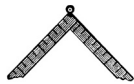


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July 2007

FROM THE EAST



Greetings from the East. This June was a good Month, it was a Birthday Month for many of our Members as well as a Month for Degrees with a long awaited Third Degree for Brother Rod Wollin. I am happy to announce that as well as having a good turnout from our Members and Officers we also had a good showing of Rods Friends and Family. Brother Richard and Father George Wollin were present and were presented Engraved Trowels commemorating their being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Secondly as is usual in July, I would like to look back at a moment in our history, American as well as Masonic. On September 5th 1774 the First Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia's Carpenter Hall. Twelve of the Thirteen Colonies sent Delegates. Georgia was the noted exception. The session continued on until late October, and did not advocate Independence but rather a righting of the wrongs inflicted on the Colonist by the British, and hoped that it would create a unified voice. Also it was proposed that America form a Parliament to act in conjunction with the British Parliament. It was hoped that on matters relating to America, the American Parliament might aid in reconciling the bitter differences between American Colonist and British. This Proposal was sharply opposed by many of the delegates.

The congress composed a statement of American Complaints. It was addressed to King George III, to whom most of the delegates remained loyal and not to the British Parliament. Next, the Congress agreed to reconvene in the following spring if the Colonist list of grievances were not addressed.

That subsequent meeting, the Second Continental Congress, convened in May 10 1775, on the same date as the American capture of Fort Ticonderoga. The List of grievances was not addressed and the War had begun.

The Congress lacked legal authority to govern but assumed the responsibility for establishing:

Military

Congress assumed control of the Continental Army with General George Washington as Commander in Chief.

Statements of Position

Congress went to great lengths to justify participation in the war, first in an Olive Branch Petition in which we stated abiding Loyalty to the King, but disapproval for the actions of his ministers and of Parliament. Later a stronger statement Declaration of the Cause to Take up Arms was issued, which held out the possibility of independence if American Rights were not restored.

Independence

Richard Henry Lee's resolution June 1776 prompting independence reflected public opinion. The measure was adopted by Congress and prompted Jefferson's declaration.

Legislation

In July 1776, a proposal Articles of Confederation was introduced and caused a lengthy Debate before being adopted in November 1777 Ratification of the Articles were not completed until 1781.

As we can see the proposals set forth by the Congress met with some disagreement and were finally agreed to.

Many of the colonist remained loyal to the King but stood against the Rules and actions of his Leaders in Parliament. The cost of our Freedom was War and was not strongly supported. Think about this when we disagree with our current Leadership. Have a great holiday.

FROM THE WEST



Greetings and Happy Summer,

The Solstice has made its presence and we are now in the midst of Summer.

I hope you are getting out in the sun and enjoying the longer days. With family and friends coming to visit and our travels taking us around the planet, I have been thinking about Home lately.

At the end of each day, Home is our comfortable nest where I join my wife Linda and Home is our joy of being together.

In Freemasonry, I am reminded that Home is our Blue Lodge, where we enjoy being together with our closest Brethren. Whether you are a Shriner, York Rite or Scottish Rite Mason, there is still "no place like home."

With all the activity around Culver City Foshay, if you haven't been to Lodge for a while, this is a great time to Come Home.

We'll have our Stated Meeting Dinner on July 11 at 6:30pm because the first Wednesday is Independence Day and degrees are scheduled on the other Wednesdays at 7pm, with time for fellowship and a light nosh following.

If you have an early morning like I do, don't worry because we usually get done at a reasonable hour. No matter what your degree (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master), you can come to the Stated Meeting Dinner and be part of our time together.

Check the Calendar in the back of this Trestleboard and you can see which degrees we will be conferring on the other nights.

With all the excitement that comes with summer, come on Home to your Blue Lodge, reconnect with your dear old Brothers and meet some of our new ones. After all, Summer is about Family, Fun and Light!

Masonic Trivia Question:

This feature of the first degree was probably derived from a Biblical vision. In its early Masonic form, it generally consisted of three parts, Faith, Hope, and Charity. Later variants added to this number. What is it?

Twenty four inch gauge
Jacob's Ladder
Movable Jewels
Immovable Jewels

Find the answer at the bottom of this month's calendar !!!

FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings brethren,

Our lodge has been blessed with a busy and productive summer season, and I want to acknowledge all the officers and brethren that have been staying involved with the degrees and events at our lodge during this time. I would particularly like to thank everyone that helped out and attended the roast for Wo. Richard Pierce.

We enjoyed a fun and festive evening due to the good spirit of the brethren and friends and family present for the celebration, and I look forward to seeing more of that enthusiasm and camaraderie as the year progresses.

I would like to thank Renee Kussner for providing us with yet another fabulous feast and the Jobs Daughters of Bethel #2 for their assistance and presence, and I would also like to thank Wo. Pierce for his humor and good nature regarding his roasting, and for all the contributions and good spirit he continues to give to the Craft.

As I intend to hold a night of second degrees on the 25th, I encourage any Entered Apprentices that feel qualified to be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft to please contact me if you desire to part of this evening. As we will be dark in August and not conferring degrees again until September, this is a good opportunity for E.A.'s to progress before the Fall season.

