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Free & Accepted Masons




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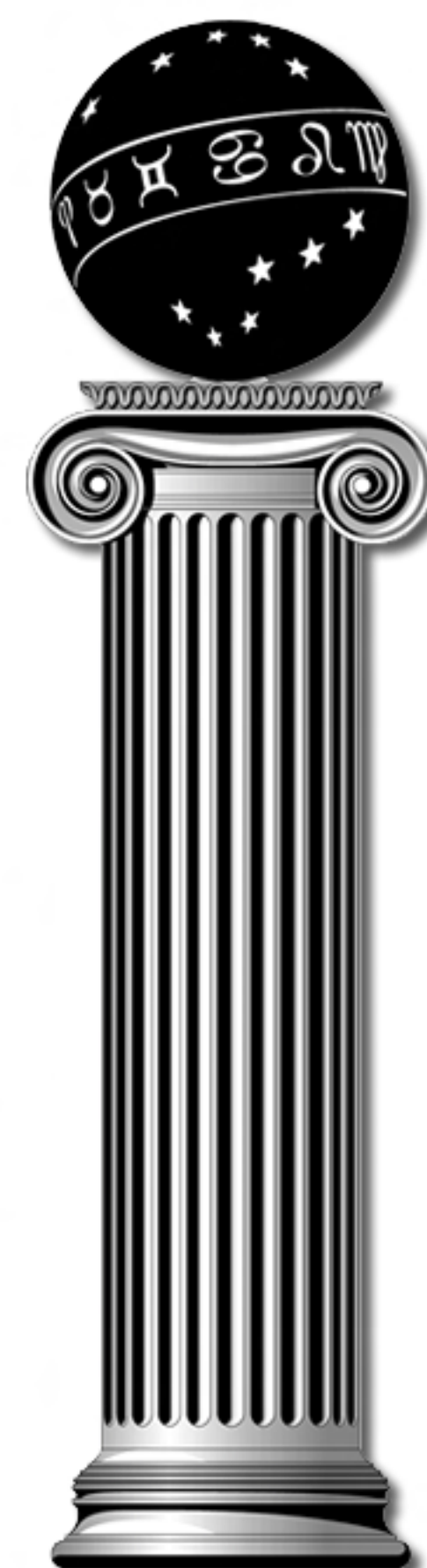
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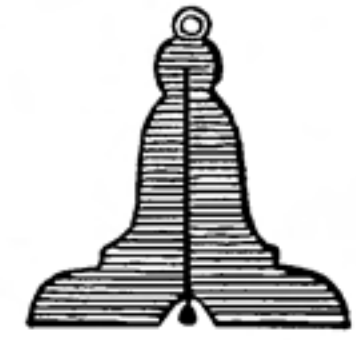

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From the West



Demolay - Masonic Youth

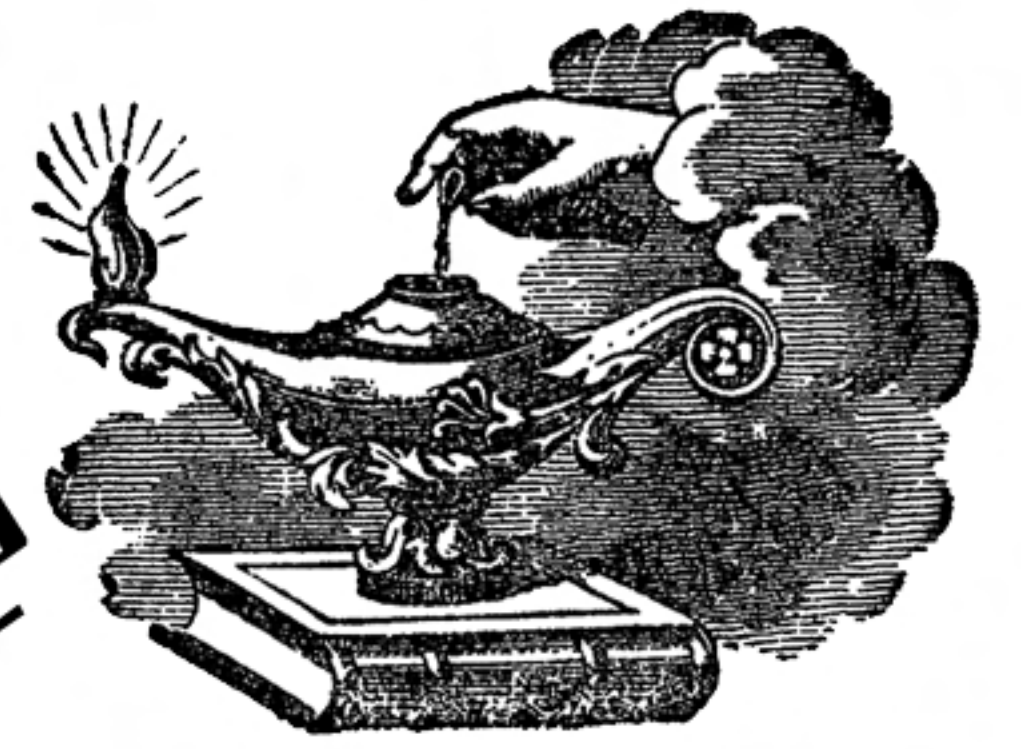
As I am busy taking my two sons to their DeMolay practices, degrees, installations, etc., I cannot help but to ponder how we, the Masons, may shape the future of our craft by supporting the young men of the Order of DeMolay. Granted, some of these boys will either drop by the wayside or, once finished with their terms, will choose not to join masonry. Yet, we cannot ponder on that. It is up to us, to do what we can, whether masons or parents, to perform our duties and take these boys to their chapter events. Our craft must pursue every means to ensure that it has a fulfilling future. One of those means is to make sure that our DeMolays are "well stocked" and in good standing, so that some of the boys we work with will find their way into Masonry. It is a tough road, no doubt, and one fraught with complaints, any reason under the sun why a part cannot be memorized, missing practices and degrees, avoiding volunteering for parts and offices, etc. But it is ultimately up to us, masons and parents, to ensure that the boys step up and take responsibility. The age groups within the mix has a lot of influence as well, so the older ones do tend to take charge and the younger ones tend to follow, but as in any organization, once their turn comes, those who were once younger will be ready and able to take the lead. Hence a leader is prepared. This would then translate into success in their school work, college life and ultimately in their ability to navigate the larger world. I am confident that the teachings of DeMolay, when guided by Chapter Dad's, parents, and advisors, will lead to a much more productive and fruitful life for the boys and ultimately for the Masonic lodges that will welcome them into their our mix. I for one look forward to the day whence I could perhaps initiate my boys. We'll see!

