

# WELCOME HOME

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

DECEMBER 2017 / JANUARY 2018

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## HOME LODGE NO. 721 - ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Home Lodge No. 721 will hold their Annual **Installation of Officers**. Please join us at Home Lodge No. 721 on January 14th at 4:00pm. The officers for 2018 are:

**Worshipful Master:** Aaron J. Cohen, P.M.

**Senior Warden:** Artin Aladadyan

**Junior Warden:** Andre Aladadyan

**Treasurer:** Moses Gazazian

**Secretary:** Richard Weiser, P.M.

**Assistant Secretary:** Gerard E. Deprest

**Chaplain:** Michael Egbert

**Senior Decon:** Ben Lupu

**Junior Decon:** Peter Vogelsang

**Marshal:** Robert Artoutunian

**Senior Steward:** David Ter-Petrosyan

**Junior Steward:** Orland Salas

**Tiler:** Calvin A. Frieling

**Officer's Coach:** Michael David, P.M.

Congratulation to our entire line of officers for 2018.



### »Home Lodge's Featured Events«

Wednesday, December 6th - 6:30 p.m.

#### STATED MEETING

Donation for all \$15.00

Home Lodge Widows are Free

Turkey with all the trimmings or Salmon

For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

Wednesday, January 3rd - 6:30 p.m.

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#### THIRD DEGREE

Brother Justin Bruce

Wor. Leland H. Celestre, P.M. Presiding

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#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
IS LODGE NIGHT**

## A Message From Our Outgoing Worshipful Master Leland H. Celestre, P.M.



The wonderful holidays are again joyously upon us! May you and those you love find them spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically rejuvenating and empowering. May we all make time to contemplate deeply the sublime ideals on which we traditionally

focus during this time. And may we thus be reminded and admonished of how we should regard and treat each other all year, particularly as Masons.

The lodge will be dark the remainder of December, after stated meeting of course, to resume labor at the January stated meeting. Annual installation of 2018 officers is scheduled for January 14...details to follow.

Some thoughts for your consideration: (grammar, punctuation, etc. per original):

"Self-importance is man's greatest enemy. What weakens him is feeling offended by the deeds and misdeeds of his fellow man. Self-importance requires that one spends most of one's life being offended by something, or by someone."

Carlos Castaneda, "The Fire From Within"

"The various rituals employed in Freemasonry teach us that all brethren should maintain freedom from pride and arrogance. It is most destructive to view oneself as wisest, most faithful, most industrious and more important as a result of a more talented nature. The good seed of harmony spread by others is thereby choked by the weeds of our own self-importance. <...>"

John R. Heisner, from the essay "Humility of the Mind" in his book "Meditations on Masonic Symbolism"

Wednesday night is Lodge night! See you at Lodge, Brothers!

May the G.A.O.T.U. ever keep you and yours close and safe.

**Fraternally,**  
Leland Celestre, WM

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



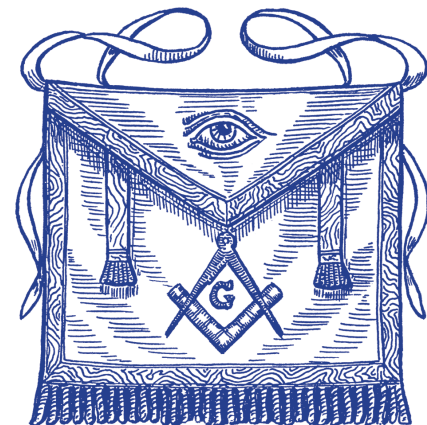
Greeting Ladies and Brethren,

With Thanksgiving behind us and Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's ahead of us, we should take time to reflect on all the good things we have in our lives. I for one am thankful for my family, friends and health.

I have enjoyed serving you this year as Senior Warden and I want to thank the brethren for entrusting me with the Oriental Chair again, it is a responsibility that I do not take lightly. I look forward to serving as Master and am working on several events that should be exciting for everyone who attends.

I am looking forward to Home Lodge's installation on January 14, 2018. As for installations, Reseda Lodge has theirs on December 9 and Van Nuys Lodge has theirs on December 12. Please try to make these events and show support for the other lodges in our district.

**Fraternally from the West,**  
Aaron J. Cohen P.M.  
Worshipful Master Elect



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



**B**rethren and Ladies

I hope all the Brothers and their families had a wonderful Thanksgiving. This year I am once again thankful for being elected by our Lodge to serve; now as Senior Warden.

I'll always be honored that the brethren see in me someone worthy to lead our lodge. This honor serves as a constant reminder to myself that I should continue to strive to embody the teachings of our ancient institution.

Best wishes to all our brethren & their families as the holiday season goes into full effect. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, or anything else, this is the time of year to be with those most important to us.

