

THE MASTER WORKMAN

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KINDS OF MASONS - A SHORT STORY

by: Wor Brother Carl Claudy, Grand Lodge of AF&AM of India

"I am almost through!" The New Brother displayed a sheaf of cards to the Old Tiler. "Soon I will have joined them all and become every kind of Mason there is."

"What do you know about the kinds of Masons there are?" asked the Old Tiler, interested. "You have not been a Master Mason long enough to gain all that knowledge!"

"That's not hard to gain, with all the brethren poking petitions at you. There are Scottish Rite Masons and York Rite Masons and Templar Masons and Chapter Masons and council Masons and..."

"Oh!" the syllable said much. The Old Tiler added, "I didn't understand. I thought you couldn't have learned yet."

"Learned what? Are there some more kinds of Masons?"

"Indeed, yes! answered the Old Tiler. "A great many kinds. But seven you haven't mentioned stand out more prominently than others."

"Do tell me! I thought I had joined most of them..."

"You don't join these. You become one, or are made one, or grow into one of them. For instance, there is the King Solomon Mason. He thinks that everything that Solomon did as a Mason is right and everything he didn't do is wrong. To him Masonry was conceived, born and grew up in the shadow of King Solomon, and every word of the legend is literally true, much like the man who refuses to believe the earth is round, because a verse in the Bible refers to the 'four corners of the earth!' The King Solomon Mason lives his Masonry according to his light; perhaps it's not his fault it is so dim.
"To the ritual Mason the importance of Masonry is

the form of its words. A good Mason in his belief is one who can repeat a lecture from end to end without a slip. A man may do battle, murder, or cause sudden death, commit arson or run away with a neighbor's wife; if he knows his ritual letter perfect, it 'was all a mistake!' The man who doesn't know his ritual letter perfect is not, in this man's eyes, a good Mason; not though he give to charity with both hands and carry love for his fellowman in both head and heart.

"The practical Mason looks at life from a utilitarian standpoint. He prefers electricity to candles for Lesser Lights because they are simpler and prefers candles to electricity because they are cheaper. He thinks a choir impractical because it produces nothing permanent, and would rather spend the money for printed matter or a new carpet. He is at his best when raising money for a new temple and at his worst when asked to express himself upon the spirit of Masonry. His hand is in his pocket for charity, but never for entertainment. He is usually on the finance committee, and recommends a budget in which rent and heat and light are bigger than relief.

"The heart Mason is the opposite. He is full of impractical schemes. He wants to start a new temple which will never be built. He talks much of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, but is absent when the hat is passed and the committee on funds needs a few workers to go out and gather in. The heart Mason is the lodge sob-sister; he usually seconds any motion to spend any amount of money for flowers or to send a brother away for his health, and always makes a little tear-filled speech about the fatherless loved ones, even if the dear departed died a bachelor.

The business Mason belongs because he thinks it helps his job. He usually sits next to the solid

businessman in lodge and likes to tell people what he does. If he is a Past Master, he never comes to lodge on time, so that he can get a special welcome at the Altar. His favorite speech is about the man who tried to advertise his business in lodge and how evil this was; in the speech he always mentions his own business. He wears an extra large sized pin and prints squares and compasses on his letterheads.

“We dominate another kind by the expressive term of belly Mason. He is most faithful in attendance at lodges where there may be a feed. He will cheerfully spend twenty cents carfare and a long evening to get a fifteen-cent sandwich. If there is to be a sit-down meal he will sit up all night to be on time. If the affair is in another lodge and needs tickets he will take time off from his job to hunt a brother who has a ticket and doesn’t want it. He usually manages to cross the lodge room while the cigars are passed so he can dig into the box twice. If the crowd is small, he is the last man to get a smoke, so he can take all that are left. If the crowd is large, he is among the first, to make sure he doesn’t get left.

“And then there is the regular Mason- the fellow who does his best with the time and brains he has. He is the great bulk of the fraternity. He pays the dues and fills the chairs and does the work. He is seldom a fine ritualist, but he is usually an earnest one. He is not very practical, and would spend more than we have if it wasn’t that he is too sentimental to permit the charity fund to be robbed. He passes the sandwiches and coffee, and if there is any left he gets his; but he doesn’t care so long as the evening is a success. He isn’t a student, but something in the heart of Masonry has reached deep into his heart, and so he comes to lodge and does his best. He is not learned, but he is not stupid. He is not hidebound, and yet he is conservative. He loves his lodge, but not so much he cannot see her faults. He is most of us.”