Fraternally,

Mahmoud Ghaffari, PM,
Senior Warden



From the Lamp of Knowledge

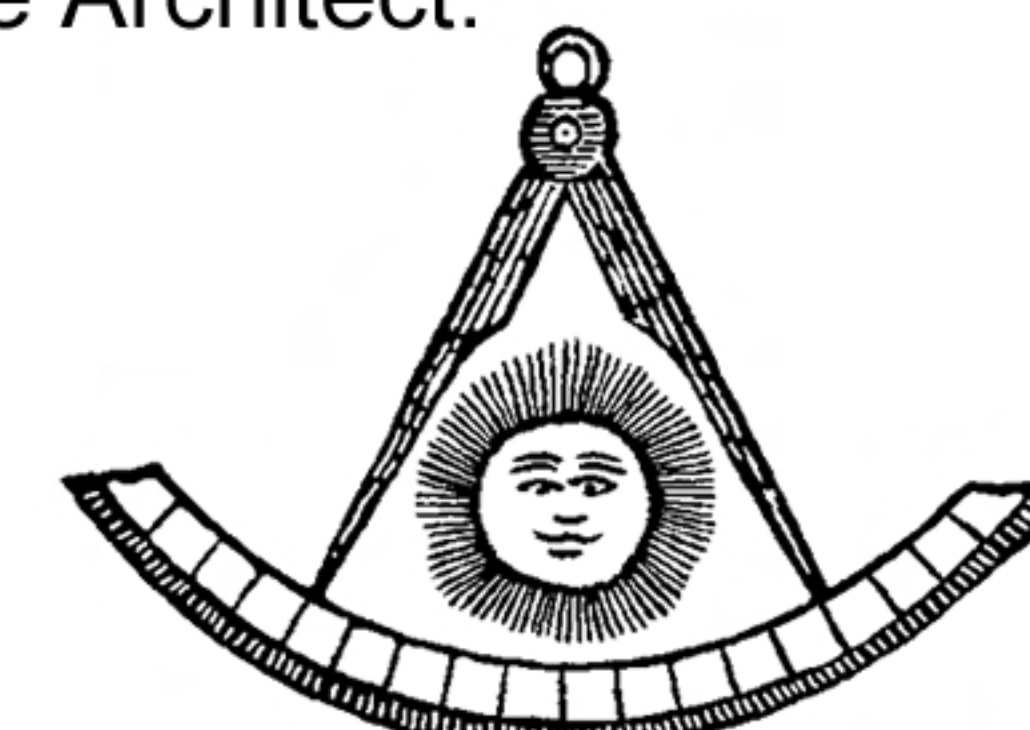


In the May issue of the Trestleboard, I discussed some relationships between the layout of the Lodge Room and the Kabbalistic Tree of Life diagram. As you may remember, the Master's chair is located in the position of Kether, the Crown, at the top of the supernal triangle. This location, combined with an unusual feature of Culver City-Foshay's Lodge Room design, gives the Master's position a special significance that symbolizes an important role of the Master. It also gives the Master an association with light in both Kabbalistic and general solar symbolism. As you notice when entering the Lodge Room, it has two principle sets of pillars (actually, at least 28 pillars and representations of pillars can be found in our Lodge Room, but that's a topic for another day). As with all Blue Lodges, we have the two freestanding pillars by the Preparation Room, whose significance was (or will be) explained to you in the Fellowcraft Degree. Further, we have two large pillars on either side of the Master's chair, which is unusual for a Blue Lodge, but not completely unique.

