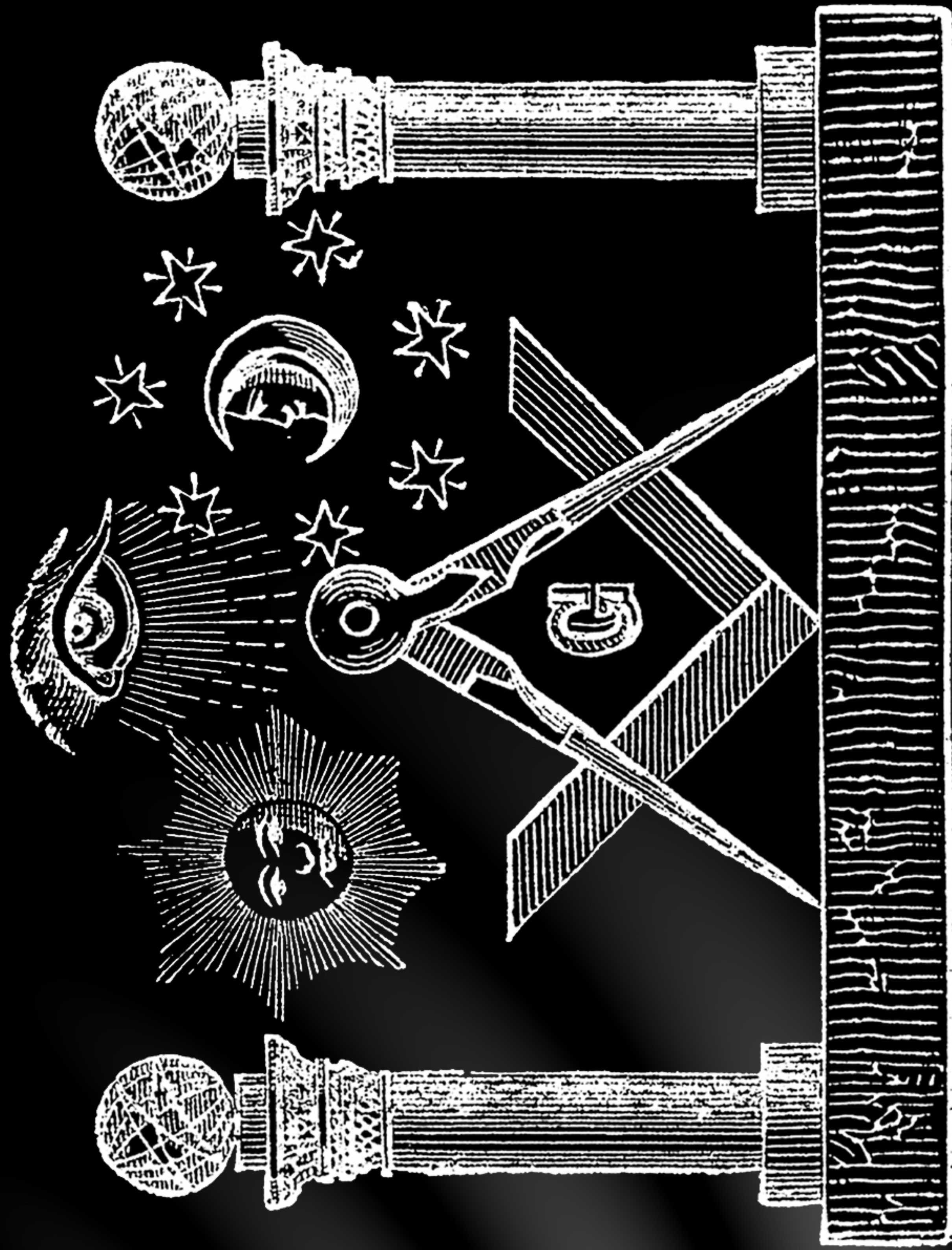


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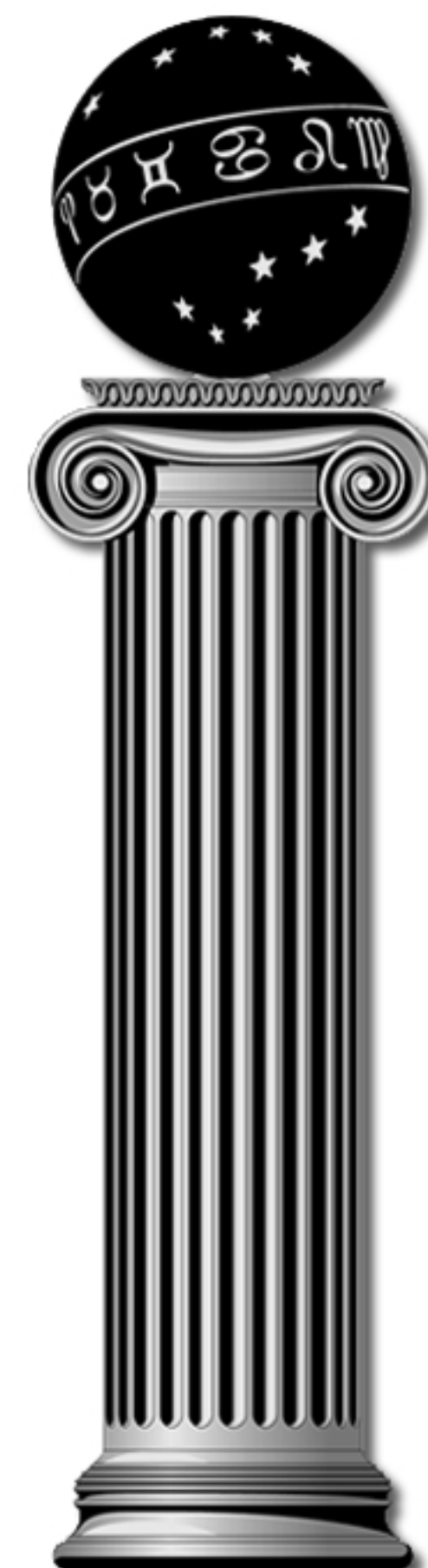
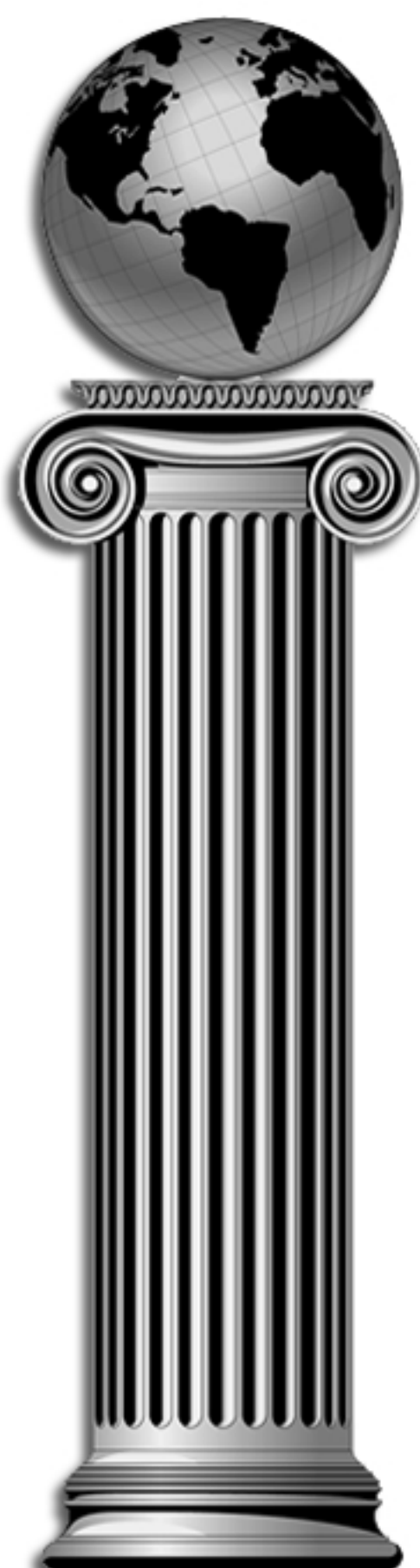
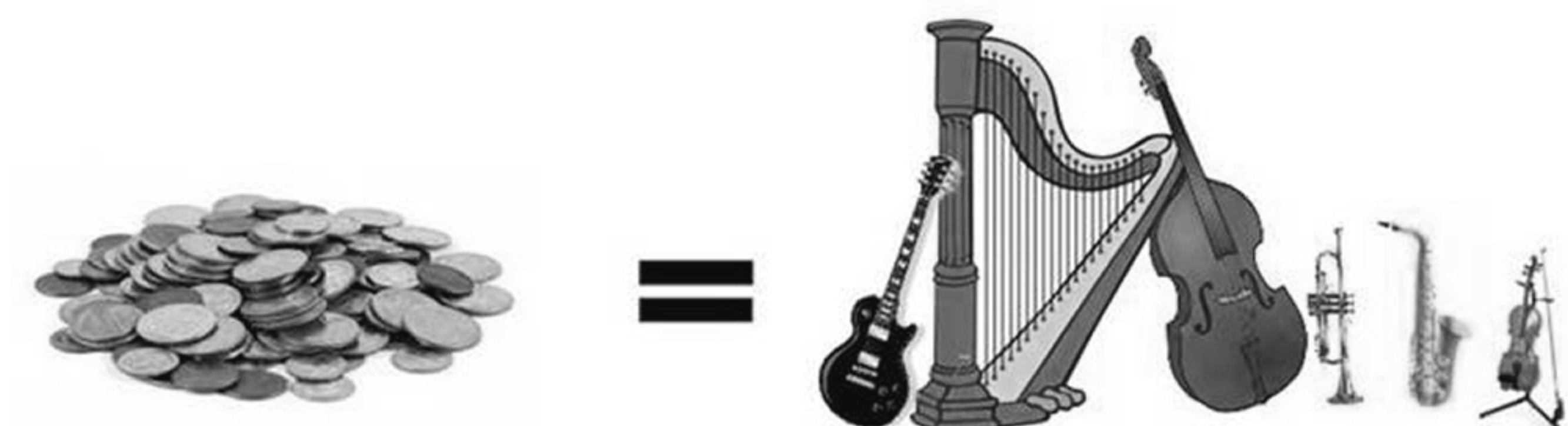
Make your spare change count this summer and donate to a cause, let's all make a child happy and prepared for the school year, stop by the lodge when you can and drop some spare change in the kitty.

