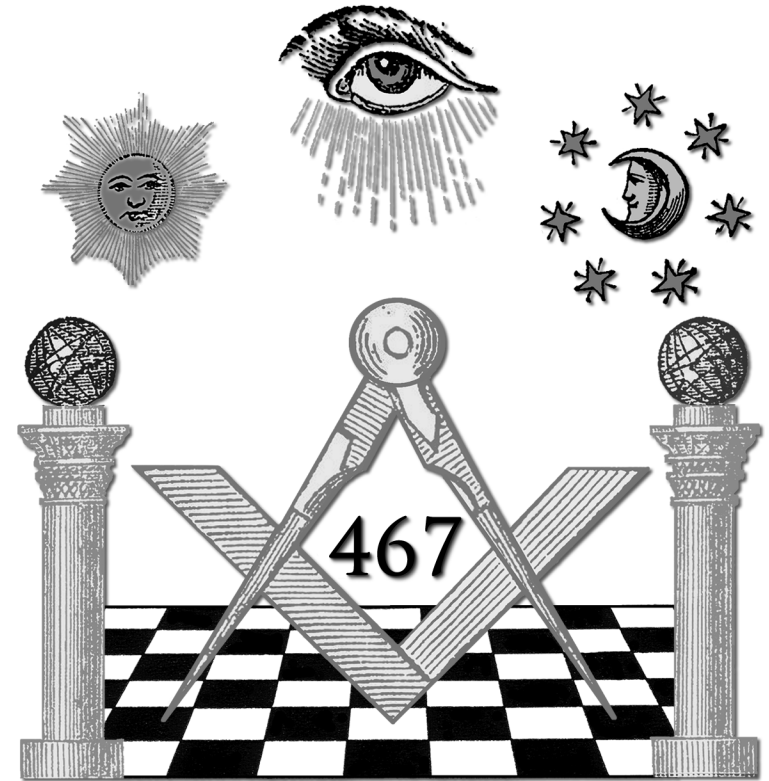


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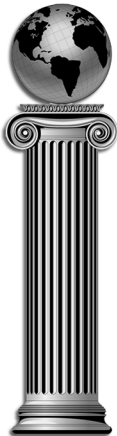


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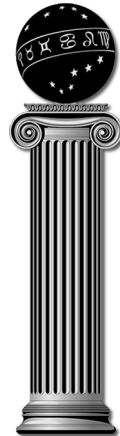
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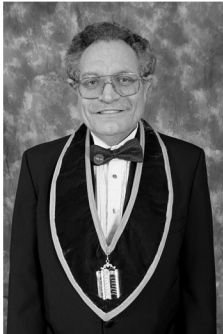


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# Announcements

Our Annual Installation was very well attended and included a visit from the Mayor of Culver City, Meghan Sahli-Wells!



A BIG Congratulations to the upcoming 2015 Hiram Award Recipient Edward Calzaretto! reception details coming soon

# From the East



## Pulsate et Aperietur Vobis

As we enter a new year at Culver City-Foshay Lodge, it is now my turn to take the Oriental Chair. We have all worked extremely hard as officers and I want to say how Truly humbling it is to be supported by a group of fellow officers that are a dream team and many of whom will soon themselves be the next Masters of Culver City Foshay Lodge. I want to especially thank my friend and brother, Worshipful Burgess, for the extraordinary job he did for our lodge. He was responsible for several great programs and achievements including our highly successful Esoterica Committee and the soon to be released film that chronicles the rich history of Culver City- Foshay Lodge. Several years ago I was having lunch with a friend of mine whom I had met through work. I had asked him about the topic of freemasonry, as I knew that he was a mason from the ring he was wearing.

We were talking about what freemasonry was to him and the link that unifies or binds the men in this ancient fraternity. That friend who is now my brother, Sean Fernald, invited me to dinner at Culver City-Foshay Lodge. I procrastinated over the invite for about a year, but at some point was drawn to take Sean up on the invitation. Upon walking through the doors to a very special place, I met a group of men who more than exemplified the scope and profundity of our ancient institution. I returned as a guest for a few more events. By that time, I knew that this was an organization that I wanted to join. I was accepted, led through the temple doors and went through the degrees. We live by a certain set of tenets of naming Brotherly love, Relief, Truth, and by the common goal of improving one's self and living by a code of ethics that in turn makes the world a better place. "We make good men better", is a distillation of the purpose of our teachings, and it is one of the concepts and lessons that we learn. In the past few years I have seen many other brothers walk through these doors and into this lodge with its culturally and philosophically diverse membership, and rich history. This has inspired the theme for this year and the accompanying logo with the Latin Phrase "Pulsate et Aperietur Vobis." A translation into English would be: "Knock and it should be opened for you." This line from scripture has been adopted into our ritual. You asked and the door of freemasonry was opened unto you. As new brothers enter these lodge room doors and go through their degrees there is a certain transformation that occurs as they themselves go from being good to better. I look forward to serving the lodge this year and continue to see more brothers come through these doors and absorb the light that is freemasonry.