Firstly, consider these pillars in relation to another symbol on the East wall: the large circle framed by vertical parallel lines. If you mentally superimpose this symbol over the east wall pillars, the Master's chair is circumscribed and the parallel lines overlay the pillars. Possible meanings: If the parallel lines are seen as representing the Holy Saints John, then the Master represents the sun and the pillars could be seen as the holidays of the Saints John, which come at the winter and summer solstices. Therefore, the phrase "as the sun rules the day . . . so must the Worshipful Master rule . . .," reinforces the responsibility of the Master to maintain his duties year round, without fail.

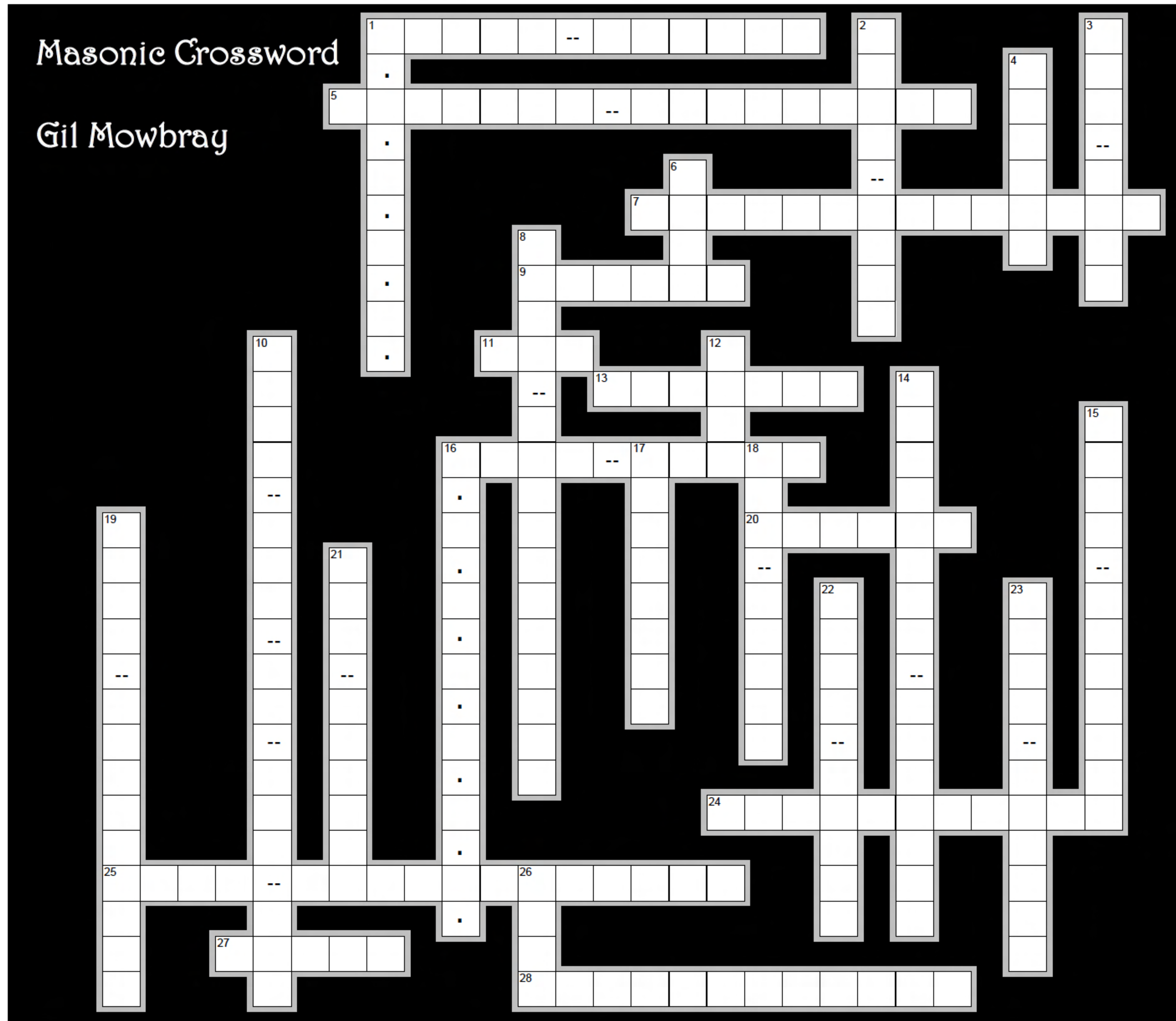
Secondly, placing the Master between the pillars suggests a Kabbalistic interpretation. As you can see on the Tree of Life diagram, the positions of the Sephiroth suggest three vertical pillars. The one of the left is traditionally referred to as the Pillar of Strength or Severity; the right, the Pillar of Mercy. The central pillar is the Pillar of Moderation or Balance. Thus, this symbolism admonishes the Master to walk a middle ground in the application of his authority over his brothers. Finally, the pillars suggest another association with light in a Kabbalistic sense. In a complete diagram of the Tree of Life, the space above Kether is labeled "Ain Soph Aur," the Limitless Light. This represents the unknowable infinity from which all existence springs—the radiant source of creation. Therefore, if the Master is associated with Kether, the Crown, then his wisdom and authority are not found within himself, but are generated from a higher source--the Supreme Architect.

