

# Trestleboard

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



## FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer season as we now come to a turning point in the year, as the wheel of the seasons transitions us into the Fall on the Autumnal Equinox later this month. This summer has proven to be a busy time for the lodge in a month we generally anticipate be dark and inactive. Indeed, we have experienced a flurry of activity, conferred numerous degrees, and set in motion some important projects and upcoming events.

We are happy to welcome our newly initiated Brethren Douglas Boss (who was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft last month), Beau Cameron, and Edward Sitch, and overjoyed to have in our ranks two new recently raised Master Masons: Brother Dylan Nicholas, and Brother Mark Nelson. Bro. Nelson will soon be moving to Arizona, and we wish him safe travels and any easy transition, and look forward to his promise to visit us as much as possible when work brings him to Los Angeles again.

Speaking of safe travels and smooth transitions, unfortunately for us but lucky for him, our good friend and talented Senior Deacon, Brother Richard Byrd, was transferred to Atlanta to enjoy a promotion in his career and a chance to be closer to his family. Bro. Byrd is an old friend of many of us, and had proven himself to be an outstanding officer, delivering impeccable and memorable performances as Senior Deacon, and delivering particularly superb Staircase lectures during the Second Degrees we have conferred this year. We will all miss Bro. Byrd's good nature, wit, and devotion to the Craft, and wish him and his wife a bright future in Atlanta.

The month of September will be another busy month for us, with two 3rd degrees and numerous important events on the calendar. On the 10th we are holding our Civic Heroes Night, where we will honor the local LAPD, California Highway Patrol, and Firefighters. The previously distributed attachment contains further details, but please be reminded that the cost is 15\$ and to RSVP to [467events@gmail.com](mailto:467events@gmail.com) or contact Bro. Bob Leggio at 310-245-2566.

On the 17th we will raise Bro. Douglas Boss to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and the following week on the 24th we will raise Bro. Francisco Romano, just in time for him to join us at Grand Lodge in San Francisco that weekend. I highly encourage all Master Masons to join us on these important to share in this once in a lifetime experience and show our appreciation for the work and progress these brothers have shown.

Another big day for the lodge will be on Saturday the 20th, when we will be traveling to Library park in El Segundo for our annual Constitutional Observance event.

A local blurb from the El Segundo Herald sums up this event well: "Our U.S. Constitution Commemoration Program for Library Park in El Segundo, CA on Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon, September 20th will include participation of several Masonic lodges, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Bethel chapter, the Shrine Hospital Van, Boys Scout troops, Ms. Kathleen Moran, Richmond Street School and Gayle England providing music, and keynote speaker Gen Dick Pierce. Please post the program at your work sites, churches, and other prominent places. This event is designed for family, friends, youth and others to attend. Our goal is to have 150 persons attend. Masons who will be helping with logistics should arrive at the lodge by 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts and a lunch will be provided." Please contact myself or Wo. Richard Pierce for any questions regarding this celebratory occasion.

We will be celebrating another important event in the early afternoon that very Saturday when we will then travel to the home of Bro. Gino Giacinti in Redondo Beach to present him with his 50 Year Pin. Bro. Giacinti is well deserving of this great honor, but is unable to leave his home very easily, so I highly encourage the brethren of Culver-City Foshay lodge to join us as we visit him, and to please fee to practice brotherly love and give Bro. Giacinti a call and let him know how proud we are of him. Please contact me if you would like further details or contact information for our distinguished Brother.

A date correction must now be made for our grand event to be held in November commemorating the 80th anniversary of the cornerstone laying of our lodge, in which we will honor our Past Master and the newly retired Grand Secretary, the Very Worshipful John L. Cooper III.

The initial date was set for the 8th of November, but has now been moved to the evening of Saturday the 22nd. Mark you calendars, as this is a unique event you will not want to miss! Please look for a detailed flyer in the the upcoming editions of the Trestleboard.

As I previously mentioned, the final weekend of the month many of the officers will be heading up to San Fransisco the attend the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in California's annual communication and Installation of the soon-to-be Most Worshipful Larry Adams.

Grand Lodge is always a memorable and exciting event to experience, and I encourage anyone brother of the lodge with the time and capacity to join us to please make the effort. Many carpooling opportunities are available, including a rented van leaving from the lodge. Please contact our Secretary Clarence Kussner for information in this regard.

Obviously, we are enjoying much growth and activity this year, which can also be seen by the recent improvements to our building, most notably the pristine new paint job now covering most of the lodge, and all the wonderful detailing and refurbishing on the interior. Bros. Bob Leggio, Adrian Beckman, and George Wollin and Wo. Pierce have been instrumental in this process, which will continue inside and out until our lodge displays practically a complete make-over fitting to the majesty of our sacred Temple. Many thanks to all the brethren who have aided us in these labors.

