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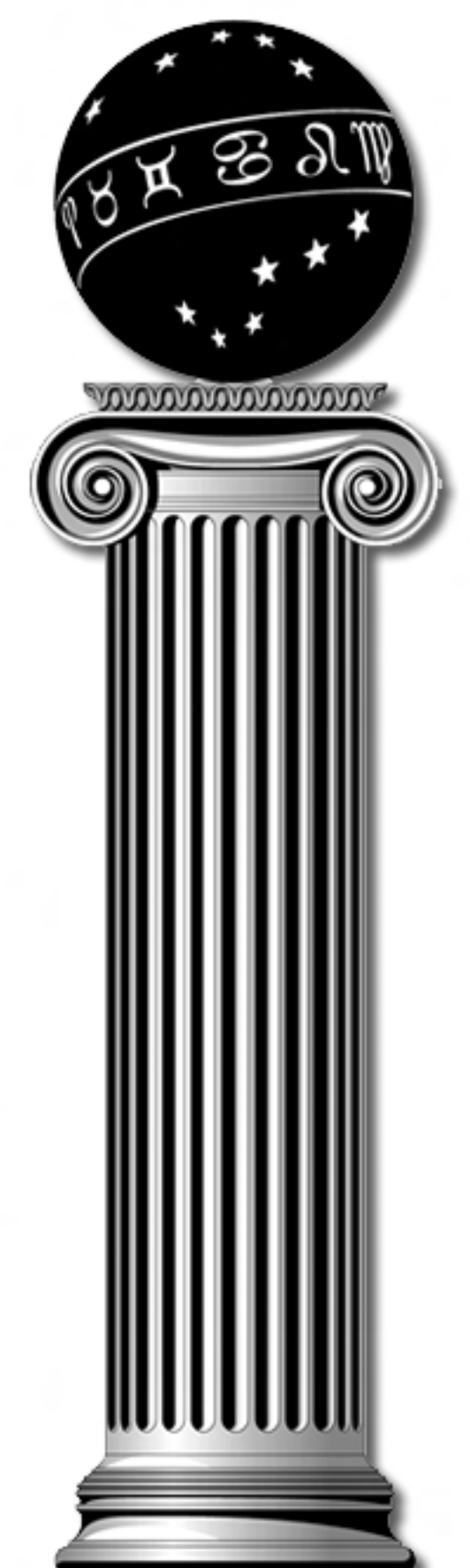
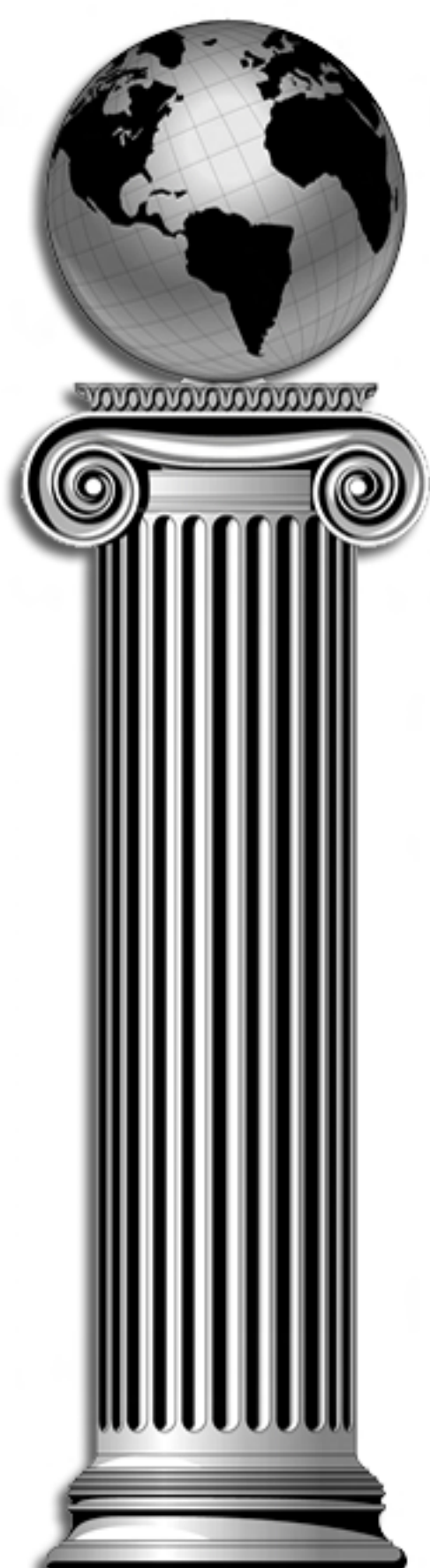
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From the East



Past, Present and Future

Greeting Brothers.

