

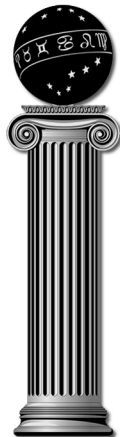
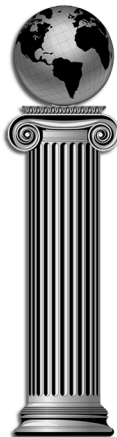
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- Mahmoud Ghaffari, Master

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The other Mason I would like to discuss in this article had an even more extraordinary life, and as will be seen, had a close connection to Charles Goodnight. His name was Quanah Parker, the last independent Chief of the Comanches. He has a European last name because his mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, was taken as a captive when she was a young girl by a tribe of Comanches and raised as one of their own. She married the Chief of the Comanches, Nocona. In 1860, at the battle of the Pease River in Northern Texas, she was "rescued" by a force of Texas Rangers who were endeavoring to destroy the Comanches as a threat to white settlers. Having spent most of her life as a Comanche, Cynthia Ann was fully assimilated to their culture and was returned unwillingly to the Parker Family. She lived with them unhappily and died a few years later.

Her son Quanah grew up to become Chief despite being a child of two worlds. Unsurprisingly, he maintained a hostile view towards the people who took his mother and strove to drive his tribe from their native lands. He continued to fight against the white settlers, including Goodnight, until his final defeat and capture in 1874. After giving up his war, however, he proved to be a highly intelligent diplomat and negotiator. By securing money and other compensation for the Comanches in return for their land, he achieved for his people, in peace, some of the things he could not in war. He formed the Native American Church, a pan-Native American religion with Western influences, carrying out a legal campaign that resulted in the U.S. government's first sanction of a psychoactive drug (peyote) as a legitimate religious sacrament. He became a wealthy man and an important fixture of Northern Texas business and culture until his death in 1911. He also became a Master Mason and a close friend of his old enemy Charles Goodnight. There are stories that Quanah and Goodnight sat in the same lodge together. Although this has not been verified, it is still a great testament to Masonry that such bitter enemies could eventually come together as brothers, symbolically, under the same roof in the house of our fraternity.

The stories of these men have some personal resonance for me, as I grew up in the area described above. My grandparent's house in Southwest Oklahoma is just a few hundred yards from a drinking well at which the Apache Chief Geronimo often drew water from on his way from his quarters in Fort Sill, Oklahoma to visit his friend Quanah in Texas. Seven miles across the Texas border from where I grew up is the town of Quanah. Nearby, at the site of her "rescue," an annual celebration of Native American culture, Cynthia Ann Parker Day, takes place. Further west is the town of Goodnight, which I have been through many times. Traveling in this area, I sometimes feel as if I am walking in the footsteps of these great men and Masons.

The information for this article comes from the book "Phoenix Lodge: The First Twenty-Five Years," which I have donated to our library. Take a look at it sometime; it makes interesting reading.



From the East

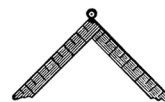


"Customer Service"

One of my jobs as the IS Manager for my company is to ensure that customer service is provided to all our internal and external clients with utmost professionalism and with the highest standards and integrity. I see no difference between what I have to do at work and my duties as the Master of the lodge. In both cases, as the leader of a group, I have to ensure that the needs of my constituents, be it the client or a brother of the lodge, is attended to with the highest degree of professionalism. Clients and members all have needs, ideas, grievances, problems, and at time, yes that does happen, good things to say about employees and the organization. As its leader, it is the duty of the master of the lodge to listen attentively and constructively and to deal with and solve all the situations that surface. That, is probably one of the most difficult tasks a leader can face on a daily basis. Conflict resolution is never easy, but it is an ability that separates a good leader from the mediocre or ineffective one. Luckily this does not happen too often at lodge or even in our daily lives, but when it does, the Master has to be prepared to confront situations with steadfast determination and to ensure that the outcomes do not jeopardize or divide The lodge and its work environment. Resolving issues with the intent of giving the customer the best possible outcome would always ensure that the legacy of the leader is intact and remembered in a positive light.

