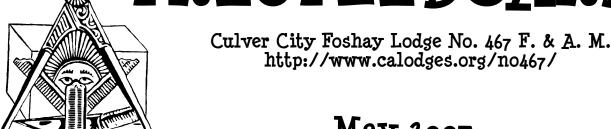
TRESTLEBOARD



May 2007

FROM THE EAST



This April has been busy here at Culver City Foshey, there were a few changes that were not in the Trestleboard last month. I apologize for the mistakes but they were mostly last minute additions which I was not aware of at the time of write my article, I usually plan to write my article before the last week of the Month that way our editor has plenty of time to get the Trestleboard out on time. As usual the first Wednesday April 4th was the Stated Meeting, and I am proud to say that Brother Leonard Gaugher was elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry in our Lodge. On the next Wednesday the 11th we gave Leonard his First Degree Congratulations. Thirdly, on the 18th we had three Second Degrees (Jason Napolitano, Robert Leggio and Charles Schneider) these entered apprentices have been waiting for a long time. However some things are worth the wait, I think that each of our officers participating in the Second Degree did a fine Job (If not for the Sr Wardens mistakes during the Obligation) especially Chris Sanders he did a great job on the Degree and a fine Lecture. Congratulations brothers Leggio, Napolitano and Schneider and congratulations Chris. Next Month, We will be having our Stated Meeting on Wednesday the 2nd. As of yet we do not have any Degrees Scheduled in stone. However at the end of our Three Second Degrees we heard a second Degree Proficiency from Rod Wollin, hopefully we will be seeing a new Master Mason in the Wollin Family. I for one am looking forward to seeing Rod advance.

Fraternally, Todd F. Langworthy

FROM THE WEST



I would like to thank all the officers and candidates and all the others who helped out in April for the busy month we experienced, and encourage everyone to continue the momentum we have gained and look forward to more productive and exciting months ahead of us.

As I sit to write this, much of the world is celebrating Earth Day, and I am reminded of all the references and inherent themes in our teachings regarding the world and nature, and the manner in which the Great Architect expresses beauty and wisdom through the natural world.

Masonic tradition promotes both reverence and delight to be found through the study and veneration of this majestic planet and all things therein contained, and I often wonder why the modern Fraternity so rarely emphasizes this important aspect of our teachings. Regardless of your political or philosophical leanings, I think we can all agree as masons that this world we live in is a true wonder and a beautiful blessing of the divine that we should all cherish and respect.

I hope the brief mentioning of this subject will inspire others to review and reflect upon our masonic teachings on the importance of the Earth, and how the world around us provides us with an abundance of opportunities to learn and practice our our Craft.

With gratitude,

Christopher Sanders

FROM THE SOUTH



My Dear Brethren,

I am grateful to you for sending me to the Junior Warden's Retreat over the weekend of April 20-22. The Grand Lodge officers provided us with a tremendous amount of information which was useful for planning and managing our Lodge's business. We were taken through several exercises, short lectures on various aspects of Lodge management, much information on Grand Lodge's programs and processes, and I had the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with Grand Lodge officers Bill Miklos, R. Stephen Doan, and Larry Adamson to problem-solve. We developed a Vision Statement for our Lodge (more on that later) and worked on my Goals and Objectives for the next three years (if you and our Inspector choose to have me continue), discussed Masonic Formation and Membership Development programs, strengthened friendships and support networks among the Junior Wardens of our 366th Masonic District and throughout Southern California, discovered the depth of Grand Lodge's availability for helping our Widows and Brethren-in-Need (it's far more extensive than I realized), and learned about the information technologies available to our Lodge and our leadership.

It was a full and busy weekend. It was also thought provoking in that it pointed up places where we of Culver City Foshay 467 are doing a very fine job and some places where we can make big improvements with a little bit of focused effort.

One of the most cheerful challenges before us at the moment is that we are growing. In our Lodge and across the State!!! Did you know that each year since 2001 we have made more Masons in California than in the preceding year and that we are now on the verge of growing in absolute numbers across the State of California? If we stopped suspending brethren over the age of 70 for non-payment of dues (which I think we ought not do anyway), we would be growing in numbers right now. It's that close!! After all the years of gloom, doom, and despair, it looks like the Sun is finally breaking through as more and more men of good character are again seeking the Light of Freemasonry.

Masonic trivia question for the month: Who knows what is meant in the third degree perambulation by: "In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened..."

Email me at drblu427@aol.com or call me at (310) 649-6661 with the answer and I will acknowledge you in this column next month

We have a wonderfully busy May ahead of us including the first Master Mason degrees we have done in some time, so come out and join us each Wednesday evening.

If you need a ride to Lodge, call me or Clarence Kussner or Dick Pierce or the Lodge phone number and we will be happy to pick you up and take you home.

Happy Beltane, Bro. Jim Blumenthal

EDITOR'S CORNER



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

The submission deadline is the 18th of every month.

Fraternally, Brian Redfern, Trestleboard Editor

LODGE CALENDAR



May 2007

5/2 Wednesday6:30pm - Stated Meeting Dinner7:30pm - Stated Meeting

5/8 Tuesday 7:30pm Building Assoc. Meeting

5/16 Wenesday 7:00pm 3rd Degree Rod Wollin



First Degree for Lionel Francis Gocher



Second degrees for Jason Napolitano, Robert Leggio and Charles Schneider

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