May has now passed and we have held our recurring Table Lodge which, thanks to the efforts of co-chairmen Brother Ricky Sullivan and Worshipful Brother Richard Pierce, was a commendable success! The increased popularity of our table lodges has forced us to stretch the traditional seating limitation of fifty participants. The details, reservations and logistics were admirably managed by Brother Sullivan and the outstanding menu and gourmet provisions were under the care of our chef-in-residence, Brother George Wollin. Worshipful Pierce rendered his outstanding role as Master of Ceremonies. All the officers had rehearsed before hand and their performance was excellent. The value of this event has proven itself again and will carry-on for generations!

Our efforts to revise our Lodge Dues and Fees structures and establish a Life Membership Program are continuing to make progress. The obstacles in preparation have been surmounted and the language necessary to propose changes has been finalized. The proposal to change the bylaws affecting the amount of dues and degree and affiliation fees was formally read at the Stated Meeting of the 2nd of May. The proposal for the Life Membership Program will be formally presented later but before the end of the year. Please read carefully in advance the proposal pertaining to dues and fees as it has been published in this trestleboard. Your opportunity to vote on the proposal will be at the Stated Meeting of 11th of July. The committee has worked very diligently and their explanations should help reduce the length of discussion time on the floor. All brothers' opinions and votes are important.

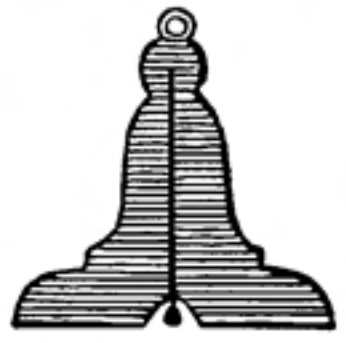
Finally, our degree schedule is very busy and will keep our officers booked through the year. We shall be holding six ballots of our next Stated Meeting, all for applicants meeting the full approval of respective investigation committees. It is especially pleasing to realize that two of the ballots refer to young men from the Order of DeMolay and that, having attained lawful age, they have been duly inspired by the examples we have shown them in the Masonic Order. Our future is certainly bright!

