

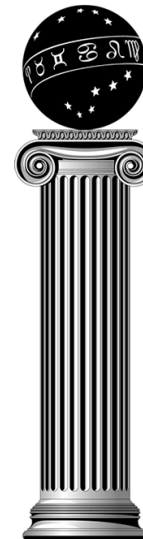
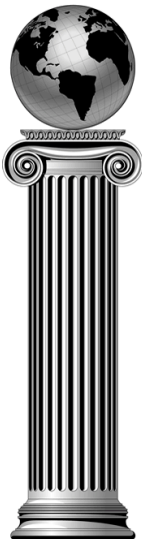
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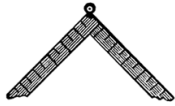
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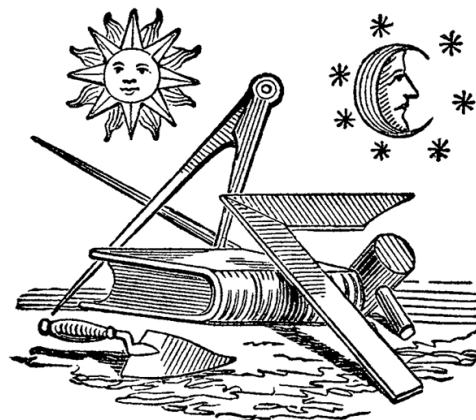
MEETING ON THE PAVEMENT AND AROUND THE TABLE

At the beginning of the year I had announced what would be my motto: "Be prepared and confirm!" By adhering to this motto, we will inevitable surmount obstacles and overcome adverse situations. So far, the strategy has worked quite well. Officers have notified me in advance regarding anticipated absences, enabling me to find replacements for their ritual parts in a timely manner. Furthermore, we are now posting events two months in advance, making it easier for officers to prepare for events and the brethren in general to plan for lodge activities.

By the time this article has reached you, the lodge will have initiated three new candidates for the Degrees of Masonry. Busily, the officers and assisting brethren are preparing for the raising of a Master Mason. This will occur on April 11th when Brother Michael Ulmer will present himself for this ultimate attainment. He has excelled quickly and demonstrates remarkable enthusiasm. Actually, his steady interest has been an incentive for the officers to continue preparing. Please be sure to join us on that Wednesday evening for the first raising of the year, thus showing your support for our new brother and your appreciation for our officers.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for May 23rd! This will be the occasion of our annual Table Lodge. Our presentation of table lodges in the past few years has proven has shown these events to be highly embraced. Once again, we have called upon the lively and charismatic Brothers Worshipful Richard Keith Pierce and Ricky Sullivan to lead the brethren in their toasts and salutes. Be of good cheer, my brethren and do not miss this extraordinary event! Your pleasure will be guaranteed.

Fraternally,
Masato Francis Taguchi,
Worshipful Master





From the West



Plan, Prepare and Execute

As I prepare for the upcoming Masonic year with Culver City-Foshay Lodge, I am coming to this realization: that becoming Master is harder work than the effort I have been putting into my business and personal life. Granted, the duration of one's "Mastership" is only a year, hence, all the fast paced efforts to get things done. Nevertheless, it does not fail me to think that this preparation is no different from, let's say, launching a new company. This is precisely what I am doing this year, but with a new partner.

To prepare for this new endeavor, we have planned for every conceivable task ahead of us, prepared for every outcome and have methodically gone about executing that which we have planned. Thus far we have been successful with little or no "gotchas!" The same would hold true as one prepares to take the helm at the lodge. It takes much planning ahead of time for all successful eventualities. Given the template from past experiences is available to us all, along with a cadre of Past Masters and coaches; nonetheless a good plan will go a long way. It will make one sleep better at night, knowing that all is falling into place. Thus far, I have accomplished fifty percent of my preparation for next year, putting me ahead of schedule with time to spare for working on details that might otherwise have been overlooked.

