# TRESTLEBOARD



Culver City Foshay Lodge No. 467 F. & A. M. http://home.earthlink.net/~ccf467

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#### 2006 FAREWELL



### THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS FROM THE EAST!

'Twas the night before Christmas at Culver Foshay

The Lodge Room was empty, the tools put away;

The door had been locked by our Tyler with care, that no cowens or eavesdroppers might linger there;

My Brethren, I hoped, were all snug in their beds, while fragments of ritual danced in their heads;

And I in my apron, top hat and gavel,

Stood alone and thought of the year I'd just traveled.

When from the Lodge room, there came a great light, the letter "G" in the East was burning so bright.

Away from this vision I turned in alarm,

What was the source? Could it do me some harm? I searched all the stations, but no brothers were there.

The East, West and South, were vacant and bare. When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a little old guy dressed in Masonic gear, in a blue boardered apron with its quadrant and square. I knew in a flash, a Past Master was there!

More rapid than ritual his comments they came, he called the new officers; called each by name;

"Now, Langworthy!, Sanders!, Dr. Jim Blumenthal! On, Kussner!, on Filip!, Merrick, Wollin and all! On Williams!, on Warner!, On Greek Johnny B! On Dahlan!, on Francis!, on Chaplain "C"!

These Brothers, next year, your Lodge leaders will be!!"

And you, Worshipful Sir, who was head of the pack, will step down from the East, to a place in the back.

And join the long list of Past Masters of yore,

Now I've some advice so you won't be a boor. As I drew back in fear, and was turning around,

To the west of the altar, he came with a bound. Dressed in an old tux, from his head to his foot, His Past Master's apron all tarnished with soot;

A bundle of ciphers he had flung on his back, he looked more like a District Inspector, in fact!.

His eyes — how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!

His nose like a rose ( Had he been at the sherry?)

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, He said, "Son, there are just few things you should know,

Soon you will lose all the power you hold,

The power to raise and the power to scold;

You'll no longer be Master, your Year's at an end!

Next year at Grand Lodge, for yourself you will fend!"

"You will join a long list of Past Masters, my boy,

Men like Rogister, Venek, Cooper and Stoy, And Hamer and Calhoun, and Rivell and Kussner and Pederson, too will be called to stand muster."

"There are others, of course, far too many to name, but Worshipful, each of them earned their acclaim!

These man were good Masons, their work square and true, whether you measure up, will be left up to you."

He spoke one last time, and said, "Son, on the square; be quick to praise, always be fair! Look for the good, be slow to grumble! And in spite of your title and honors - be humble!

Remember that any success of your year and your rank,

Was earned by your Brothers, all of whom you should thank."

As I locked up my Lodge for the last time that night, I knew in my heart that the Old Boy was right!

"Thank You all My Brothers, for a great 2006 and may God bless each and every one of you in 2007."

Dick Pierce Master 2006

#### FROM THE EAST



Greetings from the East,

This is my first time saying that so I will try to make my first article brief. If you missed last month's Stated Meeting then you missed quite an event.

During the Stated Meeting Dinner we honored Bill Rogester, by giving him his Fifty Year Pin. Worshipful Fred Davis our new inspector was in attendance as well as the Most Worshipshipful John L Cooper Grand Secretary and Past Master from our lodge.

Many other friends were in attendance, it was a wonderful turnout. Secondly, on the following week we had a First Degree, it was Brother Junior Wardens James Blumenthal's first degree in the East and he did a fantastic job.

This Month we will be having our Stated Meeting on Wednesday the 3rd dinner will be at 6:30 PM and meeting will be at 7:30 we will be busy so please be in attendance for our first Stated Meeting of 2007. Finally on the 13th of January we will ( or I will) be having our Annual Installation of Officers ,

Installation practice will be on Saturday at 10:00 AM and Installation itself will be at 7:00 PM followed by refreshments and reception downstairs, I cordially invite all members and friends to this event.

It is a very special honor in a Master Mason's life to be elected Master of his Lodge, it is also a great responsibility. I am however not alone, I believe wholeheartedly in my officers and in my good friends and members of Culver City Foshey. If I have not already thanked you, then let me take this opportunity to thank each of you for trusting me with this great responsibility and honor. And wish each of you a Joyous Holidays and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally, Todd F Langworthy Master

#### FROM THE WEST



Greetings from the West,

I hope everyone has enjoyed a healthy and happy holiday season and are experiencing a wonderful new year.

A changing of the guard is upon us, and I am looking forward to continuing the momentum we generated in 2006, serving the lodge in 2007 as Senior Warden.

As such, I will be responsible for reporting to the Brethren any incidents of sickness or distress amongst the masonic family, so please contact me if any such unfortunate events occur.

Candidate education and advancement will be another top priority of mine as Senior Warden. All E.A.'s and F.C.s are encouraged to contact me in the January.

I would love to hear from everyone, catch up, and answer any questions you have regarding advancement through our craft ands mysteries.

I would like to thank all of those who have progressed through the degrees this past year, and all of the officers who have put in the time and talent to confer the candidates sincere and sacred initiations.

A good deal of hard work and well earned rewards have been achieved on all ends, so kudos to everyone who got involved in 2006 and please feel free to keep up the good work in lucky 07.

Fraternally,

Christopher Sanders Senior Warden Elect

#### LODGE CALENDAR



JAN 3rd 7:30pm Stated Meeting (6:30pm Dinner)

JAN 9th 7:00pm Temple Board Meeting

JAN 10th Probable 1st Degree

JAN 13th 7:00pm INSTALLATION (Don't forget practice at 10AM.)

<u>JAN 20th</u> 6:30pm Lecture Even<u>t</u> "Ritual performance in the Middle Ages" Presented by Eric Palazzo (see flyer on page 4)

The evening begins at 6:30 and is free and open to the public.

The event will be held at Culver City-Foshay Masonic Lodge #467

Please RSVP to Rafael Aguilar at 310-848-4978 or On-Line at HermesTclub@gmail.com to reserve a space.

Hermes Trismegistus Masonic Club was created for the sole purpose of becoming California's next traditionally-oriented Masonic lodge.

#### EDITOR'S CORNER



Greetings Brothers

I'm taking over from brother Alan Ackereisen, who has done an excellent job bringing you the Trestleboard in the past.

You can contact me at brianwredfern@gmail.com to send me submissions, questions or comments.

Fraternally,

Brian Redfern Trestleboard Editor

## Hermes Trismegistus Masonic Club presents Ritual performance in the Middle ages and Today

Presented by Eric Palazzo Getty Scholar and member of the Rectified Scottish Rite

Ritual performance borne out of the Middle Ages can be seen in a variety of places including present day Freemasonry.

The focus of this lecture will be to explore medivieval church rituals that were performed during the Liturgy and look into their anthropological and symbolic aspects.

In it we hope to see how the medieval conception of ritual could be a source of Masonic ritual.



Eric Palazzo, Getty Scholar and member of the French Rectified Scottish Rite is professor at the University of Poitiers, Centre d'études supérieures de civilisation médiévale, Poitiers, France. Religion and Ritual in the Middle Ages.

He is the author of: A History of Liturgical Books from the Beginning to the Thirteenth Century

#### Saturday, January 20th 2007

The evening begins at 6:30 and is free and open to the public. Lite refreshments will be served immediately following. The event will be held at Culver City-Foshay Masonic Lodge #467 9635 Venice Blvd Culver City, CA 90232-2625 At Venice Blvd and Watseka Avenue Please RSVP to Rafael Aguilar at 310-848-4978 or On-Line at HermesTclub@gmail.com to reserve a space.



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