Fraternally,
Masato Francis Taguchi
Master





From the West



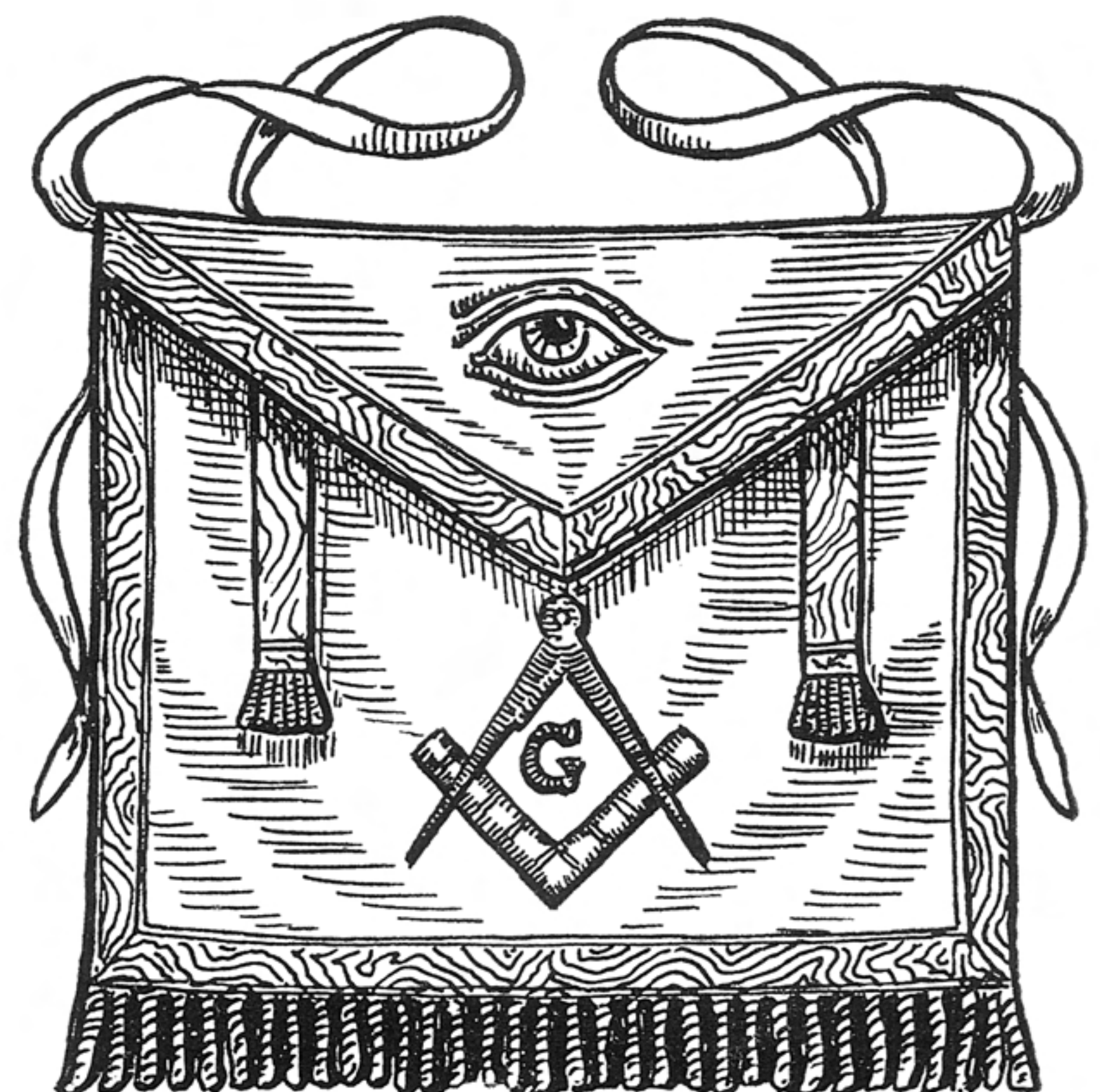
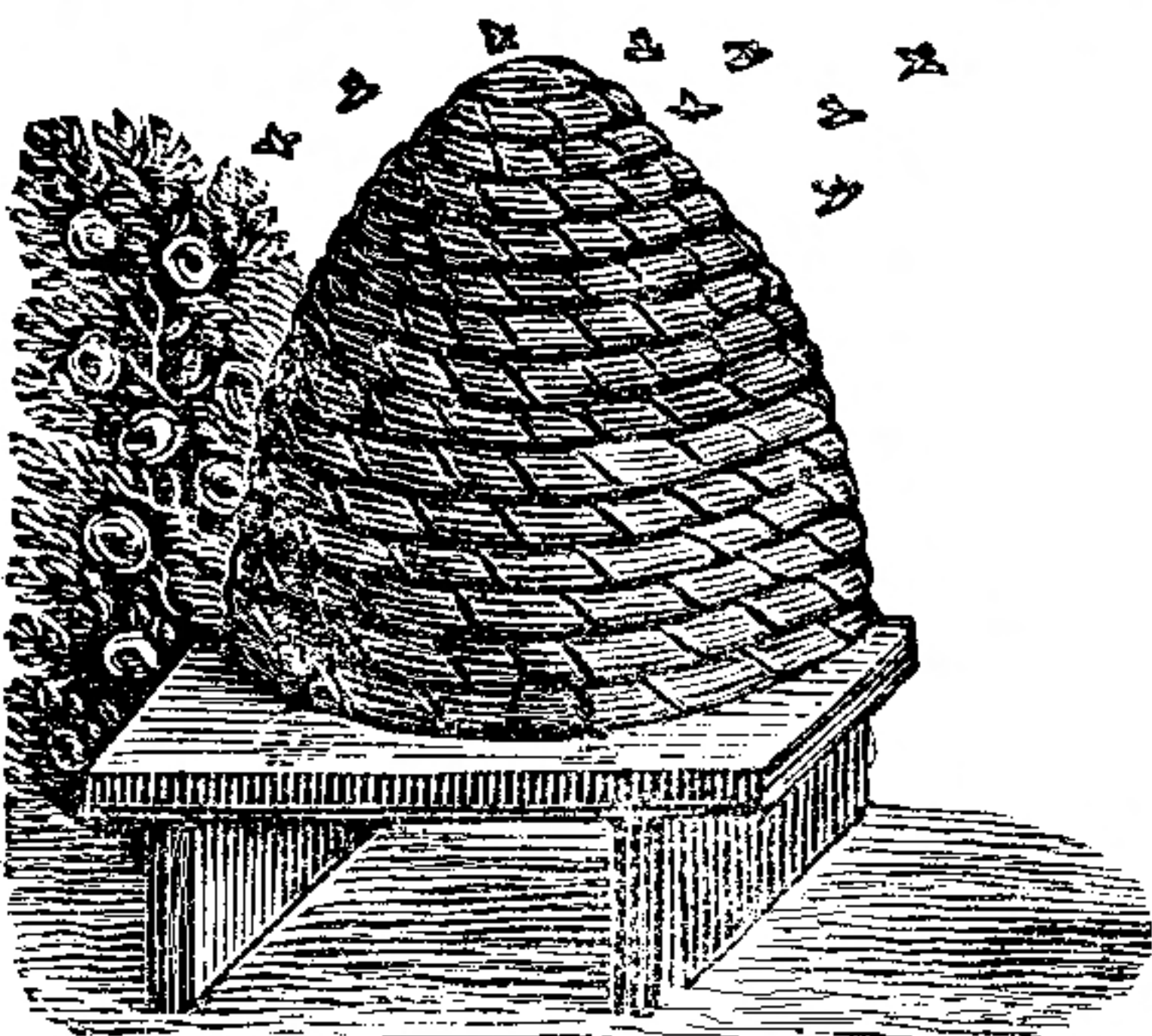
Masonic Gatherings

