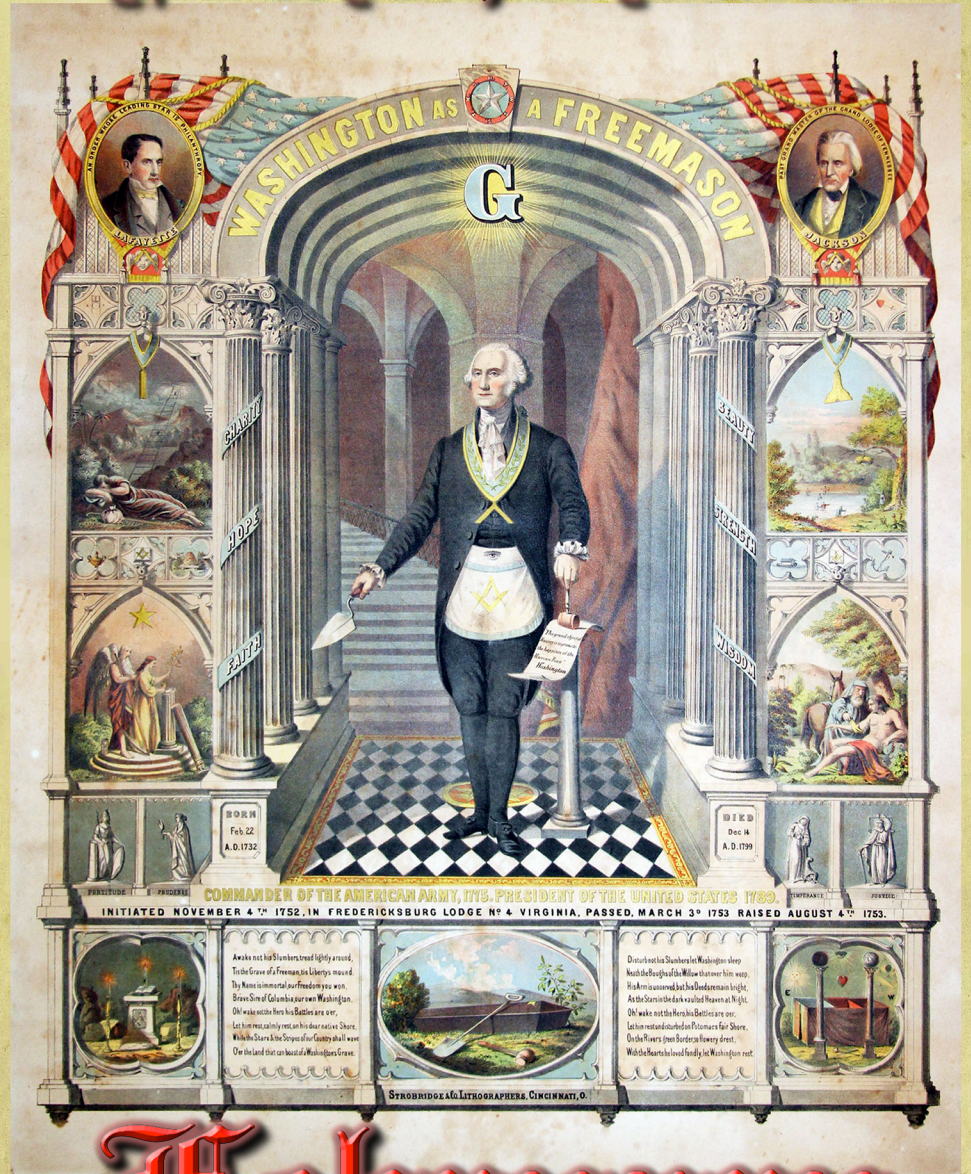


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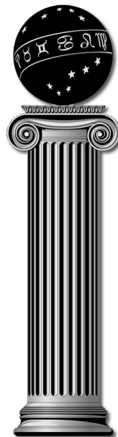
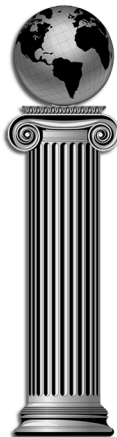
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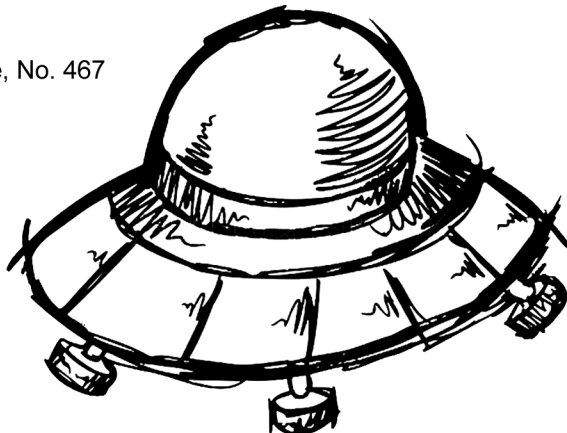
Mahmoud Ghaffari, Master

The book describes in every chapter very detailed descriptions of each prophet's interactions with the extraterrestrials and their craft. Ezekiel's four encounters took place over a period of nineteen years starting in 593 B.C. Using language of their day to attempt to describe events that were beyond their comprehension, terms like "chariots of fire" are used to depict the craft coming from the sky. Josef Blumrich, a NASA engineer, who did a complete study of Ezekiel's visions believed that Ezekiel's book alone would give serious cause to contemplate the possibility of extraterrestrial contact. Blumrich presents diagrams of the craft described by Ezekiel in Chapter 7. The evidence of extraterrestrial contact is not limited to the bible, as the author depicts photos of Mayan Pyramids at Uxmal, and speculates that the intertwined serpents on the frieze of the Governor's Palace at Uxmal are indicative of extraterrestrial creative ventures as well as the Winged orb in ruins at the same palace similar to winged orb signifying space visitors found among Mesopotamian cultures and in Egypt.

The story of Gilgamesh becomes enlightened when 'Shem' is translated correctly as "sky vehicle". Now we have a story about a hero who is not so much concerned with his name and reputation, as we have a tale of a man who, though he is 2/3 God and 1/3 human, is still mortal and unhappy about it. As his life goes on and he experiences the pain of mortality, including the death of his best friend Enkidu, he begins to crave immortality such as the Gods possess, not only for himself but for his friend Enkidu and the elders of his people. How might he come by it? By reaching the Abode of the Gods in one of their own machines, a mu or shem, that could carry him heavenward. There, face to face with immortals as Utnaphistim (the only mortal according to the Summarians and Akkadians who was granted immortality), he could ask the secret of immortality. The author then asks why the gods who created us, would deny us everlasting life? By this time the author speculates the gods are withdrawing from directing the affairs of men.

