



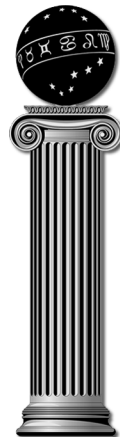
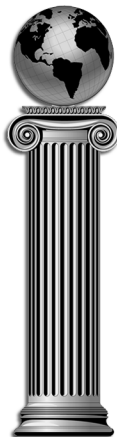
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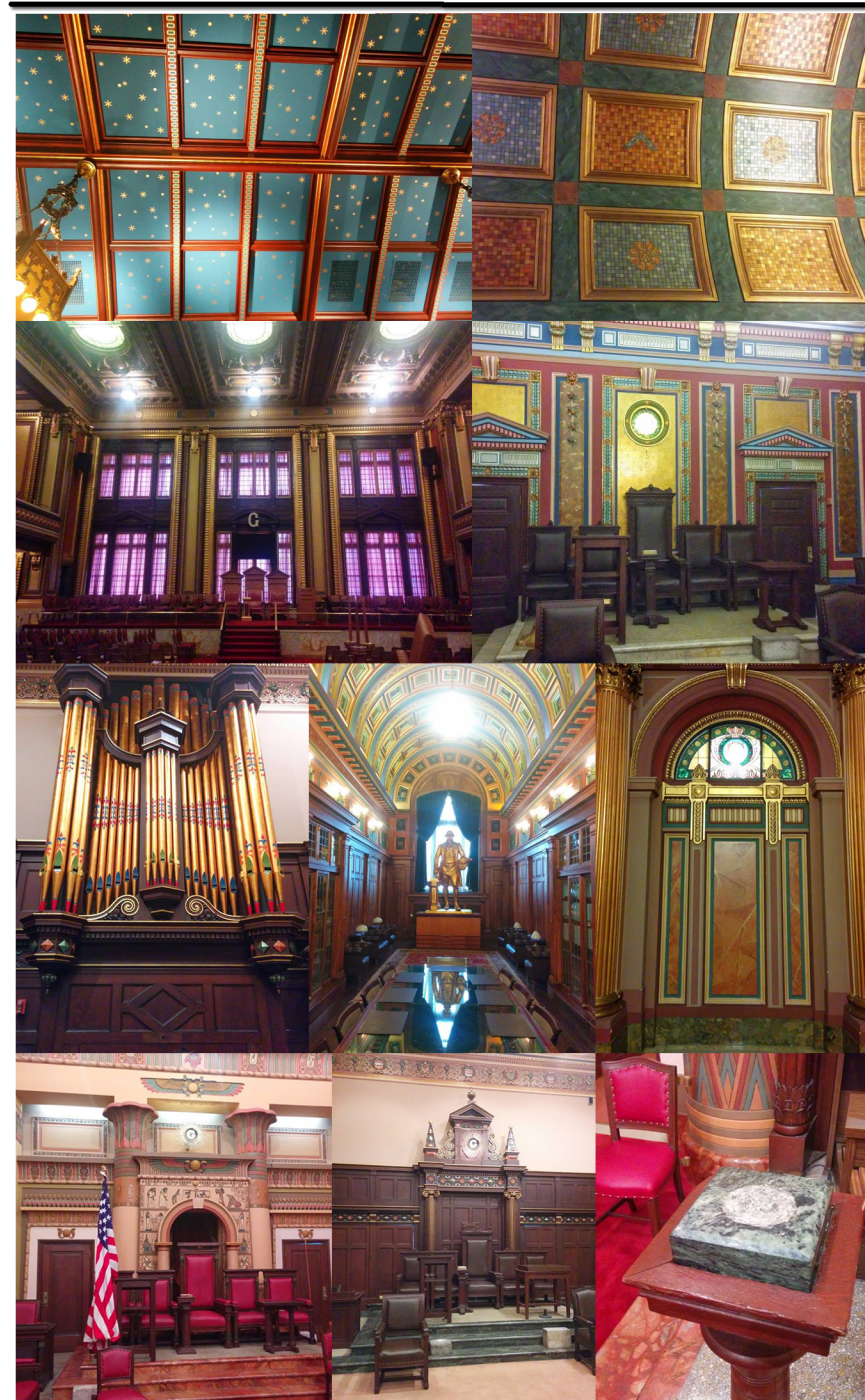
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Therefore, in a very literal sense, the celestial bodies governed the ancient activities of much of humanity. Also, the beauty, mystery, and superhuman accuracy and reliability of the skies provided a natural basis for many religious concepts. The sky became a celestial kingdom, a pure and perfect heaven, and the stars and planets became gods and godlike beings who shepherded humanity's actions and ruled each person's fate.

