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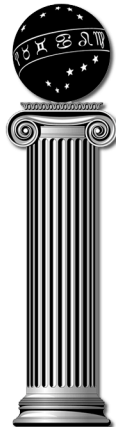
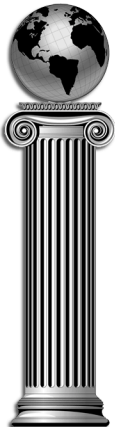


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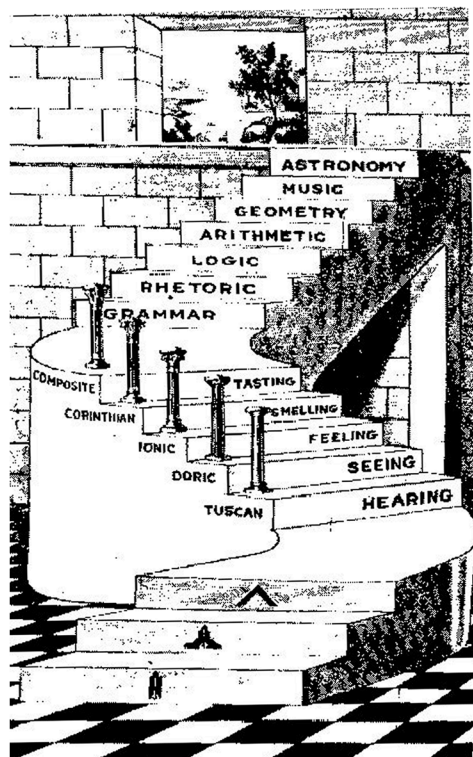
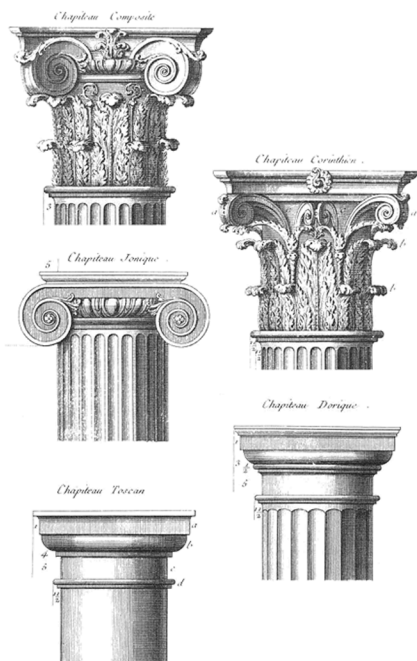
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The last visible grouping consists of seven steps, identified with the seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. These, of course, are skills necessary to direct the working tools as aforementioned. The manual part of man which holds the tools is impotent without communication with the higher vehicles; and in physical terms these are the cerebral aspects, and in spiritual, the inspirational. Here the tools of the Architect and Geometrician, which relate to the heavens and the spheres, give impetus to the tools of the hands. Conversancy with things spiritual and an affinity with Deity are indispensable as inspirational sources, for without them, no work is ever complete. Consummation, therefore, is the dignity of this later stage in life; for seven are the days of the week, the days of Creation, the planets among the ancients, and the final number of steps the worker must ascend to complete his work.

Now, in this we have observed the three-fold groupings of three, five and seven as philosophical areas of human achievement. It may seem an oversight that the numbers four and six have been omitted, but truly they have not been. The divisions are made perceptible by means of stair landings, which, although not explained in the modern lectures, are nevertheless present, and on them candidates rest to contemplate what lie before them. There is no landing before the set of three, since the porch of the temple is an extension of the concept of three, with the two mighty pillars standing there and the candidate betwixt them. The landing between the groups of three and five would be the place for the number four, the number necessary for the formation of the rectangle which is the same as foundation. It is upon such a foundation that the builder must erect the columns that will give character to his life. As he stands upon the landing before the group of seven steps and following the group of five, he may reflect upon ideas that are both celestial and earthly, sometimes represented by overlapping and interlacing triangles, or in lodges by the relative positions of the extended compasses, or three points denoting things spiritual and celestial, and the interlaced square, similarly denoting things temporal or terrestrial. There is no numeration before the staircase, since this area would be in reference to pre-existence and there is neither a landing nor porch after the staircase, since the space there is purely interior, representing the crowning effect of consummated work.

Fraternally,
Merrick Rees Hamer, P.M.



