

Special Report from Culver City Foshay #467 Master, Francis Taguchi:

For the month of August, the Trestleboard will be dark. I will therefore report the Lodge's monthly activity to the brethren.

1. 50 Year Pin Ceremony for Worshipful Brother Andrew R. Pedersen, PM (7/11)

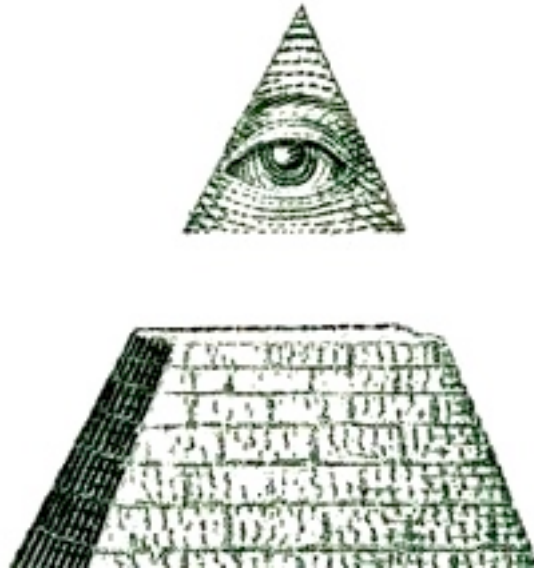


Congratulations on receiving your 50 Year Pin! We had a 50 Year Pin ceremony for Wor. Bro. Andrew R. Pederson, PM on July 11th at our stated meeting dinner. Worshipful Pederson, PM attended lodge with his wife and a few friends. Many thanks, Master of Ceremony Worshipful Freddie G Davis, PM for his assistance, the ceremony went very smoothly. Unfortunately Worshipful Pederson was not in great health condition as used to be so it is difficult for him to walk up stairs to see the lodge room but as his good smile with friendly attitude still are the same as now. We duly appreciate his support and many years of membership and are proud to have a brother like him.





2. Report from the Finance Committee (7/11)



I'm very happy to report that the Finance Committee has successfully seen the passing of dues increases to \$120.00 total commencing 2013. Additionally the degrees fee will also increase to the sum of \$394.00 (\$300.00 + the charitable amounts to Grand Lodge of \$94.00)

Our next step will be to meet to discuss the multiplier for the lifetime dues program. The minimum is 20.38x which would have an approximate cost of \$2500.00. However, the Finance Committee has many other options and strategic plans to provide us that best standing to benefit the lodge and brothers. The committee will continue to work to finalize this by the end of the year. These tasks are challenging but the committee team is working very hard. Brother Michael McDonald Hartman has strong leadership skills and a professional financial background that will help to better our lodge. Again the lodge must be self-sufficient. **The next Finance Committee Meeting will be THIS Sunday (7/29) at 12:00 pm noon at the lodge.** If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns about this matter you are welcome to attend to share your thoughts.

3. Congratulations Brethren (7/18) and Brothers (7/25)

Congratulations to Brothers Brian Gillian, Devin Petroff, Derek DiNardo & Benjamin Villanueva! A total of four EA's were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on July 18th. (first picture below). That night we had great support from other lodge members. Worshipful David Ferreria, PM & Worshipful Brian Beser, PM (both of from Santa Monica Lodge No. 307) & Brother Karin Surrents (Ionic Composite Lodge No. 520) participated as officers. It was a long night and took the full evening to complete the degree work. We closed the lodge at 10 minutes before midnight.

I'd also like to extend my congratulations to Brothers Derek DiNard & Benjamin Villanueva who were both raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 7/25 (second picture below)

They moved up to the next level in just one week! I believe that is a lodge record! Yes, just one week! Both recited the complete proficiency in traditional form (Long form)! They are both of 19 years old brother masons hailing from our own Theodore Roosevelt DeMolay Chapter. Our lodge will surely be bright in the future, anticipating the time when they will become masters of the lodge running business & carrying on our lineage





4. August Stated Meeting (8/1)

The dress code for the evening is short sleeves with collar & slacks. The dinner will start at 6:30 pm, after that all Master Masons will be invited upstairs to conduct lodge business in the usual manner.