However, when the first astrologer/astronomers endeavored to explain the heavens in more empirical terms, the old ideas of heavenly perfection got in the way. For example, Kepler wasted decades of his life trying to prove that the orbits of the planets corresponded to the diameters of the five perfect solid shapes (for example, see www.fas.harvard.edu/.../KeplersUniverse/KeplersUniverse.html). Only when Kepler gave up his human-centered notions of perfection was he able to formulate the Three Laws of Planetary Motion. The result was, on the surface, an unattractive, lopsided solar system whose bodies traveled in odd, egg-shaped ellipses, but the mathematics behind the three laws revealed a deeper symmetry and beauty. This has been the case for most of the discoveries of modern astronomy. Cherished and sacred beliefs have been swept aside only to reveal deeper mysteries and beauties than the human mind could ever imagine. The phrase "As above, so below," is perhaps even more true today than 2000 years ago, but in ways unimaginably different from what ancient stargazers believed. Most of the elements that compose our bodies are created only in the hearts of stars. Some of the forces that cause the stars to shine and the planets to bind themselves together also bind and govern the actions of the very atoms that make up our bodies.

Freemasonry has included both the practical and mystical qualities of the celestial world in its dogma and rituals. An earlier form of the Fellowcraft Degree includes a non-ciphered paragraph in the Staircase Lecture that we no longer use:

"Astronomy is that divine art by which we are taught read the wisdom, strength, and beauty of the Almighty Creator, in those sacred pages of the celestial hemisphere. Assisted by astronomy, we can observe the motions, measure the distances, comprehend the magnitudes, and calculate the periods and eclipses, of the heavenly bodies. By it, we learn the use of the globes, the system of the world and the preliminary law of nature. While we are employed in the study of this science, we must perceive unparalleled instances of wisdom and goodness, and through the whole creation, trace the Glorious Author by his works."

The next time you attend a Lodge meeting, listen and watch for the places in the opening, initiation, and closing make use of astronomical details and consider how the symmetry and regularity of the celestial world are reflected in the symmetry and regularity of our lodge room and rituals. As above, so below.

Fraternally,
Curtis Scott Shumaker, PM



From the East



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Table Lodge Cometh!!!

Greetings once again, Brethren! I'm very pleased to announce that we've come upon the month of this year's Table Lodge and Festive Board. This is a very unique opportunity to fellowship with Masons and potential candidates and to explore some of the customs and practices of our traditional Masonic Brethren from centuries past through feasting, toasting, and celebration.

Be sure to invite Brethren from other Lodges and also men seeking a Lodge in which to receive the Degrees of Masonry. Reservations must be made in the form of prepayment (see Event flyer for details). Those attending will be the first ones to receive (after the Officer Line) our Limited Edition Culver City-Foshay Lodge Seal Pin.



Culver City-Foshay
Lodge No. 467



I'm looking forward to a Night fondly remembered for many years to come!

Fraternally,
K.L. Burgess, II
Master

RSVP NOW!
Table Lodge is May 21st, 2014



From the West



The Digital Masonic Student

Worshipful Burgess and I recently returned from a very enlightening Masters' and Wardens' retreat at which we were able to attend courses on lodge management, leadership, and many others. We learned much more about the new programs that have been implemented for the lodges within our state and met representatives from several of those programs. One area that I found particularly interesting was lodge education.

Whether we like it or not, we are living in a society that has become more and more digitally-based. This fact is one that is even evident in our ancient and honorable fraternity. What I am referring to here is our new Candidate Learning Center. As you may be aware, candidates in the degree have been presented with a booklets containing descriptions of the working tools and other elements relating to the particular degrees in progress. The Grand Lodge has now unveiled a new online program for each degree allowing the candidate to work on his computer and experience an interactive learning approach to each degree. By accessing an e-commerce website, the candidate will pay a \$15 fee for each course, and upon successful completion, the lodge will reimburse him his fee. The course boasts of being able to provide a robust educational experience that will enhance learning retention and understanding for the candidate. The courses will offer a game-like experiences with clear text, graphics, videos, practice games, and reflective journals. The courses aim to increase discussions between the candidate and his coach and to provide a richer learning experience for the candidate. The lodge will be able to track the candidate's progress, empowering the coach to see what his candidate may need to progress in his masonic education.

