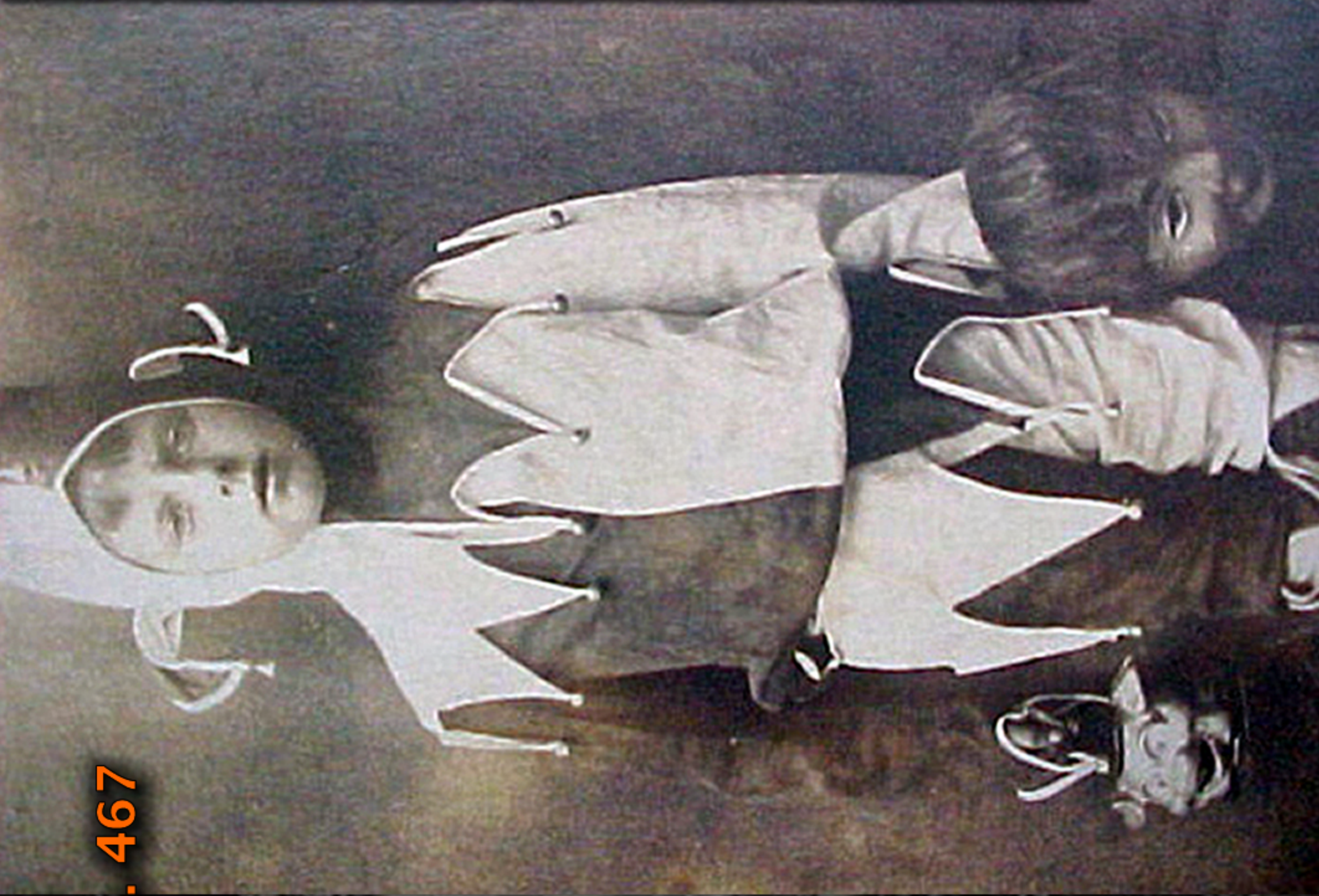




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Note the correspondence between the persecutors and the persecuted in the following stanzas and the reverence for light and its divine nature:

