

# THE MASTER WORKMAN

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## EQUAL REGULARITY

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I have looked up these words in a dictionary and I have found the following meanings:

***Equal:** Having the same capacity, quantity, effect, measure, or value as another*

***Regularity:** Conforming to a fixed procedure, principle or discipline.*

We also find these words impressed upon our minds in the explanation of the Great Light in Masonry shortly after being obligated in the Entered Apprentice Degree. The Worshipful Master explains to us the meaning of the three lesser lights as follows; "The three lesser lights are the Sun, Moon and Master of the Lodge and as the Sun rules the day and the Moon governs the night so should the Worshipful Master with equal regularity rule and Govern the Lodge".

Since Freemasonry is best explained as a beautiful system of morality expressed by symbols and veiled in allegory we must search for ourselves the lesson that can be best gained from the term equal regularity. I have always tried to adapt lessons taught within the Degrees of Masonry into my own personal life. Many of them are extremely difficult. The question "What came you here to do?" is a good example to which we respond, "To learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry". This in itself has to be the hardest trial in Masonry and I struggle with this every day. Yet, because of the Light that I have received in Masonry I try to restrain myself from overreacting and letting my passions get the best of me. But as hard as I try I fail because I am human yet to my consolation every day I fail a little less.

In the Old Testament of the King James Bible we find in Genesis chapter 1 verses 16 through 18 the

following, "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth. And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from darkness: and God saw that it was good". Symbolically we can look at the Sun and the Moon as the active and passive forces in nature, which must be in balance in order for nature to exist. We can also observe them as emblems of the Spiritual and the Physical worlds. The Square and Compasses can also be interpreted in this manner, as well as the Seal of Solomon with its intertwined white and black triangles showing the connection between God and Man or the Spiritual World and that of Matter. Even the lambskin apron can be interpreted as an emblem of the relationship between the spiritual and the physical world. The triangular flap representing the Spiritual world is separated from the square apron representing the material world because the flap is turned up "to prevent daubing with un-tempered mortar" which we can interpret as to prevent your spiritual being from being soiled by the sins of the material world. As you progress through the three degrees which, represent the three components of man, the physical, mental and the spiritual, as well as youth, manhood and old age. We find that as man matures and finds his balance with the components that make up his being the triangular flap becomes one with the square apron exemplifying the lesson of coexistence on two planes on being.

Then how do we then adapt the instruction "As the Sun rules the day and the Moon governs the night so should the Worshipful Master with equal regularity rule and govern the Lodge". I interpret it as follows, If we take the lesson and reduce it from the term lodge [plural] to ourselves [singular] be not each of us the Worshipful Masters of our bodies, which can

be considered our Temple. That Temple that houses that eternal spirit of which will survive the grave and which never dies.

With this in mind we must consider that as Masters of our own bodies we must rule with equal regularity over our involvement within the Material as well as the Spiritual worlds in which we move. How do we as Men rule and govern over our physical presence as well as our spiritual being? This question is rather difficult to answer and I believe, as no two humans are alike so the answer to this question will not be for any two persons the same. Therefore the term equal regularity can be viewed as a personal quest to find the balance in your life that will promote equal regularity and therefore harmony within yourselves. What more beautiful goal can any human have than to be at peace with himself, his family and his fellow man?

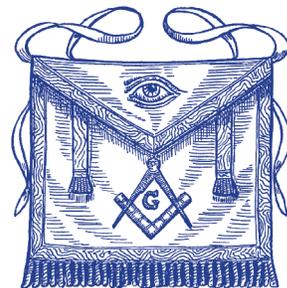
In the New Testament a Prophet was asked a question in order to trick him and prove him an enemy of the government. "And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor. And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither accepest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly. Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why temp ye me? Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said Caesar's. And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's. And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marveled at his answer, and held their peace".

Therefore, give unto the material world that which belongs to the material world and give unto the spiritual world that which belongs to God. In the hopes of achieving equal regularity, and therefore be better enabled to help your fellow man and contribute to the relief of distressed worthy Master Mason their widows and orphans. The Volume of Sacred Law which you always find on the Altars of Freemasonry speaks of Faith, (representing the mental) Hope, (representing the physical) and Charity, (representing the spiritual). The greatest of these is Charity (the spiritual being of man), for Faith (the mental outlook of man) may be lost in

sight, Hope (the physical or material plane we live in) often ends in fruition or completion but Charity or our spiritual self will transcend death. For it is nothing less than the love of God operating in the hearts of men which will endure beyond the grave and into the boundless realms of eternity.