From time immemorial we masons have had gatherings to commemorate one feast or another. I don't think anyone knows the exact reason behind it, but I think we can all agree that the norms of every society have allowed for social gatherings to flourish. Masonry has been no exception by creating norms in which its participants celebrate; and a myriad of reason has resulted in causes for celebration. The Feast of Tishri, the Table Lodge and Sts. John Feats are all examples.

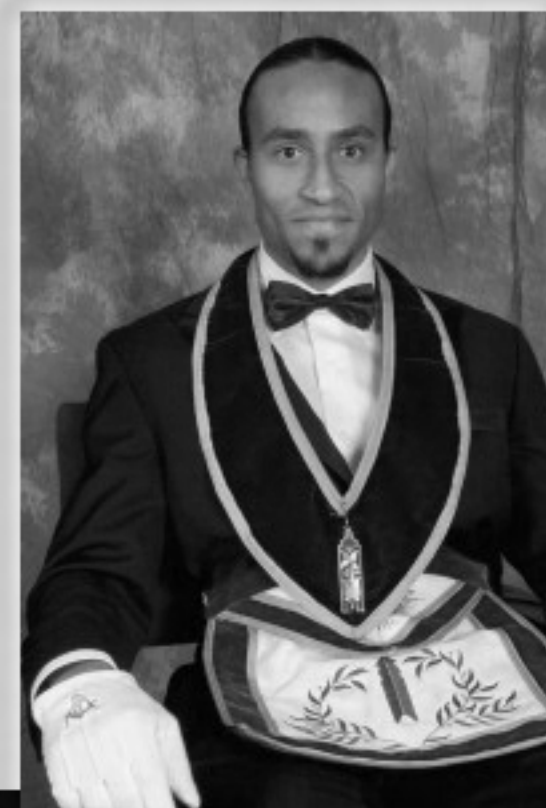
Other cultures have also embrace masonry and have embedded their social norms into Masonic feasts. All have one thing in common, however: Brothers gathering together to socialize, celebrate and have a good time. This accomplishes several things: that brothers can gather together outside of the rigid rules of the lodge, relax and show their true selves; that, in some cases when the feasts are open to the public and family members, brothers can get acquainted with the extended families of their associates, and lastly; that the brethren can be in an unofficial gathering and, on the "level," discuss private and personal matters, yes including religion and politics.

Hence, I believe that these types of gatherings are healthy mechanisms by which Masonic lodges can occasionally shed their very strict interpretations and allow their brethren to express themselves in the manner of their fellow man. In fact those who aspire to become masons can also use these social gatherings to get a glimpse of the microcosm of what masonry is outside of its secretive lodge gatherings. All in all, these are healthy and necessary exercises which we masons must from time to time practice.

Fraternally,
Mahmoud Ghaffari, PM, Senior Warden



From the South



On Heavenly Bodies

I was just recalling an experience I recently had. I was driving down a road at night and saw the full moon rising in the sky, white & extremely huge. Then on the other side of the horizon, I saw what appeared to be the planet Mars rising just as large & clear in it's fiery scarlet hue. It was an awe-inspiring sight! I then realized that I was remembering a dream I'd had. The visual experience of the heavenly bodies, however, was no less profound.

