

Trestleboard

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



FROM THE EAST

The Spring season has arrived and the refreshing energies that accompany this time are infusing the lodge and brethren with good cheer and vigor. Improvements upon the lodge continue to proceed, and numerous potential candidates are approaching the lodge excited about Freemasonry and expressing an interest in joining our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. The officers are learning the work for their advanced stations, and other brethren are helping with various projects, all in all cultivating a strong support system for present and future masonic activity and growth at Culver-City Foshay Lodge, and for this I am very grateful and inspired.

We held a planning meeting in March, at which many important event dates for the year were determined. Most will be held later in the year and announced at the appropriate time, but coming soon on Saturday May 31st, we will be holding a table lodge. Yes, a TABLE LODGE! For those unfamiliar with this masonic custom, a table lodge is a formal but festive dinner conducted in a ritual manner punctuated by a series of official and sometimes impromptu toasts.

This event will be open to all brethren, including Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, as well as invited male guests and prospective members, and will provide all in attendance a night of camaraderie, fellowship, laughter, and fond memories. I highly encourage everyone spreading the word now, particularly the brethren we may not have seen in some time, and also to friends interested in the Freemasonry. Dinner will be held at 7 PM, and the cost will be \$20, which will include a souvenir shotglass. Participants will be limited to 60, and YOU MUST RSVP for this event at 467events@gmail.com.

At the April Stated Meeting we held a 50 Year Pin presentation and celebration for Bro. Ron Balin, which was well attended by many of his friends and family and brethren. Special thanks go out to his wife, Dolly, for the lovely Hawaiian themed decorations that made this event such a pleasure, and gratitude goes out to George Wollin for the delicious feast he prepared.

A 50 Year Pin is a true masonic milestone and distinction, and we are honored to have Bro. Balin as an active and vital member of our lodge.

We have also established a new candidate coaching team consisting of Bros. Dahlan Netsch, Rod Wollin, and Merrick Hamer.

Bro. Netsch will be holding candidate coaching workshops on most Sunday mornings between 9:30 and noon, and Bro. Wollin will be available on evenings upon arrangement, and Wo. Hamer is often available on Sundays and nights upon arrangement as well. We hope cultivate our communications and relations with our candidates as much as possible, and provide each of you with steady and proficient coaching and guidance during your advancement through the degrees. Given that the coaching team has attempted to make contact with all of our E.A's and F.C.'s to alert them to this development, we ask that you please feel welcome to ask any questions, express any concerns, alert us to any changes in your contact information or living situations, and generally make good use of the talented mentors who are available for you benefit. Candidates for advancement are also highly encouraged to attend degrees they are qualified to observe, for the degrees themselves are truly the best teachers and extremely enriching and unique masonic experiences each time they are conferred.

Speaking of which, we are conferring a First Degree upon Mark Nelson the night of Wednesday the 9th, at 7 PM, and a Third Degree for Ansel Young on Wednesday the 23rd at 7 Pm as well. All brethren of the appropriate degrees are highly encouraged to attend these sacred occasions, show your support for these brothers on their special nights, and be a part of what makes our honorable Institution so unique and empowering. As I mentioned at my Installation, attending lodge and practicing the Craft plugs you directly into a powerful synergy that will make you a wiser, stronger, and and more beautiful person, should you choose to be sincere in your intentions and efforts, and the lodge as a whole is here to support each of it's members in these noble endeavors.

Fraternally,
Christopher Sanders
Worshipful Master

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.

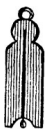
We now have a new website, www.bethel2.org, where you can easily find information on upcoming activities of the girls, reserve seats or spaces at them with the click of a mouse, see photos of fun days we've had recently and have an easy way to contact the Bethel Council members.

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



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from Indiana! I write to you this month from the Great State of Indiana and wish each and every one of you my warmest Fraternal greetings from a cold, windy and rainy place. It's times like these that I remind myself how wonderful it is to live in the Greater State of California, however, there is another thing that I am always reminded of when I travel and that is my connection to the Worlds Greatest Fraternity!

To travel is one of the rights and benefits of Freemasonry and we should always seek to travel when the opportunity presents itself. To travel goes far beyond it's surface meaning. To the average man, it is a simple action which carries us from place to place. To the Freemason, it is to go from Lodge to Lodge in every City, State or even foreign land. I, however, would add the far greater and more noble meaning behind the word. To travel is to reach out to our Brothers within and without the Lodge for whatever reason required and in many cases, not required. To extend the Fraternal hand of Brotherly Love and Friendship and to Aid and Assist a Distressed Worthy Brother, this is the true spirit of what it means to be a Mason and to Travel.

So, as we travel in our daily lives, let us not forget who we are and the responsibility we have one to another and not just our responsibility to Masons, but to each and every person we may come across in our life journey as we Travel.

And finally, congratulations to Brother Balin on his 50 Year Pin. While unable to attend, I wore my Hawaiian Shirt with pride here in freezing cold and windy Indiana and I am even more proud to call such a great man, my Brother.

Fraternally,

Jonathan P. Dilley JW



Calendar April 2008

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 April 7 | 7pm

First Degree Mark Nelson

Wednesday April 23 | 7pm

Third Degree Ansel Young

Wednesday May 7 | 6:30pm

Dinner

Stated Meeting | 7pm

Saturday May. 31

Table Lodge

YOU MUST RSVP for this event at 467events@gmail.com.

Every Sunday 9:30am – 12pm

Degree coaching

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