

Trestleboard

November 2008

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



FROM THE EAST

From the East,

The month of November looks to be a pivotal and productive month for our lodge, which includes elections of the 2009 officers, a historic event, a special announcement, and holiday cheer. At our Stated Meeting, we elected our incoming Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary, who are, respectively, David Francis Phillips P.M., Jonathan Dilly, Merrick Rees Hamer P.M., Douglas Warner, and Clarence Kussner P.M. Unanimous ballots were cast, and the elected officers accepted their upcoming roles with graciousness and determination. Worshipful Phillips has included an introductory and explanatory article in this edition of the Trestleboard for any who may seem unfamiliar with his masonic history and involvement with our lodge, as well as the reasons for why he has been selected as Master for next year. Deep thanks go out to our Senior Warden James Blumenthal for his years of service and assistance in making this a smooth transition, and we hope that his increased work opportunities and obligations still continue to allow him to be active as much as possible in lodge affairs and activities.

At our Stated Meeting I also had the honor and pleasure of announcing this years Hiram Award recipient, Brother George Wollin. Since stepping in as our Tyler a few years ago, Bro. Wollin has consistently served our lodge humbly and diligently to the best of his many abilities, going far beyond the call of duty in all of his efforts to support and improve our lodge and masonic community. Those who have attended our Stated Meeting dinners and special functions have had a first hand experience enjoying the love and devotion George puts into our fabulous delicious meals, and those who attend our degrees and meetings have further enjoyed the care and dedication he puts into preparing, arranging, and care taking the lodges various implements, tools, and furniture. On an almost weekly basis, George has quietly surprised me with some sort of repair, improvement, or donation addition he has made to the lodge. I certainly could not have asked for a better Tyler, and a better supportive Brother Mason in my year as Master, and for all of his hard work behind the scenes, the lodge finds great pleasure and gratitude in honoring Brother George Wollin as this years Hiram Award recipient. The celebratory event will take place at our lodge on Wednesday, December 17th at 7:30 PM. Please join us in acknowledging this award worthy mason.

As many of you know, a great deal of effort has gone into restoring the lodge to a worthy and

elegant splendor, particularly in preparation for our 80th Anniversary event on the Saturday the 22nd, in which we will showcase the lodge and library, and pay tribute to our Past Master John L. Cooper III and his recent retirement as Grand Secretary. Details can be found for this event on the flyer included. Dinner reservations filled up quickly, but the social hour and upstairs program are still open to attendees, and I highly encourage all members of the lodge to participate in this historic event. Many Grand Lodge officers and local masonic dignitaries will be present, as well as numerous elder members of our lodge, so please do not miss out what will certainly amount to a memorable evening of celebration and fellowship!

All of the amazing progress and productivity we have experienced this year could not have been possible without the devotion and labor of the Brethren, particularly the ones who have gathered each Wednesday night and on Sunday mornings and afternoons, and all the various days in between to help contribute, supervise, organize, and actualize the various tasks and labors that have been integral to the transformation of the lodge and the completion of the our fantastic library that has been many years in development. This Thanksgiving season, I am truly reminded of all the blessings that each of us receives as Children of God in general, and Brethren in the Craft in particular. I am filled with gratitude for the lessons Freemasonry continues to teach me, and the loving service the Brethren have given for our lodge. Thank you, members of Culver City-Foshay Lodge, and may your holiday season be healthy, happy, and harmonious!

Sincerely,
Christopher Sanders

FROM THE MASTER-ELECT

Brethren, thank you for having the confidence to elect me to serve Culver City Foshay Lodge #467 as Master in 2009. I will do my best to serve the Lodge, maintain it's fine traditions, uphold its Leadership role within our beloved Fraternity and in the Community at large, and possibly start a new tradition or two.

For those who may be wondering why our Senior Warden, Brother James Blumenthal, is not advancing into the East, it is because his professional commitments are taking up a great deal of his time and he cannot, to his satisfaction, fulfill the obligations of serving the Lodge as Master next year. Because of that, he called me on behalf of the Master and Officers and asked me to consider stepping in for him. We wish him well in all his endeavors and look forward to his returning as an officer in the Lodge once again

Since my affiliation with the Lodge in June, I have been working on getting to know the current officers as well as renewing old friendships, working on the qualifications to sit in the East, making sure the Officers line for 2009 will remain as strong as Worshipful Christopher Sanders made it for 2008 and put together an agenda and calendar for 2009, not to mention putting together a budget.