The hard copy books will still be available to any candidate who prefers them, but I would encourage all candidates to give this new program a try.

As Senior Warden, I wish to relate to the brethren matters of sickness and distress. Brother George Wollin, our Tyler, and I spoke on the phone today and he is doing much better and receiving physical therapy for his knee. He misses us as we do him and we are looking forward to his return. On another note, there is some very sad news to deliver. Our brother Antony Kubichan from Hollywood Lodge, a frequent visitor to our lodge, was in a very serious motorcycle accident and has been in intensive care. He currently cannot receive visitors, but I would suggest sending cards or correspondence to him care of Hollywood Lodge at the address shown:

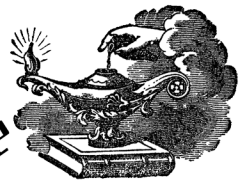
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Fraternally,

Adam Wolf
Senior Warden



From the Lamp of Knowledge



A New World of Gods and Particles

My original plan for this month was to continue on with part two of my essay on the history and symbolism of pillars in Freemasonry, but a film I saw over the weekend convinced me to address something more contemporary. I attended a screening of a new film on physics, "Particle Fever," at a theater near UCLA. Many in the audience were UCLA faculty and students, and a deep and fascinating discussion led by a CERN physicist followed the screening.

"Particle Fever is a documentary that chronicles the historic search for the Higgs Boson, popularly called the "god particle" because of its central role in giving mass to other particles, thereby allowing the material universe to exist in a state suitable for stars, planets, and ultimately life. The film follows a number of scientists and engineers over the several years of the European CERN laboratories experiments to observe the Higgs Boson. The experiment itself is an inspiring story of cooperation between thousands of scientists from dozens of countries, some of which were at war with each other during the research period. The discovery of the Higgs Boson is one of the crowning achievements of the human race, and it was accomplished by a peaceful, progressive effort of global unity. The film is playing in the L.A. area at least through Thursday. I highly recommend it.

Although the term "god particle" is highly misleading (the Higgs has no direct relevance to theological questions), this inquiry into the deepest mysteries of the universe clearly inspires thoughts of religious, philosophical, and, therefore, Masonic natures. As Masons, we are encouraged not only to develop a rational understanding of the world around us, but also to incorporate that knowledge into a humanistic framework.

The Higgs search is most closely related to astronomy, the final subject on the Masonic Staircase. Of all the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, astronomy is the one that has changed the most over the millennia. When Masonry began, the positions of celestial bodies were still generally considered to determine our fate, and astrology was seen as an exact science. Fewer people literally believe these days, and our knowledge of the universe reveals a radically different place than that which was assumed during Masonry's formative era. Is this subject therefore obsolete, or does it still have a place for Masons?

To grasp astronomy's original importance, consider the phrase "As above, so below." It is one of the founding concepts of the Hermetic tradition, which is named after the semi-mythical ancient philosopher Hermes Trismegistus to whom many esoteric writings are ascribed. By this statement, followers of the Hermetic tradition meant that the outer universe was a sort of mirror to inner universe (physical, psychological, and moral) of individual humans. Thus, by the careful study of material and celestial worlds, we could come to fully understand ourselves.

Today, scientists and most of the general public consider it a quaint superstition to believe that the positions of the stars and planets literally govern, or even affect, the events of our lives; however, let us imagine life in a more archaic time where this concept had much more validity. To early humans who noticed the days growing ever shorter and the nights longer, it must have been a great comfort to know that the length of days followed a precise cycle, and that the longer days would soon return. They must have also been comforted and amazed that the skies provided a reliable timetable for the year's cycle. Through observation of the exact points on the horizon the sun, moon, and stars rose and set, they could with confidence predict the longest and shortest days of the year, the points at which the lengths of day and night were balanced, when to expect changes in the weather, when to expect the migrations of game animals, and, most importantly for agricultural societies, when to plant their crops. Even more advanced professions relied on the celestial clock—the guidance of the sun and stars first gave navigators the confidence to sail out of sight of land. Even our operative mason ancestors, when planning long term construction projects, must have taken into account the number of workable daylight hours for each season.