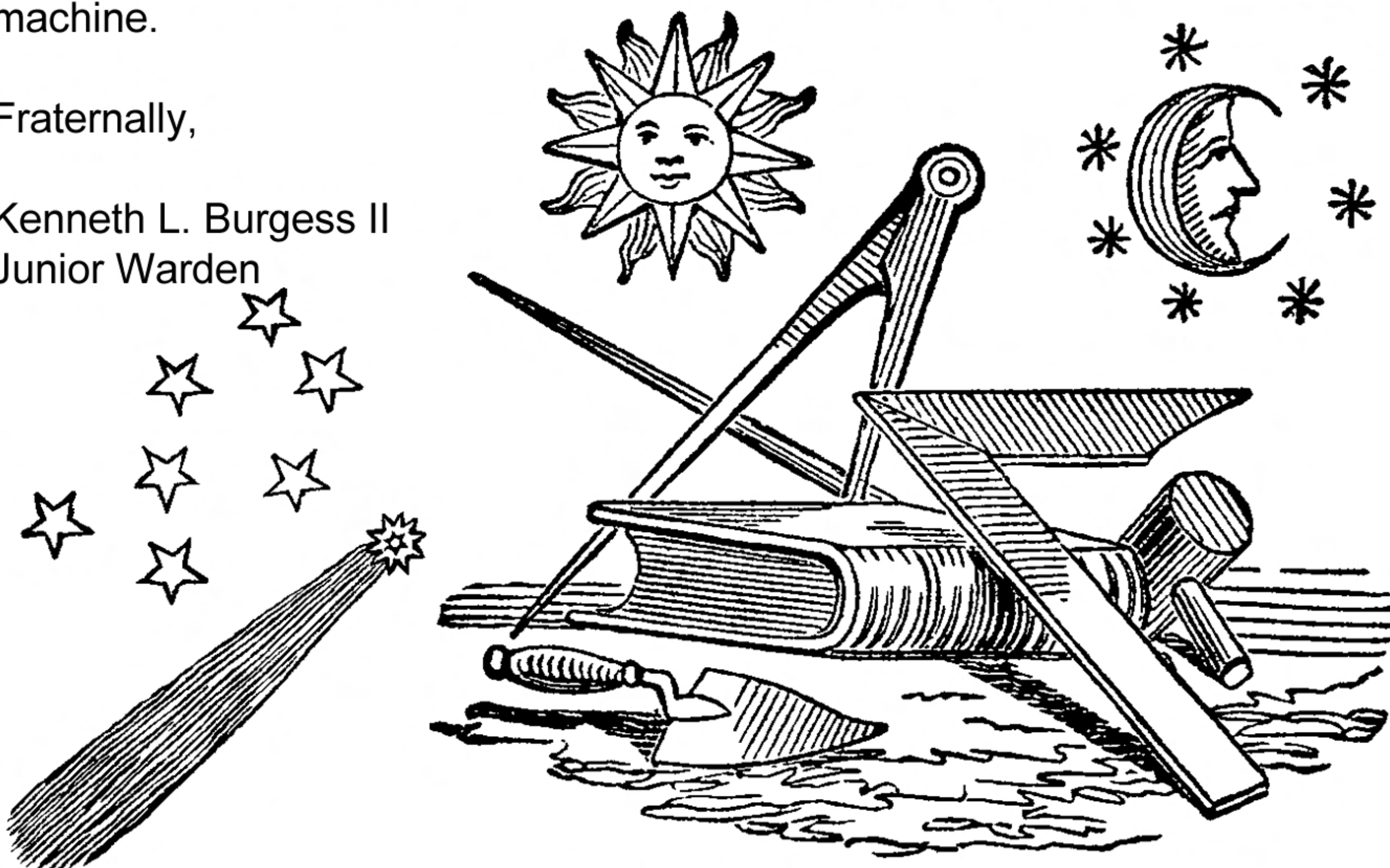
As Masons, we are encouraged to study and explore astronomical phenomena. The heavenly bodies are referred to in our ritual as "valuable instruments for improving the mind and giving it the most distinct idea of any problem or proposition, as well as for enabling it to solve the same." This is expounded upon at length in the lecture of the Fellowcraft Degree and implies a correlation between exploring the celestial environment without & the internal landscape of the psyche within.

What does the "Sun" mean? What do the "Moon & Stars" mean? By allowing ourselves to be truly inspired by the heavenly bodies, both in their literal & symbolic forms, we may come to cultivate and balance within us many of the corresponding traits inherent in those phenomena.

This will not only continue to inspire us "with a due reverence for the Deity and His Works" but also for the roles our own psyches play in the vast cosmic machine.

Fraternally,

Kenneth L. Burgess II
Junior Warden





Secretary's Corner

Improving Your Online Member Experience



Greeting Brethren!

As Secretary, I wish to share with you this important information from our Grand Lodge. It should be very beneficial to you. In an effort to improve all aspects of the member experience – in line with our organizational strategic plan – several changes have been made to the online Member Center at www.freemason.org

An Experience Tailored to YOU! The new homepage of the Member Center has been redesigned to provide you with a personalized online experience: The information formerly located in My Account is now front and center – right where you need it.