“And what class of Mason am I?” asked the New Brother, uneasily looking at his sheaf of cards.

“You have cards enough to be considered a Mason for almost any reason,” answered the Old Tiler. “But I’ll take your word for it. What kind of Mason are you?”

“I don’t know for sure, but I know what kind I am never going to be!” answered the New Brother, putting his many cards away.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS
LODGE NIGHT

A Message From Our
Worshipful Master
Artin Aladadyan



April brings with it Public Schools Month, and I'd like to remind everyone that it extends beyond our Stated Meeting event. I urge all of our Masonic family to do something to help someone in our public school system. Whether it's a teach, student, or a staff member; these are the people that are shaping the future.

I'd also like to congratulate Brother Linares on yet another successful Masonic Education Night. This month's was interactive and shows just how dedicated Brother Linares is to promoting Masonic Education. Next month will be for Masons only again, and we'll be continuing our alternating schedule.

Being an accountant, I want to remind everyone that Tax Day is approaching and to make sure that your taxes are filed and if you don't have all your documents in yet, get what you have to your accountant and have him file an extension with as much information as possible to avoid any unnecessary penalties. The last thing any of us want to do is pay the IRS more than they already get. And if you know an accountant, give them a hug, this time of year can take a toll on us.

A special announcement comes in this month's article. I'm sneaking it in here to see how many of you are actually reading through them all. I must announce an extremely happy event. On March 23, 2018 our Senior Warden, and my older brother, Andre Aladadyan proposed to his girlfriend, and I am please to say that he no longer has a girlfriend, but a fiancé! Andre, congratulations, I wish you nothing but the best as always, and I love you big brother!

As always, I want to thank our regular attendees, you truly help make it a special night for our candidates. To those that haven't made it to Lodge in a while, the door is almost always open.

Fraternally,
Artin Aladadyan
Worshipful Master

A Message From Our
Senior Warden
Andre Aladadyan



It seems more and more each day we hear, in the news and social media, of another act of intolerance leading to death of so many. It makes me feel a little less hopeful seeing and hearing of these acts because it reminds me of the horrors of the last century. Is history only destined to

repeat itself?

One of the biggest influences this world can have is Masonry, because with Masonry we learn to not simply "tolerate" ... we learn to accept and unify. You cannot build a strong peaceful world with only tolerance, because to tolerate is for there to be just enough. The problem with just enough is that is can quickly become not enough; so then we're back where we were.

We must treat tolerance like the mortar that fills between each heavy block. And each block should be the morals and virtues we hold dear as Masons guiding us. However, these morals and virtues are not exclusive to just Masons, they are universal to every religion and race and culture. The responsibility of spreading them sometimes falls upon Masons.

Is Masonry going to stop radicalism or intolerance alone? No. However, you cannot fight the idea of being intolerant with guns and bombs, you have to do it with spreading another one. Masonry takes the best of everything around the world and puts it in one place. As Masons we should do our best to spread our ideology, becoming the mortar between each moral and virtue we want to build our society and world with.

Fraternally Yours,
Bro. Andre Aladadyan
Senior Warden

**A Message From The
Junior Warden
Peter Vogelsang**



March was a month of degrees, congratulations to Serge Chebazian and Shadi Karem for advancing in their degrees. The next time you see them, be sure to congratulate them on continuing their Masonic education.

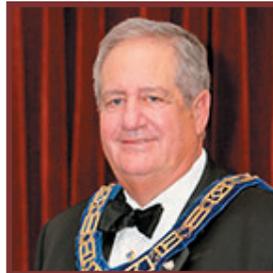
Our Education Nights are continuing at the end of every month under Bro. Boris' instruction. There is much to be learned in these lessons; your attendance might lead to you obtaining valuable knowledge. At no point in our lives have we learned everything there is to know, but we have a duty to continue building our knowledge throughout our lives.

On the topic of learning, April is Public Schools Month in the state of California. Home Lodge will be honoring three deserving students based on their morals and character at this month's Stated Meeting. These students will be rewarded for exemplifying those values which Masons aim to keep in ourselves.