From the East



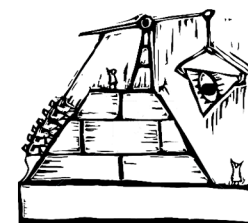
Greeting Brethren, As you probably have realized, we did not issue a Trestleboard in August. This is actually typical since, in August, the lodge does not usually meet after its Stated Meeting, offering opportunity for officers to vacation with their families and friends. Many eager and prepared candidates compelled us to meet, however, to avoid serious backlogging of degrees. I am truly grateful to the officers and brethren who went the extra mile to enable worthy candidates to advance by meeting twice when the lodge would have been otherwise dark. To keep the brethren notified, we posted bulletins on our website, dispatched e-mail announcements, posted the previous trestleboard and projected events a month in advance. Make sure to visit our website, go to <http://culvercitymasons.org>

Clearly, in August, we broke a record. Brothers Derek Di Nardo and Benjamin Villanueva were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason only one week after being Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Furthermore, only one week after their raising, they delivered their Third Degree Proficiencies. All three of these events occurred in August. All proficiencies were rendered in the traditional lengthy form. Both of these young men emerged out of the Order of DeMolay and many visiting brethren from that order were present to assist in the ceremonies. Congratulations to Derek and Benjamin on their accomplishments.

The examples above help to assure that some of my goals have been carried out and have proven successful. I had sought to move the Candidates School of Instruction (CSI) from Saturdays to Sundays, making it generally more accessible and convenient. Trestleboard articles, from February to October, included suggestions on how to succeed at ritual, including the techniques of brothers who have demonstrated past accomplishments. This was meant to motivate and I believe it is still working well.

Finally, I wish to point out that this lodge has been very busy this year, compelling us, as I have already mentioned, to meet at traditionally dormant times. Presently, we have had twenty-five men join us this year and upon them, we have conferred twenty-six degrees. May we all recognize the success of our lodge!

Fraternally,
Masato Francis Taguchi.
Worshipful Master





From the West



A Little Time Off

Traditionally, August is the time off for most lodges. A combination of summer heat, schools being out and vacation has conditioned most of us Masons also to take time off from our lodges in order to retool, midstream, and return rejuvenated and able to carry on the duties for the remainder of the year. This, I would assume, is especially important for the Master who has the weight of the lodge on his shoulders and performs most of the work.

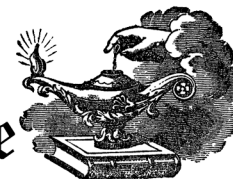
To take time off is, of course, not only rest for the body, but also for the soul. It gives us a chance to rethink our priorities and set goals for the tasks at hand. Unfortunately, our culture has evolved into a fast paced, time driven, and goal oriented society. While this has evident benefits, it also has side effects and negative connotations for us all, albeit, this can lead to discussion beyond the scope of this article. Suffice is to say, as men and masons, we need to take a broader look at our surroundings and realize that, in order to be effective members of society, we need first to take care of ourselves. To that end, we must ensure that enough time is set aside in our daily lives to spend with family and friends, either in the forms of gatherings, or vacations. Such "time off" can lead only to a healthier state of mind, and would naturally spill into our daily "work" life. We need to pay more attention to this, as we continue to build on the stronger fabric of a vibrant society, healthier, more productive and always at the cusp of innovation and creativity. A healthy mind can flourish only in a healthy body!

Fraternally,

Mahmoud Ghaffari, PM,
Senior Warden



From the Lamp of Knowledge



The Majestic Staircase

The winding staircase, by which candidates for the mysteries of Freemasonry ascend during their advancement as Fellowcrafts, is one of the principle figures of the Fellowcraft Degree. This particular rite of passage has been perpetuated in imitation of our ancient brethren who wrought upon the Temple of Solomon and who during their times of repose, ascended from the nethermost floor of the Temple to the median, in the Middle Chamber, to receive their well earned wages. By tradition, representations of the staircase that led thither are twice divided into sections of three, five and seven steps; and the steps are depicted with images or references to knowledge indispensable to aspiring candidates. Reflexion upon the staircase and its several divisions may produce in the minds of Masonic novitiates (even so in the minds of ripened brethren) concepts that evolve beyond what are merely explained in the modern forms of the Middle Chamber Lecture.