Pennies For Music



A simple Coin collecting Program That Takes loose pocket change and Funds the cost of an Instrument or fund the cost for a Music program for a youth in or even out of our community

As Freemasons we understand how important the Arts and Music are to the Craft and for many of us musicians we know how transforming Art and Music can be on the individual - let's work together and provide a young person with the opportunity to experience the awe and magic we have been awarded.



Masonic Trivia

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 Corinthian
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 Geometry
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 Hourglass
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Marble
 Pilasters
 Pythagoras
 Rhetoric
 Scythe
 So mote it be
 Solomon
 Temperance
 Wisdom

From the East



Tenets of Traditional Observance

As I mentioned at the June Stated Meeting, I received information from our Grand Secretary that explains the concept of Traditional Observance Lodges. This explanation clarifies that a Traditional Observance (or "TO") Lodge is not a separate qualification with Grand Lodge, but is instead a set of tenets that have been ascribed to traditional practices from Masonic culture.

Some of those traditions seem to have been diminishing in modern times and an organization called the Masonic Restoration Foundation (MRF) was founded over a decade ago to outline some of those traditions and encourage their preservation. Many of those traditions have been actively practiced at Culver City-Foshay Lodge for quite some time and I now intend to extend the duties of one of our Committees to include keeping a focus of our adherence to the culture of Traditional Observance tenets.