We have several degrees coming up, but I won't forwardly ask for your attendance. Instead, I ask that you remember your degrees. Remember how many people were in the room, and what that meant to you. Remember how it felt to have brothers there to welcome you into the fraternity. Remember that feeling when you know a degree is approaching.

Fraternally from the South,
Peter G. Vogelsang
Junior Warden

**A Message From The
Secretary Of Home Lodge,
Wor. Richard Weiser, P.M.**



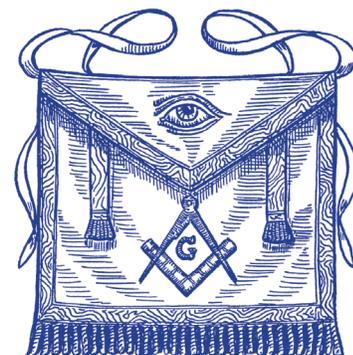
Here we are starting the second quarter of 2019. We have had an exciting year so far with several visits by our Grand Master for installation and also our reception for Wor. Ken Judd.

April is Public Schools month and we will again be honoring students from local schools. Not only for academic achievements, but also for the way they act in accordance with many of the principles of Freemasonry.

This month we will be concentrating on our officers preparing for next year's positions. We will be holding practice on the second Wednesday and hosting the Officers School of Instruction on the third Wednesday.

The last Wednesday will again be a special education night prepared by Brother Boris Linares. For those of you who have not attended one of these sessions you are missing a great evening of education and fellowship.

Fraternally,
Richard Weiser, PM
Secretary



WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS LODGE NIGHT

**A Message From The
Treasurer Of Home Lodge,
Brother Moses Gazazian**



Masonry teaches us certain values, responsibilities and ethics. Our lives are based on honor and integrity, and we believe that honesty, compassion, trust, and knowledge are important. Most importantly, Masons are presented with the opportunity to grow as individuals and are

provided with the tools to make a difference, and are challenged to leave the world a better place.

Our lodges, particularly our Home Lodge is a place where we see smiles, handshakes, brotherly hugs, respect and most importantly support for each other. No matter which position you hold in line, what Masonic credential we might have and how many years we've been a Mason, you are my Brother and we should always be on the "Level". Each one of us contributes to our Lodge and to our Fraternity as best as we know how with our unique talents and experience with one thing in mind "To Make Us, Each Other Better."

We might have a better knowledge of somethings, much better experience in business and better education than others, but yet again we are all better together and we can all learn from each other!

Don't ever judge or undermine the person in front of you, because you can never tell what that person is capable of and what challenges he might of gone through to be where he is and what positive input he can provide for you, for your brothers, for your lodge and for the Fraternity.

Remember the only thing that we will take with us, will be your sheepskin apron, that is if they can find it, but what you leave behind will define you and memory of you for years to come.

We all need lessons that our elder brothers teach us and we need to continue the legacy of those who are no longer with us by honoring their memory and remembering their virtues and believes. Be humble my friends and doors will be open for all who are willing to step in!
Home Lodge is where our Home is every Wednesday of every month come and join us and support what you love.

Fraternally,
Moses Gazazian
Treasurer

Trestleboard - April 2019

Wednesday, April 3rd 6:30 p.m.

STATED MEETING

6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Dinner \$15.00 per person

Tri-Tip or Baked Salmon

For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

Wednesday, April 10th 7:00 p.m.

OFFICERS PRACTICE

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, April 17th 7:00 p.m.

OFFICERS SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, April 24th 6:30 p.m.

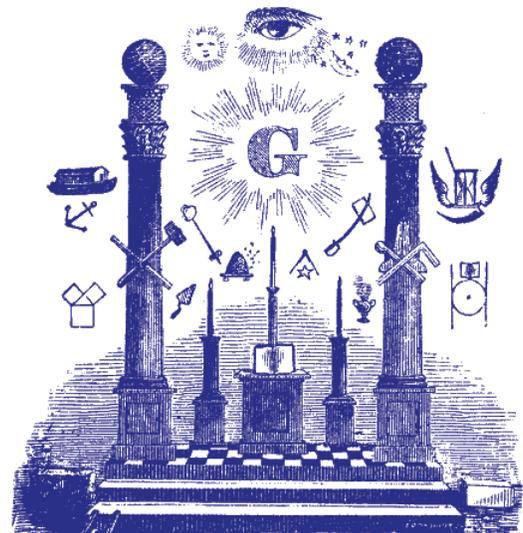
MASONIC EDUCATION EVENING

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Light refreshments & soft drinks

