

THE MASTER WORKMAN

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

DECEMBER 2018

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Happy Holidays

Happy Hanukkah

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

From all the Brothers of
Home Lodge No. 721

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



Greetings Ladies and Brethren,

I would like to start off by wishing everyone Happy Holidays and also want to thank the brethren for allowing me to sit as Master of the Lodge

this past year.

I again would like to congratulate everyone who participated in the Sideliners Degree last month. If you were not there, you missed an excellent degree.

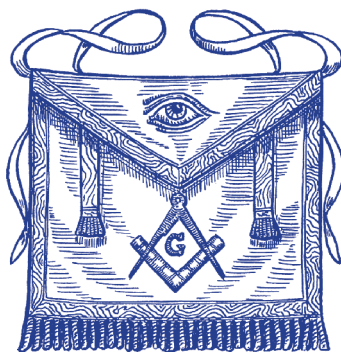
I am looking forward to the upcoming installation in January. Artin and his brother Andre have many events scheduled for their years as Master.

Speaking of Andre, when you see him at the Stated Meeting, be sure to congratulate him on his passing the bar.

As most of you know, Lowe's decided to cease operation if OSH. I am in the process of deciding whether to stay in retail or go back to school and persue another line of work.

Once again Happy Holidays and have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS
LODGE NIGHT

A Message From Our Senior Warden Artin Aladadyan



Ladies and Brethren, the year's end is finally upon us. First and foremost I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season, whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, or anything else, this is the time of year to be with those most important to us.

Speaking of those important to us, I want to congratulate my older brother, the incoming Senior Warden, Bro. Andre Aladadyan on passing the California Bar Examination and becoming an Attorney. He's worked so hard for so many years to reach this goal. He's put in countless hours juggling his duties at Home Lodge, work and school, and words can never describe how proud of him I am. In addition to my brother, my girlfriend also passed the California Bar Examination, alongside by brother. She is one of the most determined and driven people I know, and I'm so proud that she's accomplished her biggest goal. She's wanted to be an attorney for all her life & words will never explain how happy I am to have been apart of these two amazing journeys.

Speaking of journeys that words cannot explain, I must thank my Home Lodge Brethren for electing me as Master for the ensuing Masonic year. I am beyond grateful to you all for the years of support. You've all given me such confidence and determination to keep our great Lodge moving forward towards success. Our Officers have worked so hard to get here and I've asked so much of these dedicated young men; much more than is reasonable. They've not only answered but have gone above and beyond in their service and brotherhood.

I must draw special attention to two of my Officers however. First to Junior Warden Elect, Brother Peter Vogelsang, who has had the busiest year of all of us. For those that are unaware, Brother Vogelsang has had to learn 3 separate positions this year, including two lectures. He has qualified in the Middle Chamber lecture, as Master in the 1st degree including the lecture, and lastly as Master in our Sideline's 2nd degree. I couldn't be prouder to have a young man with this much dedication to the craft as a member of our lodge.

Secondly, to Brother Michael Egbert, who is the head of our Social Committee for the next year and who regularly goes above and beyond to engage his brothers in social activities and build the camaraderie that Masonry so highly regards.

I could go on for many more paragraphs, thanking everyone and declaring my gratitude, but I'll save that for my speech at the Installation of Officers, which is on January the 14th, 2018. I'm beyond honored to announce to you all that the Installing team will consist of Grand Master, Most Worshipful Stuart A. Wright as Installing Officer, Grand Marshall, Worshipful Kenneth G. Judd as Master of Ceremonies, and Worshipful Steve L. Eberhardt as Installing Chaplin.

As always I want to thank all the Brothers that join us every week for degree nights. By being here with us, you forever become part of our candidate's memories. These are some of the most important nights for these men, and it means the world to have people there. If you haven't been Home in a while, I want you to know that we're always here.

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

Fraternally from the West,
Artin Aladadyan, Senior Warden

A Message From Our Junior Warden Andre Aladadyan



I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving holiday. I know I have a lot to be thankful for this holiday season. For starters, this is the first holiday season I never had to worry about, study for, or prepare for any sort of examination. This is the first holiday season all I get to do is spend with my family and enjoy myself. On November 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., I learned I had passed the California Bar Examination and, on November 20, 2018 at 11:15 a.m. I was sworn into the Bar.

I have so many people to be thankful for who has helped me along the way. My parents for always

pushing me and giving me every opportunity to succeed. I am truly blessed to have parents like them. My brother Artin for always being there for me, giving me support, fortifying my confidence, and believing in me. My girlfriend Nareh who has been an unwavering rock in the ocean of stress, complaints, and so much more, with whom I would not have gotten this far.