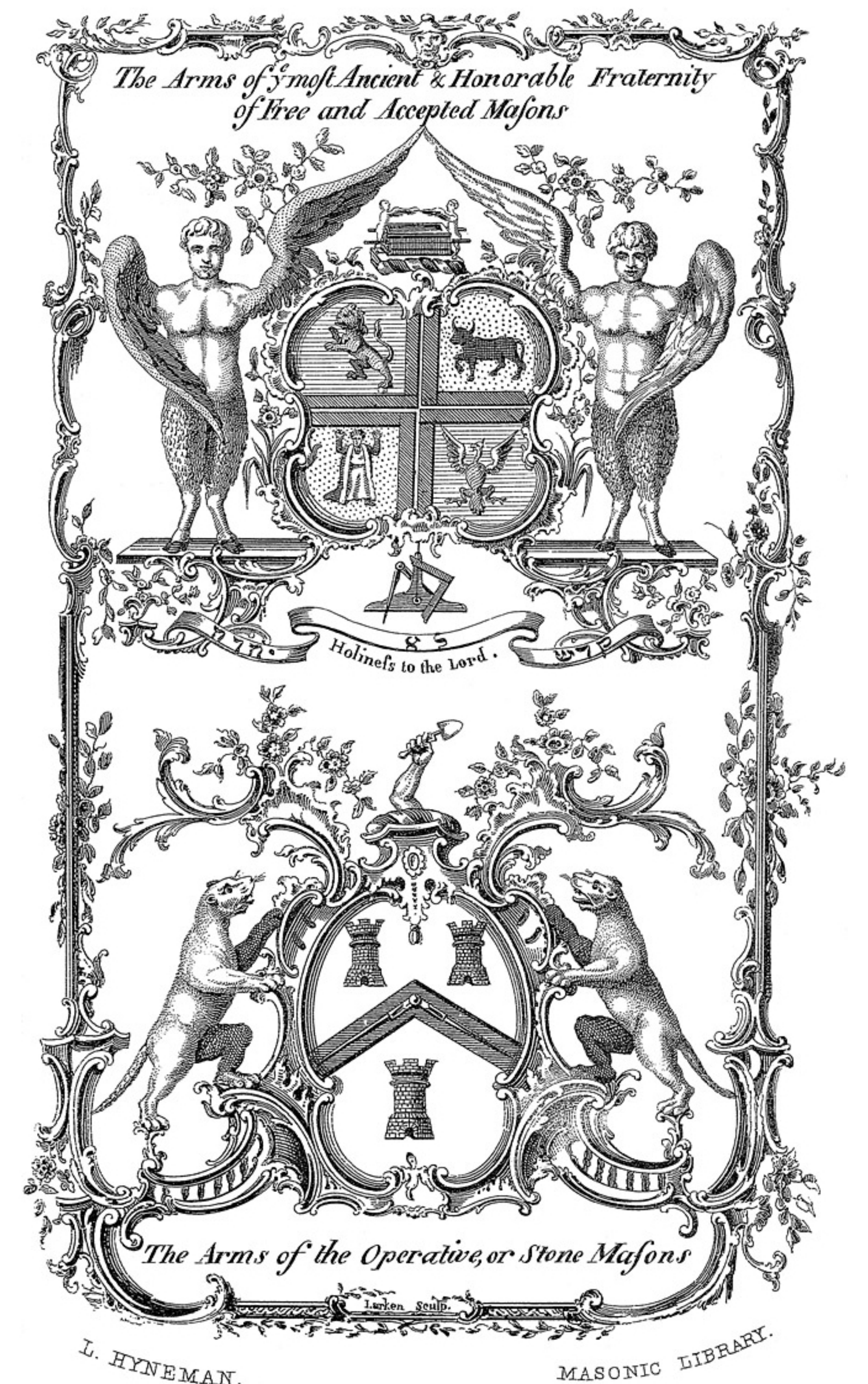
I will be contacting the Masonic Restoration Foundation and requesting that our Lodge to be added to the list of American Lodges that have self-identified as TO lodges. I encourage all the Brethren to visit the MRF website (traditionalobservance.com) and take a look around. You'll find great information and even many articles from top Masonic scholars, including one from our Grand Master, Most Worshipful John L. Cooper III (a Past Master of our Lodge and a founding Board Member of the MRF).

Enjoy the summer, my Brethren, and
 be sure to join us at the
Feast of the Holy Saints John,
 a dinner & play,
 on Friday August 8th at 7:30PM!

