

WELCOME HOME

THE BULLETIN OF HOME LODGE No.721 F.&A.M.

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APRIL IS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH

Masons have championed many great causes throughout history, but perhaps none as far-reaching, or as personal, as public education. We started some of the first public schools in America and advocated for legislation to help make education accessible to everyone.

Today, California Masons continue to support public education through relevant, impactful programs that reach some of the most disadvantaged communities in our state - including a special focus on early childhood literacy.

In 1920, as California's public schools struggled to survive teacher shortages, California Masons led a community response: The fraternity proclaimed Public Schools Week, rallying communities in support of schools and raising needed funds to improve the system. Today, we continue that tradition with Public Schools Month. During the month of April, lodges throughout California conduct special recognitions in support of public schools.

Join us on **April 4th** at our Stated Meeting as the Brethren of Home Lodge honor several students that have shown to be of upright moral character in their school's and to their fellow classmates.

»Home Lodge's April Trestleboard«

Wednesday, April 4th - 6:30 p.m.
**STATED MEETING, PUBLIC SCHOOLS &
WOR. DAVID HANDLEMAN 50 YEAR PIN**

Donation for all \$15.00
Home Lodge Widows are Free
BBQ Chicken or Salmon
For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

Sunday, April 8th - 7:15 a.m.
**68th ANNUAL GRAND MASTERS
BREAKFAST**

Wednesday, April 11th - 7:00 p.m.
MASTER MASON DEGREE

Wednesday, April 18th - 7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, April 25th - 7:00 p.m.
OFFICERS PRACTICE

Thursday, April 26th - 7:00 p.m.
OFFICERS SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
IS LODGE NIGHT**

**A Message From
Our Worshipful Master
Wor. Aaron J. Cohen, P.M.**



Greeting Ladies and Brethren,

Now that Spring is here and the days are getting longer and warmer, I hope to see more brethren at the stated as well as special meetings. Brethren if you can, come and support the candidates as well as the officers.

If you need help getting to the Lodge, please call one of the Elected officers and we will find a way to get you here.

We had an excellent turnout for the 3rd Degree for Bro. Ford Austin who is leaving to go to Oklahoma to take care of his sick step-father and our Hometown Party last month

We will be going to a Dodger game on Friday April 13th. It is a night game. If you have any questions, contact Bro. Mike Egbert at (818) 585-9702 or Wor. Mike David at (818) 414-7080.

I am working on a trip to the Midnight Mission to serve breakfast. This will probably happen some time in the late summer or early fall.

Some Masonic trivia:

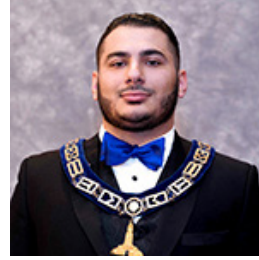
Know a non-Mason that sports a square and compass? In the court case of Hammer vs. the state of Indiana, in 1909, the Supreme Court ruled that it is a criminal offense to wear a symbol or emblem of an organization that you are not a member of.

The reasoning behind it was that organizations with selective membership go through the process of determining whether or not the person is a good fit for the organization or society, and that wearing an emblem that of a group you are not a member of is deceitful and gives a false pretense.

Remember that Wednesdays are Lodge night.

Fraternally from the East,
Aaron J. Cohen P.M.
Worshipful Master

**A Message From Our
Senior Warden
Artin Aladadyan**



Brethren and Ladies

I'd first like to thank you all for joining us at the Home Town Party at the end of March, wonderful to see so much of our Home come together. I hope everyone enjoyed the food and evening as much as we Officers enjoyed organizing and serving it out to you all. I'd also like to thank the brethren that have put in the effort to join us for degrees this month. The men receiving their degrees were overjoyed to know that so many people were there to support them. I hope to see you all for the rest of the year.

This month I'll be beginning practices for the Sideliner's degree. We still have some positions open, so I urge all brethren, Fellowcrafts and Master Masons to come and try out a spot. This was my favorite event before I became an Officer, and I want as many of my brothers as possible to share that same experience..

As always I'll remind all our brothers, young and experienced, that Wednesday is Lodge night. I want you all to think back to your degrees and remember how special and important they each were to you. We owe it to our new brothers to be there for them, to welcome them into our ancient and honorable fraternity and ensure that these are memories that they'll cherish forever. Remember, there's no better place to be on a Wednesday than at Home.

Fraternally from the West
Artin Aladadyan
Senior Warden Elect

A Message From Our Junior Warden Andre Aladadyan



Brethren and Ladies,

I would like to first remind all the Brethren and their families that, April is Public School's Month. I encourage everyone to come join Home Lodge on April

4th in honoring three very special students from Nobel, Pacoima, and Walter Reed Middle Schools. Public School's night is an important event for Home Lodge because, we get to give back to our community in a very big way by encouraging education and helping build futures of young students. So please join Home Lodge in our annual Public School's Night.

