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SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, August 2nd - 6:30 p.m.
STATED MEETING

Wednesday, August 9th - 7:00 p.m.
PRACTICE - LODGE DARK

Wednesday, August 16th - 7:00 p.m.
PRACTICE - LODGE DARK

Wednesday, August 23rd - 7:00 p.m.
THIRD DEGREE

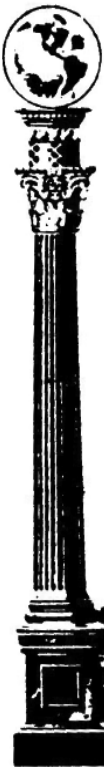
Wednesday, August 30th - 7:00 p.m.
PRACTICE - LODGE DARK

Wednesday, September 6th - 6:30 p.m.
STATED MEETING

Wednesday, September 13th - 7:00 p.m.
FIRST DEGREE

Wednesday, September 20th
LODGE DARK

Wednesday, September 27th - 7:00 p.m.
FIRST DEGREE



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AUGUST 2017 TRESTLEBOARD

Wednesday, August 2nd 6:30 p.m.

**STATED MEETING
HAWAIIAN SHIRTS**

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

Wednesday, August 9th 7:00 p.m.

PRACTICE - LODGE DARK

Wednesday, August 16th 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, August 23rd 7:00 p.m.

THIRD DEGREE

Brother Aaron Hanson
Wor. Leland H. Celestre, P.M. Presiding

Wednesday, August 30th 7:00 p.m.

PRACTICE - LODGE DARK

SEPTEMBER 2017 TRESTLEBOARD

Wednesday, September 6th 6:30 p.m.

**STATED MEETING
OFFICERS BACK IN TUX**

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

Wednesday, September 13th 7:00 p.m.

FIRST DEGREE

Mr. Daoud & Mr. Kalozyan
Junior Warden Artin Aladadyan Presiding

Wednesday, September 20th

LODGE DARK

Wednesday, September 27th 7:00 p.m.

FIRST DEGREE

Mr. Robert Ludlow & Mr. Ford Austin
Junior Warden Artin Aladadyan Presiding

FROM THE EAST



After Stated Meeting on the 2nd we will be dark the remainder of August, so that your officers can get in the ritual practice necessary to enable them to qualify for conferral of degrees next year. Regular degree meetings will resume in September. Specific degree schedule is as yet TBD. We will advise once the details are defined.

I was privileged in mid-July to again attend a Rainbow Assembly initiation ceremony. I was there by invitation to present to the newest Past Worthy Advisor (PWA; akin to our "Baby Past Master") a Rainbow Bible, which we at Home Lodge traditionally provide.

The ritual of these impressive young women is wonderfully bright and uplifting. All Master Masons (and their wives) have a standing invitation to attend any Rainbow meeting or event. Do yourself a favor and attend a Rainbow initiation or installation. It is a prime example of part of the good that Freemasonry does for humanity, and witnessing it will reinvigorate your hope and faith.

This issue's "Food for Thought" quote is about Masonic ritual memory work:

"We find in the development of the Art of Memory the following notions: remembering long lectures, the placement of vivid symbols in a symbolic mental structure such as the Temple of Solomon, the seven liberal arts and sciences, the four cardinal virtues, the three theological virtues (faith, hope and charity), the display of symbols concerning ultimate metaphysical truth, Pythagoras, hermetic references, kabbalistic references, neoplatonic references, the commendation of industry as a means of progress, the search to recover ancient lost wisdom, the need for silence and circumspection, the need for temperance, reminders of our ultimate fate, architectural references including Vitruvius, and the emphasis on memory-work as a form of ascent to the Divine. In describing the relationship between Freemasonry and the Art of Memory, is it possible to say anything else than that speculative Freemasonry in some respect is the Art of Memory?"

[D. Wood, "The Art of Memory and the Masonic Craft," *Philalethes, The Journal of Masonic Research & Letters*, Vol. 65, No. 1, Winter, 2012, 11.]

Looking forward to seeing you at Lodge, Brothers!

May the G.A.O.T.U. ever bless you and yours.

Fraternally from the East,
Leland H. Celestre, Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brethren and Ladies:

I would like to thank you for all the condolence wishes at the passing of my mother. She joins my father who passed away 10 years ago. She was a great woman and will be deeply missed by myself and brother as well as all those who knew her.

We are continuing to confer degrees and are now working in next years positions. Please come to lodge and support the candidates as well as next years' officers line.

There are are still several positions available for the Sideliners degree. please come and see me at the stated meeting or any degree night and I will be happy to go over what positions are still available.

Masonic trivia: When Freemasonry first began, the majority of the members were Entered Apprentices, because only the Grand Lodge could raise them, and few got that privilege. They had only one sign, one token and one word; these were referred to as the honors. A Mason who was raised by the Grand Lodge had three signs, three tokens and three words, these were referred to as the Grand Honors. Many Grand Lodges still use the term Grand Honors to describe the highest honorary greeting that shows appreciation for someone who has gone above and beyond in their service for the Grand Lodge.