5. August Schedule:

August is generally "dark" for ritual work but we have a new candidates & brothers who are waiting to ascend to their next levels. For this reason, we will continue to keep the month's schedule open for ceremonies each Wednesday night.

As of today we have three new candidates, three EA's to be passed to the Fellowcraft degree & two brothers waiting to be raised. In the past I have scheduled two or three brothers together each time but I still need more time. All of our lodge officers are working hard, and I appreciate the great patience it has taken to follow my schedule. I duly appreciate everyone's efforts. I will respect each officer's time & availability but we must continue to move forward.

6. From The Building Association (re: Cleaning up the Lodge in August)

The building association members are scheduled to be cleaning up the lodge in August. Please look at the lodge as your home. It should be kept clean & in the best condition for use. The building association has asked for volunteer workers to help. Cleaning is scheduled for each Sunday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

EA & FC masons are coming to learn their ritual work on Sunday. Perhaps you could spend a few hours to assist them. All Master Masons are invited to come to help, as usual. I will be there each Sunday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. I hope to see you!

Note: If you have any personal belongings in the lodge, please pick them up or let us know so that we might dispose of them.

7. Child ID Program at 2012 Fiesta La Ballona (8/25)

We still need volunteers to man the Child ID Booth (in two hour shifts) at this year's FIESTA LA BALLONA (Veteran's Park - August 25th) from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Please contact Brother Douglas Warner <dougie03@sbcglobal.net> or Francis Taguchi, WM <mft218@msn.com> directly to volunteer.

2012 Fiesta La Ballona - August 24 through 26, 2012

The weekend event features:

- Free Admission to Park
- Live Music (2 Stages)
- Vendors
- Carnival Rides & Games
- Community Stage Performances
- Petting Zoo
- Pony Rides
- Food Court
- Beer and Wine Garden
- K-9 Demonstrations
- Free Parking
- Aquacade

Parking is available in an number of lots including Sony Studios, across Overland at the former Courthouse parking lot, at the Armory & at the Senior Center.



FOR MORE INFO, VISIT THE WEBSITE

AT: <http://www.fiestalaballona.org/>

8. Grand Lodge Trip (September 21 - 23):

We need to know how many members of our lodge are planning on attending the Grand Lodge 163rd Annual Communication, September 21-23, 2012.



For more info, visit their website at:

<http://www.freemason.org/memberCenter/public/annualCommunication.htm>

We have reserved (5) five rooms for 10 Master Masons & we need an accurate headcount of all Brothers wishing to attend.

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9. September Schedule:

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| 9/5 | Dinner & Stated Meeting 6:30 PM |
| 9/12 | OSI (3 rd Degree/1st Section) 7:30 PM |
| 9/19 | 3rd Degree 7:00 PM |
| 9/20 | Social Night 7:00 PM |
| 9/21-23 | Grand Lodge Trip By Arrangement |
| 9/26 | 3rd Degree 7:00 PM |

August Birthdays:

Simon Malu Kakonde 08/02

Douglas Scott Warner 08/02

Howard Edwin Mitchell 08/06

Timothy Gene Veneck 08/06

Nicholas Thomas Hinchliff 08/07

Michael Edward Winiarski 08/08

Jon Douglas Hill 08/10

John Lilburn Cooper III 08/15

Jorge Quinones Andrade 08/16

Gary Joseph Weber Jr. 08/17

Jeison Azali 08/18

David Rollin Stoy 08/19

Beau Jenkins Cameron 08/23

Snohomish Kevin Brown 08/25

Merrick Rees Hamer 08/29

If you have questions regarding any of the above please call or email me.
Thank you very much for your attention. Hope you have a great summer season!!!

Fraternally,

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