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Free & Accepted Masons**

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Oh ye children of earth created in the likeness of God: Tree of Life never sheds; neither doth it fail to yield. One day we shall see a dying world transform into a newness of life. Our dormant periods will diminish in time, as the internal seed takes root. Like the eye of God which hath no eyelid, we shall yield incessantly for it hath also been written:

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. (Ps. 121: 4)

Fraternally,
Merrick Rees Hamer, P.M.,



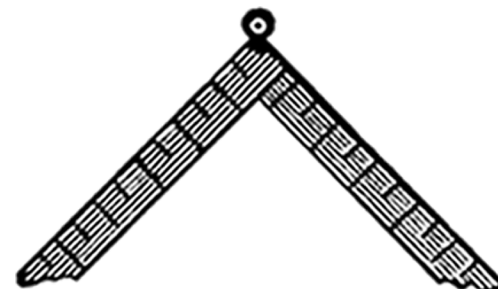
From the East



Speaking to the Brethren

At a Masonic event this past week, I had the honor of representing our Grand Master and all my brethren. It was an exhilarating moment, for I had been asked to deliver a speech as the Grand Standard Bearer, and appropriately, I had chosen for my subject, the theme for our Grand Master this year. As a Grand Lodge officer one is at times asked to represent the Grand Master at various events; and one has to be ready and able for at such times. In my line of work, I am frequently have to demonstrate of speak, and I strongly feel that my Masonic training, in and out of the lodge, has helped to prepare me for such endeavors. Hence, I believe that for many of our lodge activities, all officers, especially the pillars must be well groomed and have the tools necessary to become orators. Such abilities would make us to become vehicles by which we can show the world, that Masonry makes good men become better in all aspects of life, not just in giving, taking care of a brothers' needs, and community work, but also civic duties and in our vocations. It is up to us to heed the lessons we have learned in the lodge and exemplify them in the bigger world, showcasing our abilities and, in many cases, talents (we do have some very good orators and writers out there). Few things in life satisfy one more than being able to getting messages across wide audiences. In our electronic world today, we can easily send messages via social media, or websites. Yet, few have the opportunity to speak at public forums. If you get the chance, my brothers, use your talents in a positive light and then cherish the experience! My recommendation to all the lodge officers and brethren is to learn from those who have the talent of public speech and do not show reluctance in imitating their examples. If you have a style, use at every opportunity! Remember, there is always someone out there listening to your message and there is always someone out there in search of your talent.

Fraternally;
Mahmoud Ghaffari, PM, Master





From the West



From Blue Lodge to Grand Lodge

For many of the Brethren the memory of the 164th Grand Lodge Annual Communication is still fresh in their minds. To see so many brothers come together for the largest gathering of Masons in the entire State of California is truly inspiring. I highly suggest that all the brothers go to San Francisco and attend it at least once.

After recovering from the awe and gratitude that those of us from our Lodge actually survived when we endured the multi-van carpool road trip from Culver City to San Francisco, the most memorable highlights were witnessing one of our Past Masters and our current Master being installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Standard Bearer, respectively. It felt great to have multiple rows of Culver City-Foshay Brethren stand up when Most Worshipful Cooper introduced us as a Lodge to the entire assembly. It was mentioned later that ours was the highest attendance of a single visiting Lodge that had been seen at an Annual Communication in quite some time. A special thanks to the brethren who were able to be there to cheer on our Grand Master and Grand Standard Bearer as they vowed to represent our Lodge at the Grand Lodge level.

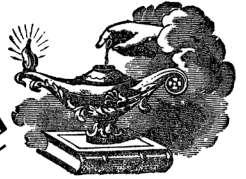
Most Worshipful Cooper's theme for his year as Grand Master is "Freemasonry - Our Moral Compass". This is yet another practical reminder that, if we return to the tools of wisdom that we receive in the Lodge, we can navigate more accurately our thoughts and actions while out in the world at large. In keeping with the intention of utilizing the insights that we inculcate within us during our Degrees and extending them as a means of navigating our personal lives, I plan to share an annual theme for our Lodge that aligns with our Grand Master's. If our Lodge elections should call me to the Oriental Chair, I will be sharing the theme in mind with the Brethren, as the same will soon be evoked.