But a special thanks goes to Home Lodge; all of Home Lodge. To all my brothers who supported me by stepping in when I had class, finals and, Bar prep. Filling in so I could study and succeed. For every brother who picked up my Jewel and Apron when I couldn't, thank you. The support of my brothers has been a vital part of my success.

Home has been there for me when I was applying to law school, navigating my way through it, and studying for the Bar. I love you all, and I'm thankful for everything. I hope I've been worthy of it and, I hope I can show you I deserve it.

I remember the day before Bar results; having a moment of calm. In that calm, I looked out of my office window on the 42nd floor of the U.S. Bank Tower and thanked God for blessing me with the people I have in my life. In that moment, regardless of the outcome of results, I felt like I had already been given everything I needed. In that moment I felt wealthy because I had what most people do not: a vast support system of men and women, family and friends, young and young at heart, who genuinely care for me and love me. In that moment I felt it would not be "IF" I would pass the Bar, but simply a question of "WHEN."

So, thank you to my Home Lodge family, my Masonic family, who has always been a constant support in my life for the last 7 years.

I would also like to congratulate all our officers for now being FULLY qualified in all our respective stations and positions. It has not been easy. The journey to this point has not been without its difficulties, struggles and, challenges. I thank everyone that helped this group of men push through and get to this point. I'm so proud of the hard work everyone has put in. Some of us had to qualify in multiple positions and, some of us were brand new to Ritual and had to learn EVERYTHING in a short amount of time; but we all banded together with the support of our lodge and Past Masters and succeeded. I love you all, thank you!

I am thankful for, and would like to thank our First Responders and families for their service, courage, and strength during these devastating times. So many people have been adversely affected and suffered devastations beyond repair, but our First Responders,

Fire Fighters and Police Officers have fought tirelessly to provide support and aide. God Bless you all.

No monthly message would be complete without asking everyone to attend Lodge and the December Stated Meeting. Home is always home. No matter the night (stated meeting, degree, or practice) you are welcome. Unless it's a holiday and we are Dark, something is going on Wednesday nights. Even if it's a practice night, come join the Officers and learn, see what we do, and get the next layer of Masonic education through learning Ritual.

Fraternally from the South,
Andre Aladadyan, Junior Warden

A Message From The Junior Warden-Elect, Brother Peter Vogelsang

I would like to thank the brethren for electing me to Junior Warden. I am excited to step into my first Pillar role, and the new opportunity to serve the lodge. I owe my place in the South to many outstanding brothers who have helped me and inspired me. This has been a long year of qualifications, and I know all the officers moving up are eager to take on their new roles.

I also congratulate Bro. Artin Aladadyan on being elected to the East, and Bro. Andre Aladadyan to Senior Warden. They have put much effort into planning out the next two years and I am excited to see their plans put into action.

Bro. Boris Linares is going to be starting up Masonic education nights, which will happen once monthly. I encourage all brothers to attend and gain more knowledge about Masonry.

It may still be Fall, but the cold weather has arrived and it brings holiday cheer with it. I wish you and yours a happy holidays. Public Schools Night will be approaching soon after, and I look forward to honoring great students this spring.

Fraternally,
Peter Vogelsang
Junior Warden-elect

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



Another year is about to be over. It's amazing how fast they go by (especially as you get older).

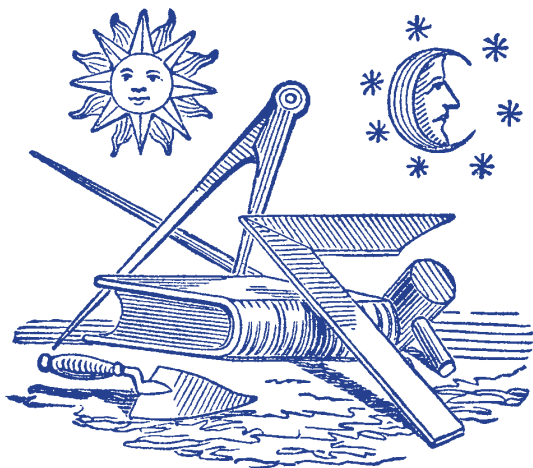
I want to wish everyone a very happy holiday season and especially a wonderful, healthy and happy New Year.

Dues notices have gone out. There is a return envelope included with the notice, or you may go online to our website www.homelodge721.org and use the PayPal link. A small service charge is added to all PayPal payments to cover their charges.

While we will be dark in December, other than our Stated Meeting, we will still be active. We are preparing for the installation of officers on January 13th. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master Stuart Wright will be installing the officer for 2019. Please contact Jerry Deprest at 818-980-8370 with your reservations. Be sure to tell him how many will be attending and your choice of steak or salmon. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person.

I want to thank the Brethren of Home Lodge for their continued support and look forward to your attendance in Lodge in 2019. I can guarantee that it will be an exciting year with many new programs and activities.