As we approach the new year I'll do the same I've done all year, and encourage The Brothers of Home Lodge to attend our weekly meetings in the coming year, be it to help coach, chat with brothers, or sit in the audience. Having people in attendance means a lot, not only to the officers that put in the hours of work to prepare for each night, but for the man getting his degree. I liked each brother to think back to the night he received each degree and recall just how important a night each one of those were. We should all strive to be apart of those memories for our brothers, and show them the Light of Masonry & ensure that Home Lodge feels like home for them.

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

**Fraternally from the South**

Artin Aladadyan  
Senior Warden Elect

**A Message From Our  
Incoming Junior Warden  
Andre Aladadyan**

**B**rethren and Ladies,

I hope the brethren had a Happy Thanksgiving with their families. One of many things I am thankful for during this holiday season is being elected Junior Warden of Home Lodge No. 721. I feel honored that the brethren have deemed me worthy of such a position at such a wonderful lodge. I promise to my best to serve my brethren to the best of my ability. I'd like to encourage all the brethren to take advantage of this holiday season to refresh and repose, and to enjoy the company of their families.

I approach the end of my law school journey and embark on the journey of preparing for my California Bar Exam, I find myself looking back. I look back at the peaks and valleys of my journey, reflecting on all that I have endured during that time, both academically and personally. Whether good or bad, peak or valley, I am thankful for it because, it has made me the person I am today. At the same time, I do not sore on the cloud of my successes nor dwell on my failures or misfortunes. Instead, I am acknowledging them and looking forward. I encourage all my brethren to do the same. Let us look forward to a new year, with new adventures, with new peaks and endure the valleys. And let us not forget that we all have a second family to which we can turn to.

So if it's been a while, turn to you second family at Home.

**Fraternally**

Andre Aladadyan  
Junior Warden Elect

**A Message From  
Our Secretary  
Wor. Richard A. Weiser, P.M.**

**M**y Brothers:

As the year comes to a close and a new year is about to begin, I want to thank the members of Home Lodge for another successful year. The Officers have put in many long hours to perfect their ritual and made it possible for Home Lodge to be fully qualified for 2018 by the end of October.

2018 looks like another strong year for the Lodge. The officer line has many good young men who will maintain Home Lodge's position as one of the finest Lodges in California. I hope that more of the Brethren will make the tie to attend on a regular basis. It is important that our new candidates receive the same support as you did when you took your degrees.

Janet and I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

**Fraternally,**  
Wor. Richard Weiser, P.M.  
Secretary

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
IS LODGE NIGHT**

**Home Lodge No. 721**  
Free & Accepted Masons

**Annual Installation  
of Officers**



**Sunday, January 14, 2018**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Van Nuys Masonic Temple**  
**14750 Sherman Way**  
**Van Nuys, CA 91405**



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Artin Aladadyan ..... Junior Warden  
(818) 321-0449

Moses Gazazian ..... Treasurer  
(818) 298-5652

Richard A. Weiser, P.M. .... Secretary  
(818) 326-3841

Gerard E. Deprest ..... Assistant Secretary  
(818) 980-8370

Scott I. Weber ..... Assistant Secretary / Webmaster  
(818) 280-0833

Michael Egbert ..... Chaplain  
(818) 691-0069

Benjamin Lupu ..... Senior Deacon  
(818) 804-5592

Calvin A. Frieling ..... Junior Deacon  
(661) 296-2186

Robert Aroutunian ..... Marshal

Tommy Ray Smith, Jr. .... Senior Steward  
(818) 307-2952

Peter Vogelsang ..... Junior Steward

Andre Aladadyan ..... Tyler  
(818) 309-9318

Michael David P.M. .... Officers' Coach  
(818) 414-7080

Wor. Jeff Yates, P.M. .... Inspector 709<sup>th</sup>

## Trestleboard

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Wednesday, January 17th

#### TBA

Wednesday, January 24th

#### TBA

Wednesday, January 31st

#### TBA

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.