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Masonic Education



Masonic Symbol Quiz

Home Lodge Dues Information

1. *What does the "Pot of Incense" symbol represent?*
 - a. Innocence of Youth
 - b. Purity of Heart
 - c. Aroma of the Gods
 - d. One of the Six Senses

2. *What does the "Beehive" symbolize?*
 - a. Honey
 - b. Unity
 - c. Industry
 - d. Brotherhood

3. *What does the "Sword to the Naked Heart" symbolize?*
 - a. The duties of the Tiler
 - b. To be reminded of the tenets of Freemasonry
 - c. To be reminded of your obligation
 - d. To never reveal the secrets of Freemasonry

4. *What does the "Rough Ashlar" represent?*
 - a. The cornerstone of the Lodge
 - b. Building of the Temple
 - c. The imperfect, untutored state of man
 - d. A tool used by the craftsmen

5. *What does the "Perfect Ashlar" represent?*
 - a. An educated, refined man whose mind is filled with Light
 - b. Part of King Solomon's Temple
 - c. A condition that is rarely found in a candidate
 - d. Found in the Middle Chamber of King Solomon's Temple

Our dues for 2019 are \$101.00 per member, due on or by the 1st day of January. If you are not at the very least in possession of a 2018 dues card (haven't paid your dues for 2018) 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 2019. 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 2019 term are \$101.00

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 2019

Under the age of 49 is 21 times the annual dues: \$2,121.00

50 to 54 is 19 times the annual dues: \$1,919.00

55 to 59 is 17 times the annual dues: \$1,717.00

60 to 64 is 14 times the annual dues: \$1,414.00

65 and older is 11 times the annual dues: \$1,111.00

Masonic Symbol Quiz Answers

1-b, 2-c, 3-d, 4-c, 5-a

Past Masters of Home Lodge No. 721

*William H. Eyler	1952-54	*Mark A. Leibert	1993
** Allyn S. Abramson	1955	Herschel P. Mazer	1994
*Marius Thisted	1956	*Allen F. Kelman	1995
*Samuel Crystal	1957	*Jack A. Klapper	1996
*Michael Garner	1958	David M. Townsend	1997
*Arthur D'Avellar Jr.	1959	Russell E. Singer	1998
*Abraham J. Marks	1960	Ralph B. Dash	1999
*Marvin Shapiro	1961	Rafael Hernandez	2000
*Seymour Glick	1962	Stanley R. Taub P.M.	2001
*Sidney L. Herman	1963	*Robert V. Downs	2002
*Frank Gelfound	1964	Robert M. Berger	2003
*Jay Ludwin	1965	Lynn M. Freed	2004
*Abel Tobey	1966	*Gordon E. Perry P.M.	2005
*W. Robert Banks	1967	Harvey M. Tapper	2006
*Irving Wapner	1968	Lynn M. Freed P.M.	2007
*Harold J. Zinkow	1969	Eduardo Estrada	2008
*Benjamin Ennis	1970	*Jose A. Fiss P.M.	2009
*David Tribich	1971	Steve L. Eberhardt, P.M.	2010-11
Stanley Kadesh	1972	Robert H. Borden	2012
*Harvey Solochek	1973	Michael David	2013
*I. Robert Brown	1974	Richard A. Weiser, P.M.	2014-2015
David Springer	1975	Aaron J. Cohen P.M.	2016-2018
*Marvin Linn	1976	Leland H. Celestre	2017
*Meyer M. Swartzman	1977		
*Stuart A. Graboyes	1978	*Deceased	**Demitted
**Marvin Winchell	1979		
Murray Tobias	1980		
*Lester Price	1981		
*Meyer S. Levine	1982		
**Joe Winchell	1983		
*S. William Gershon	1984		
Roger Sterneck	1985		
*Irving Levine	1986		
Melvin H. Barlam	1987		
Stanley R. Taub	1988		
Seymour Empol	1989		
*Norman I. Libes	1990		
Donald T. Pollock	1991		
Clifford C. Schlesinger	1992		



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 P.M.	2009-2010
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
Stephan Varsam, P.M.	2018

*Deceased ** Demitted

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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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