Culver City-Foshay Lodge No. 467 Presents:

Table Lodge

Wednesday, May 21st 2014



at 9635 Venice Blvd., Culver City 90232
 Social Hour begins at 5:30 PM & Dinner begins at 6:30 PM

**A Special Ceremony with ritual incorporating terminology from centuries ago.
 Celebrate with toasts, Masonic songs and a great evening of fellowship and revelry!
 Open to Non-Masons (men only), as a festive introduction to Freemasonry.

~\$45 Prepaid (\$55 at the door)~

Includes 3 Course Dinner (Soup, Salad, Entree & Dessert); Personal Souvenir "Firing Glass" used in the Toasting Ritual; and the New Limited-Edition Culver City-Foshay Lodge Seal Lapel Pin!!!

-Limited Seating - RSVP via Prepayment is Required-

To prepay online, go to: <http://culvercitymasons.org/table-lodge-2014/>
 To prepay by check or money order, call: Clarence Kussner (310) 398-7683
 wine for toasting will be donated in strict accordance with the California Masonic Code



From the South



"Ideal of a Freemason"

Fraternal Greetings from the South, my Brethren!

On several occasions I have been asked what it means to be a freemason. I believe this following excerpt from "The History of Freemasonry," by Otto Klotz, will shed some "light" on what it means:

"Ideal of a freemason

If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life; who, without blemish, fulfils his duty as a man, a subject, a husband and a father; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and aids his fellowman without self-interest; whose heart beats warm for friendship, whose serene mind is open for licensed pleasures, who in vicissitudes does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger;

The man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity; who in nature sees the finger of the Eternal Master; who feels and adores the higher destination of man; to whom faith, hope and charity are not mere words without any meaning; to whom property, nay even life, is not too dear for the protection of innocence and virtue, and for the defense of truth;

The man who towards himself is a severe judge, but who is tolerant with the debilities of his neighbour; who endeavours to oppose errors without arrogance, and to promote intelligence without impatience; who properly understands how to estimate and employ his means; who honours virtue though it may be in the most humble garment, and who does not favour vice though it be clad in purple; and who administers justice to merit whether dwelling in palaces or cottages.

The man who, without courting applause, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors and revered by his subordinates; the man who never proclaims what he has done, can do, or will do, but where need is will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion and a rare power of mind, and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, and then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good!"

If you, my Brethren meet such a man, you will see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth; and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason.

Fraternally,

Sam House,
 Junior Warden



From a Brother



The Jewels of the Lodge

When one thinks of the Jewels of the Lodge, he is referring to the fine adornments worn by officers of the lodge at Stated Meetings or at the conferral of degrees. We also know that a jewel is defined as a semiprecious gem or rare earth mineral.

Another idea comes to my mind when thinking about the Jewels of the Lodge: the elders, the older brothers many who are unable to even attend Lodge due to ailing health or distance. I have sat with several of these wonderful gentlemen in conversation and, even in a few words, I leave with a thought much deeper than when I arrived. In many cultures worldwide, elders are seen and treated with great respect as they have lived many years and, during those years, have done, experienced and accomplished many great things; things from which we can all learn and pass on to our future, younger brothers. Many of their contributions to the lodges are unparalleled by any means. Some have served our country as soldiers, seaman and airmen, valiantly in the face of insurmountable peril, and yes.... these are our true Jewels of the Lodge! In many cultures around the world it is customary to give elders certain respect, from greetings to departures. Of course this is not worship as some believe incorrectly, but rather an acknowledgement and a sincere admiration for them.

Recently, I joined a few brothers to celebrate the birthday of one of our elder brothers. As much as we all expressed appreciation for his friendship, work and accomplishments, for his charity and service and sacrifices to our country in one of most gruesome and life taking conflicts in man's history, he was as equally appreciative of our visitation, of our being there. By the tears in both of our eyes, I saw and understood the Jewel. Go visit with them, talk with them and listen to them! This is more than the giving of flowers, pleasant to the senses. It is learning and receiving from a source of wisdom, a glimpse into our future as Freemasons. These brothers are our precious stones, the ashlar, far more smooth and worked than we have yet to become, closer to the divine architect in many ways, a reflection of what we can and what we strive to be.