Fraternally,

Adam Wolf, Master





# From the West

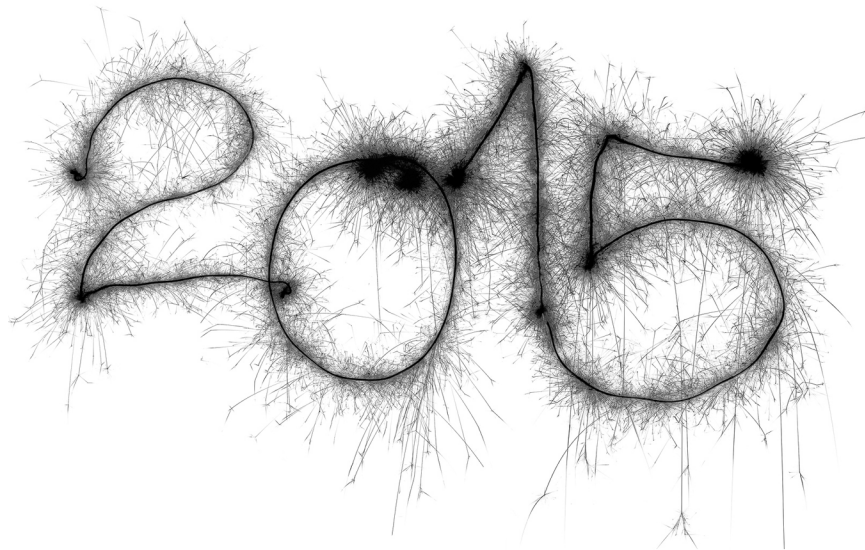


## New Beginnings

Happy New Year, Brethren! As our calendars reset and we begin a New Year, many of us take this change as an opportunity to circumscribe our passions and hold ourselves to our New Year's resolutions. As Masons, we are obligated to live prudently and practice moral virtues. That can mean different things to many. For some of us, it means sticking to a new diet or exercise routine. For others, it may be spending more quality time with loved ones. While we may have differing resolutions, we do share a common goal. All of us are attempting to perfect our ashlar. Make sure to support your brothers in all of their virtuous endeavors! Remembering that we share a common purpose, can help to alleviate the feeling that we are struggling alone. Whatever tasks we intend, let us refocus our efforts on this year! Let them be virtuous and let the positivity of our intentions and the support of our brethren carry us toward our goals!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Sam House,  
Senior Warden



# From the Esoteric Group



## Esoterically Speaking:

Welcome to the first ever instalment of "Esoterica", a new column in our monthly Trestleboard! With this column I hope to share interesting ideas, histories and concepts related to the esoteric aspects of Freemasonry. I will also highlight some of the fantastic events to be hosted throughout the year here at Culver City-Foshay, as part of our esoteric lecture series.

What exactly does "esoteric" mean, anyway? We hear this word often around the lodge, and it can sometimes be used in conflicting ways. Fundamentally, "esoteric" means inner or, inside knowledge often only understood by a select few. Conversely "exoteric" is its antonym, meaning outer or knowledge that is readily available. And finally, there is "esoteric's" frequently misunderstood cousin, "occult," which literally means hidden or covered.

Within our philosophies, allegories, and symbols, we can find all three of these concepts expressed. Anyone can read about Freemasonry online or pick up a copy of one of the many exposés published almost the moment Freemasonry became public. Even if someone were to read our ritual word for word, he would understand only the exoteric aspects of it, the esoteric meaning only being understood through experiencing the work that we do. Some of us will, of course, choose to go one layer deeper into the truly hidden meanings of our legends and histories.

In essence, the search for esoteric or hidden insight is the ultimate pursuit of Freemasonry. It's the inner understanding that is locked away safely inside of us that we as Freemasons seek to uncover by means of ritual and symbol. I think this is an important distinction to make when discussing esoterica. Though, through our study and reflection many may choose to pass through the layer of the esoteric, and into the hidden and fleeting ideas of the occult, I hope to shine light on that first inner layer of our tradition, the esoteric. It is my goal through this column to balance our mystery with our history, providing insightful information that helps us all with our esoteric search of ourselves.