Fraternally,
Richard Weiser, P.M., Secretary



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



Dear Brethren of Home Lodge.

Brethren 2018 is almost over. Now that we had our turkey for Thanksgiving, it's time to get the honey baked ham out of the freezer and start cooking. Maybe smoke some ribs or get the kabob

marinated with all the trimmings.

Memories will be created, adventures will be planned, but first let's get ready for celebrating New Year.

Before we do say goodbye to the old and welcome the new, let us be thankful for what we have accomplished yet another year and another chapter of our lives.

Let us be thankful for our Family, our Friends and our Fraternity for making us better every day and keeping it real with life's challenges, hard aches and happiness. If life was smooth sailing, there will be no wind blowing the sails of the boat forward.

Whatever your Faith is let us all pray and be thankful for what was given to us and may all our prayers be answered all in due time.

Personally myself and my family wish you and yours the very best Holiday Season. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy New Year and Happy Life in 2019.

What we leave behind in 2018 is experience gained to be perfected in 2019.

I Hope, I Pray and I Wish everyone the very best and of course Peace to the World and Peace from within.

My Home My Family and My Lodge are my Sanctuary where I find peace and happiness from outside world and I'm Thankful.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
Brother Moses Gazazian, Treasure

**A Message From
Wor. Stephan Varsam, P.M.
Hiram Award Recipient**

On behalf of myself and my family I like to extend my appreciation and gratitude for the honor bestowed on me the "Hiram Award" by my Home Lodge #721 and my brethren.

It is always been my pleasure to serve the Lodge in any capacity that benefits its members with high standards that we are all known for in our Masonic community.

Over the years, I got to know many new members who now serve honorably for Home Lodge in different positions and glad to see that my efforts have not only paved the way for future young man who came through the ranks but also looking forward to strengthen the Masonic ties and relationships that are built amongst this young generation with the older generation who built the foundation of our Home lodge.

I am always thankful to my assistant coaches and to name few, Brothers: Wor. Brother Donald Pollock, Jack (general) Artinian, Robert H. Thompson, John Mouchmouchian, Louis Borden who are ready to roll their sleeves for the next candidate to be who walk in through our doors to seek the light that enhances their future with our Masonic values that we all cherish.

Fraternally
Head Candidates Coach
Stepan (Steve) Varsam



**Trestleboard
December 2018**

December 2nd-10th
HANUKKAH

Wednesday, December 5th 6:30 p.m.

STATED MEETING

Donation for all \$15.00

Home Lodge Widows are Free

Roast Beef or Baked Salmon

For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

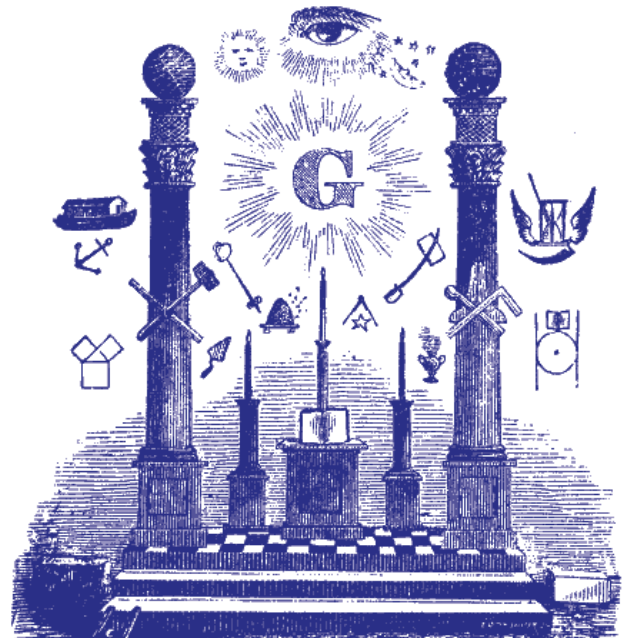
Wednesday, December 19th
LODGE DARK

Tuesday, December 25th
CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 26th
LODGE DARK

Monday, December 31st
NEW YEAR'S EVE

Wednesday, January 2nd
LODGE DARK





**Home Lodge No. 721
Free and Accepted Masons
of the State of California**

Cordially invites you to attend the
2019 Installation of Officers

Installing Officer will be
MW Stuart A. Wright,
Grand Master

**4:00 pm
Dinner to follow**

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Van Nuys Masonic Center
14750 Sherman Way
Van Nuys, Ca 91405

Tuxedo for Officers
Others Business Attire
Ladies Dress or Pants Suit

**Dinner \$15.00 per person
Steak or Salmon**

Contact Gerard Deprest
818-980-8370 Leave Name,
Number of guests and
dinner choice.

Home Lodge Dues Information

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

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	2016
*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	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
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

Committees, Chairs & Co-Chairs

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The Ladies of Home Lodge

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