Curtis S. Shumaker, PM



Masonic Crossword

Gil Mowbray



Across

1. The Holy Bible, Square and Compasses.
5. Latin for "Holy of Holies."
7. A Greek word signifying "four letters." It is a name given by the Talmudists when referring to God or Jehovah.
9. Members of the Mystic Shrine.
11. The tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
13. A notification from the Master to appear.
16. In the year of the world. +3760
20. The first mathematician to Systematize the science of geometry.
24. A title used in addressing members of the 33rd degree.
25. In the year of the deposit. +1000
27. An upright gavel made in the form of a maul and used by a presiding officer.
28. Symbolical, representing.

Down

1. Great Architect of the Universe.
2. The degrees of the lodge, chapter, council, and commandery.
3. A Masonic body is opened or closed in "due form" when performed fully according to a prescribed ritual.
4. A hill in Jerusalem on which the Temple of Solomon was built.
6. Pronounced "hail" and means to keep guarded, or secret. Sometimes spelled "hale."
8. In the year of discovery. +530
10. Latin motto meaning "Let there be light, and there was light."
12. "So mote it be."
14. Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and justice are virtues of morality as laid down by Plato. Cardinal comes from the Latin cardo meaning "chief or fundamental."
15. In the year of the Order. -1118
16. Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine
17. The position of the sun at noon.
18. A mode of recognition peculiar to Freemasons.
19. In the year of the blessing. +1930
21. The hour of midnight; darkness is a symbol of death as well as of ignorance.
22. In the year of light. +4000
23. Year of our Lord. - A.D.
26. City of Sidonian Empire which is only 120 miles by sea from Jerusalem

ANSWERS: ACROSS 1. GREAT LIGHTS, 5. SANCTUM SANCTORUM, 7. TETRAGRAMMATON, 9. NOBLES, 11. YOD, 13. SUMMONS, 16. ANNO MUNDI, 20. EUCLID, 24. ILLUSTRIOUS, 5. ANNO DEPOSITIONIS, 27. HIRAM, 28. EMBLEMATICAL, DOWN 1. G.A.O.T.U., 2. YORK RITE, 3. DUE FORM, 4. MORIAH, 6. HELE, 8. ANNO INVENTIONIS, 10. FIAT LUX ET LUX FIT, 12. AMEN, 14. CARDINAL VIRTUES, 15. ANNO ORDINIS, 16. A.E.A.O.N.M.S., 17. MERIDIAN, 18. DUE GUARD, 19. ANNO BENEFACIO, 21. LOW TWELVE, 22. ANNO LUCIS, 23. ANNO DOMINI

From the East



Brethren, Happy 4th of July! Please notice the cover design to this month's Trestleboard, as well as its general formatting. We appreciate the efforts of Brother Sam House, our Website Committee Chairman, considering his efforts to make the publication meaningful for the celebration of our nation's independence, by adding a symbolical flare to its cover design and by adding balance to the format, making information more accessible and the articles easier to read.