The first grouping of steps consists of three steps which, without the stating of any particular order amongst them, are said to refer the Three Degrees, the Three Great Lights and the Three Supports in Masonry. Triads appear frequently Masonic rituals, even tautologically to reinforce important notions. Yet the number three is significant, not only because it numerates certain principles, but because of its potency as a quantity itself and because of its relationship with other numbers or quantities. Three denotes propagation. It cannot exist without one and two preceding it. Even as one (or the unit) establishes existence, and two, co-existence, three is the inevitable offspring between them. It yields birth as a reality, like the infant emerging from the womb into the light of the world. As a product of its parents and as a precedent to an endless succession of numbers, it promises perpetuity, "even life for evermore." Notwithstanding its own rightful place in succession, it is but a babe in the woods, a progeny unifying the traits of those which gave it birth, but undifferentiated or unaware of its own unique potential. This set of stairs may be regarded as representing the first stage of life.

The next set of steps is five steps, and is given attention due to its correspondences with the Five Orders in Architecture and the five senses of human nature. Magnificent edifices among the ancients were give distinction through ornamentation and artistic renderings developed in Rome and several parts of Greece. Thus, the human vehicle has been capable of expressing distinction in art and its relationship with nature as these have been exemplified in the columns that supported the loftiest structures of ancient societies. Likewise distinctions already possessed of the environment have been interpreted by the same vehicle by means of its five senses: hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling and tasting. The underlying meaning here is differentiation. The babe in the woods has become of age and discovers his identity. The working tools of the Fellowcraft that give shape to columns point to the stage in life when one becomes more than the product of his parents, but also the progeny of his discoveries.

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The Order of DeMolay



Recently, members of our lodge were recognized for their commitment to the Order of DeMolay. Derek Storm Di Nardo, recently raised to the Degree of Master Mason was invested with the Degree of Chevalier, the highest achievement possible for a DeMolay below the age of twenty-five. Benjamin Augusto Villanueva, also recently raised, was named DeMolay of the Year in Diamond League, Order of DeMolay. This young man also was given a Bronze Medal for his outstanding achievement in the Para Olympics, held in Indianapolis this summer. Roderick Wollin was invested with the Cross of Honor for his outstanding service to the Theodore Roosevelt Chapter as an Advisor. Roderick also serves as the Associate Bethel Guardian of Bethel No., 2, International Order of Job's Daughters. Recently, Culver City-Foshay Lodge as well as several generous brothers individually, donated funds to the DeMolay chapter to assist young men who could not afford it, the opportunity to attend the DeMolay Conclave which will be held in Riverside. The young men are truly grateful for this opportunity.

Merrick R. Hamer, Chapter Dad

The International Order of Job's Daughters



Greetings Culver City Foshay Lodge!!!

The Bethel would like to thank the masons who came out to our "Shadow Meeting." We had a lot of fun and we hope you did too!

We have some exciting events coming up in the month of September. On September 15th we will be having a potato bar fundraiser and dance to raise money for the travelling expense of Heather Goodrich, our Grand Bethel Treasurer. We will also be having an ice cream social. Please check out our website for more details and events. (www.bethel2.org)

Thank you all again for your continued love and support and we hope to see you at one of our meetings soon. Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at 7pm.

Jobie Love,
Bethel No. 2 Culver City

From the South



Organizational Sociology & Natural Reflections

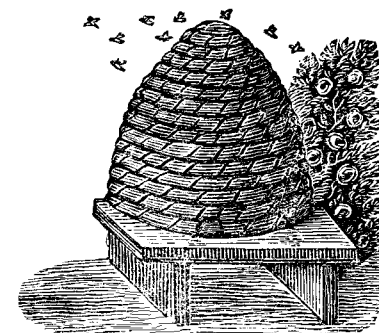
If we would take the time to notice, we would see that some of the most inspirational aspects of Nature's intelligent design would manifest themselves before us as keen observers. Masons seek to be receptive to Nature's Wisdom while, at the same time, honoring the Intelligent Designer. One area of this natural design worthy of reflection is that of Social Order.

As Summer-time comes to a close, I've realized that every week over the past Season has included many moments watching a hive being built near my residence by our little yellow and winged friends. They don't cause any harm to nearby residents, and over the years I've seen them steadily building their units in highly efficient and organized teams. Some are guardians, some scout and gather new materials, some build the structure, and one essentially leads. Each of them has never undergone any formal classroom studies, and yet each is a highly skilled worker, perfectly synchronized with the others to complete the larger task at hand.