Simbawani Anad,
Provisional Tyler



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Musician's Town Hall Meeting

Do you Sing?

Play an Instrument?

Proficient in reading or play by ear?

Theme:

What can Masonic Musicians do

for the Craft and the Community?



Calling All Cats! May 19th, 7PM

Piano, Trumpet, Saxophone, Drums, Percussion,
Guitar, Violin, Clarinet, Harp, Bass, Flute, etc...



Just show up
Let's EAT and talk!



May Birthdays

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1st

1st

2nd

5th

7th

7th

10th

18th

23rd

27th

28th

28th

30th



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 Prayer of Brotherly Thoughts

Almighty Lord and God:

We study ritual, We make better men of good men.

We pursue a way of life and work for a greater purpose!

May you guide us on the road to a common good!

May we keep you in our thoughts, and always in our hearts!

May our struggles be few and our successes many!

May we as Brothers help each other throughout our lives!

And may you be there in the good times and in the bad!

Amen.

Edward Calzaretto,

Chaplain

Roosevelt DeMolay



A DeMolay takes his ritual to the Republic of Texas!



Our Senior Steward, Benjamin Villanueva, while serving in that office, is completing his last year as an active DeMolay. A member of Liberal Arts Chapter, he has served as Master Councilor of that chapter and is currently the President of Diamond League, which includes his own chapter and Theodore Roosevelt Chapter, which our lodge sponsors. Benjamin was very instrumental in the development of Theodore Roosevelt Chapter.



One aspect of the DeMolay experience that Benjamin particularly enjoys is the ritual. He recently entered ritual competition in Diamond League at which time he performed the 6th Preceptor's role in the Initiatory Degree and the Orator's part in the DeMolay Degree. He excelled in both and continued higher level completion in the Jurisdiction of Southern California. Due to his excellence, support had mounted to send him to the Frank Marshall International DeMolay ritual competition held in Arlington Texas. Frank Marshall was the author of the original DeMolay ritual (most of which is still used today) and, appropriately, the international competition has been named after him. Thanks to the efforts of his own chapter (Liberal Arts) and private donors, Benjamin was able to make the trip to Texas.

Naturally, competition at the international level is highly selective and it attracts only the best. We were very elated to learn that Benjamin received the third recognition for his role as DeMolay Orator. This is an outstanding achievement and we are very happy that our own lodge brother and DeMolay has been thus recognized. Since he has begun service in our lodges officer line, we know that his continued growth, experience and devotion will burgeon into another shining jewel within our own Masonic community.



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.

May:


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| Sun the 4th | L.A. Masonic Service Bureau Meeting
at Pasadena Scottish Rite 9am-Noon |
| | Sunday Morning Waffle Breakfast (Bethel Fundraiser) 9am-Noon |
| Wed the 7th | Stated Meeting and Dinner 6:30p
Bethel Bake Sale Fundraiser during Stated Meeting Dinner
(be sure to bring extra cash for baked goods) |
| Thurs the 8th | Building Assoc Meeting 7:30p |
| Sun the 11th | Esoterica Book Club Meeting 1-3pm (Masons Only) |
| Tues the 13th | OSI at Beverly Hills Lodge
(hosted at Ionic Composite Lodge 7pm (Master Masons only) |
| Wed the 14th | First Degrees |
| Sun the 18th | Sunday Morning Waffle Breakfast (Bethel Fundraiser) 9am-Noon |
| Wed the 21st | Table Lodge , open to all men (Masons & non-Masons).
RSVP \$45 (\$55 at the door) |
| Fri the 23rd | Worshipful David Francis Phillips' Birthday
Celebration at Culver City-Foshay |
| Mon the 26th | Third Degree Practice |
| Wed the 28th | Third Degree |

June:

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| Wed the 4th | Stated Meeting and Dinner |
| Sun the 8th | Esoterica Group's DVD Screening of "Agora"
(open to all men and women) |
| Wed the 11th | Degree or Practice (TBA) |
| Wed the 18th | Degree or Practice (TBA) |
| Wed the 25th | Third Degree or Practice (TBA) |
| Mon the 30th | OSI at Ionic Composite Lodge 7pm (Master Masons only) |

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