Fraternally,
 K.L. Burgess, II
 Master

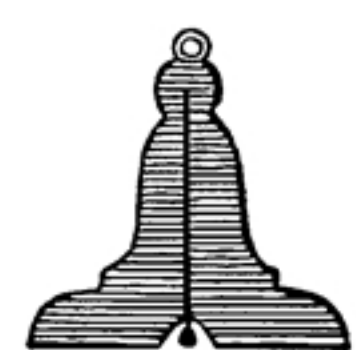


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From the West



Another Milestone

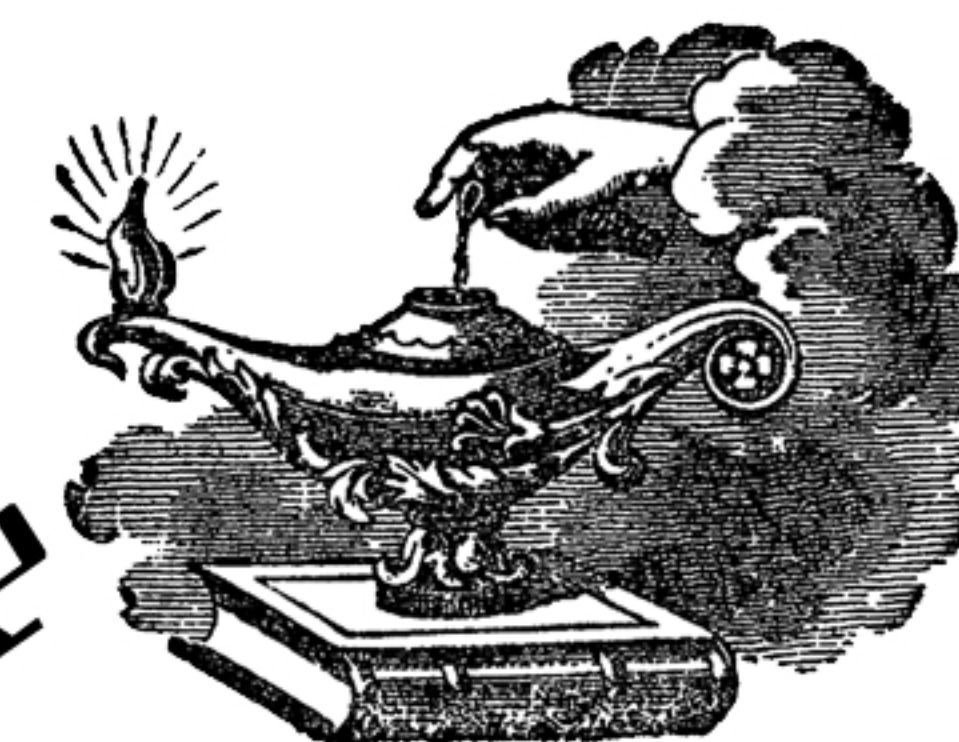
As we are initiating, passing, and raising a good number of candidates this year, it made me ponder about the Master Mason's Proficiency. Being raised to the sublime degree is an expression of being exalted or elevated, and this degree also signifies the removal of everything that prevents us from rising to that state where the soul communes with the divine. In alchemical terms, it is that symbolic sublimation of rising from one state to another during a process in which a man distills into a man better than the one he was when he first entered the lodge room. This prompted me to help eradicate a few misconceptions many young Masons have. After a man is raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, he often feels that, since he doesn't plan to enter the officers' line, he does not need to complete the Third Degree proficiency. You are not done! California has enabled candidates to use short forms (the obligations without the catechisms) for their first and second degrees. This was not the case until the last thirty or so years. In earlier times, one needed to complete his Third Degree Proficiency as a requisite to enter one of the appendent bodies, such as the Scottish and York rites. The Third Degree Proficiency is available only in long form and many Masons who do not foresee themselves moving up the line often forego it. Absence of the Third Degree Proficiency means not only the inability to become a pillar officer (Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master), but also difficulty in traveling within other jurisdictions where proficiency on the Third Degree may be verified.

Had I delayed my own proficiency, I would have had great difficulty in qualifying before becoming the Junior Warden of our lodge. Since I did not delay, the work was still fresh in my mind and I could learn it quickly and organically while still in a state of absorption from the degree. This is not to say that one cannot demonstrate his proficiency at any time in his life, but as a newly raised brother, one owes it to himself not to wait. The process of learning will serve as yet another layer in the transformative experience, making it another milestone in the life of the Master Mason.

Adam Wolf,
Junior Warden



From the Lamp of Knowledge



Foshay's St. John's Feast

On August 8, Culver City Foshay will host a St. John's Day Feast, a traditional Masonic celebration of the dinner at which the Grand Lodge of England was formed on St. John's Day in 1717 in London. The actual holiday is June 24, but we chose to hold ours a month or so later because so many of the area's lodges have heavy calendars in June, and we also wanted to put some space between this event and our recent Table Lodge.

The Foshay gala will have a couple of unique features, compared with those of other lodges. Firstly, the evening will begin with a brief historical introduction to the cultural context surrounding the original 1717 feast. Secondly, the menu will give a general sense of the culinary styles and flavors that a meal of that era would offer. Finally, the feast concluded, guests will retire to the lodge room upstairs where a short, one-act play will dramatize some of the key Masonic arguments, pro and con, which weighed on the minds of the architects of the first Grand Lodge, not the least of which was the debate over whether this really was the first Grand Lodge of its kind in England.