With all this planning some things will, naturally, go unnoticed. Yet a well planned and well prepared mind will execute flawlessly. I guess this is yet another lesson learned in the lodge. Esoteric lessons, along with life lessons from daily habits and business, make for even a better mason. As I prepare to serve you, rest assured I shall serve you with the best of intentions and the best of plans.

Fraternally;
Mahmoud Ghaffari, PM, Senior Warden



From the South



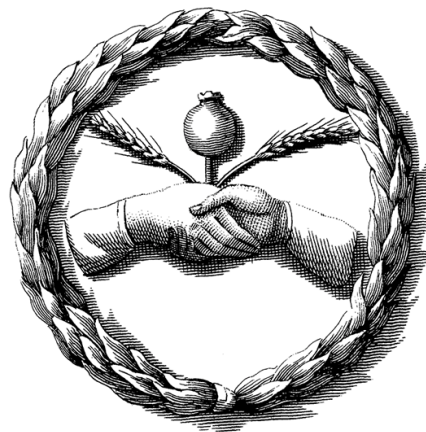
Our Own City of Brotherly Love

It has often been noted that the capital of Pennsylvania was named after one of the three principle tenets of Masonry. Philadelphia is a combination of the two Greek words philos “loving” and adelphos “brother”, translating literally as “Brotherly Love”. As much as I hear that Philadelphia is a wonderful city, I am reminded that Los Angeles Area Masons have quite an impressive city of Brotherly Love as well.

Just a week ago, I attended the 80th Annual Breakfast for the Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau. It’s the 2nd largest gathering of Masons in California (after the Annual Grand Lodge Communication). It’s always such a pleasure to see and speak with Brothers from Lodges all across Southern California. There are many familiar faces and always new introductions. But what stands out the most for me is the sincere feeling of extended family; whether from Brothers we see every week or once every several months, there is a strong sense of Brotherly Love that connects the Brethren.

Let us take a moment to appreciate the camaraderie that we’ve experienced. I suggest everyone to visit the calendar section of the L.A. Masonic Service Bureau website (lamsb.org) for opportunities to attend events in different areas. I also encourage Brethren to visit other Lodges and expose themselves to the Fraternity at large. Thus will we make the most of our very own city of Brotherly Love and build those bridges of friendship “among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.”

Fraternally,
Kenneth L. Burgess II





From the Secretary



Your Opinion and Communication Matters

Thank you to all who have recently made payments to bring your dues up-to-date. Thank you also for the several communications I have received, to keep the lodge informed about our brethren, regarding sickness and distress or the joyous events that have occurred recently in their lives.

Secretaries from all over California have met recently, and have receive information and training in new programs that are available and that are being promoted by our Grand Lodge. You will soon be hearing about the establishment of a Life-membership program and possible changes in our dues and fees structures. By attending our Stated Meetings in the next few months, you can learn more about these new programs and any proposed changes in dues and fees and participate in their discussions.

Please be assured, I will faithfully share your ideas and communications with the Master and with any appropriate committee he has appointed.

Fraternally yours,
Clarence D. Kussner, P.M., Secretary



From the Chaplain



Great Architect of the Universe:
April is here and Mother Nature is in full bloom.
God is in his heaven and shining his light upon us all.
May he help us through our conflicts and give us the guidance needed to
keep us on a steady course.
May he also help those less fortunate and bring them peace of mind.
May the world, as it is, renew it's trust in God and keep itself within due
bounds towards all mankind.
For this we pray.
Amen

Ed Calzaretto
Chaplain



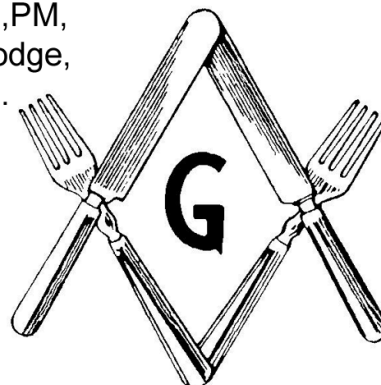
From the Chef

Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

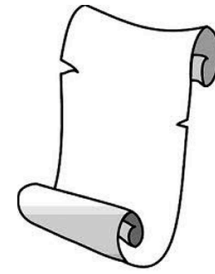
Buffet (\$15.00): Lemon Chicken, Trout Alamonden, Potatos Au Gratin,
Mixed Green Salad, Steamed Vegetables, Cheese Cake

The Stated Meeting Dinner is always at 6:30,PM,
one hour before the Stated Meeting of the Lodge,
which is the First Wednesday of each Month.