Other chapters delve into the details of Noah and the flood, where the author speculates the Gods have decided to terminate the initial experiment of man who has become violent and unruly. Chapter 12 goes into The Book of Revelation: St. John Reveals Spacecraft, ("Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden girdle round his breast; his hair and his head were white as white wool, white as snow, his eyes were like a flame of fire...") This book is well researched and illustrated, and another must for the Lodge Library.

Brother Rick Gorton
Culver City Foshay Lodge, No. 467



From the East



"A Democratic Lesson"

Greetings, Brethren!

As I take the chair in the East, I can't help but ponder the immense responsibility this role once had for many a man. This is not to say that the role is no longer important, but today, for most of us, working as managers, business owners, leaders and the like, daily decision making and work related responsibility are nothing new. In fact, I would venture to say that running a lodge is "a piece of cake." Notwithstanding, it wasn't that long ago that, when being a lodge master was perhaps the most momentous event in a person's life. Imagine working for seven years to achieve that status and being able to bring about changes you had dreamed about all that time. Then as soon as it came and ended, you are replaced in an orderly and democratic fashion. Today the event is not as life changing, although I still marvel at how effectively and peacefully we can change masters. This is a democratic gesture (and perhaps the most important "political" event our craft has to offer) whereby ALL leaders could learn a lesson, in particular the despotic and autocratic rulers of the world. Perhaps that is why we are not well liked or appreciated in the third world at all.