There are many varieties of social structures expressed in the inherent design of the nature of many different species. There are many practical lessons of organization that we can extract from other species, giving us practical reinforcement for many of the lessons we learn inside the Lodge as well. As Masons and conscious inhabitants of this World, we can and should be inspired by the different forms of efficient, organizational structures in Nature. In doing so, we can manifest and reflect those dynamics amongst ourselves and in our own lives.

Fraternally,

Kenneth L. Burgess II
Junior Warden





Secretary's Corner



Be Prepared!

As a result of the Stated Meeting of July, 2012, the brethren should be prepared for increased costs when receiving applications from men applying for membership within our lodge and when paying their own annual dues. Effective from July 25th, when the Grand Master approved the changes in our bylaws, men applying for the Degrees of Masonry in Culver City-Foshay Lodge should include a payment of \$394.00 with their applications. It will be somewhat confusing during the transitional period since some applications may have been submitted according to the previous fee structure. Please, henceforth, be sure to give accurate information to men presently undergoing the application process.

Please also, be prepared for the dues of 2013 as notices will be mailed out in October, 2012. The dues will be \$85.00 plus the annual per-capita fee assessed by Grand Lodge which is expected to increase to \$37.50 for the calendar year 2013. Assuming that the latter amount will be ratified at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge during this month, the brethren may anticipate that they will be paying a total of \$122.50 when submitting their payments to the lodge. Thank you for your cooperation and your preparation.

Fraternally,
Clarence D. Kussner, PM



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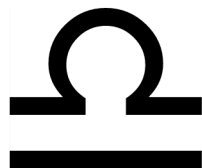
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September Birthdays



<i>John Stewart</i>	<i>9/1</i>
<i>Luis Vignoli</i>	<i>9/1</i>
<i>James Cagle</i>	<i>9/3</i>
<i>Ricky Sullivan</i>	<i>9/3</i>
<i>John Riordan</i>	<i>9/5</i>
<i>Alan Ackereisen</i>	<i>9/6</i>
<i>Todd Jeffery</i>	<i>9/7</i>
<i>Philip Clarke</i>	<i>9/8</i>
<i>Anthony Lara</i>	<i>9/9</i>
<i>Dahlan Netsch</i>	<i>9/18</i>
<i>Louis Senter</i>	<i>9/19</i>
<i>John Bournazos</i>	<i>9/22</i>
<i>Justin Duren</i>	<i>9/22</i>
<i>Nikolaus Filip</i>	<i>9/23</i>
<i>Richard Wollin</i>	<i>9/25</i>
<i>Mark Shoemaker</i>	<i>9/29</i>
<i>Bobby Arnold</i>	<i>9/30</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



Divine Ruler
In you we put our faith and trust.
As masons we look to you for faith and guidance.
As men we count on your divine assistance for all that we do.
May you always be there in times of need!
When there's a crisis may we never lose our faith in you!
May your everlasting light forever shine upon us!
And may we always be humbled within the hallowed walls
where you dwell!



Amen.

Ed Calzaretto, Chaplain



Chef's Menu



Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

~ Buffet \$15.00 ~

Rosemary Chicken
Baked Wild Salmon
Garden Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Scalloped Potatoes
Assorted Cheesecake

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



Welcome
our newest
Entered Apprentices

Michael Miller
&
Rahim Davies



Also
Congratulations to
Brothers

Jeffrey Morgan &
Cameron Striewski

who were passed
to the degree of
Fellowcraft

GRAND LODGE 163RD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2012

For more info, visit their website at:
<http://www.freemason.org/memberCenter/public/annualCommunication.htm>

Brethren, Ladies and Friends, Please bring gently used clothing for men, women and children to the lodge no later than the November Stated Meeting so they may be distributed to The Los Angeles Midnight Mission.

Your generosity
will be greatly
appreciated.



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.

September

5th	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
6th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
12th	OSI 3rd degree first section	7:30 PM
19th	3rd degree	7:00 PM
21-23rd	Grand lodge trip	as arranged
26th	1st degree	7:00 PM
27th	Social night	7:00 PM

October

3rd	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
4th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
10th	1st degree	7:00 PM
17th	Hero night (Teacher's)	6:30 PM
24th	OSI 3rd degree second section	7:30 PM @ Oasis
25th	Social night	7:00 PM
31st	3rd degree	7:00 PM

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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.