--George J. Wollin, Tyler



Reports & Announcements



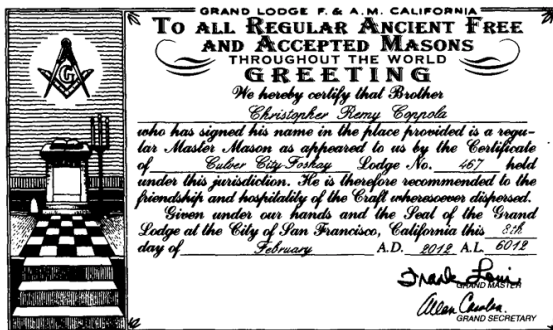
Congratulations to Shahan Suzmeyan (Left picture, left) and Devin Joel Petroff (Left picture, right) who were initiated by W. Br. Curtis Shumaker (Left Picture, centre), and to Hryayr Harry Shahbazyan (Right picture, centre) who was initiated by participant W. Brs. Merrick Hamer (Right picture, right) and Nikolaus Filip (Right picture, left) on March 14th, 2012.



CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher R. Coppola on his superb Master Mason's Proficiency!

Ritual Competition

The 709th Masonic District will enter Ritual Competition of the Opening and the First Section of the First Degree
 Tuesday Evening, April 24th
 at
 Ionic-Composite Masonic Center.
 Hosted by Beverly Hills Lodge



Annual Table Lodge
Wednesday, May 23, 2012
\$35.00
RSVP with Ricky Sullivan
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Calendar

Meet the Masters & Candidate Education: Every Sunday, from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, the lodge hosts an Open House for guests and men inquiring about freemasonry. Also, candidates may receive assistance with their coaching and learning.

April

4th	Dinner/Stated Meeting (6:30 PM)
5th	Temple Board Meeting (7:30 PM)
11th	3rd Degree Conferral (7:00 PM)
18th	Ionic Composite Lecture Series 2nd.(7:30 PM)
24th	OSI Beverly Hills lodge (7:30 PM)
25th	Degree Conferral or Practice (7:00 PM)
26th	Social Night (7:00 PM)

May

2nd	Dinner/Stated Meeting (6:30 PM)
3rd	Temple Board Meeting (7:30 PM)
9th	Degree Conferral or Practice (7:00 PM)
16th	Practice for Table Lodge
23rd	Table Lodge (5:30 PM, Social ; 6:30 PM, Meal)
24th	Social Night (7:00 PM)
30th	OSI Oasis Lodge (7:30 PM)

April 2012

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May 2012

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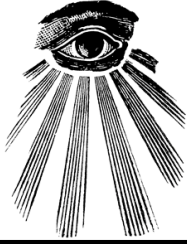
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Occasionally, information on the calendar changes after the trestleboard is printed. Make sure to check the website www.CulverCityMasons.org for any changes.

Birthdays in April



<i>April 2</i>	<i>Douglas E. Boss</i>
<i>April 3</i>	<i>Robert L. Exline</i>
<i>April 3</i>	<i>Brian M. Merken</i>
<i>April 3</i>	<i>Franchesco Romano</i>
<i>April 6</i>	<i>Clarence D. Kussner</i>
<i>April 7</i>	<i>Curtis J. Falzoi</i>
<i>April 9</i>	<i>Mahmoud Ghaffari</i>
<i>April 9</i>	<i>Adam W. Wolf</i>
<i>April 10</i>	<i>Hector A. Alvizo</i>
<i>April 11</i>	<i>William R. Palmer</i>
<i>April 13</i>	<i>Chad A. Marshall</i>
<i>April 14</i>	<i>Jeriel C. Smith</i>
<i>April 16</i>	<i>George J. Wollin</i>
<i>April 18</i>	<i>Clive S. Revill</i>
<i>April 21</i>	<i>Harold D. Van Alstyne</i>
<i>April 22</i>	<i>Brandon D. Love</i>
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<i>April 26</i>	<i>Richard A. Bold</i>
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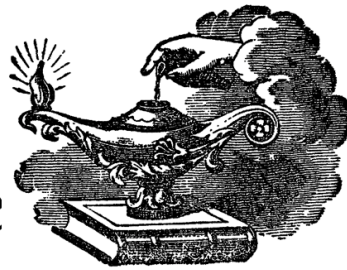
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From the Lamp of Knowledge