Upon log in, you'll see controls labeled My Profile and My Lodge, allowing you to easily access and update your member record as well as find contact information for your lodge officers. My Masonic Activities shows important details about you – like when you were raised and your current and past officer positions.

Time-Saving Organization, Intuitive and user-friendly tools and navigation will allow you to find and access the information you need with a few simple clicks. All information about the Grand Master – including his bio and itinerary are now located in one section.

The Lodge Support section has been removed and replaced with Resources & Publications. Forms and Resources & Publications are now collapsible, enabling you to hide this information when you don't need it. A new search feature has also been added to the Forms and Resources & Publications sections, allowing you to find the materials you need quickly and efficiently. To learn more, log in at freemason.org and visit the redesigned Member Center today.

Questions?

Contact Member Services at:

memberservices@freemason.org (415) 292-9180

Please feel free also to contact your Secretary, if he can be of any further assistance.

Frateranlly,
Clarence D. Kussner, PM



Chaplain's Prayer



Grand Artificer of the Universe:

June has arrived and summer is upon us.

Thou hast created a world of many wonders.

May we always pray to, and keep Thee in our hearts.

May Thy teachings and good words help us in our hour of need!

May those most afflicted, be comforted by Thy divine presence;
and may our lives be conducted, so we may look back on them
not with shame, but with pride.

May kindness and faith guide us in all our endeavors!

Amen.

Ed Calzaretto, Chaplain



Chef's Menu



Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

~ Buffet \$15.00 ~

Oven roasted Chicken

Baked Catfish

Mixed Green Salad

An Gratin Potatoes

Green Beans with Summer Savory

Strawberry Shortcake

The Stated Meeting Dinner is always at 6:30 PM,
one hour before the Stated Meeting of the Lodge,
which is the First Wednesday of each Month.

George J. Wollin, Tyler

Reports & Announcements



Congratulations to Brother Jeison Azali who was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on May 9. Shown in the picture are (from left to right): Adam Wolf; Charles Gonzalez; Steven Soto; Francis Taguchi, WM; Jeison Azali; Kenneth Burgess, II; Luis Menivar and Merrick Hamer, PM

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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.

June

6th	Dinner & Stated Meeting	6:30 PM
7th	Temple Board Meeting	7:30 PM
7th	Conspiracy Theories and Masonry	7:30 PM at Ionic
13th	1st Degree	7:00 PM
18th	OSI - 1st Degree	7:30 PM at Ionic
20th	1st Degree	7:00 PM
27th	1st Degree	7:00 PM
28th	Social Night	7:00 PM

July

4th	Independence Day	Dark
11th	50 years pin ceremony	6:30 PM
	<i>Worshipful Andrew R. Pedersen PM</i>	
	Dinner & Stated meeting	
18th	2nd Degree	7:00 PM
25th	3rd Degree	7:00 PM
26th	Social Night	7:00 PM
31st	OSI 2nd Degree in full	7:30 PM at B.H.