Fraternally submitted,  
Bryan Godwin, Tyler





# Chaplain's Prayer



*Opening the Hearts to Those Who Knock*

*Great God and Ruler, We embark on a new year  
With its hopes, dreams and expectations.*

*What new events will unfold?*

*What has fate in store for us?*

*May we have prosperity in the New Year!*

*May friends and family always be near!*

*May the fraternity change for the better!*

*May decisions be wise and fruitful and*

*May we have our hearts and doors open to all those who knock!*



*Amen.*

*Edward Calzaretto,  
Chaplain*

## From a Brother



### The Difference One Person Can Make

The year 6015 A.L. grins from ahead as many of us wolf down holiday fare and solemnly vow a nine-month reprieve from such excess—save for maybe the Fourth of July weekend, or the Stated Meeting dinners, or birthdays. How many of those could happen in a year?

Not everyone has the luxury of such celebration and Freemasonry charges us to keep in mind those less fortunate. My family has relatives whom we can visit, means of transportation to get there, and time off from our respective occupations. We work hard not to take that liberty for granted and we still have the habit of postponing community service with the word, “Someday.”

January will bring many of us a day off work, time with the family, and gifts. Oh, those marvelous packages that alternately surprise and delight and, occasionally, disappoint. We have our Annual Installation of Officers—Be there to be square (sorry)!—and more focus on our programs and expanding our impact, whether it be cooking turkeys for Thanksgiving or donating to a worthy cause.

In doing so, I urge you to keep in mind how much of a difference one person can make, and not only with the distant sterility of money. Buy a homeless person a burger, don't skimp on the drink, and listen to them if they want to talk! Stop by a rock-bottom clothing sale even if you don't need anything, then donate your purchases to the needy! Sometimes all it takes is being in the right place at the right time, so don't simply transfer your resources *amplify* them with your cleverness and timeliness!

Whatever you do, though, please just don't buy me a calendar this year!

Fraternally,  
Andrew Merenbach

# From the South



## The Ancient Masonic Code

Greetings, Brethren! In the spirit of the educational trend of our lodge, I offer the following information which, slightly paraphrased, is inspired by the writing of Christopher Hodapp:

The oldest surviving document recording the rules of Freemasonry is called the Regius Manuscript and it is maintained in the British Museum collection in London. The manuscript was penned by an unknown author in 1390, but most historians agree that it might have been copied from even older documents. It describes the standards of morality and conduct by which Masons were expected to abide. Standards of workmanship, a moral code, rules for membership and a strong desire for friendship among the members are covered. While it has evolved over the years, the essential structure for today's Masonic lodges can be found in this document.

Guilds were developed to train men in the skills needed to construct large buildings and churches. The guild defined the standards of workmanship, held its members to these high standards and required protection of trade secrets. Masonry was a highly paid, skilled craft and the guild was organized to preserve this status.

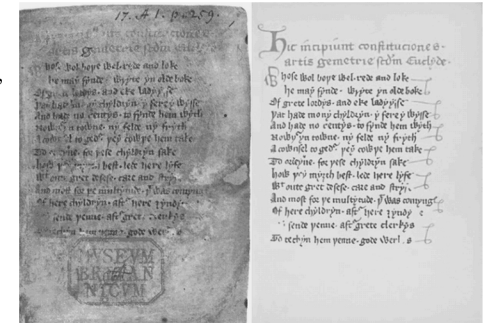
Master Masons were in possession of the Master's word and grip, secret methods used to recognize each other. This was a simple way to identify a trained member of the guild in the days before the advent of paper identification. The secret grip and word allowed a Mason to travel and work all over the country without the necessity of auditioning or repeating an apprenticeship.

Apprentices began as young as age 12 and were indentured to a Master Mason for seven years. After three years of apprenticeship, they went through an initiation ceremony. They were given certain signs of recognition to identify themselves as a Mason's apprentice, and they were granted permission to have their own marks, which were a small symbol they could carve into stones they had crafted to identify their work. After they completed seven years of service, they became Fellows of the Craft, what unions would today call Journeymen. Additional experience as a Fellowcraft could eventually lead to qualification as a Master Mason.

May all the Brethren, of whatever degree, truly embrace the heritage that has been coveted for centuries!

Fraternally,

Michael Miller,  
Junior Warden



- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry



# 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.

## January:

Sunday 4th	Annual Installation of Officers	
Wednesday 7th	Stated Meeting & Dinner	6:30pm
Wednesday 14th	3rd Degree Practice	7:00pm
Wednesday 21st	3rd Degree	7:00pm
Wednesday 28th	3rd Degree	7:00pm
Thursday 29th	Social Night	7:00pm

## February:

Wednesday 4th	Stated Meeting & Dinner	6:30pm
Thursday 5th	Building Assoc. Meeting	7:30pm
Wednesday 11th	1st Degree	7:00pm
Wednesday 18th	Tim Hogan Lecture "Alchemy of 3rd Degree" MASTER MASONS ONLY!	7:00pm
Monday 23rd	OSI 2nd Degree in full at Ionic	7:00pm
Wednesday 25th	3rd Degree	7:00pm
Thursday 26th	Social Night	7:00pm

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