Since the degrees of Freemasonry focus on the origins of the craft itself, rather than the development of its organizational structure, our usual Masonic education reveals little about the 1717 event. Many Masons find references to the Grand Lodge foundation obscure and confusing, not the least because our ritual refers to St. John in an archaic plural form: the Holy "Saints" John. This phrase alludes to both John the Baptist (whose holiday is June 24) and John the Evangelist (Holiday, December 27). During the formative centuries of Masonry, buildings constructed by Masons were traditionally dedicated to the Holy Saints John. The connection to the cosmological significance of the Summer and Winter Solstices is obvious as well. Regarding the John of Summer, Foshay's own Past Master Merrick Hamer writes:

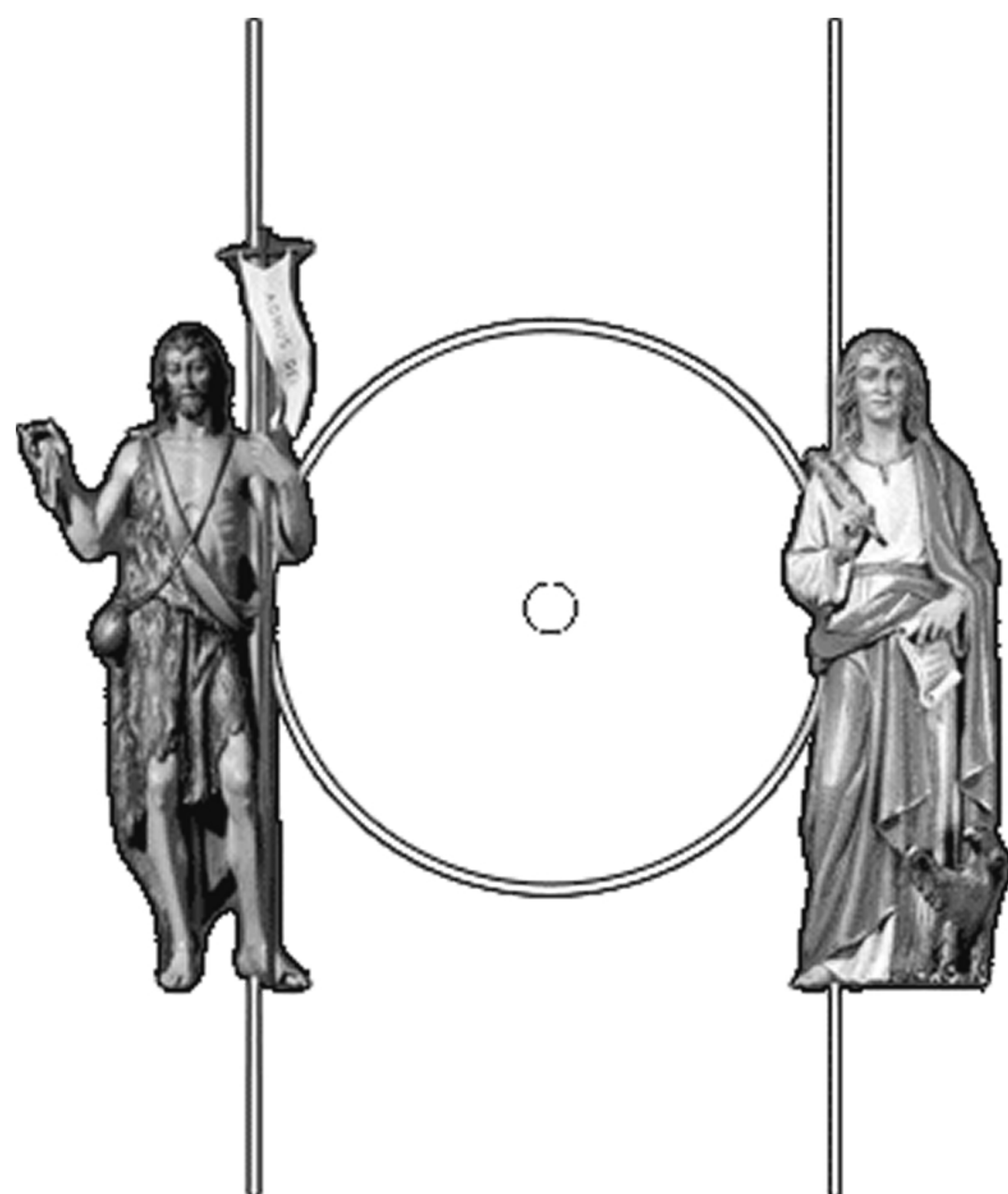
"All [sources] seem clearly to refer to the same man of particular mind and stature, preaching in the wilderness, adumbrating the advent of a messiah. In all accounts, he has been depicted as firm and rigid, steering not in the least from the contra-determinable objective to prepare for immanent judgment. His remnant was "here and now." Multitudes flocked to him under the scorching rays of the midday sun seeking purification and repentance . . . It is fitting that the Summer Solstice should be aligned with the birth date traditionally associated with the Baptist since it is the point in the year that represents the epitome of diurnal activity."