June 2012

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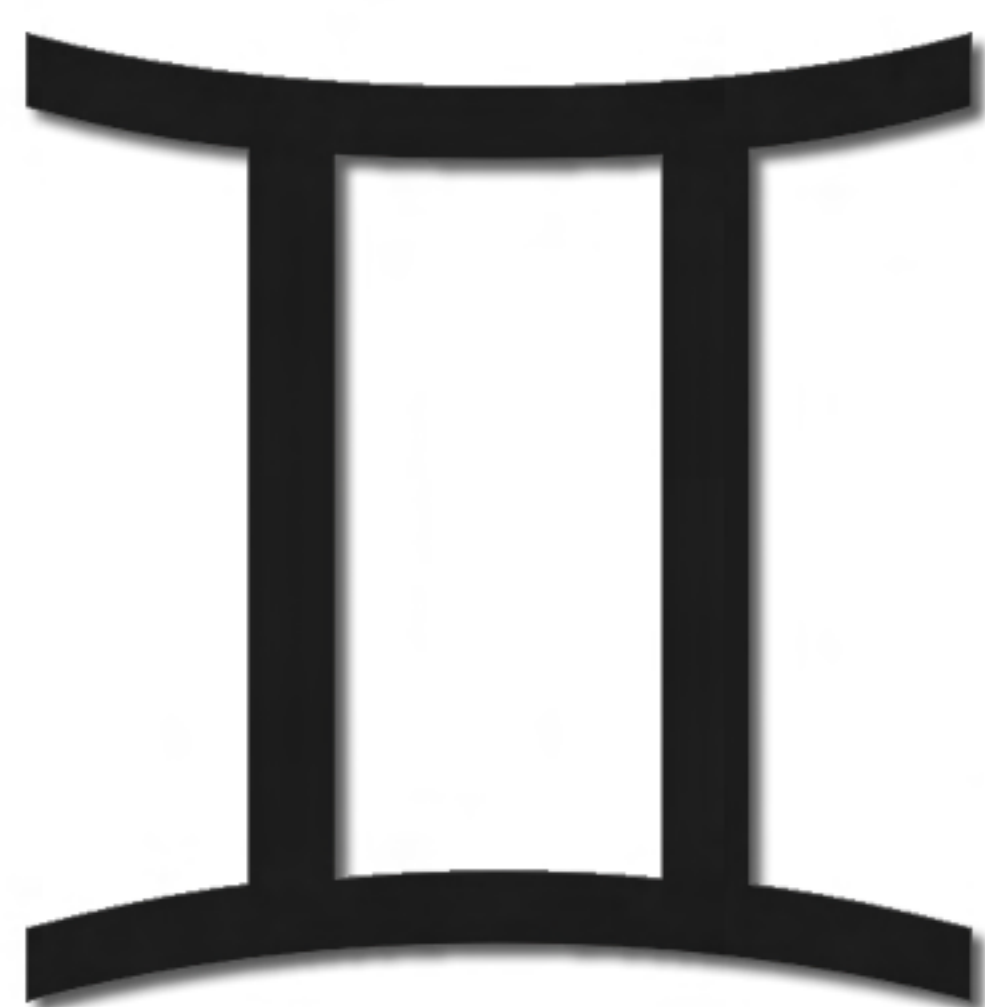
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Occasionally, information on the calendar changes after the trestleboard is printed.
Make sure to check the website www.CulverCityMasons.org for any changes.

June Birthdays



<i>June 2</i>	<i>Thomas Fleming Jr.</i>
<i>June 3</i>	<i>Todd Langworthy</i>
<i>June 3</i>	<i>Melvin Umphenour</i>
<i>June 4</i>	<i>Brian Redfern</i>
<i>June 11</i>	<i>William Fecho</i>
<i>June 13</i>	<i>Lionel Gaucher</i>
<i>June 14</i>	<i>Robert Stone</i>
<i>June 19</i>	<i>Edward Calzaretto</i>
<i>June 19</i>	<i>Robert Leggio</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>Stanley Davidson</i>
<i>June 21</i>	<i>Nathan Miller</i>
<i>June 25</i>	<i>William Williams</i>
<i>June 26</i>	<i>John Miller</i>
<i>June 27</i>	<i>Andrew Gonsalves</i>



Notice: If you would like to contact one of these Brothers to wish them a Happy Birthday, you may retrieve their contact information from www.freemason.org



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The Order of DeMolay



Theodore Roosevelt Chapter exemplified the DeMolay Inquisition scene before the Masonic Community in Los Angeles. This was an event hosted by Ionic-Composite Lodge, No. 520, in an effort to recognize Masonic youth groups. The Master, Joseph Esshaghian expressed his elation at the success of the event. Sixteen young men performed the drama with remarkable finesse. Significantly, this newly re-opened chapter has worked assiduously to achieve such excellence. It was the chapter's first occasion at performing a degree ritual. Richard Baker-Strader, PMC, the remaining member from the old chapter, returned to perform the part of Jacques DeMolay and enthralled the audience, many of whom had never seen the Degree before. Every single young met his commitment to succeed. Collectively, the participants were as follows: Richard Baker-Strader, PMC; Derek Nardo, PMC; Matthew Heshejin; Christopher Baker, PMC; Cameron Ghaffari; Bailey Coppola; Houtan Sharafatian; Benjamin Villanueva; Michael Heshejin; Anthony Lopez; Nicolas Vu; Kevin Ghaffari; Morgan Weibel; Marco Salgado; Shane Halfenberg; Kian Lotfi. Success of the event has reverberated throughout the DeMolay community.

Please congratulate Theodore Roosevelt Chapter on this defining moment in their history!

Merrick R. Hamer, Chapter Dad

The International



Order of Job's Daughters

*Bethel No. 2 will hold their Installation of Officers on
Saturday, June 2nd at 7:30 PM*

*They will also hold a fundraiser 'The Junior Princess' Pancake Dinner
Friday, June 15, from 6:00-8:00 PM*

Please support the Daughters of Job!

