

**Enhanced Trestle Board**—in addition to our current features, the 2011 Trestle Board will include more articles, including pieces about books in our library, features on both new and long term members, and reports from our youth orders. Anyone interested in writing or working on the Trestle Board please let me know.

**Book of Hours/Almanac Project**—this project was discussed in the previous Trestle Board. To produce a book of this scope will take a lot of effort, but it would be a great benefit in many ways for our lodge. Several brethren who have read the proposal have expressed great interest in the project, but we need people to step forward and make a commitment. I would like to form a committee on this in January and start work right

away. If interested, let me know as soon as possible.

In addition to these events and projects, others will be announced in due time. Of course, our new reading groups will continue, and they may be joined at any time. Keep close watch on the Trestle Board, our new website, and your email for future announcements and details. Many interesting activities will be going on in our lodge this year, and if you blink, you might miss something. Once again, if anything described in this article catches your interest, even if you are among our newest members, please get in touch with me—there is much to do and many positions that need to be filled.

Fraternally,  
Curtis Shumaker  
Senior Warden, Master Elect



## FROM THE SOUTH

Beloved Brethren,

The Christmas tide is that especial time for reflection, when preparation for the great event of the year has subsided, while faithful observers of the stars await the day of Epiphany to which a single star awakens them. One may recall the lyrics of the familiar carol:

*O star of wonder, star of light  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

These words and the haunting music that accompanies them, offered by the theologian John H. Hopkins, Jr. in 1857, remind us of destiny, not only pertaining to what we shall discover, but what we shall also bear, an important message for Christians and non-Christians alike. The star which was westward leading evidently originated in the East, as do the radiance of God and the luminary of a new day. The light which it bore brought hope where hope had been lost and may still dispel the clouds of darkness under which are the sick and distressed, the poor and oppressed, the ignorant and the lonely, in whose lives we may yet instill a sense of hope.

The mysterious men who traveled from the East brought with them gifts of myrrh, frankincense, and gold signifying perhaps dignity, health and glory. Two of these, myrrh and frankincense, are resins of trees and gold, the most precious material that bleeds from the veins of rocks. These materials, known for their vital nature, were used for embalming and healing, purification, and the attainment of luster beyond corruptibility. All are taken in sacrifice and are offered accordingly.

Now we who travel and seek a splendid end must not be without care as we traverse the barren terrain, lest the great mystery of self-sacrifice be for naught. The nightly sky is manifest with starry objects, one of which is shining for our destined course. Take care, my brethren, that the activity of the season shall not dim the constellation of each person's epiphany. A Star shines for each, whose light each must yet follow.

Fraternally,  
Merrick Rees Hamer, P.M.,  
Junior Warden



## CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

To the Great Ruler Above:

Holiday time is here and may your blessings extended to us all.

May we share the comfort and joy of friendships near and dear.

May there be peace throughout the world and let those who are warring stop and be at peace.

May we each one of us dedicate ourselves to the betterment of society.

We should learn tolerance, and be vigilant in our everyday proceedings.

And most of all let us continue to be true and faithful to each other.

Amen.

Holiday Wishes to You All

Ed Calzaretto  
Chaplain

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Candidates School of Instruction 7:30pm
<b>3</b> Meet the Masters 10am-12pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Meeting 7:30pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Degree/Practice 7:30pm
<b>10</b> Meet the Masters 10am-12pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> ° 7:00 pm Degree/ Practice	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Degree/Practice 7:30pm
<b>17</b> Meet the Masters 10am-12pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> ° 7:00 pm Degree/ Practice	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Degree/Practice 7:30pm
<b>24</b> Meet the Masters 10am-12pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> ° 7:00 pm Degree/ Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Degree/Practice 7:30pm
<b>31</b> Meet the Masters 10am-12pm						



**Chef's MENU:**  
Stated Meeting Dinner

Chicken Champignon  
Wild Salmon  
Steamed Vegetables  
Potatoes Au Gratin  
Salad  
Dessert

George Wollin  
Chef

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