In the early 18th century, England, as a country and as a rising empire, was becoming more organized; disparate communities were being more closely bound together in a more or less common dialect and world view, in part because of the new emphasis on enlightened, rational thinking and education. It was time for Masonry to begin to shape its loose stones into a modern, consistent structure.

The drama presented by Culver City-Foshay Lodge, while not attempting to recreate the complex story of the Grand Lodge founding with complete historical accuracy, is intended to cast light on this period through an emotional, human-centered lens. It is our hope that this play will give the audience a simple and direct insight into some of the concerns and attitudes of the men who brought the Grand Lodge into existence. In the same spirit, the dinner will recreate to some degree the ambiance of an early 18th century dining experience, but with some concessions to modern tastes—we will use more silverware and serve more in the way of vegetables, for example. The most period-specific item on the menu will be the exotic treat known as syllabub; you will have to attend the event to find out what that is. It is our hope that you will mark August 8 on your schedules and join us for this unique and enriching experience.

Curtis Scott Shumaker, P.M.

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Dinner-Theatre-History
Friday, August 8th, 6014
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From the South



My Word! (continued)

Fraternal salutations from the Austral chair! During this segment of the Gregorian Calendar, I wish to continue my presentation of masonic vocabulary intended to enlighten the Brethren. The complete dictionary of these terms and others is found online at:

<http://www.mastermason.com/jjcrowder/dictionary/dictionary.htm>

BROTHER

This word is one of the oldest, as it is one of the most beautiful, in any language. No-body knows where or when it originated, but it is certain that it existed in the Sanskrit, in a form strikingly similar to that used by us. In Greek it was phrater, in the Latin frater, whence our “fraternal” and “fraternalism.” It has always meant men from the same parents, or men knit by very close blood ties. When associated with “initiation, which has the general meaning of “being born into,” one can see how appropriate is its use in Freemasonry. All of us have, through initiation in our “mother” Lodges, been born into a Masonry and therefore we are “brothers,” and that which holds us together in one great family is the “Mystic Tie,” the Masonic analogue of the blood tie among kinsmen.

SYMBOL

It is interesting to compare this word with “emblem” with which it is so often confused. The Greek symbolon was a mark, or sign, or token, or tally; it is derived from sun, togeth-er, and ballein, put, or throw, from which we have ball, ballistics, etc. Symbolon indicated two things put together, thrown together, or matched together. If, for example, the numeral 9 is matched to a pile of marbles, one to one, the 9 is a symbol of the number of marbles. From this came the custom of calling a symbol some object, device, design, picture, etc., used not for its own sake, but for the purpose of referring to some other, and perhaps very different, thing with which it has been associated. It is any visible, audible, or tangible object used to typify some idea, or truth, or quality, as when a wedding ring is made the symbol of marriage, the square is made the symbol of the earth, or the cross is made the symbol of Christianity, the crescent of Mohammedanism, etc.

ACCEPTED

The Latin accipere, receive, was from ad, meaning “to,” and capere, meaning “take,” therefore to take, to receive. The passive apprenticeship and initiation, but after the participle of this was acceptus. In Operative Masonry members were admitted through course of time, and when the Craft had begun to decay, gentlemen who had no intention of doing builders’ work but were interested in the Craft for social, or perhaps for antiquarian reasons, were accepted” into membership; to distinguish these gentlemen Masons from the Operatives in the membership they were called the “Accepted.” After 1717, when the whole Craft was revolutionized into a Fraternity, all members became non-Operatives, hence our use of the word in such phrases as “Free and Accepted Masons.”

MYSTERY

This word is used in Masonry in two senses entirely different; indeed, though spelled and pronounced the same, they are really two words. “Mystery” in the sense of strange, unknown, weird, secret, hails from the Greek, in which muein meant to close the eyes, lips and ears; from this came musterion, a secret ceremony or doctrine, appearing in Latin as mysterium. The word mystery, thus derived, means secrecy, hiddenness, and is properly used of the esoteric elements in Masonry. But in the phrase “arts, parts and mysteries” the word is from the Latin ministerium, having the meaning of trade, art, craft, occupation, etc., preserved in the familiar metier from the French, often used as an English word, and the much more familiar “minister,” “ministry,” etc.; in this sense -- the sense most often used in our Craft the “mysteries of Masonry” are its workings, just as the mysteries of Operative Masonry were its trade secrets known only to those trained and skilled in the building arts. In the latter of the two senses “mystery” and “master” (see above) are closely affiliated in origin, a master being one who has become completely skilled in mysteries.

