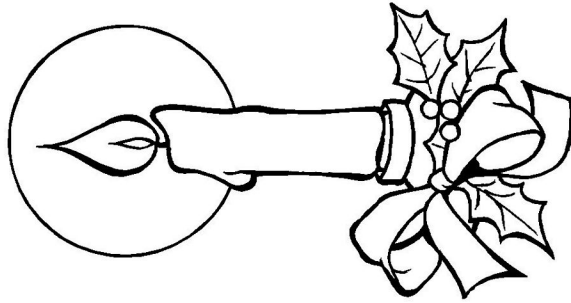


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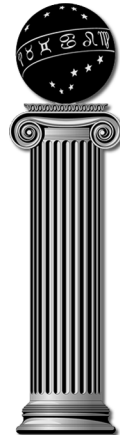
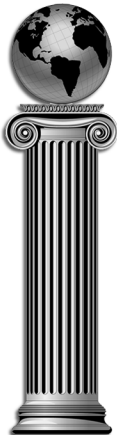


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# Announcements

## Culver City-Foshay Lodge, No. 467

Announces its Public Installation of Officers

to be holden **Sunday, January 4th, 2015**

at Four o' Clock in the Afternoon

at Culver City Masonic Temple

9635 Venice Boulevard, Culver City, California 90232

A Social Hour will be held at Three o' Clock

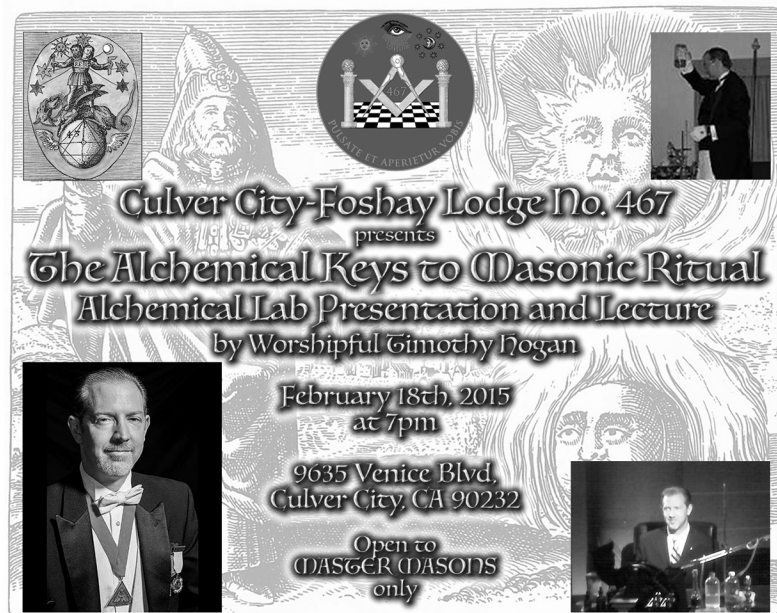
and dinner will follow the Installation of Officers

*Assistance with parking will be available*

**R.S.V.P. by December 27th, 2014**

**to 310-482-1164**

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**Culver City-Foshay Lodge No. 467**  
presents  
**The Alchemical Keys to Masonic Ritual**  
**Alchemical Lab Presentation and Lecture**  
by Worshipful Timothy Hogan  
February 18th, 2015  
at 7pm  
9635 Venice Blvd.  
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Open to  
MASTER MASONS  
only

# From the East



## Bearing Light and Beyond: Practical Masonic Esoterica

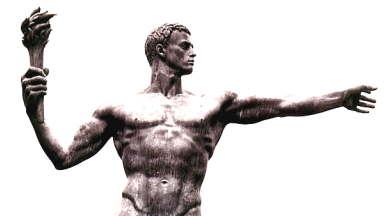
Light and Enlightenment are both fundamental concepts within Freemasonry. We often, symbolically, refer to our progress in Masonry as the “pursuit of further Light”. What is the light to which we are referring and how can acquiring it empower us in a practical sense?

The very first definition of the word “light” listed in Webster’s Dictionary is quite simple and yet extremely profound, especially when viewed within the context of Masonry. Light is defined as “something that makes vision possible”. What are some of the things that Masonic Light makes possible for the initiate to see? Can we see our imbalances and limitations and see the clear steps to a plan of action required to rise above them? Can we see our personal responsibility to value the well-being of humankind and other benevolent life forms with which we share residency in this world? Can we see useful lessons encoded in the patterns of Mother Nature all around us? Hopefully, it is made possible that we, as Masons, eventually come to see all of this and much more.

