



Trestleboard

MARCH 2008 | Culver City Foshay No. 467 F. & A. M.



FROM THE EAST

Greetings, brethren! I am pleased to say that we have experienced a productive and exciting beginning to the year, as numerous candidates have been initiated, passed, and raised, and various projects to improve our building have begun. Good fellowship and superb ritual have continued to distinguish us, and I once again offer my many thanks to all the officers and supportive brethren that have helped in the degrees and the lodge affairs. As spring shall soon be upon us, and both the Easter season and the Vernal Equinox will be celebrated this this month, I would like to direct everyone's attention to the masonic tenets and themes of temperance and renewal, and encourage each of you to use the fresh energy of the Spring season to refresh and vitalize the various aspects of your life. Now is an excellent time to clear out the old clutter in both your surroundings and your inner life, restore balance to anything out of harmony with your higher ideals and intentions, and commit to positive behaviors that will further your health and well being. Attending lodge and practicing the masonic virtues is certainly one way to establish more harmony and consistently find renewal through the participation in our Craft.

Although we do not have any degrees lined up this month, we still have a full calendar and a few upcoming noteworthy events. On the Friday the 21st we are hosting a Sweethearts Dinner in special honor of the lady's in our lives, so please check the flyer inserted in this edition of the Trestleboard and help spread the word to the wives, widows, girlfriends, sisters, and mothers of any brethren who would like to join us on this special occasion. Formal dress is encouraged to reflect the lovely evening that shall be had by all.

On Wednesday the 26th, our esteemed Past Master the Very Worshipful John L. Cooper will present one of his final lecture presentations as Grand Secretary at the Santa Monica-Palisades lodge. Entitled "The History and Development of Masonic Ritual", this is sure to be an informative and enriching experience for all, and I encourage the brethren of Culver-City Foshay lodge to attend. The event will begin at 7 PM, so please RSVP to Bro. James Ocon at 1-818-716-1551 or email at 1jocon@sbcglobal.net.

At our April Stated Meeting Dinner, our beloved brother Ron Balin will be receiving his 50 Year Pin in recognition of his five decades as a loyal and active member of our Fraternity. Hawaiiin attire is requested for the dinner celebration of this landmark moment, so please join us in honoring Bro. Balin's many years of service and masonic involvement.

Sadly, I must now call your attention to sickness and distress. Our brother Nicolo Cole recently suffered a severe accident that has left him with a neck injury and landed him in the trauma center at UCLA. The hospital is located at 10833 Le Conte Avenue near UCLA, and he currently residing on the 7th floor.

Bro. Cole welcomes our visits and encouragement though this period of pain and recovery, so please drop by and show your love for our injured brother. Please also keep Wo. Clarence Kussner in your thoughts and prayers this month as he undergoes some health related procedures. Despite the nature of doctor and hospital visits, both of these brethren remain vital and positive, and our fellowship and good will towards them certainly contributes to assisting them through any challenges and discomforts.

Lastly, I am holding a planning meeting on Wednesday March 19th at 7 PM to map out the rest of the year get up to date on ongoing and intended projects and events, and entertain any suggestions or ideas on improving our lodge and contributing to the 2008 masonic year. Officers and Executive members are expected to attend, and any brethren are welcome to show up and contribute. I look forward to seeing many of you there, and continuing our positive momentum!

Fraternally,
Christopher Sanders

FROM THE BETHEL

To the Members of the Culver City-Foshay Lodge

The girls of Bethel No. 2 and I would like to thank you for all your support at our Pirate Pancake Breakfast. We are so glad that so many of you were able to join us even though it was a very rainy and cold Sunday morning. I hope that all of you enjoyed the breakfast and that we will see you all again in the near future. Thank you so much for supporting us and helping us achieve our goals. Thank you all for your continuing support of our Bethel girls.

Sarai Dickerson-Hernandez, Honored Queen

Whew! There has been a lot of activity here at the Bethel lately and even more coming up.

We now have a new website, www.bethel2.org, where you can easily find information on upcoming activities of the girls, reserve seats or spaces at them with the click of a mouse, see photos of fun days we've had recently and have an easy way to contact the Bethel Council members.