Today, in our busy lives and the myriad of responsibilities levied on us at our work, we have for the most part learned or mastered the art of management. So this notion plays little role in a lodge master's life. What remains, however, are the brotherhood and the respect for others which perhaps can best be practiced and carried out.

As you know this year I have chosen "patriotism" as my theme and I intend to plan festivities and dinners in honor of our country, her troops and any other activity which would show all of our appreciation for our great country and all that she has to offer.

Fraternally,
Mahmoud Ghaffari, Master





From the West



The Strength of the Bull's-Eye

First of all, I'd like to extend additional Congratulations to all the newly-Installed 2013 Officers of our Lodge and Gratitude to all the Past Masters and Grand Lodge dignitaries who were instrumental to our Ceremony.

In this article, I am introducing a new tool and time-tested technique that I intend to become a new tradition of our Lodge: The Bull's-Eye. No, this doesn't mean that we'll be having competitions of games at playing darts now (although we never know what may come to pass during the activities at our Social Nights). The Bull's-Eye that I'm speaking of will be a specific date given to each new Candidate immediately after each of his latest Degree. This date will serve as the target point for learning of proficiency and showing readiness to submit it in open Lodge (this will apply to Master Mason Proficiency as well).

Worshipful Ghaffari and I learned of this technique during the 2012 Masters/Wardens Retreat where other Lodges shared their previous experiences with it and reported on its success. With our Lodge's vibrant and growing membership (and with the mentorship and assistance of our Candidate Coaches), I'm sure our success rate will continue its expansion.

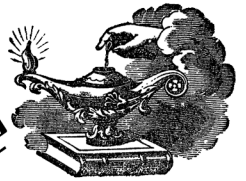
Cheers to hitting all of your Bull's-Eyes, Brethren!

Faternally,

K.L. Burgess II
Senior Warden



From the Lamp of Knowledge



EXTRATERRESTRIALS IN BIBLICAL PROPHECY
PROFESSOR G.COPE SCHELLHORN

A Book Report by Brother Richard Vaughn Gorton

This book defines the 'New Age Great Experiment' as evidence of extraterrestrials coming into contact with Old and New Testament prophets: Moses, Enoch, Noah, Elijah, Jacob, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah and including Jesus and St. John. Describing the visitors and their craft in detail, but not fully understanding the wonderful things they were seeing, the prophets came to the conclusion that their visitors were an incarnation of God and his angels. Overwhelmed at the phenomena from the sky, they mistakenly thought the spacecrafts themselves as being either God or angels. The three Wisemen who followed the lights in the sky to worship and bring gifts to the newborn Jesus could not have followed stars, as they are fixed points in space. Stars do not move, but spacecraft can. The author believes the extraterrestrials in biblical times had a mission to carry out, which was to pass on to man through the chosen prophets, moral and practical advice for the more orderly development of human society. The visitors also passed on apocalyptic warnings and end times scenarios if Mankind did not act properly.

One great aspect the author brings out early in the book is the misinterpretation of key words in the Old Testament. In one passage in Genesis 6:4 it reads 'The Nephilim were on the earth in those days and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown.' In the past, most translators rendered Nephilim as 'Giants' thus "There were giants upon the earth" This has now been corrected in most translations to read, "The Nephilim were on the earth." But as Zecharia Sitchin (The 12th Planet) demonstrates, the error in the last line of this passage, which is critical to an accurate understanding and changes greatly the meaning of the whole passage, has not been corrected. The Hebrew word 'shem' has been misunderstood, corrupted and rendered over time by almost all scholars out of force of habit, as a sign for the word "name". Thus we have given the phrase, "the men of renown" or "great name" when in fact the word 'shem' originally signified "that which goes up," spacecraft or rocket ships. If accurately translated, the last phrase of Genesis 6:4 should read, "the men of the shem"; that is, "the men of the rocket ship or spacecraft." In the New English Bible, efforts have been made toward a more literal and accurate rendering of the language in Genesis. For instance, in Chapter 6, this bible now offers "gods" in place of the singular form "God". There is resistance to change.