#### CHOR DER CHRISTLICHEN WÄCHTER

*Schreckliche, verhexte Leiber,  
Menschenwölfe und Drachenweiber!  
Welch entsetzliches Getöse!  
Sieh, da flammt, da zieht der Böse!  
Aus dem Boden*

*Dampfet rings ein Höllen-Broden.*

#### CHOR DER DRUIDEN

*Die Flamme reinigt sich vom Rauch:  
So reinig' unsern Glauben!  
Und raubt man uns den alten Brauch:  
Dein Licht, wer kann es rauben!*

#### CHORUS OF CHRISTIAN WATCHERS.

*Terrible enchanted forms,  
Dragon-women, men-wolf swarms!  
Wildier yet the sounds are growing!  
See, the archfiend comes, all-glowing!  
From the ground  
Hellish vapours rise around!*

#### CHORUS OF DRUIDS.

*As from the smoke is freed the blaze,  
So let our faith burn bright!  
And if they crush our golden ways,  
Who e'er can crush Thy light?*

The composer Felix Mendelssohn musically adapted Goethe's work, perhaps in respect to his own roots, since he was a man born Jew and converted to Lutheranism. The musical oratorio, by the same title is indeed stirring. Mendelssohn's creativity flourished in an age in which Europe was represented by various cultures and political ideas; and these, no doubt encountered conflict. Both the original poem and the musical setting of it induced spiritual appreciation within a mixed society that is not identifiably Christian, Jewish or Islamic.

The Halloween and Walpurgis festivals may indeed yield fun and entertainment to their celebrators while, at the same time, in a subliminal way it they express acceptance of subcultures and the unconventional, even as Freemasonry offers a wide mantle of Brotherly Love and Affection to cover humanity, regardless of their faithful visions.

Fraternally,  
Merrick Rees Hamer, P.M.



# From the East



Greeting Brethren,

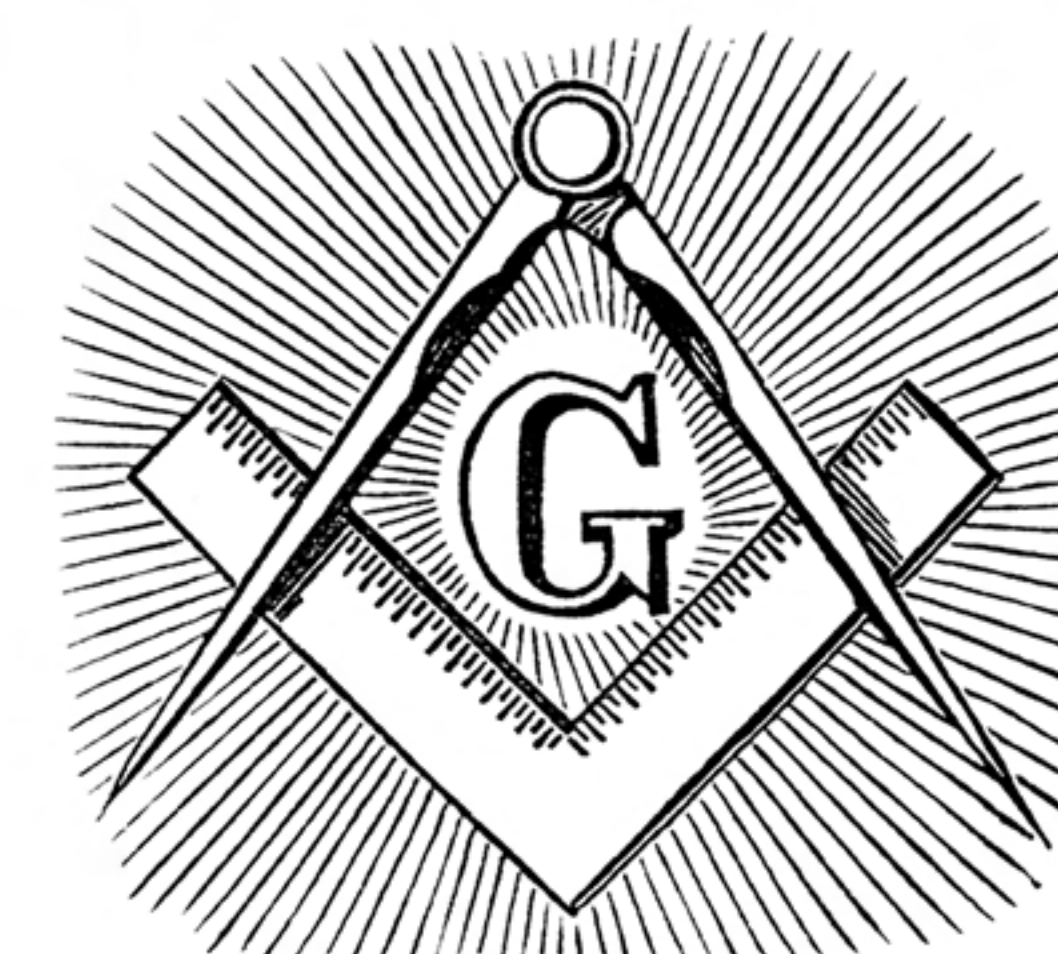
I previously reported to you that our lodge has been quite busy with degree work this year, due to an increased flow of applications for the Degrees of Masonry. Naturally, this increased activity has placed more pressures upon the lodge's agenda and responsibilities upon the lodge officers. In order to keep our backlog surmountable, we had to resort to a Thursday evening conferral in September and it appears that we shall have to do so again in October.