The Tree of Life and the Temple of Glory

Greetings, Brethren!

With the Autumnal Equinox upon us, here now my words for reflexion:

Indeed, there is a strange coincidence that happens between this creature called man and Mother Nature when the latter begins to shed her leaves of autumn; for this is the time when pensive thoughts take root within the human, melancholic psyche; when his sanguinity is but a distant memory and he prepares for a rigid slumber in the icy arms of winter. Yet how majestic are colours which line the paths beneath the trees where he has lately trodden! How brilliantly do the ruddy and amber glows burn their way into the brain! There they burrow deeply to sustain this child during a lengthy hibernation after he has set his pallet for a season.

Such words are the result of my ponderings over the industry of man when it seems that half his year is spent receding and that even the birds around him have lowered their tones for the assurance of the faint throbbing of the world's heartbeat. The deciduous aspect of trees and other foliage have provoked what I and others have pondered. It is meet that we should consider a parable of Christ as it is thus revisited:

Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! (Mt. 21:18-19)

Now, the intent of introducing Christian Literature is not to be inferred as sectarian, but a fragment of that universal body of wisdom stemming from many faiths and philosophies. As it is in religion, symbolism gives to freemasonry meaning and resolution to the mysteries and to incongruities alike. The narrative, as quoted, seems odd to some interpreters who find it at variance with the forgiving character of Jesus in general. Yet, its occurrence was immediately after the visit to the temple where corruption was discovered and was regarded as equally offensive as the non-yielding fig tree. It is recalled, thus to note:

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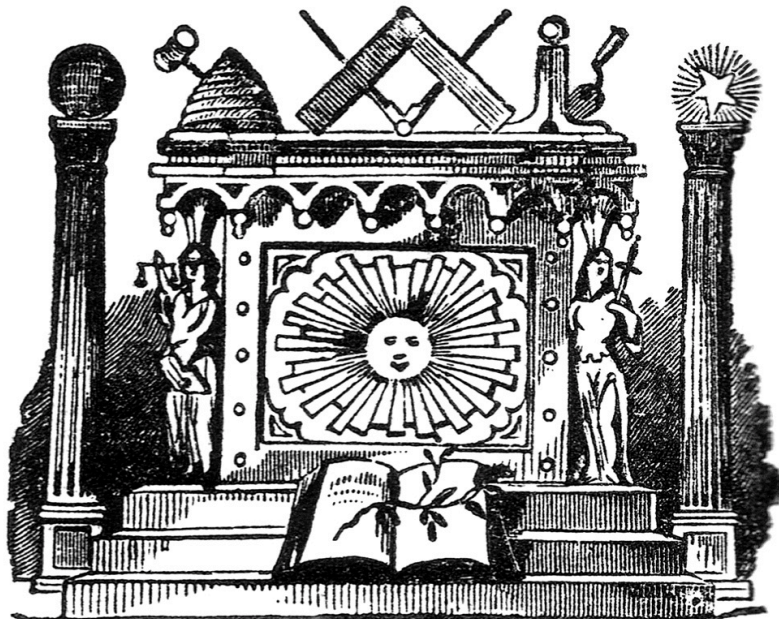
And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves. (Mt. 21:12).