Home Lodge Dues Information

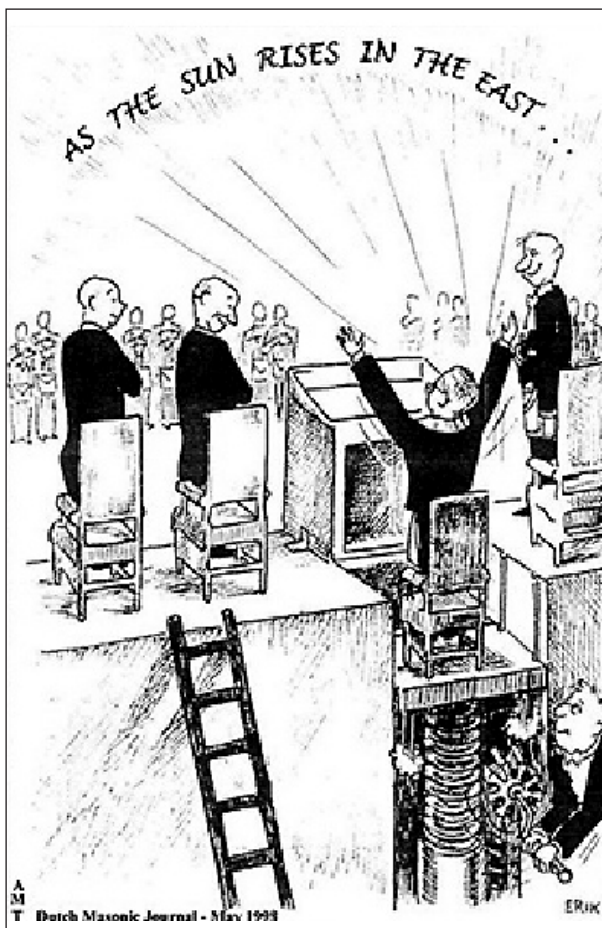
Our dues for 2018 are \$99.00 per member, due on or by the 1st day of January. If you are not at the very least in possession of a 2016 dues card (haven't paid your dues for 2017) we will be sending you a notice of possible suspension, beginning in March. If you have not paid your dues in arrears or 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



A M T Dutch Masonic Journal - May 1999

**BANQUET NIGHT**  
By: Rudyard Kipling

“ONCE in so often,” King Solomon said,  
Watching his quarry men drill the stone,  
“We will curb our garlic and wine and bread  
And banquet together beneath my Throne,  
And all Brethren shall come to that mess  
As Fellow-Craftsmen-no more and no less.”

“Send a swift shallop to Hiram of Tyre,  
Felling and floating our beautiful trees,  
Say that the Brethren and I desire  
Talk with our Brethren who use the seas.  
And we shall be happy to meet them at mess  
As Fellow-Craftsmen-no more and no less.”

“Carry this message to Hiram Abif-  
Excellent master of forge and mine :-  
I and the Brethren would like it if  
He and the Brethren will come to dine  
(Garments from Bozrah or morning-dress)  
As Fellow-Craftsmen-no more and no less.”

“God gave the Cedar their place-  
Also the Bramble, the Fig and the Thorn-  
But that is no reason to black a man’s face  
Because he is not what he hasn’t been born.  
And, as touching the Temple, I hold and  
profess  
We are Fellow-Craftsmen-no more and no  
less.”

So it was ordered and so it was done,  
And the hewers of wood and the Masons of  
Mark,  
With foc’sle hands of Sidon run  
And Navy Lords from the ROYAL ARK,  
Came and sat down and were merry at mess  
As Fellow-Craftsmen-no more and no less.

The Quarries are hotter than Hiram’s forge,  
No one is safe from the dog-whip’s reach.  
It’s mostly snowing up Lebanon gorge,  
And it’s always blowing off Joppa beach;

But once in so often, the messenger brings  
Solomon’s mandate : “Forget these things!  
Brother to Beggars and Fellow to Kings,  
Companion of Princes-forget these things!  
Fellow-Craftsmen, forget these things!”



In the early days of Freemasonry the symbols and emblems, used as mnemonics, were drawn in chalk on the lodge room floor, and erased after every meeting. As lodges began to meet in their own buildings they used illustrated floor cloths which developed into the modern tracing boards.



Past Masters of Home Lodge No. 721

*William H. Eyer .....	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



**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

\*Deceased      \*\* Demitted

**Concordant Bodies**

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SCOTTISH RITE**  
Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of  
Every Month at 7:30 p.m.  
At IHop Restaurant 22810 Van Owen, West Hills

*ENCINO SHRINE CLUB*  
Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of  
Every Month at 7:00 p.m.  
Van Nuys Masonic Building,  
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

**Committees, Chairs & Co-Chairs**

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Scott I. Weber - 818-280-0833  
Michael David P.M. - 818-414-7080  
Richard A. Weiser P.M. - 818-326-3841

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Gerard E. Deprest - 818-980-8370  
Moses Gazazian - 818-298-5652

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Eduardo Estrada P.M. - 818-880-8707  
Scott I. Weber - 818-280-0833

**Head Candidates Coach**  
Steve Varsam P.M. - 818-515-0093

**Hiram Award Night**  
Gerard E. Deprest - 818-980-8370

**Hunny-Do**  
The Ladies of Home Lodge

**Picnic Committee**  
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Moses Gazazian - 818-298-5652

**Public Schools**  
Artin Aladadyan J.W. - 818-321-0449

**Sick & Visitation Chair**  
Bob Brandt P.M. - 818-891-6476  
Richard A. Weiser P.M. - 818-326-3841

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Arron J. Cohen P.M. S.W. - 818-414-7080

**Sweethearts Outreach**  
Michael Egbert - 818-708-3810  
Richard A. Weiser P.M. - 818-326-3841

**Telephone Committee**  
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**Trustee President**  
Moses Gazazian - 818-298-5652

**Trustee Secretary**  
Gerard E. Deprest - 818-980-8370

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