A Star Wars themed Dinner will be on Friday, April 11 here at the Lodge. We will be serving dinner from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. As always with our themed dinners, costumes are welcome and encouraged! Tickets are \$10.00 each and are available at our website, on the nights when we are at the Lodge for our meetings and also at the door the night of the dinner.

We will be going to the Renaissance Pleasure Faire in Irwindale on Saturday, April 12. Friends and prospects will be along for the fun and to meet the Queen, of course!



Note: The Dinner starts at 7pm



FROM THE SOUTH

In attending a recent meeting of the Royal Arch Masons, I observed a Brother stand during our Stated Meeting in order to share the feelings of his heart. He spoke of the years that have passed, due to a lack of active Brethren, since his last privilege to witness the Royal Arch Degree work performed in the building where we meet. He further added that when the building was in the planning stage, the architect had questions concerning certain elements to be constructed. Why a wall here? Why a door there? He was instructed not to ask questions and design it as told. This Brother then apologized for his comments and pleaded with us to involve our incoming new Royal Arch Masons in whatever ways possible to insure activity and in hopes that he might again witness the degrees performed today as in the past.

Additionally, at a recent Commandery Meeting, our ability to continue to meet as a Commandery was brought to question, due to lack of members as well as inactivity of the Brethren. However, upon meeting and observing the passion and excitement of those Brethren present as well as the number ready and willing to serve, the final decision fell in favor of our maintaining our right to continue to meet as a Commandery. On both occasions, it is easy to rise, apologize and then return with shame to our seats.

However, these are not stories of failure. These are not comments that need apology. These are signs of hope. There is a new wave of young men desiring to join the Masonic Fraternity and these young men are eager and willing to serve and build. Fathers are also reaching out to their sons and each can become a new messenger of light to those who still remain in the dark.

With each new member comes added strength and this strength is felt by each and every Brother, even the inactive as we extend the hand of friendship and brotherly love, inviting them to return. It is a vibration that spreads to all Masons and strikes at the very birthplace of our membership, deep within our hearts. So, if we see or hear words of discouragement, remind one another that it only takes one and if we all work to become a part of that one, united and together we can build this Temple in Harmony.

Fraternally,

Jonathan P. Dilley, JW



Jonathan P. Dilley, JW and his Father at Dad's First Degree



FROM THE BETHEL

At our meeting on Monday, April 14, we will be assembling another set of care packages to send to the troops that are deployed to Afghanistan that the Bethel has adopted. We include gum and candies, magazines, word puzzle books, trial size bottles and tubes of toiletries and small toys that they in turn give to the children in the nearby village. Any Masons who wish to participate and send anything on to them with us are more than welcome! The soldiers LOVE these packages and look forward to them each time.

On Sunday, April 27 we will be traveling to Long Beach for a day of archery fun, followed by a Potluck lunch. We have invited Bethels 109 in Bellflower and 161 in Long Beach to join us. We will have a variety of archery games with three-time Olympian Janet Dykman. Tickets for archery day are \$15.00 each and available in person and on the website.

On Monday, April 28, will be our regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. As always, all Master Masons are welcome to join us for our regular meetings which are held every second and fourth Monday at 7:00 P.M. If you have daughters, granddaughters, sisters or nieces who would be interested in joining in on our activities please drop us a line from the website or join us in our meetings, we would love to hear from you!

Joyce Strader

Guardian Treasurer

The Lodge is attempting to organize a **Golf Outing** to be held in April/May, at a local course. Before we arrange for a course and date, we need to know how many of the brethren would like to participate. If you are interested, please contact Bro. Bob Leggio @ 1.310.301.0333 or by email rjl@motorsports-insurance.com.

Wednesday March 19th

7pm Planning Meeting

Friday, 21 March, 2008

Sweethearts' Dinner \$15

R.S.V.P. to Christopher Sanders swmcs08@gmail.com
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Wednesday March 26th

Lecture

7pm Santa Monica-Palisades lodge

"The History and Development of Masonic Ritual"

RSVP to Bro. James Ocon at 1-818-716-1551

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Monday Mar. 24th

Bethel Meeting

Practice will begin at 6pm

Meeting to begin at 7pm

Please wear your robes, slip, white knee highs and bethel shoes, etc.



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