Secondly, I'd like to encourage those who are in regular attendance to continue to join us on our regular meetings on Wednesday nights. For those who have been away for a while, I encourage you to come Home. For those that know of a brother who has been away for a while, I encourage you to invite them back. A lodge is not the walls, floor, and roof of the building. It isn't the jewels, or the chairs. The Lodge is the sum of its members. A lodge is nothing without its members. It is an empty poorly lit room with a lot of chairs. But when we come together in numbers to confer a degree or at a State Meeting, we create beauty, strength, and wisdom. Beauty by standing together appreciate of our fraternal bonds. Strength created by our numbers forming the support of our lodge. And wisdom, when we collaborate, share, and guide for the benefit of our lodge.

So, let's make April a month of coming together a building our future.

Fraternally fro the South, Andre Aladadyan Junior Warden

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Trestleboard

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Reseda Lodge

Home Lodge Dues Information

Our dues for 2018 are \$99.00 per member, due on or by the 1st day of January. If you are not at the very least in possession of a 2016 dues card (haven't paid your dues for 2017) we will be sending you a notice of possible suspension, beginning in March. If you have not paid your dues in arrears or made proper arrangements, we will be suspending you in May of 2018. Many brethren have asked what that means. It means this, if you are suspended for nonpayment of dues, your name will be read in lodge the night you are suspended, the other Masonic bodies will be notified of your suspension (per the CMC) and you will become suspended in those bodies as well until you are back in good standing with your blue lodge. Bringing yourself back into good standing involves the following process-you must pay your dues in arrears, then you are put up to a vote of the brethren for reinstatement, then the other bodies are notified upon your reinstatement.

Dues for the 2018 term are \$99.00

Petitions for membership are \$425.00

Petitions for affiliation are \$130.00

Petitions for out of state affiliation are \$285.00

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2018

Under the age of 49 is 21 times the annual dues: \$2,037.00

50 to 54 is 19 times the annual dues: \$1,843.00

55 to 59 is 17 times the annual dues: \$1,649.00

60 to 64 is 14 times the annual dues: \$1,358.00

65 and older is 11 times the annual dues: \$1,067.00

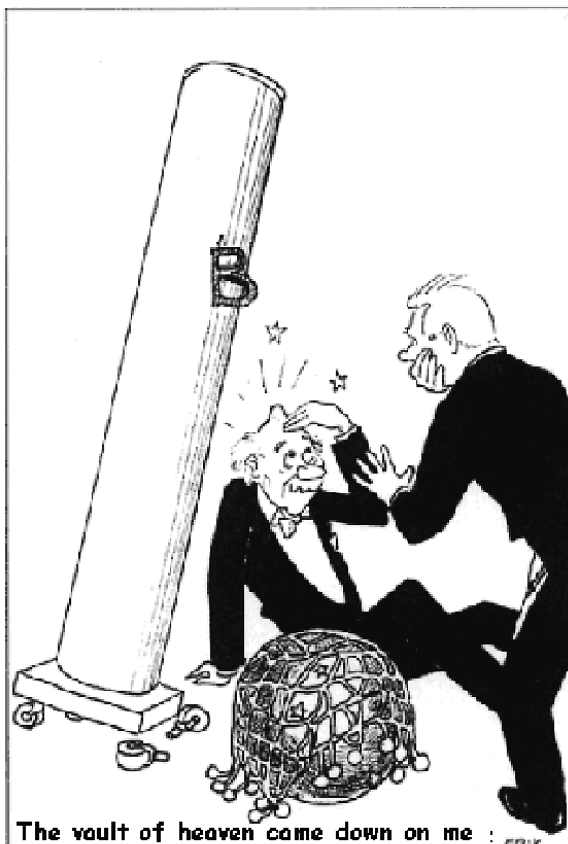
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Sickness & Distress

Many of our brethren and their ladies have had health issues, we should always keep them in our prayers, but take a minute to notify either Wor. Bob Brandt, P.M. or Wor. Richard A. Weiser, P.M. so that we can get a card out to them and check on them.

Home Lodge Sweethearts

Dear Home Lodge widows and family, please keep us up to date on any changes to your mailing address and phone numbers and if there are any changes in your health. You are a part of our Home Lodge family and if we or Grand Lodge can be of service to you we will need to be able to reach you. Please let us know if you are aware of other Home Lodge widows. You may contact the Home Lodge Secretary, Richard A. Weiser, P.M. at (818) 326-3841.