At the last Stated Meeting of the lodge, we received seven more applications for the Degrees of Masonry! Indeed, between making arrangements for candidates to take their examinations and scheduling times for their degrees, the duties of this chair have seemingly become a full-time job! I appreciate the patience of the officers who forfeited a portion of the traditionally month off in August and who have spent extra time during the month of September for the benefit of advancing candidates.

To improve the efficiency of the progressive line, I have urged officers who anticipate upward mobility to begin their preparatory steps for advancement earlier than has been the recent practice. My own previous experience in the line had taught me the difficulties and frustration associated with preparation that began too late in the year. I am very please to know that my call was heard and that all officer who require inspection before advancement have by now qualified to confer most of their future work. I now send to them sincere congratulations for the dedicated effort they have thus far made. We are rapidly approaching the end of the year and the annual elections will soon be at hand. Due to their excellent progress, I know that when elected, the ascending officers will be able to truly answer "I do." When asked the question, "Do you accept?"

The holiday season will soon commence and we shall brace ourselves for the continued work and responsibilities ahead of us, taking care of our candidates and offering them every encouragement they deserve.

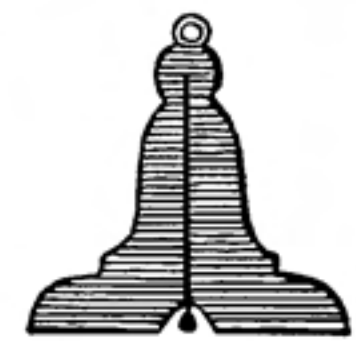
Fraternally,  
Masato Francis Taguchi.  
Worshipful Master







# From the West



## The Gathering

As I write this piece we are in the midst of winding down from yet another successful Grand Lodge session in San Francisco. This annual event is a reminder, not only that we annually visit this great city to commemorate the passing of the baton from one Grand Master to another, but also that we rekindle old ties and friendships. This transition of leadership is a very important and historic event since we desire to undergo the democratic and civilized process necessary to accomplish the transfer of leadership. This is an inherent part of the Masonic tradition and it stems from the way of life taught to Americas through the civil process. This passing of the torch truly is as American as apple pie. It is replicated in our daily lives and is most recognizable in the change in the presidency, in politics, board rooms and business. It is a culmination that has evolved out of hundreds of years of practice we have undergone as a Nation and thousands of years of fraternalism.