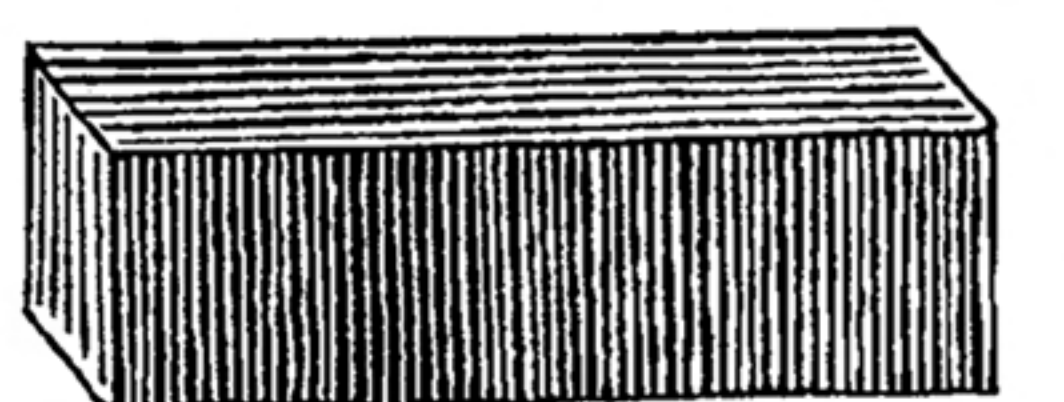
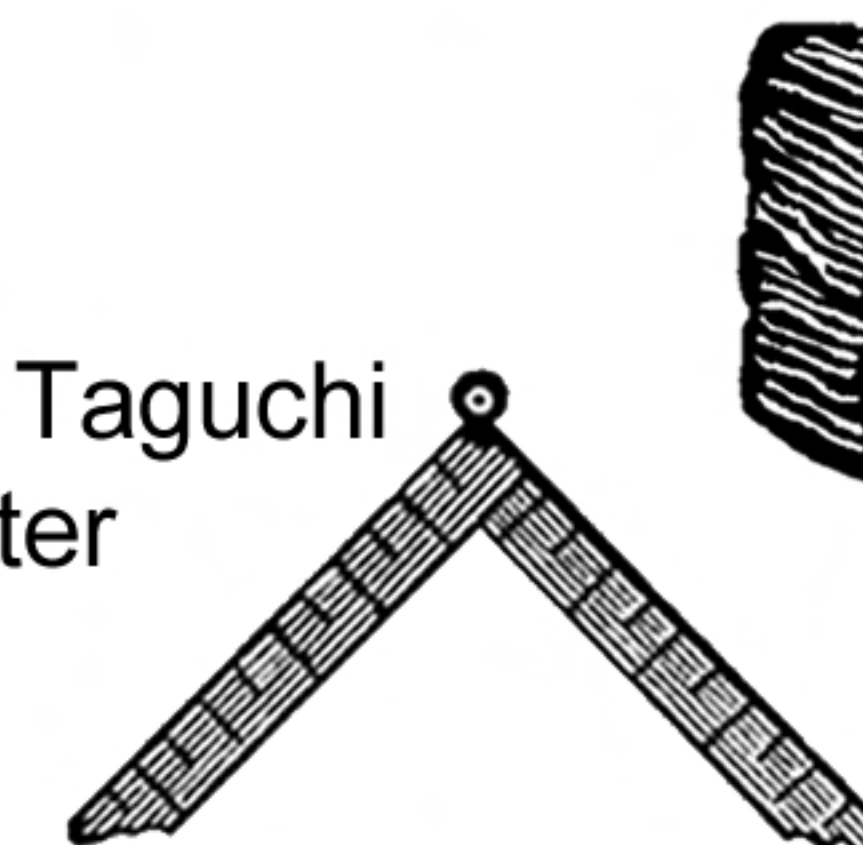
This month, the Lodge will hold an important Stated Meeting, as the brethren will vote to consider a change in the lodge's By-laws. The Finance Committee has recommended an increase in the annual dues and the institution of a Life Membership program. Both recommendations have been published in the Trestleboard as required by the California Masonic Code. Please read the recommendations as published in the June Trestleboard, if you have not yet done so. An opportunity for discussion will precede the vote. Please note that the Stated Meeting in July falls a week later than typical, due to the holiday falling on the First Wednesday. The Stated Meeting and the vote will take place on July 11th.

The Stated Meeting will be preceded by a dinner, prepared by Brother George Wollin, our Chef in Residence. We shall make this an important opportunity to pay tribute to our former Secretary, Worshipful Andrew R. Pedersen, who will be recognized for fifty years of membership within the craft. We shall enjoy this opportunity to meet again with Worshipful Pedersen and with several other members of our lodge who have worked closely with our former Secretary.

Lastly, June was a productive month as we initiated five men into our lodge and accepted another by affiliation. Congratulations to those Brothers who have become members of our lodge. Collectively, we added six new members to our rolls! We certainly presented our officers with much work to accomplish this month and I truly appreciate their patience. We plan to be dark in August, yet with possible presentation of candidates proving themselves qualified to advance, we may have to make an exception. I will make every effort to respect each officer's time and availability.

Fraternally,

Masato Francis Taguchi
Worshipful Master



The Order of DeMolay



Theodore Roosevelt Chapter conferred the Initiatory Degree of Order of DeMolay on Thursday evening, 27 June. Since the chapter reopened last year, this marked the first occasion that members were initiated into the chapter by a team of officers consisting primarily of personnel from its own ranks. The newly installed Master Councilor, Garrow Geer, has made it one of his goals to see that the chapter accomplish with its own members the conferral of both the degrees of the Order within the next four months. Master Masons from Culver City-Foshay Lodge and lodges under the Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile, proud parents and friends were present to witness the beautiful ceremony. The following young men participated: Garrow Geer; Houtan Sharafatian; Anthony Lopez; Michael Heshejin; Shane Halfenberg; Matthew Heshejin; Cameron Ghaffari; Nicolas Vu; Kevin Ghaffari; Derek DiNardo, PMC; and Benjamin Villanueva and successfully received Harrison Finnerman and Jonathan Rittenhouse into the chapter. Culver City-Foshay Lodge must be very encouraged with the results of their investment in this chapter. It is well to mention that two of the young men noted above, Derek Storm DiNardo, PMC; and Benjamin Augusto Villanueva were initiated into Culver City-Foshay Lodge on June 13th.

Merrick R. Hamer, Chapter Dad

The International Order of Job's Daughters



Bethel No. 2, International Order of Job's Daughters, met on June 2nd and successfully installed a new line of officers. Lisa Suzuki was installed as the Honoured Queen after an impressive term completed by Ashley Simmons who is now a Past Honoured Queen. There has been considerable growth within the chapter and the young ladies have expressed appreciation for the support they have received from the lodge.