The vault of heaven came down on me : GERIK

Masonic Humor

You Might Be Involved With The Freemasons If...

by Thomas George
(Carrollton, Ky, US)

1. ...If your yearly dues are bigger than your car payment.
2. ...If you are looking for a new degree team, because you feel you do not get enough practice with two.
3. ...If the only day of the week you do not break bread at a lodge is Sunday.
4. ...If in any year, you can find yourself in more than one chair.
5. ...If you ever had to turn down joining a Masonic appendant body because you could not find a day in your schedule for another organization.
6. ...If, on your calendar, you have written the hat and ring you need to bring with you for the evening.
7. ...If you have driven to hear the talk on the cup of brotherly love more than once.
8. ...If you are listed as a master ritualist in more than one grand lodge.
9. ...If you have been asked more than once to give a degree lecture for a lodge at the last second.
10. ...If you do not pass an open lodge without visiting.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
TREASURER OF HOME LODGE,
Brother Moses Gazazian**

For years the founders of Home Lodge have invested lodge funds into certain investments with the idea of preserving Home Lodge for the generations that will step inside after they were no longer with us. Although most of them are no longer with us, their legacy continues today!

As treasurer it is not easy to budget and plan for every year with this pure goal in mind. It takes a continued effort to guarantee solvency for our lodge. It is important that we have the funds available just in case we hit a bumpy road during the course of our lodges normal life.

The Lodge itself is a business that needs to run as a well oiled machine with a contingency plan in place. That plan is to have a "Rainy Day Fund" these funds need to be available at any given time to guarantee our Lodge operates without any financial stress for two years. We have to remember one important thing, all monies are for the betterment of Home Lodge and for all those who will follow our steps, as we have followed the steps created by our brethren before us.

I've seen our past treasurer, Billy's face when funds were low and believe me I remember every move of his facial expressions when he had to talk about bills and finances. Well my brother rest assure in the celestial haven that those days are over and gone thanks to your efforts and the efforts of all brethren who helped me to make your thoughts become a reality and your concerns valid. No more! We are on the right path.

The Board of Trustees have taken a more conservative investment approach and for the last four years we have managed to control unnecessary expenses, grow our portfolio and invested our funds in different investment pools in full compliance with the CMC and established guidelines. We have not lost a penny and we will always have funds available for necessary expenses!

Working hand in hand with both our lodge and the board of trustees, we have made Home Lodge successful, strong and a financially stable Fraternal organization.

We have become the talk of the town amongst our district and we've been asked to help and teach other lodges how to manage their funds and fix operational glitches, maintain their records as required by Grand Lodge and be in full compliance with the CMC by our Inspector.

All the above would've never happen without your support and a strong foundation that we call HOME!

I appreciate Worshipful Steve Eberhardt, Worshipful Richard Weiser and Brother Gerard Deprest who trusted me and gave me the opportunity to be of service to our Lodge, to our Fraternity and of course to our Brethren of Home Lodge.

Thank you Brethren,

Brother Moses Gazazian
Treasurer
Home Lodge No. 721

Past Masters of Home Lodge No. 721

*William H. Eyler	1952-54	*Irving Levine.....	1986
**Allyn S. Abramson	1955	Melvin H. Barlam	1987
*Marius Thisted	1956	Stanley R. Taub.....	1988
*Samuel Crystal	1957	Seymour Empol.....	1989
*Michael Garner	1958	*Norman I. Libes	1990
*Arthur D'Avellar Jr.	1959	Donald T. Pollock	1991
*Abraham J. Marks	1960	Clifford C. Schlesinger	1992
*Marvin Shapiro	1961	*Mark A. Leibert	1993
*Seymour Glick	1962	Herschel P. Mazer	1994
*Sidney L. Herman	1963	*Allen F. Kelman	1995
*Frank Gelfound	1964	*Jack A. Klapper.....	1996
*Jay Ludwin	1965	David M. Townsend	1997
*Abel Tobey	1966	Russell E. Singer	1998
*W. Robert Banks	1967	Ralph B. Dash	1999
*Irving Wapner	1968	Rafael Hernandez	2000
*Harold J. Zinkow	1969	Stanley R. Taub P.M.	2001
*Benjamin Ennis	1970	*Robert V. Downs	2002
*David Tribich	1971	Robert M. Berger	2003
Stanley Kadesh	1972	Lynn M. Freed	2004
*Harvey Solochek	1973	*Gordon E. Perry P.M.	2005
*I. Robert Brown	1974	Harvey M. Tapper	2006
David Springer	1975	Lynn M. Freed P.M.	2007
*Marvin Linn	1976	Eduardo Estrada	2008
*Meyer M. Swartzman	1977	*Jose A. Fiss P.M.	2009
*Stuart A. Graboyes	1978	Steve L. Eberhardt, P.M.	2010-11
**Marvin Winchell	1979	Robert H. Borden	2012
Murray Tobias	1980	Michael David	2013
*Lester Price	1981	Richard A. Weiser, P.M.....	2014-2015
*Meyer S. Levine	1982	Aaron J. Cohen	2016
**Joe Winchell	1983	Leland H. Celestre	2017
*S. William Gershon	1984		
Roger Sterneck	1985		

