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From The East

Worshipful Bro. Hayk Mushegyan, 32°

March: *Labor and Renewal*

March brings a welcome return to motion after the quiet of winter. As the world around us begins to awaken, so too are we called back to our Masonic labor with renewed purpose. The strength of our Lodge depends not only upon its officers, but upon the presence and participation of every Brother. Your attendance and support give meaning to all that we do.

This month, let us focus on steady improvement—learning our ritual more thoroughly, guiding our newer Brethren with patience, and performing our duties with care. The Entered Apprentice looks for example, the Fellowcraft for instruction, and the Master Mason for fellowship. Each of us has a role in shaping the character and harmony of this Lodge.

We will also have the honor of receiving the Inspector in our Lodge this month. Let us prepare accordingly, present our ritual with excellence, and extend to him the warm welcome and respect that reflect the pride we take in our Lodge and in our labors.
Let us remember that harmony is the foundation of our success. We meet upon the level, act by the plumb, and part upon the square. By keeping these principles in our daily lives, we strengthen not only our Lodge, but also our homes and communities.

A friendly reminder to all: Daylight Saving Time begins this month. Please remember to set your clocks forward so that you may arrive on time and join us promptly in our labors.

I look forward to laboring beside you in the weeks ahead as we continue to build in unity, knowledge, and brotherly love.

From The West

Bro. Cris De Dios, 32°

As we usher in the month of March, we are reminded of the beauty that spring brings, particularly with the upcoming Spring Equinox. This celestial event, occurring around March 20th, marks a time of balance and renewal, symbolizing the harmony between light and darkness. In Freemasonry, the Spring Equinox holds profound significance as it represents rebirth and the flourishing of new ideas within our lodges and communities. Just as nature awakens, so too do our spirits, encouraging us to embrace the growth and enlightenment that comes with this season.

We are particularly excited to announce the Freemason conference being held at UC Berkeley this month. This gathering of minds will take place on March 14th, where esteemed speakers and members from various lodges will converge to share insights, discuss our shared values, and explore the profound impact of Freemasonry on society. This is an exceptional opportunity for fellowship, learning, and the strengthening of our fraternal bonds. We encourage all members to attend and partake in the enriching discussions and workshops planned for this event.

As we celebrate these events, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the guests who have consistently attended our Sunday morning lectures. Your presence and support have been invaluable to our community, fostering an environment of learning and brotherhood. We are inspired by your commitment and enthusiasm, and we look forward to seeing more of you in the coming weeks as we continue to explore the teachings and traditions of our beloved Craft.

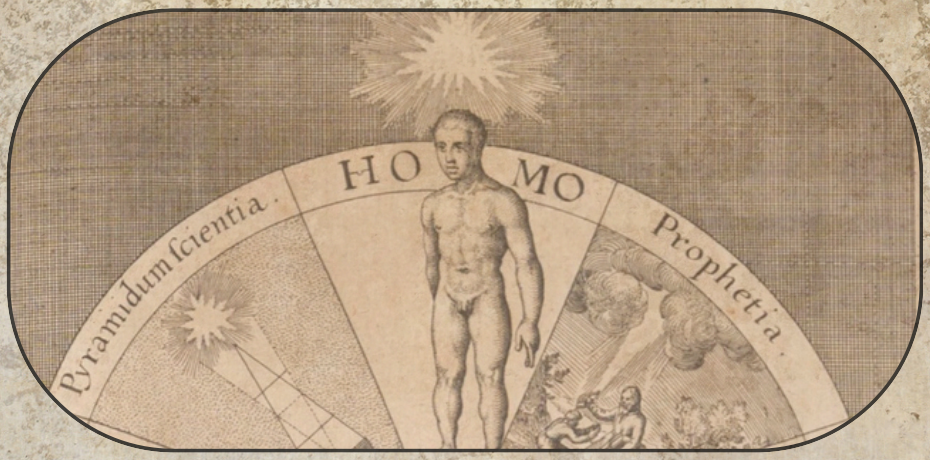
In conclusion, March is a month of renewal, reflection, and connection within our Masonic community. Let us embrace the changing season, participate actively in the upcoming conference, and honor the legacy of those who came before us. Together, we can cultivate a vibrant and supportive environment as we continue on our Masonic journey.

Announcements

March Calendar

all events are at Culver City-Foshay lodge unless otherwise stated

March 4th - **6:30pm** - Stated Meeting
March 8th- **10am** - Meet The Masters
March 11th- **6:30pm** - Degree Practice
March 12th - **7pm** - CCMBA Meeting (online)
March 15th - **10am** - Meet The Masters
March 18th - **7pm** - Entered Apprentice Degree
March 22nd - **10am** - Meet The Masters
March 25th - **6:30pm** - OSI, Officer Meeting (required attendance, in person or online)
March 29th - **10am** - Meet The Masters, Candidate School of Instruction



From The South

Bro. Sam Banister, 32°

Good afternoon, brethren! What a pleasure and honor it has been to serve with you all in the South throughout this year. Your continued dedication to our community encourages me to fervently remember the mission and dedication our lodge upholds for Los Angeles Freemasonry.

With the spring equinox upon us, I've been focusing on mediations relating to the 24 inch gauge and the common gavel.

The first degree in freemasonry is said to represent the physical realm, giving us tools to order our lives in the physical reality in order to manifest positive growth in the initiates newfound light.