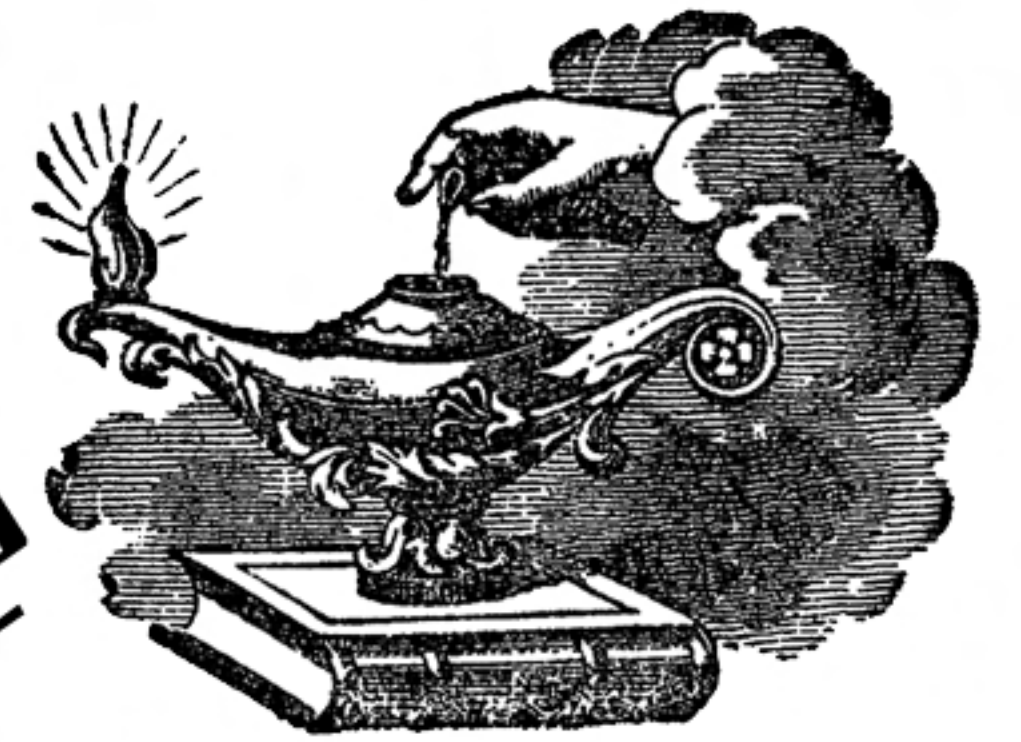
We know that the fraternity has had a profound effect in the early formation of the government of this Nation and continues to shape future generations. We see here a hallmark and apex of a Master of Grand Master's "ruling" life. All that he has learned in three degrees comes down to how one "best can work and best agree." How smooth will be the transition and civilized the vacating of the seat of power and relinquishing of it to the next successor. If we as Masons, and perhaps more importantly we as Americans, can also transfer this sacred habit to many others in the world, then this world perhaps would be a much more tranquil place in which to live. We, as Americans and Masons shall not abandon this ideal until the day comes when this singular act of freedom is somehow translated to all other societies and cultures upon the Earth.

Fraternally,

Mahmoud Ghaffari, PM,  
Senior Warden



# From the Lamp of Knowledge



## Die Erste Walpurgisnacht

As this trestleboard seems dedicated to a distinctly Halloween theme, it may seem fitting to mention a European counterpart to the popular American observance in which men, women and children don garments to emulate witches, demons and goblins as the month of October draws to a close. Although the European celebration occurs at May Day's Eve, exactly six months apart from the famous American celebration, the themes and concepts expressed in the two events are similar. The annual occurrence of the former, associated with the name of an English missionary, (ca. 710–777/9), is generally called the Walpurgis Night, although due the extensive treatment of the subject by the great German Poet, Goethe, the appellation Walpurgisnacht has become quite customary. The European celebration is of pagan origin and it may seem peculiar that its name has derived from the life of a Christian Saint. Saint Walpurga lived a cloistered life as a nun, yet aspects attributed to her are not irreconcilable with pagan concepts. She was regarded as the Christian protector against the attack of wolves and it has been claimed that from her loosely rock hewn grave exuded miraculous oil, which could be reminiscent of practices of an old nature religion. In the case of Walpurgis Night, the culture was druidic. The association may seem less incongruous when we realize that the Easter celebration might have been the work of primitive Christians confounding the resurrection principle with a coaeval pagan tradition, necessary to its eventual popular acceptance. The celebration spread throughout Europe, yet it is a German appeal that has found a connection with it in Freemasonry.