Fraternally,

K.L. Burgess II,
Senior Warden



From the Lamp of Knowledge



The Tree That Withers

Brethren: We are well betwixt the autumnal equinox and the approaching Solstice of the winter, when the surface of earth yields abundantly and the products of her soil are the result of intense labouring in the fields of nurturing by children of God. Acknowledging this and having revisited related scripture, I now offer these words for reflexion:

Indeed, there is a strange coincidence that happens between this creature called man and Mother Nature when the latter begins to shed her leaves at autumn; for this is the time when pensive thoughts take root within his melancholic psyche; when his sanguinity is but a distant memory and he prepares for a rigid slumber in the icy arms of winter. Yet how majestic are colours which line the paths beneath the trees where he has lately trodden! How brilliantly do the ruddy and amber glows burn their way into the brain of the beholder! There they burrow deeply to sustain this child during a lengthy hibernation after he has set his pallet for a season.

Such words are the result of my ponderings over the industry of man when it seems that half his year is spent receding and even the birds around him have lowered their tones for the assurance of the faint throbbing of the world's heartbeat. The deciduous aspect of trees and other foliage have provoked what I and others have pondered. It is meet, therefore, that we should consider a parable for the faithful as it has been handed down:

Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! (Mt. 21: 18-19)

The Master answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. (Mt. 21: 20-21)

How odd it may seem to some interpreters who find the passage above at variance with the forgiving character of the Master they have revered. Yet to the aspirant of our mysteries, who knows that implanted within him is a divine seed, will be given means to nurture it and govern its destiny; and unto him a purpose shall be born. He shall have no care for the perils of nature, for these have been mastered by the wisdom he has attained. He shall behold the colours and contours of the next autumn, not only as glorious images to give birth to the dreams of his soul, but indeed as that which can arouse the divinely gifted power within him, whereby even mountains can be removed.

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Dear Brothers and Friends,

The brethren of Culver City-Foshay Lodge, No. 467, Free and Accepted Masons, are hereby notifying you in advance and cordially inviting you to be with them at a reception honoring their Past Master, John L. Cooper, III.



Date: November 16th, 2013 (Saturday)

Location: 9635 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90232

Schedule: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
(Social Hour, Photos with GM John L. Cooper III)

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
(Dinner, Gourmet Buffet style)

7:15 pm to 9:00 pm
(Reception Ceremony)

Dress Code: Formal
All Officers in Tuxedos
Business Suits for Men & Cocktail Dresses for Ladies

Cost: \$20 Per person

Reservation: Please make reservations early as seating is limited.

**Reservations must be pre-paid by check or PayPal only.
NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR.**

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From the South

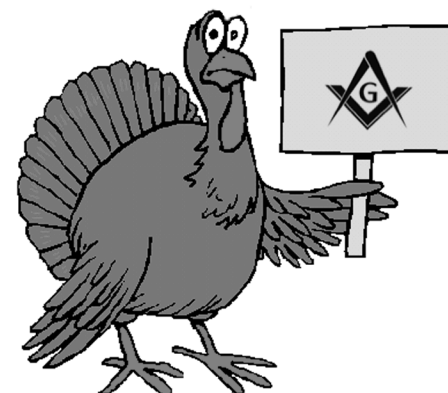


A Time to be Thankful

November is a time when we gather together with family and friends for our national Thanksgiving holiday. Our annual feasts and celebrations were put on our calendar by Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, the editor of Godey's Lady's Book. For thirty years, she promoted the idea of a national Thanksgiving Day, contacting President after President to no avail. In 1863 Abraham Lincoln set aside the last Thursday of November as a national Day of Thanksgiving. In 1941, seventy five years after Lincoln's precedent, Congress established the fourth Thursday of each November as a national holiday to remember the trials the original pilgrims who travelled on the Mayflower from Plymouth England in September 1620 to escape tyranny and religious persecution. The Pilgrims that survived the voyage were not prepared for their first brutal New England winter, and many perished. Those who survived were aided by the Native Americans who taught them means of enduring the elements in the new land.

As masons, we know that the hand of the watchful, sparing, merciful Great Architect of the Universe is constantly there for us and this day is a time when we can once again pay homage to Him and give thanks by sharing with those who are less fortunate than we. Later this month our Secretary, Brother Clarence Kussner, will be asking for assistance in cooking turkeys for the needy. I encourage everyone who has an oven to help out.