We cannot, of course, ensure that all conflicts will be resolved and that all parties involved will be satisfied, but if we approach a conflict with the sole intent of resolution and satisfaction for the majority involved, then we will have done our job. In fine, the Master of the lodge is both a judge and executioner, but as such, he acts with the love of the craft and the love of his brethren as his first and foremost care.

Fraternally,
Mahmoud Ghaffari, Master





From the West



Spring Forward: The Season of Renewal

We are settling into the New Year and soon spring will be upon us. We are reminded of this through the Divine Imprint of Geometry observed in the natural world for “by it we account for the return of seasons, and the variety of scenes which each season displays to the discerning eye.”

Many Traditions connect springtime with the dynamic manifestation of birth and rebirth. This is even apparent in the resurgence of light, warmth, and the activity of flora and fauna. Let us make use of this seemingly external environment of new life and activity by reflecting a correspondent resonance within our own personal life patterns! In doing so, we can undergo a recommitment to the process of renewal in our lives, even as it can be witnessed in our surroundings.

Should you desire, you can feel free to thank me for yet another opportunity to fit in one more New Year’s Resolution while we’re at it!

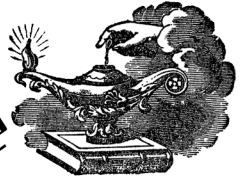
Cheers to Renewal within and without! A Blessed Springtime to you, Brethren!

Faternally,

K.L. Burgess II
Senior Warden



From the Lamp of Knowledge



Cowboys, Indians, and Masons

By

Curtis Scott Shumaker

This month, we will take a break from the more academic subjects we have been exploring to recount the lives of two 19th century Masons, reflecting on what the Junior Warden’s column in this issue calls idealistic brotherly love.

The story of these extraordinary men begins in 1863 with the establishment of the Phoenix Lodge in Weatherford, Texas. This lodge came into being during turbulent times. The Civil War was at a highpoint and lodge members could not be assured that their country would survive. In addition, a local conflict was heating up with the nearby Comanche tribe; lodge meetings were occasionally interrupted by Comanche raiding parties on horseback. Weatherford at this time was a classic frontier town. A settlement based around the westernmost rail line in that area of Texas, it was the last significant U.S. outpost in its region. A traveler who ventured further west would encounter a difficult, semiarid region dominated by the Comanche.

Charles Goodnight, a member of Phoenix Lodge and later a governor of Texas, distinguished himself by developing a ranching-based economy in this unlikely region, and in doing so, spread Freemasonry further into the west. A methodical, scientifically-minded man, he forged into the hostile Texas panhandle, developing water sources, building ranching facilities, creating new breeds of cattle capable of surviving in the desert-like region, and blazing a new cattle trail, the Goodnight-Loving Trail, to the emerging cattle markets in New Mexico and Colorado.

During these years, Goodnight’s commitment to Masonry was demonstrated by his policy of paying the room and board for those of his cowboys interested in Masonry to return to Weatherford to receive the Degrees and “learn the Work” so that a chain of lodges might be started through the newly developed territory. Even more significantly to Masons in Texas was Goodnight’s legendary commitment to keeping a Masonic promise to his friend and Phoenix Lodge Brother, Oliver Loving.

Loving was Goodnight’s business partner in developing the panhandle ranches and the New Mexico/Colorado routes. On their cattle drives, they sometimes had to fight battles with the Comanche, who were understandably upset at these major incursions into their lands. In one such battle, Loving was wounded and died later at Fort Summer, New Mexico in the fall of 1867. Before dying, he asked Goodnight, as his Masonic Brother, to conduct his body back to his wife and children in Weatherford, desiring to be buried near them and not, as he put it, “in a foreign country.” He expressed to others at the time that he had little hope that Goodnight could fulfill the promise, as the entire distance would have to be covered on horseback, completely without the benefit of even rudimentary roads. Nevertheless, Goodnight, true to his word, built a special coffin and wagon and conducted his friend’s body home once the worst of the winter had passed. The journey took over a month and covered over 600 miles. Western historians call the feat unprecedented for that era, one writer describing it as “one of the truly great epics of the West.” Nor did Goodnight’s Masonic commitment to Loving’s widow end there; he continued to pay her Loving’s share of cattle drive profits even though his contract with Loving did not require such payments after his death. When Loving was finally buried in Weatherford, most of the town marched in the funeral procession. A newspaper article by the Phoenix Lodge bid farewell to their brother with these words:

*Adieu, a heart fond, warm, adieu
Ye brother of our mystic tie.*

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In Memoriam

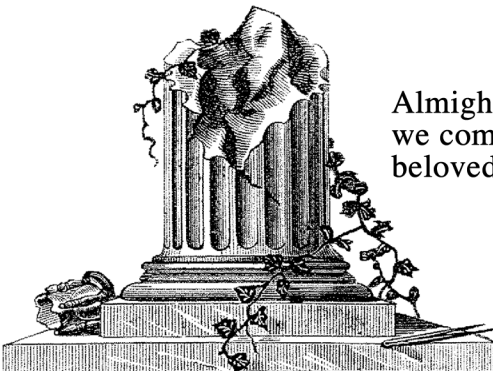
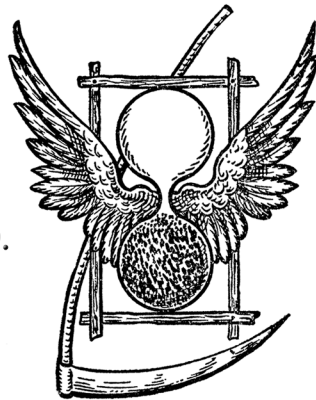
California Freemasons mourn the death of a Past Grand Master

Most Worshipful

Melville H. Nahin

Entered into Life July 19, 1929
Initiated July 12, 1954
Passed October 18, 1954
Raised April 11, 1955
Entered into Rest February 18, 2013

Most Worshipful Nahin served as
Master of Ionic Composite Lodge in 1966,
and as Grand Master of California in 1999.



Almighty Father, into Thine hands
we commend the spirits of our
beloved Brothers.

From the South



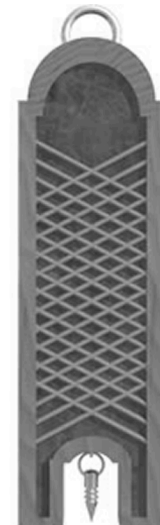
The Plumb

With the plumb being the jewel of my office, it is my desire to reflect a bit on its meaning and significance to myself and to my brothers. Plumbus is the Latin word for lead. This word is derived from the Greek word for lead molybdenum; while molubdos was the Ancient Greek name for the plumb.

The plumb in operative masonry is a tool consisting of a piece of line with a lead bob suspended from it. It is employed to find the true perpendicular line so essential when building any structure. Why do we as masons employ this tool into our daily lives? It is for steadfast in the face of diversity that we pay tribute to it. The plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man. For us, as speculative masons, this "working tool" takes on a symbolic meaning that reminds us to live our lives in a morally balanced and upright manner. It is a reminder that we must endeavor to live our lives in a manner that is upright, integrous, honest, and just. We strive to achieve a balance and sway not one direction or another away from our determined path, even as the plumb aids the builder in setting a wall straight and upright.

We meet on the level and part on the square, but at all times we act by the plumb.