Amanda Pawneshing, Bethel Guardian

From the South



The Bridge of Vibration

It has been proposed that all phenomena are, ultimately, composed of vibration. The density of all visible and tangible things is based on the rate at which their sub-atomic components vibrate. Even the qualities of the invisible and intangible aspects of reality like radiation waves and the like, that conventional science has only come to recognize in the recent past (but whose existence predates all conventional recognition), are based upon specific vibratory rates.

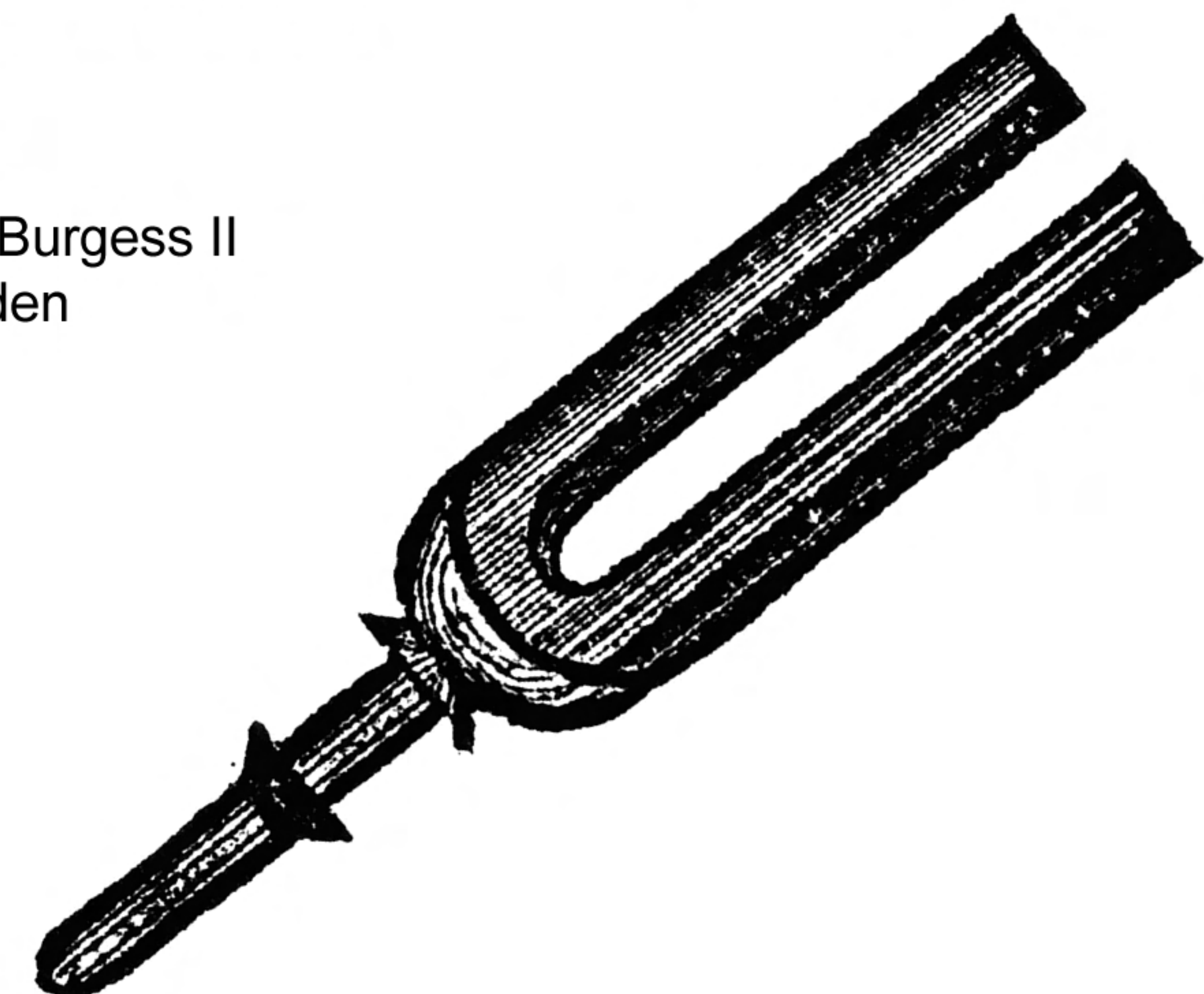
We can barely begin accurately to imagine just how many more phenomena are intertwined into our current experiences, but which ordinarily pass undetected, vibrating in their own unique ways.

However, one form of vibration that we directly give and receive quite often is that of sound through the spoken word. Every word we speak or hear gives us a powerful opportunity to be conscious of what we impart to or absorb from other minds.

This is the very process through which many Ancient Mysteries have survived to this day from the oral tradition of mouth-to-ear; from the Masters to the Apprentices. The power of auditory vibration can then become a bridge for Wisdom and the "attentive ear receives the sound from the instructive tongue, and the mysteries of Masonry are safely lodged in the repository of faithful breasts."