Fraternally,
Adam Wolf,
Junior Warden





Secretary's Corner



A Gift to Those in Need

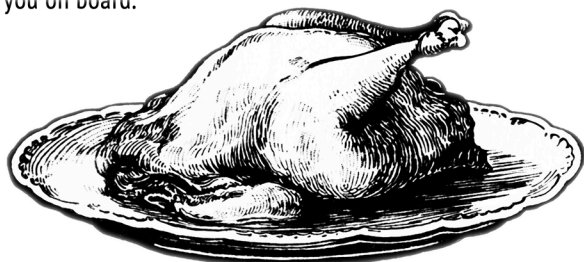
The program of cooking turkeys has become a tradition for our lodge. We recognize and willingly support the charitable work performed by One Incredible Family (a non-profit charitable organization that brightens the holidays for those in need) by preparing 1 excess of 1600 meals to be distributed to the shelters of those in need. This act of giving strikes at the very heart of who we are and what we do.

I have a list of brothers and others who have volunteered to use their ovens to prepare turkeys that will be handed over to One Incredible Family the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Our volunteering brothers will pick-up the turkeys on Friday at 10:30 a.m. The turkeys will have been purchased at Costco with donations from the brethren. Those volunteering to prepare turkeys will return them, fully cooked, in the provided, disposable aluminum pans on Saturday at 8 a.m. The disposable aluminum pans will be issued with the purchased turkeys on Friday. All we want is the turkey, and NOT THE JUICE OR GIBBLETS (neck and innards). On the Saturday following Thanksgiving we will load them in my truck and take them to Southern California Lodge where an army of mostly college and university volunteers will be working in an assembly line fashion to fill the boxes with all the trimmings of Thanksgiving, including the turkeys that we have furnished. They will receive all the trimmings from contributing companies but the one thing they need most are the turkeys.

Now, we need donations to buy the turkeys. If you want to participate but can't cook a turkey then please make a donation so we can purchase one for someone else to cook. It stands to reason that we need enough cooks to match the number of turkeys purchased. We are looking for one cook per turkey, although a volunteer may cook more than one, if he or she has the ovens available. It takes about \$20 to buy one turkey. Last year we provided over 28 to this fine program. We are hoping to equal or exceed that record this year.

If you wish to volunteer (either to purchase or cook a turkey) please contact Clarence Kussner by email, at or by phone at 310-398-7683. We would be proud to have you on board.

Fraternally,
Clarence D. Kussner, PM,
Secretary



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November Birthdays



James D. Lockhart	19th
Jason L. Berry	11th
James W. McKay	11th
Donald E. Myers	12th
Nathan A. Rainwater	15th
Michael S. Spreier	15th
Curtis S. Shumaker, PM	16th
Harry C. Layton	17th
Jose A. Valladolid	17th
Douglas R Thomas	18th
Ronald D. Chandler	19th
Mark L. Nelson	26th



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 for the Holidays

Heavenly Father:
as we approach the season of giving,
our faith in Thee is renewed.
We are guided by family, friends,
and by Thee above.
As Masons, we know the fruits of giving.
It is the satisfaction we feel in our hearts.
May we live lives true to our Masonic oath,
and may we always help those in need!
May the future lead to a brighter tomorrow!
For all we ask, we give Thee thanks.
Amen.

Ed Calzaretto, Chaplain



Chef's Menu



December Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Rosemary Chicken Breasts
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Baked Sea Bass with Green Beans
Steamed Garden Vegetables
Tossed Green Salad
Assorted Desserts
- Buffet \$15 -

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



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.

November

6th	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
7th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
13th	Practice for Grand Master's Reception	7:30 PM
16th	Grand Master's Reception	4:00 PM
20th	First Degree	7:00 PM
21st	Third Degree (tentative)	7:00 PM
26th	OSI for Pillar Officers	7:30 PM @ Ionic
27th	Second Degree	7:00 PM
21st	Social Night	7:00 PM
28th	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	

December

4th	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
5th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
11th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
18th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
19th	Social Night	7:00 PM
25th	MERRY CHRISTMAS	

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