Sam House,
 Junior Warden

From a Brother



A Masonic View

Recently, I was privileged to be a part of a discussion between astrophysics professors and several men of the cloth who themselves were professors of religious studies, debating the ideologies of Creationism and Evolution. I heard and witnessed this debate in silence until several of the astute gentlemen turned toward me and asked if I was a man of science or a man of faith, and what was my opinion, I paused, fixed my tie (I was soliciting for a position as a professor myself at this institute of learning in their music department) stood up and said, “both” gentlemen. My statement was as follows:

“As a Freemason I have adapted adopted the practice of referring to G-d as ‘Thee,’ Divine architect – the designer and builder of our Universe. We don’t debate exactly how the building was done, nor whether it’s completed (Many astrophysicist believe the Universe is still expanding). We simply acknowledge it exists and we are all a part of it. Our motto is ‘making good men better men’ – the continuous evolution of our minds for the betterment of ourselves and an example to all mankind. The key word here is ‘evolution’ – created by..... To evolve! Our evolution is conscience and for amelioration, different from that of a plant, biologically fixed to its lifecycle process with a non-conscience register to adapt to its environment, yet still in a process of evolution, created by one process and fixed in its own autonomy to exist for its duration and yet adapting to its evolutionary predetermination to survive if potent changes in its environment inaugurate. If one desires to look at existence birthing from a big bang, then one must realize that that bang evolved from something that that was created by something else, even if it was created through an evolutionary process! For the believers in deities this is where faith comes in and science is ‘leveled out.’ I believe that if you approach both concepts in that manner you can see the balanced connection. Freemasonry, gentlemen, teaches the lesson of daily work, the smoothing out our rough edges, the fitting together for unification. Creationism and Evolution should never be separate or at odds.”

The room was eerily silent and still, I maintained my disposition, heavy with the emotion of “O shoot”! Then as I took off my glasses to wipe them in an attempt to dispel the feeling of being a bit intimidated by such brilliant minds when I heard clapping and these gentleman who were already on their feet, shaking my hand and asking me whether I had any pamphlets on Freemasonry and handing me their cards. I was surprised and in shock, that my personal view acquired through the craft would get this response.

Will it change the view in the scientific community? No... the view of the Clergy as a whole, no it will not, but it sure shed a bit of light in the shadowed crevasses of a few minds. When the session was over, a colleague said to me in a humorous manner, “If you were soliciting for a position in religious studies or science department, your stock is definitely up. Sorry I did not walk you through the Music building....”

Simbawani Anad,
Provisional Tyler



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William G. Douglas, Jr.	25th
Adrian C. Beckmann	30th



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Chaplain's Prayer



Great God and Ruler:

These are the conditions of everyday life:
Some have so much and others very little.
We live each day not knowing what lies ahead.
Our faith in God gives us comfort, and safe haven.

Living life gives us purpose.

How do we live a life with purpose?

What does it take to improve our status?

Can we seek help from friends or strangers?

Or must we depend on ourselves?

Some answers may be found within us.

Some within the confines of our Faith in God and Man.

May each one of us find a pathway to happiness and satisfaction!

And may God and Man dwell within our hearts and minds!

Amen.

Edward Calzaretto,
Chaplain





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:

Wednesday the 2nd	Stated Meeting 6:30pm
Thursday the 3rd	Building Assoc. Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday the 9th	Officer Practice 7pm
Sunday the 13th	Esoterica Group's Book/Article Study (Masons Only) 1-3pm
Wednesday the 16th	1st Degree 7pm
Wednesday the 23rd	OSI at Culver City-Foshay (3rd Degree) 7pm
Wednesday the 30th	Degree or Practice 7pm
August:	
Friday the 1st	Brother Villanueva's Investiture Ceremony for the DeMolay Degree of Chevalier (at Beach Cities Lodge #753)
Wednesday the 6th	Stated Meeting
Thursday the 7th	Building Assoc. Meeting 7:30pm
Friday the 8th	Saint Johns' Day Feast & Play \$35 7:30pm
Sunday the 10th	Esoterica Group's DVD Screening of "Cleopatra's Needle: The Missing Link in Masonry" 1-3pm
Wednesday the 13th	3rd Degree (tentative) 7pm
Wednesday the 20th	Lodge is Dark
Saturday the 23rd	Culver City-Foshay's Child ID Program at Fiesta La Ballona (booth volunteers needed; please contact Doug Warner)
Wednesday the 27th	Lodge is Dark

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