Fraternally,

Kenneth L. Burgess II
Junior Warden





Secretary's Corner

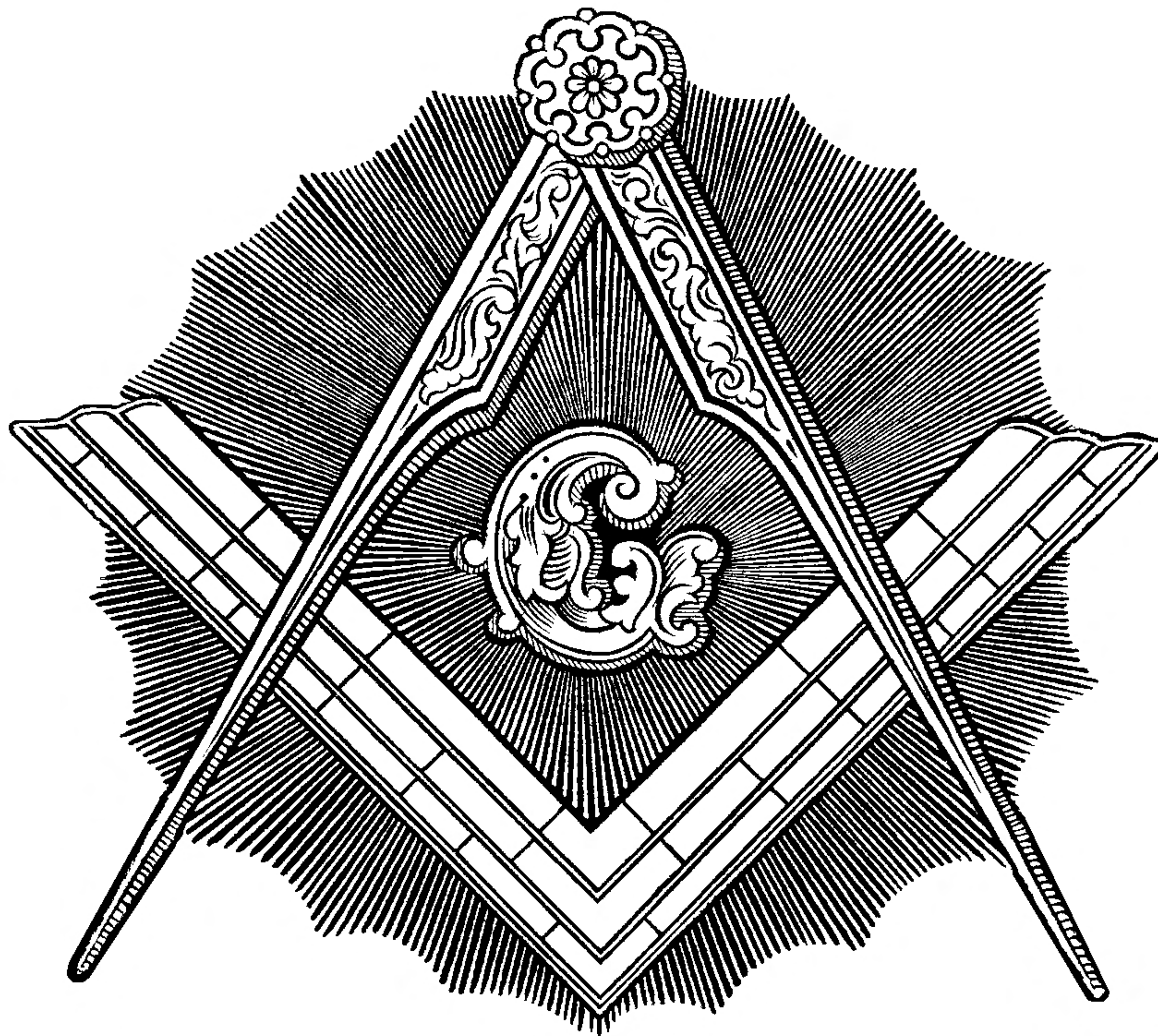


Greeting Brethren!

This Secretary appreciates very much the responses from the postcard he had recently sent reminding the brethren submit their dues. Please feel free to call me regarding questions about payable dues.

In future Trestleboards, I will be sharing portions of the California Masonic Code for the enlightenment of the brethren. Having attended recent seminars, I have learned much that I would like to share with my brethren.

Fraternally,
Clarence D. Kussner, PM



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July Birthdays



July 3	Carroll R. Runyon, Jr.
July 8	Teymur S. Heydarov
July 8	John L. Exline
July 11	John C. Harney
July 14	James M. Mc Coy
July 22	Scott D. Gilliam
July 25	William G. Douglas, Jr.
July 30	Adrian C. Beckmann



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



Almighty Father of the Universe:
To you we pray and give our everlasting devotion.
May you always be at our side!
May you always keep us from harm!
May you always set us on the road to redemption!
May your light be a beacon to those whose time has come!
May you help all of those in need!
And may the light of your mercy shine eternally in heaven and on earth!
With humility and reverence we ask for these blessings.