For this connection to be realized, it would be helpful to remember that Freemasonry is a product of the European Enlightenment, a time when human thought was guided by reason and avoided superstition and blind faith. As in the previous age of the Renaissance, thought ventured into new territories previously discouraged. Varied explanations have been offered to delineate and define the Enlightenment, but most would include the German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832) as one of its proponents. Goethe featured Walpurgisnacht in his greatest work Faust, but it was in his poem entitled Die Erste Walpurgisnacht (The First Walpurgis Night) that we may view a transformation concerning religious attitudes of the time. Non-Christian ideas might be viewed sympathetically after meeting persecution during this age, even as Christianity was itself once an object of persecution. Some very Masonic notions are identified among pagans in their efforts to defend themselves against Christian persecutors.

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# In Memoriam

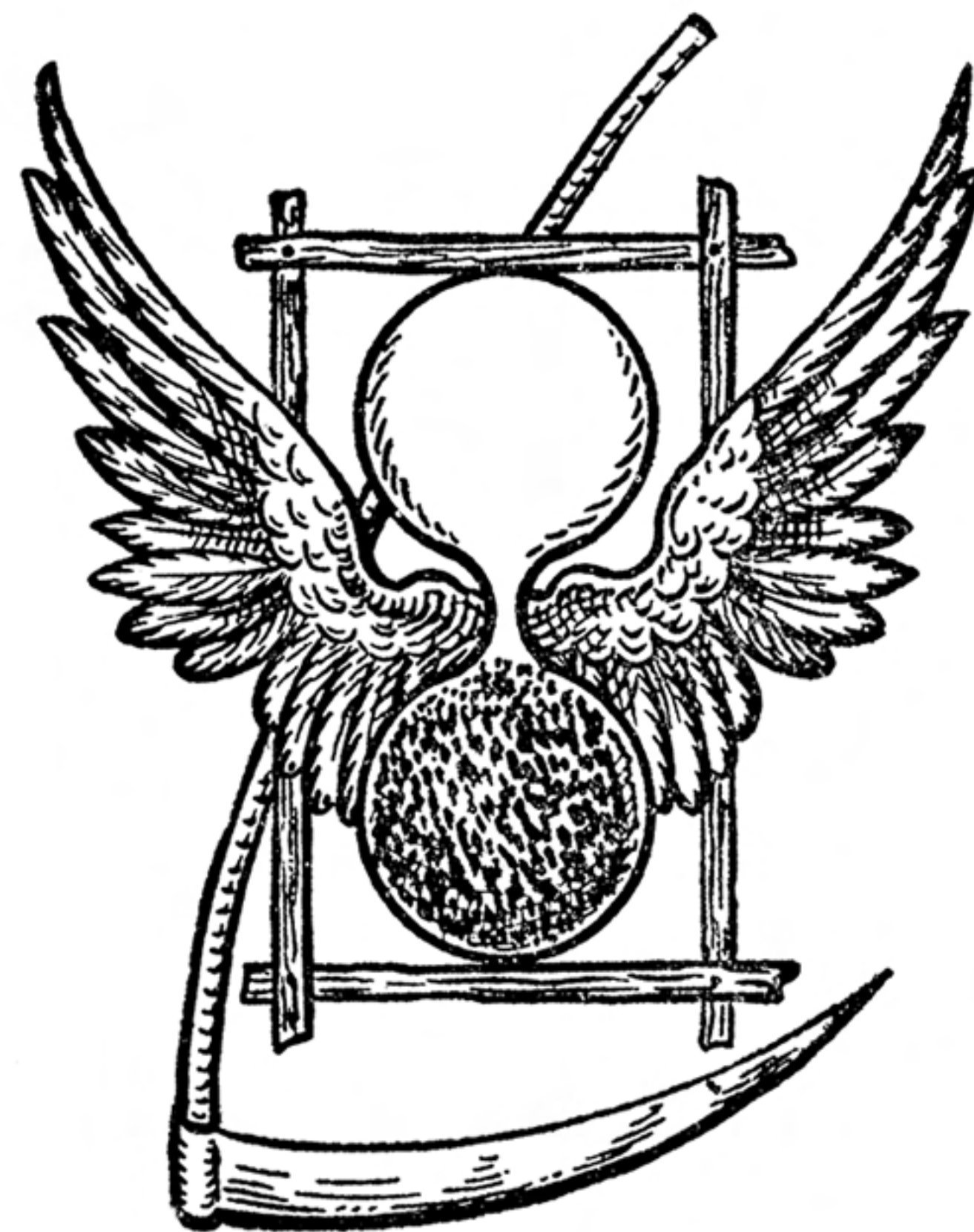
Remember our Brothers who have passed on to the Celestial Lodge above:

**Worshipful Brother John Andrew Miller, Past Master**

**Entered into Life June 26, 1924  
Initiated June 12, 1962  
Passed October 23, 1962  
Raised January 15, 1963  
Entered into Rest August 23, 2012**

**Brother John Robert Edward Wassertheur**

**Entered into Life April 29, 1931  
Initiated September 11, 1962  
Passed November 13, 1962  
Raised March 26, 1963  
Entered into Rest September 25, 2012**



Almighty Father, into Thine hands we commend the spirits of our beloved Brothers.

# From the South



## Memento Mori et Carpe Diem!

As the Season of All Hallow's Eve is upon us, two Latin phrases come to mind as best representing the Seasonal Spirit: Memento Mori ("Remember, you will die") and Carpe Diem! ("Seize the Day!"). In Western culture, Halloween has traditionally been considered a time when the veil between the world of spirits and the world of the living grows thin and those who have passed on could visit and be honored by those of us who are still incarnate. While it may seem paradoxical to our modern culture, in the past, All Hallow's Eve was not a time of morbid fear but of Remembrance for those who have passed on and it also meant appreciation for the time we still have left amongst the living, no matter how short or long that may be.

To recognize the facts of mortality becomes a foundation to keep a special place of Honor in our hearts for those we love and who inspire us, and for those loved ones who have made a positive impact on us and our lives and who continue to have an effect from beyond their graves. It also allows us to contemplate, with a balanced mind, on what particular form of immortality we hope to achieve on our chosen spiritual path when, finally, we "give up the ghost" ourselves. From the symbols within The Chamber of Reflection and within our Degrees, these themes run vividly throughout our Masonic Tradition.

A renewed appreciation for life can then be expressed as we seek to fill ourselves with meaningful experiences throughout our life-spans. And we "may enjoy the happy reflection consequent on a well-spent life, and die in the hope of glorious immortality."

Memento Mori...Carpe Diem....and Happy Halloween, Brethren!

Fraternally,

Kenneth L. Burgess II  
Junior Warden







# Secretary's Corner



The Grand Lodge Annual Communication produced some significant changes to our craft as evidenced by the article you see in this Trestleboard. Please take advantage of the Grand Lodge Website to keep up to date on all the changes. The website also makes it easy to change your personal information such as correction of spelling, addresses, phone numbers, factual data etc.

At the beginning of his year the Master sets his budget. We, as members of the Lodge should be mindful of his budget before making motions involving expenditures. Any member may during the discussion of the motion on the floor, make a motion to postpone the original motion until such time (a defined future date or indefinitely) it can be determined if the expenditure is within the Master's Budget.