Fraternally,
Adam Wolf, Junior Warden





Secretary's Corner



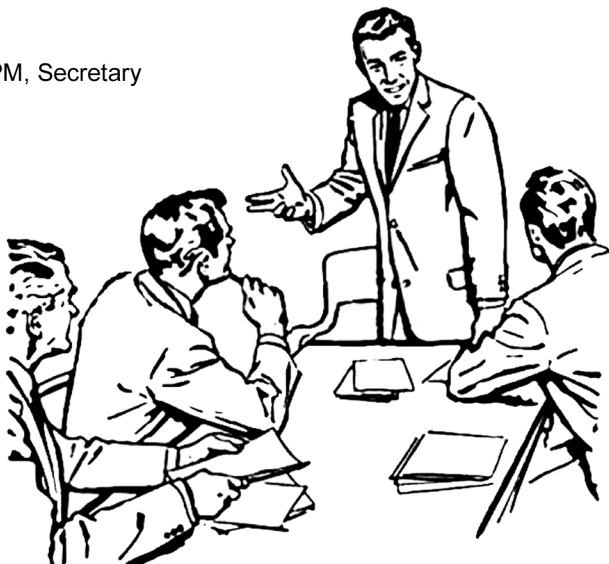
Proposal to Increase the Number of Directors of the Building Association.

During a recent meeting of the Culver City Masonic Building Association, the Board of Directors expressed a desire to increase the number of directors serving on the board from nine to eleven, nine of whom would be elected and two of whom would be ex-officio. Presently the ratio is seven elected and two ex-officio (the Master and Senior Wardens are always members by virtue of their offices). Since this action would require approval of the Lodge (the official and single shareholder of the corporation) a vote will be held at a Stated Meeting of the Lodge. Changes to the By-laws (of either the Lodge or the Temple Association) require approval of the lodge and the approval must be preceded by a notification of thirty days in advance. A proposal to this end was made on behalf of the Culver City Masonic Building Association at the Stated Meeting of the Lodge of February, 2013.

Wherefore, in consequence of this proposal the brethren of Culver City-Foshay Lodge, No. 467, F. & A.M., with voting prerogative, are being notified of this intent to change the Uniform By-laws of the Culver City Masonic Building Association and are further notified that a vote will be held at the Stated Meeting of the Month of April, 2013 to ratify this change.

If approved, Culver City-Foshay Lodge, No. 467, F. & A.M., may immediately proceed to elect two additional members, and any other additional members to fill the vacancies of any previously authorized seats on the Board of Directors.

Fraternally Submitted,
Clarence D. Kussner, PM, Secretary



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<i>James S. Gillette</i>	<i>03/07</i>
<i>Luis E. Menjivar</i>	<i>03/09</i>
<i>Marcus E. Harmon</i>	<i>03/11</i>
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<i>Jewett G. Bates, PM</i>	<i>03/18</i>
<i>William J. Register, Jr., PM</i>	<i>03/18</i>
<i>Ken Dilley</i>	<i>03/22</i>
<i>Douglas K. Cathoun, PM</i>	<i>03/23</i>
<i>Todd M. Doty</i>	<i>03/25</i>
<i>Sam House</i>	<i>03/28</i>



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

Chaplain's Prayer



A Springtime Wish for the World
Great Ruler of the Universe:

Spring approaches, nature is still at rest.
New life begins and renewal is at hand.

May the good Lord bless us, and keep us from harm.
May he watch over us, the frail creatures of the earth!

May warring nations put down their weapons
and heed the lessons of nature!

May we achieve our goals
and live together in peace and harmony!

Amen.

Ed Calzaretto, Chaplain



Chef's Menu



Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Beef Brisket

Baked Wild Salmon

Garden Vegetables

Mashed Potatoes

Green Salad

Red Velvet Cake

- Buffet \$15.00 -

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
also goes to
Jeison Azali
who delivered
an **Exceptional**
3rd Degree
Proficiency!

We proudly offer our first guest speaker in our guest speaker series by having,

Most Worshipful R. Stephen Doan, PGM

on a masonic topic of his choice.

Come join us on 4/10 at 7 pm followed by dinner of chicken pot pie.



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.

March

6th	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
7th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
10th	Deputy Grand Master's Breakfast	9:00 AM LAX Hilton
13th	2nd Degree	7:00 PM
20th	Practice 1st Degree	7:00 PM
27th	3rd Degree	7:00 PM
28th	Social night (also Sam House's Bday)	7:00 PM

April

3rd	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
4th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
10th	Guest Speaker: M.W. R. Stephen Doan, PGM	7:00 PM
17th	Practice 2nd Degree	7:00 PM
24th	TBD	7:00 PM
25th	Social Night	7:00 PM

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