The Autumn Equinox is always a time of cosmic harmony and equilibrium, and we as Masons are particularly instructed to observe and reflect upon these themes. Given all the positive developments and successes seen and planned for this year, I can confidently say that brotherly love and harmony are truly prevailing, and I look forward with gratitude and delight to the rest of the 2008.

Fraternally,

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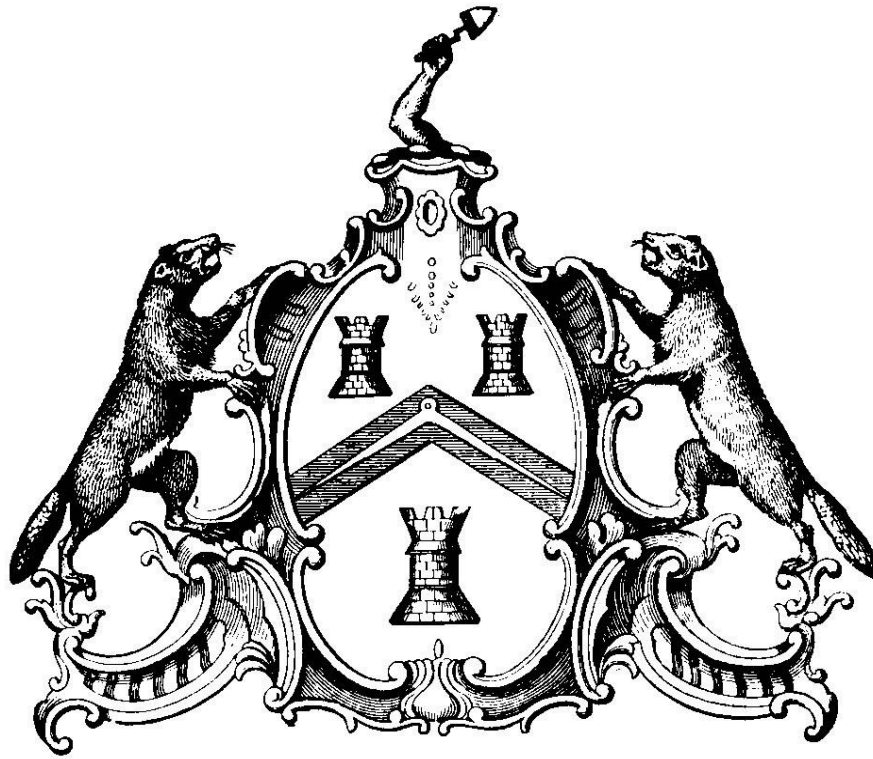
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## **Update Regarding Lodge Painting / Repair**

As of Tuesday, September 2, the painting and repair of the exterior of the Lodge is well on its way toward completion. Under the supervision and guidance of Worshipful Pierce, the project should be completed well before the buildings anniversary party on November 8th.

The majority of the work will be completed before our "Civic Hero's Night, on Sept 10th. Those attending the Sept 3rd Stated Meeting will get a first hand look at the work. The first thing that you notice is that the Lodge seems to be revived while retaining its 1920's charm and character.

To summarize, the entire exterior of the Lodge has been pressure washed. The majority of the building has received a Prime coat, The front of the Lodge has been painted with its first coat of final paint with another coat to follow. All along the way, cracks and holes have been and continue to be repaired.

The final color scheme will be three tones of Gray, with white trim around the windows. The detailing of the ornate work will bring out the character of the Lodge. The balusters along the roof line of the building have all been repaired with five in the process of being replaced entirely.

The cracks in the exterior walls have been patched and primed. The front entrance doors to the Lodge will soon be sanded and stained along with the gated entrance being sanded and repainted. Most of you will remember the "vintage" Lantern that hung down over the Lodges main entrance.

Worshipful Pierce has restored the Lantern to pristine condition. It will make a grand Entrance way, even grander.

--Bro. Bob Leggio

The newly raised Master Mason Dylan Nicholas with his father, Bro. Constantine Nicholas



The newly raised Master Mason Dylan Nicholas with Past Master Merrick Hamer



# Calendar 2008

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## Wednesday Sept 10

7:00pm Hero's Night Dinner

## Wednesday Sept 17

3rd Degree Bro. Douglas Boss

## Saturday Sept 20

Constitutional Observance  
Library park in El Segundo 10am-12pm

## Wednesday Sept 24

3rd Degree Bro. Francisco Romano

## Wednesday Oct 1

Dinner 6:30pm  
Stated Meeting 7pm

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