## Motion for Postponement:

1. May be either indefinite or to a defined time.
2. Requires a second
3. Debatable, but only as to the wisdom of postponing.
4. May be made during the debate on the main question.

## EXAMPLE

**Member:** "Worshipful Master" (sign and recognition) "I move that further consideration of this motion be postponed until (after Grand Lodge, or until the next Stated Meeting or until it can be determined if it fits in the budget)".

**W.M.** "Is there a second?"

**Second Member:** "I will second the motion."

**W.M.** "Is there any discussion on whether we should postpone consideration of this motion (until after Grand Lodge or until the next Stated Meeting or until it can be determined if it fits in the budget)? If none, I will call for a vote on the motion to postpone." (Vote Taken)

**W.M.** "The motion is carried." (Gavel) "There will be no further discussion of the original motion until (the time chosen if any)". or "The motion is lost." (Gavel) "We will continue the discussion on the original motion."

# Grand Lodge Communication

The 163rd annual Grand Lodge Communication has concluded. Your elected officers attended the session and listened to many interesting arguments regarding resolutions to change Masonic law in California. We will inform you about all the changes on our Website.

For the present, however, please note that, as a result of legislation, Entered Apprentices and Fellow-crafts will now be permitted to attend Stated Meetings of their lodges, although they will not have voting privileges until they become Master Masons. Entered Apprentices and Fellow-crafts will also be expected to pay dues to the lodge. This is a significant change since, in the past, only Master Masons have paid dues.

The Grand Master has withdrawn his order to delay the effective date of this resolution and Entered Apprentices and Fellow-crafts will now be permitted to attend a Stated Meeting as early as October 3rd, 2012. All other details previously mentioned above are still valid.

Please join me in welcoming our Entered Apprentice and Fellow-crafts at the Stated Meeting of October, 2012!

Francis Taguchi  
Master

Culver City Foshay Lodge No. 467 F. & A.M.



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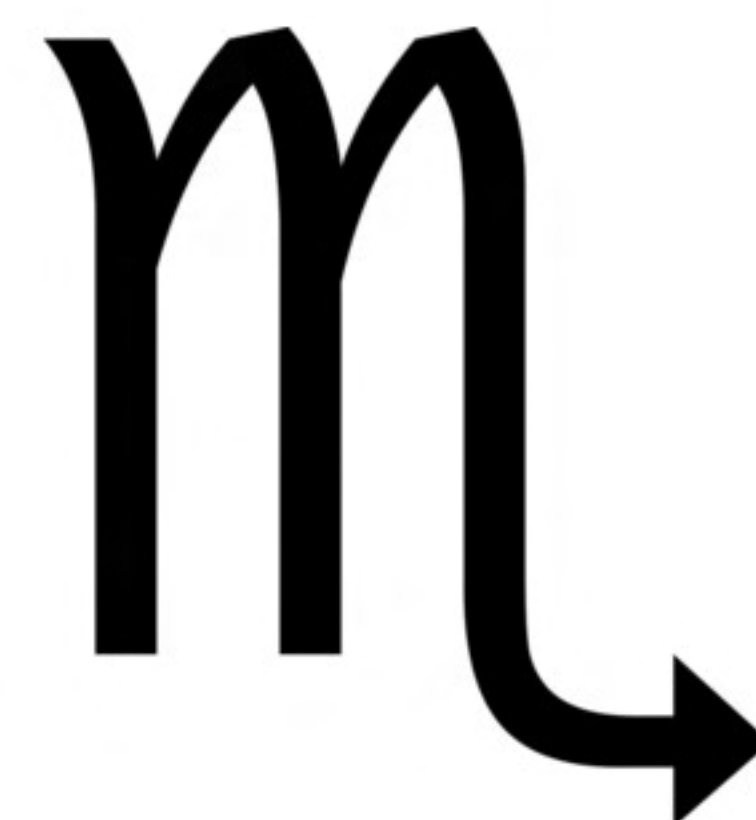
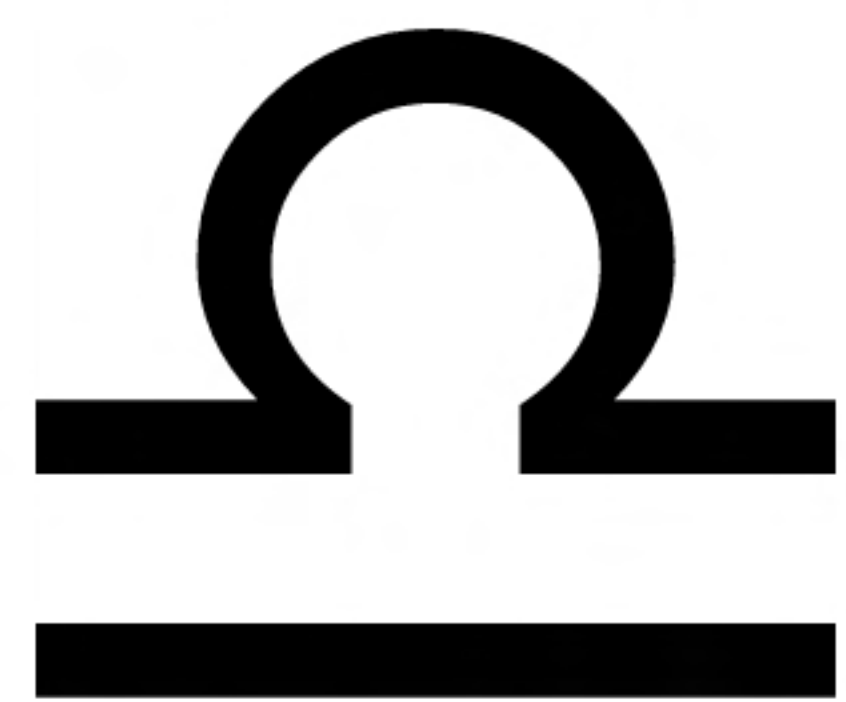