Remember, Wednesdays are Lodge night.
Fraternally from the West,
Aaron J. Cohen P.M.
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



With the summer months around the corner, I'd like to remind everyone to be careful in their vacation plans. The recent events just remind us that there are those out there that don't subscribe to the same values as Masons. That being said, since we're approaching the mid-year point I'd like to congratulate all the officers on a great first half, with many more degrees coming up, I'd like to see some long lost faces join us in lodge. Remember, degree nights aren't only about the conferral of the degrees; it's about coming together with your brothers and enjoying yourselves.

As with all months previous, I encourage the brethren to attend our weekly meetings, be it to help coach brothers or to sit in the audience. Having a crowd inside for degrees means a great deal, not only to the officers, but also to our candidate. We want to ensure they feel at home at Home Lodge.

Remember, there's no better place to be on a Wednesday than at Home.

Fraternally from the South,
Artin Aladadyan, Junior Warden

A Message from our Secretary Wor. Richard A. Weiser, P.M.

My Brothers:

When you knelt at the Alter and took your obligations as a Mason, it should have hopefully meant more to you than just words.

Masonry is much more than a social club. It teaches us a way of living our lives and becoming better men. Part of that includes supporting one another and those who have chosen to follow our tenants.

We are in Lodge almost every Wednesday of the year. Your officers have committed not only to attending Lodge but to giving of their time to make each degree meaningful for our candidates and the Brethren that attend these degree nights.

One night a week. One night to show that Masonry is not just something you joined because your friend was a member, but that you wanted to improve yourself in the Craft. The attendance at our degree nights is to say the least disappointing. I know that we all have many activities in our lives that take up our time, but attending Lodge should be on that list as well.

If you have been a top line signer for a candidate you owe it to them to be a mentor to them as well. Call them, bring them to Lodge. If they are an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft have them attend a degree and be sure that they are getting the proper help in their advancement through the degrees. You brought them in...be a brother to them.

We will be dark most of August for officer practices but will have a 3rd degree for Aaron Hanson on the 23rd.

Don't just be a Mason who wears a pin and ring. Make it part of your life and support your Lodge.

Fraternally,
Wor. Richard Weiser, PM
Secretary, Home Lodge No.721

ROUGH AND PERFECT ASHLARS

Masons hear much about rough and perfect ashlar. They are described in the lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree. We know what use was made of rough and perfect ashlar in the old operative days; but in Speculative Masonry we often refer to our lodge Brothers figuratively as rough and perfect ashlar, although we never had anyone who would fully qualify for the latter description.

A rough ashlar is not a physically faulty stone. In Freemasonry it is as substantial as the perfect ashlar, necessarily so, for from it the perfect ashlar is fashioned. Used as a part of a structure, it owes no apology to the perfectly shaped and sometimes polished stone. In structures of stone there may be more rough ashlar than finished stones, just as in Speculative Freemasonry there are a lesser number of informed Brethren who are qualified to give freely of wisdom to the many eager to learn.

We can have in our membership few, if any, approaching the perfection of a perfect ashlar. We are fortunate to have so many to whom we may fondly refer as faithful rough ashlar who are the support of the lodges.

PURPOSE OF THE PILLARS

The Senior Deacon, in the Fellowcraft degree, gives a considerable description of the two great Pillars that stood on the porch of King Solomon's Temple, using some words that most of us can't pronounce. As a matter of fact, as the Senior Deacon indicated, no one is absolutely certain what purpose the Pillars served or what they represented.

If they served no useful purpose, and were largely ornamental, couldn't they be symbolic of some Freemasons we have today? And we have a few who are not even ornamental, such as myself and some others I might name.

If the Pillars were repositories, as has been suggested, no way was provided for getting to and making use of the information they contained. That sounds ridiculous; but don't we often ignore or refuse to make use of information we know to exist?

Our Speculative temple needs something more than ornamental pillars.

SICKNESS AND 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 CORNER

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.



HOME LODGE DUES INFORMATION

Our dues for 2017 are \$97.00 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 2016) 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 2017. 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.

<i>Dues for the 2017 term are</i>	<i>\$97.00</i>
<i>Petitions for membership are</i>	<i>\$425.00</i>
<i>Petitions for affiliation are</i>	<i>\$130.00</i>
<i>Petitions for out of state affiliation are</i>	<i>\$285.00</i>

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2017

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

PAST MASTERS OF HOME LODGE

*William H. Eycler 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	
*S. William Gershon 1984	
Roger Sterneck 1985	

* Deceased

** Demitted

PAST MASTERS BY AFFILIATION

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

HIRAM AWARD

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

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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.
At LuLu's Restaurant 16900 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys, CA

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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