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- Orlando Salas ..... Senior Decon
- David Ter-Petrosyan ..... Junior Decon
- Boris Linares ..... Senior Steward
- Calvin A. Frieling ..... Tyler  
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- Michael David P.M. .... Officers' Coach  
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**A Message From Our  
Worshipful Master  
Artin Aladadyan**



I'd like to start this month off by reminding all my Brothers that Valentine's Day is this month, so make sure to put in your flower orders early gentlemen!

Now to thank everyone for joining us at Home Lodge's Installation of Officers on January 13th. I'd especially like to thank my Installing team: Most Worshipful Wright, Worshipful Judd, and Worshipful Pollock. I am honored to have had Most Worshipful Wright be my Installing Officer, and it's a memory I will cherish for the rest of my life. He's a man that has truly the greatest regard for our fraternity. As I made known during my brief speech at Installation, I've never been installed without Worshipful Judd as Master of Ceremonies, and I did not intend on having any other Brother place the Master's jewel on me. Worshipful Judd has always been an invaluable source of wisdom and guidance & a reminder that we should always try to have a little fun. Worshipful Pollock came to my rescue as I had asked him only a week before installation if he would be my Installing Chaplain. He's always been a great support of me in my Masonic journey and he is such a strength and support of Home Lodge, and I hope that one day I can do the same for our Home. So again, to these three exemplary men, thank you from the bottom of my heart, I don't think words can ever express what you, being a part of this Installation means to me.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS  
LODGE NIGHT**

To my Officer's, thank you for devoting your time to serve our Lodge. Being an Officer is one of the biggest sacrifices we can make as Masons. It takes long hours and even more patience to do what you all are doing, and I want to thank you for joining me in this journey.

I want to thank everyone that joined us at our first Masonic Education Night. Brother Boris Linares put on a wonderful lecture and we had some great discussion. I want to remind everyone that we'll be hosting these Masonic Education Night on the last Wednesday of every month. Sometimes we can forget that Masonry requires practice and learning in order that we can better ourselves through its teachings. This is the exact reason for these nights. So that we truly make good men better.

As always, I want to thank our regular attendee's, without you our candidates would be alone on the sidelines. To those that haven't made it to Lodge in a while, the door is almost always open.

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

Fraternally,  
Artin Aladadyan  
Worshipful Master

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



I would like to congratulate the Officers from Home Lodge 721 for becoming installed. Thank you to all of those who attended and were a part of this amazing day.

I'd like to congratulate my younger brother Worshipful Artin Aladadyan for being installed as Master of our wonderful Lodge.

I'm so proud of you. For so many years you've followed my lead and, have supported me in my

endeavors. I feel honored and privileged that now I follow you. You're not only my brother, both by blood and fraternal bond, but also my best friend. I'm so proud of you and proud of the man you've become. I hope this year is an amazing one for you, filled with nothing but triumphs and success.

I love you very much.

Masons cannot be masons without the women in their lives. We are propelled forward by the women that support us. This Valentine's Day let us take the opportunity to thank the wonderful women in our lives.

Lastly, I hope you all will join us for the banquet for our very own Worshipful Ken Judd, P.M., The Grand Marshal. Although he is not a Past Master of Home Lodge, he's still OUR Past Master nonetheless. He's been a mentor of the Officers of Home for which we are very grateful for. So please join us this month for honoring him.

Fraternally Yours,  
Bro. Andre Aladadyan  
Senior Warden

### A Message From The Junior Warden Peter Vogelsang



Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the 2019 Installation of Officers. We were honored to have the Grand Master of California as Installing Officer and other Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. Congratulations are in order for our new

Worshipful Master Artin Aladadyan, and all the other officers.

I have been a Mason for 3 years. Since I was initiated this lodge has become a very important part of my life. Serving it now as a pillar officer is a role I take seriously and I look forward to this year.

Public Schools Night is approaching in April during our Stated Meeting, where we will honor three

deserving students. Your attendance will help make the night brighter for these students.