# October Birthdays



<i>Randolph T. Kellems</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Ronald J. Weimer</i>	<i>5th</i>
<i>Mark D. Bland</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Andrew R. Pedersen</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Robert C. Bright, Jr.</i>	<i>31st</i>
<i>Joshua J. Kutner</i>	<i>31st</i>



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](http://www.freemason.org)

# Chaplain's Prayer



To the Great Artificer of the Universe:  
 We who travel on the road of life,  
 seek your guidance, goodwill, and protection.  
 Your presence is a beacon for all to cling to,  
 when times are rough.  
 Our faith is with you.  
 May you always be there with open arms  
 and may your love and kindness shine as the brightest star above.



Amen.

Ed Calzaretto, Chaplain



# Chef's Menu



## Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

~ Buffet \$15.00 ~

**Pork Loin**  
**Catfish**  
**Garden Salad**  
**Steamed Vegetables**  
**Mashed Potatoes with Gravy**  
**Chocolate Cake**

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



Welcome  
our newest  
MASTER MASONS

Luis Martinez ->



<- Jeison Azali

Brethren, Ladies and Friends, Please bring gently used clothing for men, women and children to the lodge no later than the November Stated Meeting so they may be distributed to The Los Angeles Midnight Mission.

Your generosity  
will be greatly  
appreciated.



# 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.

## October

3rd	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
4th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
10th	3rd degree	7:00 PM
11th	3 - 1st degrees	7:00 PM
17th	Hero night (Teacher's)	6:30 PM
24th	OSI 3rd degree second section	7:30 PM @ Oasis
25th	Social night	7:00 PM
31st	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM

## November

7th	Dinner & Stated meeting	6:30 PM
8th	Temple Board meeting	7:30 PM
14th	3 - 1st degrees	7:00 PM
19th	OSI Q&A	6:30 PM @ Ionic
21st	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
28th	Degree or Practice	7:00 PM
29th	Social night	7:00 PM

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