During the Entered Apprentice (EA) lecture, we are taught that the 24 inch gauge is an instrument made use of by operative masons to measure and lay out their work, but that Free and Accepted masons use it to more nobly and gloriously divide our time. The gavel, of course, is also explained, being used by the operatives to smooth the rough and superfluous parts of the stone, the better to fit them for the builder's use. As for Free and Accepted masons, this tool symbolically represents divesting our hearts and consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting our minds, as living stones, for the House not built with hands—seemingly, tools that each freemason can use from day one onward in and through their path as a light to guide them.

From The South....

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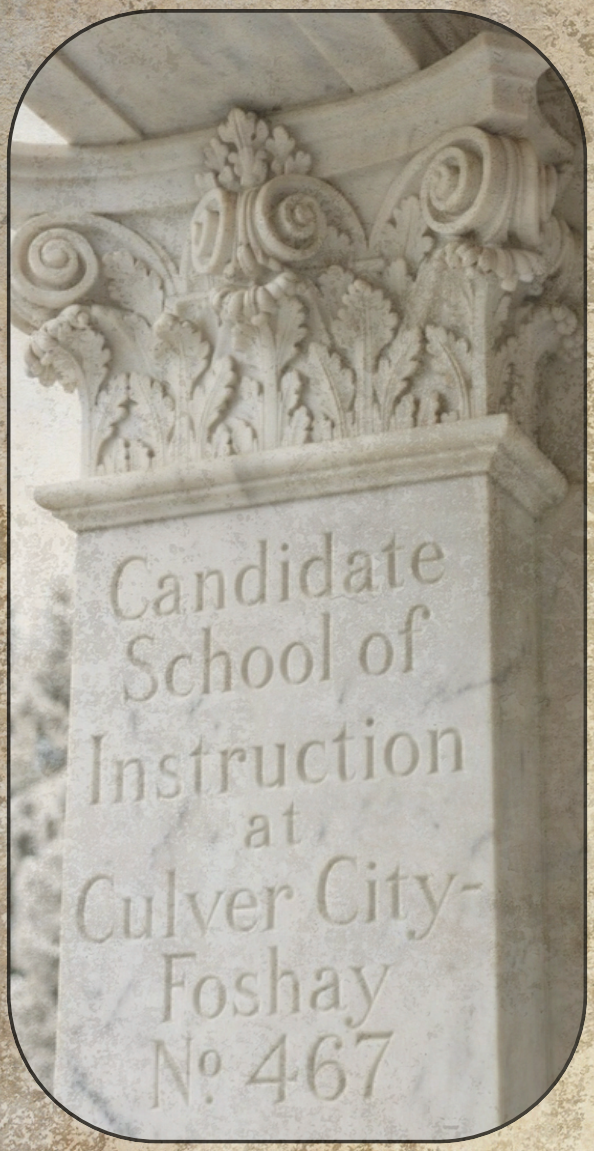
In Henry Pirtle's "Kentucky Monitor," he speaks to the symbolism of the EA degree as the changing from ignorance and darkness to moral and intellectual light, further assessing the symbolism as "point[ing] him [the mason] to the path that leads to duty and to Him who gives [to] duty its reward." This further reminded me of the physical change that is experienced after the introduction of all of the EA symbolism, i.e. the pillars, great lights, mosaic pavement, light and darkness, destitution and opulence, etc…always finding equilibrium and truth within each. Perhaps these physical manifestations of balance yield the mason's recollection of using each working tool individually within the framework of those symbols.

I extrapolated my search into my studies throughout the Scottish Rite degrees. For example, I was reminded that "...equilibrium, possible in ourselves, and which Masonry incessantly labors to accomplish in its initiates…, [is found] between the spiritual and divine and the material and human in man; between the intellect, reason, and moral sense on one side, and the appetites and passions on the other, from which result the harmony and beauty of a well-regulated life" (Hutchens pg. 319). This could arguably be connected to the initiation into freemasonry, thus furthering the reconnection to the guiding light of the framework provided by 24 inch gauge and the common gavel to which we can apply all things.

As I continue my journey, I look forward to continuing to seek the symbiotic nature of all our working tools alongside you all, but continue to stay steadfast in finding connections here, upon the first steps of masonry. Furthermore, I would encourage you to join us in our conferring of entered apprentice degree this month, so far as you can do so without serious injury to yourself or those who are dependent upon you.

Candidate School Of Instruction



Starting on March 29th 2026; the LAST Sunday of each month at Culver City-Foshay Lodge #467. Required attendance by all candidates receiving degrees from Culver City-Foshay Lodge. If absence is required, please reach out to any installed officer with your conflicts.

To sustain and continue the long-standing tradition of ritual excellence within the walls of Culver City-Foshay #467, each month we will host a candidate school of instruction (CSI) where brothers from each step on their Masonic journey are invited to join in learning with other, discussing takeaways from degrees, practice memorization techniques, and discover ways to implement and apply Freemasonic teachings into their daily lives. Open to EAs, FCs, and MMs. Bring all materials that you consider to be relevant.

Miscellaneous

Chaplain's Prayer

Bro. Ed Calzaretto, Chaplain

When does a prayer become a prayer.
Praying to God for guidance and inspiration.
When your hopes and dreams have been exausted and there is nowhere else to turn.
The unseeing faith and the unseeing joy and relief of prayer—this is why we pray.
Our hearts become filled again and calm settles over us again.
We seek the Lord when times dictate.
We pray that the fates are good to us.
Let us make the pilgrimage and find newfound faith, hope, charity.
But the greatest of these is charity.
Amen.

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