I have always encouraged the Brethren toward an emphasis on what we refer to as “Esoterica,” the realm of deeper meanings and contemplation usually reserved only for those whose minds have been fortified by going through the process of initiation (as Freemasons, we all have done this). Particularly important is the study of the universal metaphysical philosophies presented in our rituals and a practical application of the natural laws implied by them.

In my first remarks after being installed as Master of this Lodge, I announced the theme of the year was to be “Bearing Light”. As my year of serving from the Oriental Chair now comes to a close, I will iterate to the Brethren an invitation to continue going deeper. May spiritual and philosophical Light allow the underlying dimensions of self-awareness and personal transformation to be made visible! In order that an increase of Enlightenment may become more actualized throughout society at large, may the Promethean Spirit empower you all to be as Bearers of Light, both within and without of our Lodge! Have Happy Holidays and a Blessed Winter Solstice!

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
K.L. Burgess, II,  
Master







# From the West



## Masonic Charity

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are three of the tenets of ancient and honorable institution. Today, I witnessed brothers from Culver City-Foshay Lodge meet well before eight AM to deliver turkeys in order to provide a meal for those less fortunate than themselves. This turkey drive has been a project that Worshipful Clarence Kussner has championed every year for the past several years, purchasing turkeys, distributing them to any brother with an oven willing to cook one or two, and then collecting them early the Saturday following Thanksgiving and hauling them in his truck to an annual charity feast site. In today's economic climate, these turkey dinners were needed this year more than ever, and many needy families depend on us at Culver City-Foshay to turn up with a truckload of them. Many of your brothers have prepared turkeys and donated toward the purchase of them each year.

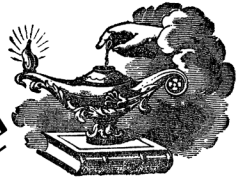
Relief or Charity has been a tenet of our institution from the days of operative masonry. We read in the old charges dating from 1390 to the mid-eighteenth century that one is charged to help a strange brother mason by offering him two weeks work and lodging. We still live by that section in our commitment to aid and assist a distressed worthy brother, his widow, and orphans. Charity is so inextricably linked to our institution that, without that tenet, the nature of our craft would be very different. It is an essential block in the foundation of our structure. Our fraternity tirelessly spends countless dollars and time helping others, simply because that is what we do. It seems woven into our "DNA." Next year, I plan to have our lodge make a trip to the Midnight Mission and serve a meal. If you have not been to the mission, you will find it an extremely gratifying experience in which we all can participate together. If you have the chance, I urge you to attend the rededication ceremony for the Midnight Mission's 100-year anniversary. The ceremony will be Saturday, December 6 at 10:30 AM. The Midnight Mission is located at 610 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90014.

Fraternally,

Adam Wolf,  
Senior Warden



# From the Lamp of Knowledge



## Meditation for the Winter Solstice

Alas! The provisions lately harvested have nourished me and, contented and blessed, I give thanks for my surroundings and all else beneath the starry canopy. Notwithstanding the beauties with which they have covered their grounds, the flowers are seen closing their pedals and are receding for a season. Lilies are retiring for a time and the crest of the distant hills is becoming snow laden. Wintery beasts can still be seen about, adding to the silhouetted imagery of a darkened terrain. The songs of the birds have quieted somewhat, yet still noticeable is the throbbing of their hearts, even as I remain linked to the pulse of nature. While much of nature prepares for the season rest, so shall I prepare in accordance with patterns inevitably visible in God's great world. My pallet awaiteth me and I have accomplished my work. Wherewith shall my visions invest me as I pursue my slumber? Many a seed hath been sewn in the dreams of sleepers and hath seen manifestations upon their rising. All that I have lived and seen and all that I have shared and accepted will speak to me when I am fast asleep. If I have erred and offended, will my visions tell me so? If I have been righteous, will I know this also? May this season of slumber be such as will reveal the depths of who I am, and to my fellow creatures of who they are! Let it be that this is the season in which we may formulate our future and know that any among all our hopeful longings are possibilities, for truly, I believe, if we can dream dreams, we can return also life to the living when we awaken. Let us give thanks to the creator for what within this portion of a year's time hath been set aside for our hopes and aspirations! Let us give thanks as we sleep!