Amen.
Ed Calzaretto, Chaplain



Chef's Menu



Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

~ Buffet \$15.00 ~

Baked Chicken with Mushroom Sauce
Summer Green Salad
Baked Wild Salmon
Mixed Vegetables
Baked Potatoes
Chocolate Mousse

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.

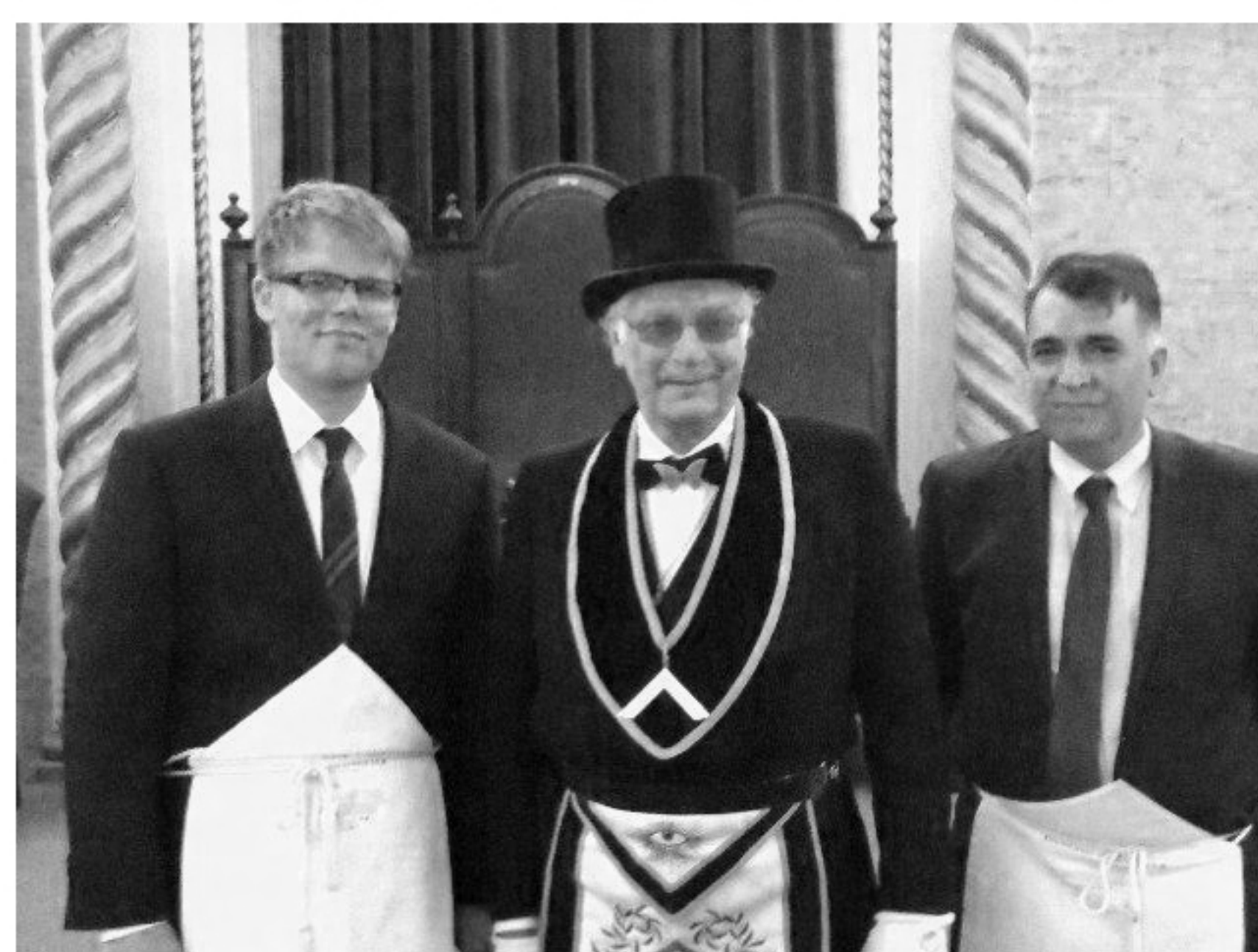
George J. Wollin, Tyler

Reports & Announcements



5 NEW Entered Apprentices were initiated in June!

**Jeffrey Morgan (left),
Merrick Hamer, PM (center), &
Fred Mondegari (right)**



**Michael Ulmer (left),
Cameron Striewski (center),
& Kenneth Burgess II (right)**

**Derek DiNardo (center left)
& Benjamin Villanueva
(center right)**



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.

July

4th	Independence Day	Dark
11th	50 years pin ceremony <i>Worshipful Andrew R. Pedersen PM</i> Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
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.

August

1st	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
8th	Degree or practice	7:00 PM
15th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
22th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
23th	Social night	7:00 PM
25th	Child ID Program	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
26th	Masonic service Bureau	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
29th	Degree or practice	7:00 PM

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