For those of you not familiar with me, I have added my Masonic Biography which was used

when I entertained for various Masonic functions. It goes as follows:

“David Francis Philips, a Past Master of Pasadena Lodge #272 , was raised a Master Mason on March 24th, 1982 in Hospitality Lodge #128 at Wethersfield, Connecticut and became a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite mason in the Connecticut Consistory, Northern Jurisdiction on May 7th, 1983. He affiliated with Arabic Lodge #763 at Los Angeles, California in the fall of 1983, served as Worshipful Master in 1991 and again for a brief period in 1997, after their merger with Pasadena Lodge #272. In 2003, he served as Master of Ionic Composite Lodge #520. He also served as Grand Bible Bearer for the Grand Lodge of California in 1998/99 under the Most Worshipful Melville H. Nahin, Grand Master.

He affiliated with the Los Angeles Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, in 1988, served as Commander, Council of Kadosh in 1995, has served on the Board of Directors for L. A. Childhood Language Disorders Center, and was appointed General Secretary of the Los Angeles Scottish Rite in January of 2000, serving until December of 2003. He has also served as a Trustee for the California Masonic Foundation.

He is a member of the Grand York Rite Bodies of California, belonging to Signet Chapter No. 57 Royal Arch Masons, Omega Council No. 11 Cryptic Masons and Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 Knights Templar. In 1996 and 1997, he served as Grand Soloist for The Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of California. He is also holds membership in Ocean Park Chapter #245 and Dr Rob Morris Chapter of The Order Of Eastern Star and is a Noble and Ambassador-At-Large of Al Malaikah Shrine.

He holds membership in the Southern California Past Masters Association, the Brian Boru Council of Knight Masons, The Robert the Bruce Association of the Royal Order of Scotland and San Juan De Los Angeles Council #180 of the Allied Masonic Degrees.

He has performed extensively throughout California for our entire Masonic Family, including the Annual Conference of Grand Masters of North America in 1991 and the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Michigan and Washington, as well as California.

In September of 1993, David was presented with the prestigious “Hiram Award” for dedicated service by his Lodge and in October of the same year, he was made a 32nd Degree Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in the Los Angeles Scottish Rite. On October 6th, 1997, he was elected to receive the 33rd Degree and was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. on December 6th, 1997.”

To those Brethren whom I have not yet met, I am hoping that you will come to a Lodge meeting and introduce yourselves, not only to me but to your Officers, many of whom are new Masons.

Next month I will go into more detail regarding the events of the ensuing Masonic year. Until then, Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

God Bless Us All,
David Francis Philips, Master-Elect
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Culver City-Moshay Lodge, No. 467, Free & Accepted Masons



Announces the Celebration of its Eightieth Year of the Temple
and the Honouring of the Very Worshipful John Lilburn Cooper, III,
Past Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of California

To be holden Saturday, the 22nd day of November, 2008
at Six-thirty o' Clock in the Evening

at the Culver City Masonic Temple,
9635 Venice Boulevard, Culver City, California 90232

Reception, 6:30-8:30, Dining Hall and Foyer
Hors d' oeuvres only (no reservations required)

Dinner, 7:30-8:30, Dining Hall
Lasagna, including vegetation option, Salad, Garlic Bread, Beverage,
(reservations required)
\$15.00

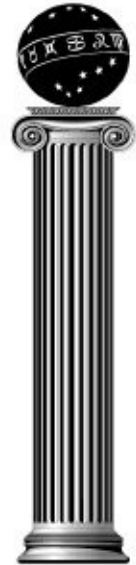
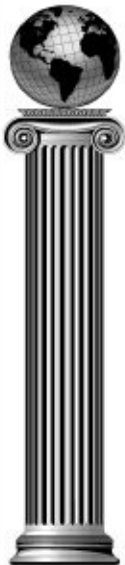
Programme, 8:30, Lodge Room
(no reservations required)

Returning Shuttles 10:00 PM

Attire: Dressy Casual
(Sport Coats & Ties, Pants Suits, Cocktail Dresses)

For reservations, contact Worshipful Richard K. Pierce, PM
at (310) 839-8853 or at rpierce04@dslextreme.com
(Dinner reservations are limited to 80 persons)

Shuttle Sevice will be provided from two public parking structures,
located at Cardif Ave. & W atseka Ave., between Venice and Culver Blvds.



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Calendar 2008

Wednesday 11/5
Stated Meeting

Wednesday 11/12
Planning meeting

Saturday 11/15 and Sunday 11/15
Work and Repair days

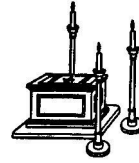
Wednesday 11/19
OSI hosted at our lodge 7:15 PM

Saturday 11/22
80th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday 12/3
Stated Meeting

Wednesday 12/10
2009 Officers meeting 8 PM

Wednesday 12/17
Hiram Award dinner 7:30 PM



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