Regarding the Nephilim, a word that means literally in Hebrew "fallen ones" or those cast down to earth" the author muses that the Nephilim could be our extraterrestrial visitors who seemed to the ancients to have fallen to earth from the sky. He also suggests that some of the Nephilim represent the fallen angels led by a maverick leader named Azazel. This "fallen" group appears to be a different group from the one led by Lucifer who tried to storm heaven, as presented in 1 Enoch. It is Azazel's maverick group that is called in 1 Enoch by the name of Watchers. It's offspring, half human, were destroyed by 'God' or as the author puts it, 'Central Command'. The author often interchanges 'God' with this.

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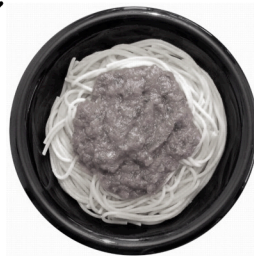
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From the South



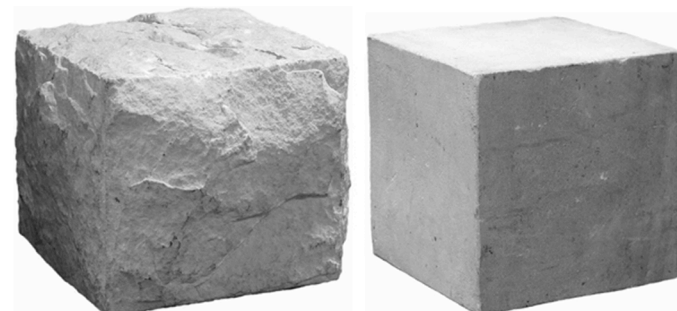
The Ashlar of Change

For Culver City Foshay Lodge, this season is a time of change, when the officers step into their new positions and the brethren prepare to advance as they continue to build their personal Masonic edifices. The brethren have all worked exceptionally hard at learning the craft and seeking the light for which we all strive. The German writer and Freemason, Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe, once wrote:

"We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise we harden."

As masons we become familiar with the process of change through the use of the working tools and by our advancement through the degrees. This change in us can be illustrated by the rough and perfect ashlar. We start out as that rough and imperfect stone and, through the Masonic process of change or transformation, become closer to that smooth and perfect ashlar, which we all strive to become. Just as that rough stone from the quarry was not selected at random (since it was for its qualities within that could be revealed only after carefully being chipped away, so is the Mason selected for the internal qualities that could reveal his more perfect character within. By education, cultivation and brotherly love, we are shaped into better men, having been tried by the square of virtue and encircled by the compasses of our boundaries, given to us by the Great Architect of the Universe. We must, as Master Masons, share the brotherly love and affection to help our newer brothers be able to make this change and create that spiritual building not made with hands.

Fraternally,
Adam Wolf, Junior Warden





Secretary's Corner



Change in the By-laws of the Culver City Masonic Building Association
There is a proposal to increase the number of members on the Culver City Masonic Building Association. Please read the resolution carefully, as it will be presented for a vote at the Stated Meeting of the Month of March, 2013.