Foshay Logo Polo Shirts!

Brother Fancis Taguchi has contacted a clothing service who will be creating Polo Shirts with our logo, so contact Bro. Taguchi at MFT218@msn.com to get one for yourself, they're inexpensive and they look fabulous, with a custom stitched Foshay logo.

LODGE CALENDAR



July 2007

7/11 Stated Meeting

7/18 3rd Degree Bob Leggio

7/25 2nd Degree

Masonic Trivia Answer: B. Jacob's Ladder

Ask any of the recently passed Fellow Craft and I am sure they will encourage you to qualify, that you may experience the legendary Staircase Lecture and other wonders the F.C. initiation.

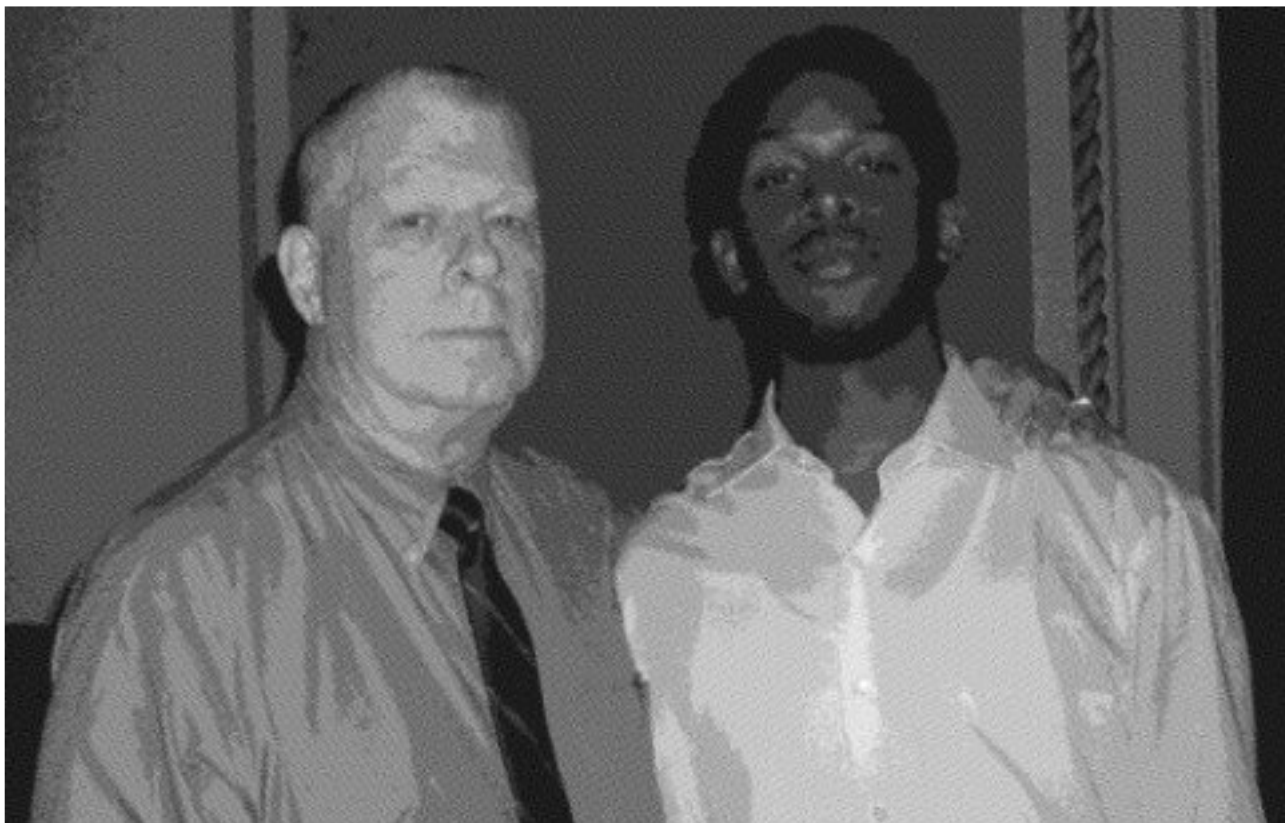
Speaking of the Fall season and qualifications, I look forward to sitting in the East for third degrees for the first time. For those wishing to be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason some time in the Autumn, please give me due notice that I may prepare for your important night.

Fraternally,
Christopher Sanders

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As always you can email me at brianwredfern@gmail.com with submissions, questions or suggestions.
Fraternally, Brian Redfern, Trestleboard Editor



Wor. Dick Pierce and Brother Brother Jason Jackson, at his 2nd degree



1st Degree for Senior DeMolay, Han Lee





Jobs Daughters of Bethel #2 Installation



Br. Jason Jackson after being passed to Fellowcraft with Worshipful Todd Langworthy

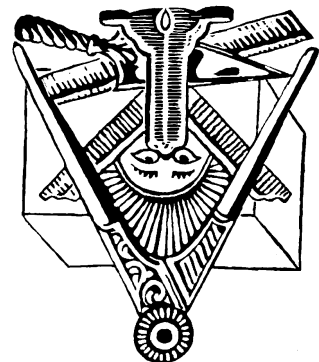
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