Amanda Pawneshing, Bethel Guardian

Report from Finance Committee



Brethren of Culver City-Foshay Lodge #467, F&AM:

At the direction of our 2012 Worshipful Master, Masato Francis Taguchi, a special finance committee was commissioned in early 2012 to review 5-years of previous lodge budgets, dues history, and project a 5-year forward solution necessary to cover many years of substantial budget shortfalls. The committee conservatively projects at least 64% of the shortfall will be covered in the next 5-years with the enactment of the recommendations below.

This committee has unanimously voted the Lodge pass two By-Law Amendments for Fees and Dues increases. Beginning 2013 we also have also unanimously recommend a Standing Resolution be enacted that members of the Lodge may take advantage of a Lifetime/Permanent Dues Payment Option per California Masonic Code, a goal of the Worshipful Master.

The Lifetime Dues program is a financial “win-win” for both the long-term fiscal solidarity of the Lodge, and a benefit to members. It allows members to pay a sum equal to 20.83 times total dues (approx \$120 should the Dues Amendment below pass, thus a total of \$2499.60). One very special caveat is that any member may pay their 2013 Dues, and decide at anytime up to December 31, 2013 to contribute the remaining balance required to become a Life Member.

Benefits to the member and his family:

- No annual dues to pay
- Not subject to future dues increases
- Cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues
- Maintains good standing status & eligibility for fraternal support & benefits:
 - Relief provided by the lodge
 - Masonic Outreach Services for himself , his family, and his widow
 - Admission to the Masonic Homes for himself and his wife or widow, and his mother in special circumstances
 - Masonic funeral availability
 - Scholarships that might require a Masonic relationship
 - Membership in a Masonic organization that requires a Masonic relationship
 - Pride in doing something special for his lodge by providing a legacy in perpetuity

Benefits to the lodge:

- Avoids suspension of the life member for non-payment of dues, provides member retention benefits, and helps prevent the member from demitting from the lodge.
- The funds remain in the life membership account in perpetuity after the life member dies, providing income and contributing to the financial viability the lodge long after income from his dues would have ceased.
- Develops a fund which, if properly invested, can help provide financial stability and sufficiently grow to provide an annual income to the lodge equal to or greater than the dues that the member would have paid if he had not purchased a life membership
- A well-developed, invested, and maintained life membership fund can assist in long range financial planning and the development of future programming for the lodge.

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Further details on these benefits, including a 5-page Grand Lodge Document, “Lifetime Membership Program Examined”, may be obtained from finance committee chairman, Brother Michael Hartman at the email address below. Brother Hartman very much welcomes comments and questions regarding the proposed changes and will share them with the Finance Committee and the Worshipful Master.

Per Grand Lodge requirements that the Brethren of the Lodge have due notice 30-days in advance of the votes, requiring a 2/3 majority to pass, to be held at the July 11, 2012 Stated Meeting of Culver City-Foshay Lodge #467 F&AM for the two By-Law amendments, the exact proposals read as below. Keep in mind that the 2012 Per Capita was \$35, and it historically is increased approximately \$1 per year, thus the total cost per member for 2013 dues will likely be \$120 or \$121. Also, note that Grand Lodge requires new initiates to contribute to its charities (i.e. Masonic Homes, etc.), in addition to our lodge degree fees. The current sum of those fees is \$94.

Fraternally,
Brother Michael Hartman
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BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSALS CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE § 802.020, ARTICLE III – FEES AND DUES, SECTION 1 (FEES)

This is to certify that at a Stated Meeting of this Lodge held on the date of May 2, 2012, the following Amendment to Article III, Section 1 of The Uniform Code of By-Laws of Lodges was presented in writing and noted upon the minutes of the Lodge:

The table of fees for this Lodge shall be as follows:

- A. For the degrees, the sum of \$300.00;
- B. For the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, when the Entered Apprentice degree has been received in another Lodge, the sum of \$200.00;
- C. For the degree of Master Mason, when the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees have been received in another Lodge, the sum of \$100.00 and;
- D. For affiliation the sum of \$55.00 [X] Exceptions: The affiliation fee shall be \$0.00 if the Demit accompanying the application is issued by [X] this Lodge, [X] a Lodge in this Jurisdiction. ...

CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE § 802.020, ARTICLE III – FEES AND DUES, SECTION 2 (DUES)

This is to certify that at a Stated Meeting of this Lodge held on the date of May 2, 2012, the following Amendment to Article III, Section 2 of The Uniform Code of By-Laws of Lodges was presented in writing and noted upon the minutes of the Lodge:

The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$ 85.00 per annum, plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, payable in advance on the first day of January.

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