TRESTLEBOARD



Culver City Foshay Lodge No. 467 F.&A.M. http://www.calodges.org/no467/

September 2007

FROM THE EAST



Greetings from the East

This September will be a great month with one Entered Apprenticed Degree and a Third Degree at the end of the month.

To begin with we will have our Stated Meeting on the 5th of September, Dinner will be at 6:30 and the meeting will be at 7:30 P.M.

Please Join us at our Stated Meeting because we will discuss the resolutions to be voted on at Grand lodge, Grand Lodge will be held on thye 25,26,27th of September this year instead of October. Please make a plan to join us on March 5th.

Secondly on the 15th we will be honoring our great Secretary Past Master and Hiram Award recepient Andrew R Pederson for his 47 years of service to Culver City Foshey Lodge and his 13 Years of Service as Secretary of our Lodge.

I am sure that everyone has a special memory of our great friend Andy and I am honored mysaelf to be able to give a tribute to one of our most valuable members.

Personally, I know that I owe a lot of thanks to Andy for his efforts in keeping this Lodge in good order for so many years. I expect to see a good group of people in attendance on the 15th to Honor our good friend.

FROM THE WEST



Greetings from the West,

I hope everyone enjoyed a happy and healthy summer season, and feels refreshed and ready for all the approaching activity this Autumn.

Many of the brethren are gearing up to attend Grand Lodge in San Fransisco at the end of the month, an event that always provides many opportunities for masonic camaraderie and intrigue.

I highly encourage any mason with the interest and ability to please join us for this exciting annual occasion.

After September, October will be upon us in which the elected officers will be in the final stages of ritual qualification as elections will follow soon after in November.

Please mark the stated meeting in November as an important date to attend, that you may participate in the electoral process and be present for results.

Given that I have every intention to serve as Master in 2008 if I am so elected, I am always open to listening to perspectives and feedback from the brethren regarding our lodge, our functions, and our fellowship.

I am open to hearing about opportunities for growth and improvement, as well current aspects that are appreciated that should be shown continued support. Please RSVP to the Events@ Gmail.com or at Ltodd900@aol.com or if you do not have access to a computer at (310) 397-5997, my own phone number.

I would be happy to hear from and to see you on the 15th. Cost will be \$15.00 and Dinner will be served at 7:00PM with Social Hour at 6:00 please join us.

Thirdly will have a First degree for Dylan Nicholas on the 19th of September . Dylan is a Past Mastere Demolay and a fine young man he will be an asset to our Brotherhood.

The Degree as usual will be held at 7:30 PM at the Lodge, all officers must attend all others are cordually invited.

Fraternally,

Todd Langworthy

EDITOR'S CORNER



Greetings Brothers, You can contact me at brianwredfern@gmail.com, the submission deadline is the 18th of every month.

Fraternally,

Brian Redfern, Trestleboard Editor

"These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

"Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict the more glorious the triumph."

Thomas Paine, The Crisis

Please feel free to share with me any ideas about how we can make 2008 an amazing year.

We have welcomed a number of outstanding new brethren into our ranks this past year so far, and will continue to do so into Fall and next year, and combined with the wisdom and experience of our seasoned membership, we have the potential to experience many new dimensions and horizons in masonic Light.

If there is any way you think I can assist in facilitating the continuance of harmony and evolution at Culver City-Foshay lodge, please do not hesitate to communicate your thoughts and feelings.

Fraternally,

Christopher Sanders

LODGE CALENDAR



September 2007

9/5 Wednesday 6:30pm - Stated Meeting Dinner 7:30pm - Stated Meeting

9/11 Tuesday 7:30pm Building Association Meeting

9/15 Saturday 7:00pm Party Honoring Pm. Andy Pederson

9/19 Wednesday 7:30pm Third Degree Dylan Nicholas



Condition Critical !!

Brethren, I write you this month to alert you to a pending crisis in your Lodge – the lack of qualified officers to continue the administration of Culver City-Foshay 467 in the coming years.

The potential lack of officers to continue Lodge operations is not unique to our lodge by any means but the alleviation of the problem is ours alone. How did this crisis develop? Partly it is caused by the fact that many Brothers initiated in the last half-dozen or so years are not conversant with the full form ritual proficiencies and therefore have never completed the all-important full-form 3rd Degree Proficiency required for election to Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

Partly it is because of the press of other responsibilities imposed by a modern society which leaves very little time for such things as fraternal work and finally; because we older Masons have not properly educated and more importantly motivated our younger Masons as to their responsibilities to their lodges in particular and to Freemasonry in general to serve in our place as officers and leaders of the future.

As a result of this three-fold set of circumstances, Culver City-Foshay Lodge currently finds itself in a critical situation where in the next several years, we may suffer from an incurable shortage of qualified Masons to stand for election. One possible result of this situation is for us to merge with another lodge and hopefully put together an officers line that way – which might stave off disaster - for awhile! The worst case scenario is the loss of our beloved Charter and the disappearance of Culver City-Foshay 467 as a Masonic Lodge altogether. Brothers, these sad events can and, I assure you will happen unless we take appropriate remedial action NOW! THAT'S THE PROBLEM!

HERE IS A SOLUTION! We are putting together an ongoing Leadership Seminar every Sunday Morning beginning on 9 September from 9:30 to 11:00 with the two-fold objective of (1) having all Master Masons learn and demonstrate their required proficiency and (2) present an introduction to the officers line and work on various aspects of our ritual in a friendly, nonthreatening environment to prepare our younger (and any interested older brothers) to become the officers and leaders of the future. We intend to not only demonstrate HOW to do the work but WHY we do it a particular way as well; and we will have a master of theatre arts and technique to instruct us. This seminar will be held in the Lodge Room and will be conducted by several qualified Brothers including Worshipful Merrick Hamer, Worshipful Clive Revill, and the least qualified of all, myself. There will be guest lecturers from time to time as well to keep things interesting.

On behalf of our Master, Todd Langworthy, I am inviting all Master Masons who have NOT completed their proficiency to attend as well as any Master Mason interested in becoming an officer in our line – REMEMBER BROTHERS – IF YOU DON'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TO OUR LODGE, THERE MAY NOT BE A LODGE TO LEAD – IT'S UP TO YOU AS THIS CRISIS IS VERY REAL!

Contact me at 310 839-8853 or e-mail at rpierce04@dslextreme.com for more information and to sign up for the class.

Fraternally,

Brother Dick Piertce Immediate Past Master, Assistant Officer's Coach

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