We seem to be at the dawn of a new era of freemasonry, when men seeking truth are knocking at our doors; and what shall they find once they enter our portals? Freemasonry, the sleeping giant, guardian of the mysteries in the modern age is arousing from his lengthy stupor and is prepared to carry the torch. This torch must ever burn and must never cease. The passing of the seasons are not indicative of the recessions of truth or virtue, and the lessons we learn in our rituals and lectures are themselves preventative to the barrenness of mind.


To the aspirant, who knows that implanted within him is a divine seed, will be given means to nurture it and govern its destiny. He shall have no care for the perils of nature, for these have been mastered by the wisdom he has attained. To him, the fervent and amber glows of autumn are not merely reflections of previous accomplishments, but are significant of what is nurturing deep within. The Tree of Life never sheds; neither doth it fail to yield. The temple of glory is the temple of virtue and contains no follies. One day we shall see a dying world transform into a newness of life. Our dormant periods will diminish in time, as the internal seed takes root. Returning to scripture in closing, Like unto the eye of God which traditionally shows no eyelid, we shall shine ever radiant; for it is written:

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. (Ps. 121: 4)

Fraternally,
Merrick Rees Hamer



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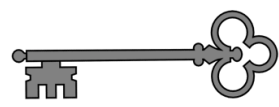


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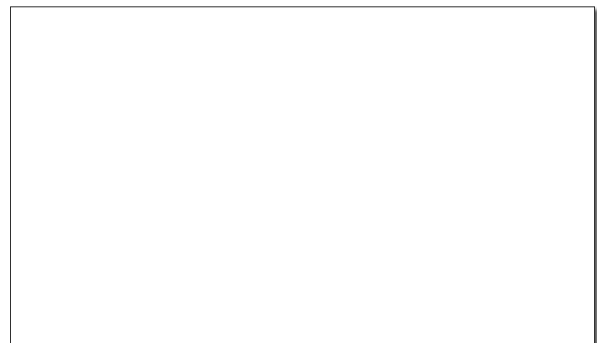
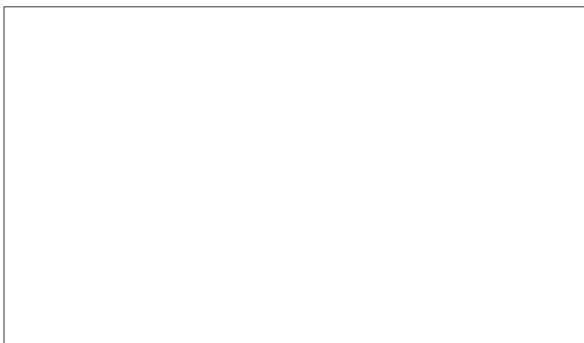
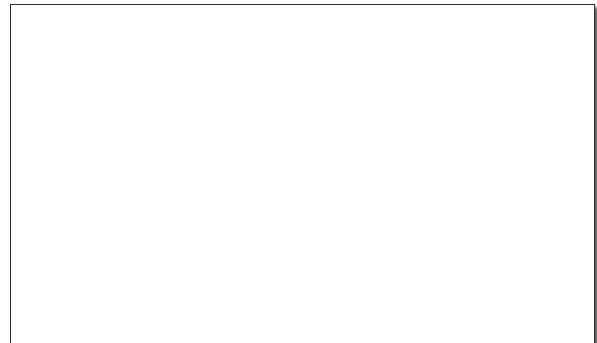
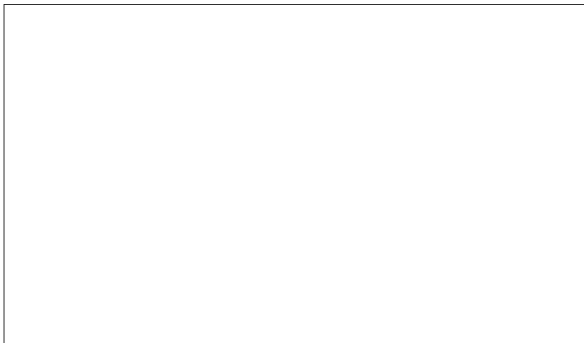
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