*Deceased **Demitted



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
IS LODGE NIGHT**

Past Masters By Affiliation

Gordon M. Van Sanford	1962
David S. Handelman	1970
Henry H. Tarica	1971
Robert B. Brandt	1972
Richard V. Franco Sr.	1974
Ken Judd	1976
Stanley Garnett	1978
Harvey B. Lyman	1982
David P. Ottinger Jr.	1983
Thomas C. Crompton	1985
Vanso O. Jenabian	1986
Sam Makarem	1986
Alvin Gorenbein	1988
Ray Rosenbaum	1990
Jerome A. Shubb	1992
Russell H. Weis	1992
Aldo A. Dipre	1993
Jose A. Fiss	1994
Bruce E. Hudson	1995
Steven M. Weinberg	1995
Steven L. Eberhardt	1996
Sean N. Foran	1996
Stepan S. Varsam	1997
Victor M. Lerma	1998
Lloyd R. Turnquist	1998
Carlos H. Gonzalez	1999
Gordon E. Perry	1999
William H. Pike	1999
Vatche Izakellian	2001
Nishan "Nick" Khatcherian	2002
Avedis A. Abdoyan	2004
Burton E. Haaz	2004
Vartan Assadourian	2006
Ralph W. Morton	2009-10
Dan Shepard	2015
Leland H. Celestre	2016

Hiram Award Recipients

*Irving Levine P.M.	1979
*Fred R. Price	1980
*Sidney L. Herman P.M.	1980
*Allen Price	1983
*Irwin Rosenberg	1984
*Harry J. Angel	1985
*Buddy Samuel	1986
*S. William. Gershon P.M.	1988
*Ben Leibowitz	1988
*Lester Price P.M.	1989
*Allen F. Kelman P.M.	1990
Stanley R. Taub P.M.	1991
Howard Levine	1992
*Norman I. Libes P.M.	1993
Herbert Hyman	1994
Louis Kaminer	1995
Donald T. Pollock P.M.	1995
*Benjamin Ennis P.M.	1996
Barney B. Kort	1996
*Jerome H. Shatanoff	1997
**Bruce M. Blitz	1998
Clifford C. Schlesinger P.M.	1999
**Jack Brehm	2000
Leo W. Witz	2001
*Jack A. Klapper P.M.	2002
Ralph B. Dash P.M.	2003
Herschel P. Mazer P.M.	2004
Seymour Borenstein	2005
Gary B. Levitt	2006
Gerard E. Deprest	2008
Lynn M. Freed P.M.	2009
*William "Bill" Rosenthal	2010
*Ralph Feldfeber	2011
*Jose A. Fiss P.M.	2012
Steven L. Eberhardt P.M.	2013
Moses M. Gazazian	2015
Richard A. Weiser P.M.	2016
Javier De La Torre	2017

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Concordant Bodies

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SCOTTISH RITE
Meets the 3rd Friday of Every Month at 6:30 p.m.
Van Nuys Masonic Building, 14750 Sherman Way,
Van Nuys

YORK RITE BODIES
SIGNET ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER #57

Meets the 1st Monday of
Every Month at 6:30 p.m.
Van Nuys Masonic Building,
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

OMEGA COUNCIL #11
Meets Five Times a Year
Van Nuys Masonic Building,
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

LOS ANGELES COMMANDERY #9

Meets the 3rd Monday of
Every Month at 6:00 p.m.
Van Nuys Masonic Building,
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

AL MALAIKAH SHRINERS
NORTH VALLEY SHRINE CLUB

Meets the 4th Wednesday of
Every Month at 7:30 p.m.
At IHop Restaurant 22810 Van Owen, West Hills

ENCINO SHRINE CLUB
Meets the 2nd Thursday of
Every Month at 7:00 p.m.
Van Nuys Masonic Building,
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

CENTURY HI TWELVE CLUB
Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of
Every Month at 12 Noon
At The China Olive Buffet
9224 Reseda Blvd., Northridge

RAINBOW FOR GIRLS SAN FERNANDO ASSEMBLY #223

Girls Service Organization ... Ages 11 to 20 Years
Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of
Every Month at 7:00 p.m.
Van Nuys Masonic Building,
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

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Steve Varsam P.M. - 818-515-0093

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