RESOLUTION TO AMEND A LIFE MEMBERSHIP PLAN CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE § 809.320

Revised December 2010

Date: January 2, 2013

Culver City – Foshay Lodge No. 467 F&AM of California

This is to certify that at a Stated Meeting of this Lodge held on the date of January 2, 2013 the following Resolution was presented in writing and noted upon the minutes of the Lodge:

WHEREAS, California Masonic Code § 809.320 provides for a Lodge to amend their life membership plan, which shall forever exempt a member making the required payment into the plan from the payment of dues in the Lodge; and

WHEREAS, California Masonic Code § 809.150 provides for the creation of a permanent Life Membership Fund to forever keep and maintain the original amount paid for life memberships; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Lodge amends its life membership plan and create a Life Membership Fund as follows:

1. The required payment into the plan by a member shall be:

A sum of money equal to 25.65 times the Lodge's annual dues (inclusive of California Grand Lodge Per Capita Fee) at the time of purchase of the life membership;

2. The Secretary issue a life membership card to a member upon the payment of such sum and shall maintain a life membership roll book as prescribed in California Masonic Code §§ 809.320 and 809.330;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the original amounts paid for life memberships shall be forever kept and maintained as and for a separate and permanent Life Membership Fund. A Lodge may invest its Life Membership Fund as provided in Section 809.130 of this Code, if such investments are kept separate and apart from all other Lodge assets. Only interest or dividends paid in cash on the Life Membership Fund shall be available for general Lodge use.

It is understood that life membership is an executed contract requiring the consent of the Lodge and the life member to rescind it; and that this Resolution shall take effect only upon its approval by the Grand Master.

CERTIFICATION

This is to further certify that the members of this Lodge were notified in writing that this Resolution would be voted upon at the Stated Meeting held on the 6th day of March, 2013, and that said Resolution was adopted by the vote of a majority of the members present on that date. This Resolution shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master.

Fraternally,

Clarence D. Kussner, PM, Secretary



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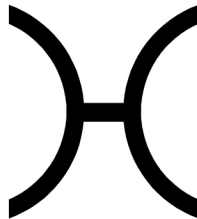
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February Birthdays



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Michael A. McReynolds, PM	7th
George R. Eastgate	10th
Richard K. Pierce, PM	18th
Masato F. Taguchi, PM	18th
Sean C. Fernald	19th
Charles S. Schneider	19th
James W. Boughton	25th
Carlos A. Blanco	26th
James K. Taylor	28th



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



The Coming Together of the Builders

The new lodge officers have taken their places,
A new corps, a new mindset.
May those who now serve,
be governed by wisdom and guided by experience!
May the brethren be led by strong hands and good hearts!
May the warmth of our members,
shine as a beacon for those seeking further light!
May we benefit from those who have come before us,
And may the future be bright for those still to come.
May the lodge build its house with the strongest of stones!

Amen

Ed Calzaretto, Chaplain



Chef's Menu



Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Chicken Pot Pie
Buttermilk Biscuits
Baked Red Sea Bass
Mixed Green Salad
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Vegetables
Carrot 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 to our Newly Installed

2013 LODGE OFFICERS



also
Congratulations
to our
newest
FELLOWCRAFTs
of 2013,
Max Wild
&
Nathan Rainwater

MASONIC RELIEF

Worshipful Craig Perry's nephew is at Childrens Hospital, Los Angeles and in need of blood. Casey Fisher, age 8, has leukemia and needs regular blood transfusions to beat the life threatening battle. Claremont Masonic Lodge has set up a day to donate blood for him. They will meet at the Claremont Masonic Lodge on Saturday February 23, 8:00 am to carpool to Children's Hospital located at 4650 Sunset Blvd, LA 90027. If you would like to join them and give a pint, please email Bill Buehler at bill@mttorch.com, so that he can place you on the list.

Every pint counts so that Casey can win the war against leukemia. You can also go to the Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, anytime the blood donation center is open, but please ask that it be credited to the patient Casey Fisher.

Thank You!



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.

February

6th	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
7th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
13th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
20th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
21st	Social night	7:00 PM
27th	OSI	7:00 PM CCF

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
20th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
27th	3rd Degree	7:00 PM
28th	Social night (also Sam House's Bday)	7:00 PM

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 Make sure to check the website www.CulverCityMasons.org for any changes.