Hearken unto those who slumber, O Lord of Universe, Thou who hast allotted the labours of the heart! Protect us, we beseech Thee as we sleep! Impart unto us a token of Thy strength as we cross the threshold before us, as we slip away from the present state, into our treasury of our forgotten hopes, for deep within the caverns of our minds are the jewels of our dreams, untarnished by the doubting ways we have forged within the false world we have wrought above and wherein the nobler aspirations have been covered with dust! Hear Thou the beckoning of our hearts and come with us, we entreat Thee, and with Thy Staff guide us as we journey! All that we shall discover is bequeathed unto us by Thee, and all that we shall embrace will be for the Glory of Thy Name. Counsel us as we travel, that we may know where we have erred and gone astray! Show us a righteous course on which to set our feet and within the Holy Empire whereunto it leadeth, may no gem be unseen and no inspiration discouraged! Upon each facet is reflected a star of Thy covering, one of which will gleam for each who travels. May we seize that which Thou hast gifted and hold it firmly within our grasp, until the day of our rising when its splendor shall be seen above!

Amen.

Merrick Rees Hamer, PM





# Chaplain's Prayer



*To the Architect of Light:*

*For the road we travel and the life we lead,  
For all our labors that bring us to the  
Intersection of life and death,  
We invoke Thy blessings.*

*May the watchword of life be forever in our hearts!  
Mayest Thou who govern our being and watch over us!  
May we be humbled in Thy presence!  
May the sands of time be kind to us all!  
May we praise Thy name forever!*

*Amen.*

*Edward Calzaretto,  
Chaplain*



# From the South



## Why East?

The East has always been considered peculiarly sacred. This was, without exception, the case in all the Ancient Mysteries. In the Egyptian rites, especially, and those of Adonis, which were among the earliest, and from which the others derived their existence, the sun was the object of adoration, and his revolutions through the various seasons were fictitiously represented. The spot, therefore, where this luminary made his appearance at the commencement of day, and where his worshipers were wont anxiously to look for the first darting of his prolific rays, was esteemed as the figurative birthplace of their god, and honored with an appropriate degree of reverence. Even among those nations where sun-worship gave place to more enlightened doctrines, the respect for the place of sun-rising continued to exist. The camp of Judah was placed due East and West; and the practice was continued in the erection of Christian churches. Hence, too, the primitive Christians always turned toward the East in their public prayers, which custom Saint Augustine (Serm. Dom. in Monte, Chapter 5) accounts for "because the East is the most honorable part of the world, being the region of light whence the glorious sun arises." Hence all Masonic Lodges, like their great prototype, the Temple of Jerusalem, are built, or supposed to be built, due East and West; and as the North is esteemed a place of darkness, the East, on the contrary, is considered a place of light.

- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

Fraternally,  
Sam House, Junior Warden





# Calendar

Meet the Masters & Candidate Education every Sunday 9AM - 2PM  
The lodge is open to guests and men inquiring about Freemasonry.  
Candidates may receive assistance with their Masonic Education.

## December:

Wednesday 3rd	Stated Meeting & Dinner 6:30pm
Thursday 4th	Building Assoc. Meeting 7:30pm
Saturday 6th	Midnight Mission Rededication Ceremony: 601 S San Pedro St, Los Angeles, CA 90014 8am
Wednesday 10th	Third Degree 7pm
Friday 12th	Bethel No. 2 Installation of Officers 8pm
Sunday 14th	Esoterica Group Lecture by Merrick R. Hamer, PM: "Holy Kabbalistic Tree of Life" followed by a screening of the movie "Baraka"; open to all (Masons; non-Masons; Ladies and friends). Light refreshments. 1-3:30pm
Wednesday 17th	Second Degree
Friday 12th	Esoterica Group Lecture by Carroll "Poke" Runyon: "Secrets of the Sufi Freemasons" this will be Tyled on the 3rd Degree and open to Master Masons ONLY (current dues cards may be required for entry). coffee and pastries following lecture 7-9pm
Wednesday 24th	Lodge is Dark
Wednesday 31st	Lodge is Dark

## January:

Sunday 4th	Annual Installation of Officers
Wednesday 7th	Stated Meeting & Dinner 6:30pm
Thursday 8th	Building Assoc. Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday the 14th	Degree or Practice (TBA)
Wednesday the 21st	Degree or Practice (TBA)
Wednesday the 28th	Degree or Practice (TBA)



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