Brother Boris Linares is running an education night on the last Wednesday of every month. As Masons, one of our core practices is gaining further knowledge. Come on the last Wednesday and learn something new.

As always, all brethren are encouraged to attend degrees. Every man sitting on the sideline makes the night all the more special for the brother receiving his degree. Think of the men in the past and overseas who make great risks to attend lodge. Brothers cross great distances, cross war zones, and undergo persecution to keep our ancient Craft alive. Don't let a bit of California rain stop you.

Fraternally from the South,  
Peter G. Vogelsang  
Junior Warden

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



This month is a busy one at Home Lodge. Our stated meeting on the 6th, then a 2nd degree for Brother Rafael Moscatel on the 13th.

Our reception for Wor. Ken Judd, Grand Marshall is February 20th. We will be serving a Mexican meal at no charge. You must contact me with your reservations, so we have a count. Email your request to [secretaryhome721@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryhome721@gmail.com)

There will also be another education evening on the 27th. Bro. Boris Linares has been working very hard to make this evening informative and entertaining.

Remember that Wednesday night is Lodge night.

Fraternally  
Richard Weiser, PM  
Secretary

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



Dear Brethren of Home Lodge.

Every month we write our articles and express our views and talk about how great Masonry is and how great our Home Lodge is and most importantly how great it is to

see new fresh blood coming in and try their best to continue the tradition and values of our Fraternity, but one thing we sometimes do not express is how great our Women are! No I'm not trying to score points with my lady, I did that a long time ago , all I'm trying to do is say is "Thank you" to our ladies who support us and give us the opportunities to do what we do for our brothers and our Fraternity.

Valentines Day is around the corner and we should all celebrate the unconditional love and respect we have for our partners and say Thank You!

Ladies of Home Lodge "Happy Valentines Day" Masonry makes us good man even better and also better partners, friends and husbands in our own lives.

So here is a recommendation, if your husband, friend, partner or fiancé says I'm going to the Lodge, let them loose. (lol) they are coming Home, Home Lodge that is!!!

Best wishes.

Fraternally,  
Moses Gazazian  
Treasurer

**Trestleboard - February 2019**

Wednesday, February 6th ..... 6:30pm

**STATED MEETING**

Donation for all \$15.00  
Home Lodge Widows are Free  
Chicken or Baked Salmon

For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

Wednesday, February 13th ..... 7:00pm

**FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE**

Brother Rafael Moscatel  
Andre Aladadyan, S.W. Presiding

Wednesday, February 20th ..... 6:30pm

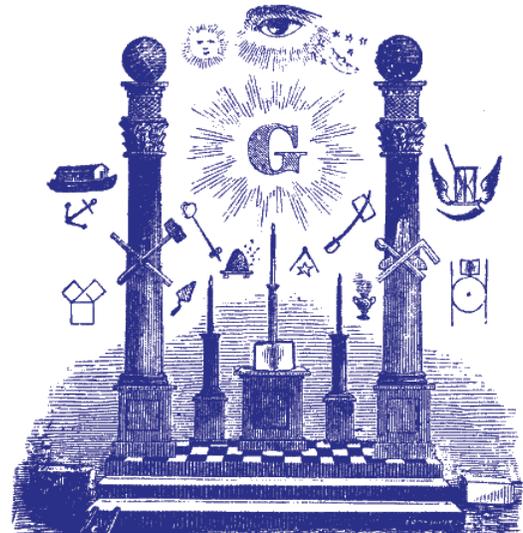
**RECEPTION FOR WOR. KENNETH JUDD,  
P.M., GRAND MARSHALL**

No Charge for Dinner  
Mexican Dinner - Reception to Follow

Wednesday, February 27th ..... 7:00pm

**MASONIC EDUCATION NIGHT**

Boris Linares, Senior Steward Presenting



Masonic Humor

King Arthur was attending a Lodge meeting with his Knights at another Castle within his realm and on this particular night Queen Guinevere insisted he be home before midnight or else she would raise the drawbridge and he would have to spend the evening with one of the serfs.

The meeting finished late and King Arthur was hurtling towards Camelot and the time was fast approaching midnight when he was in sight of the drawbridge which was slowly rising.

Unable to make such a huge leap with his trusty steed he uttered the words as he dived into the watery mess,

“Ah! So mote,(moat) it be”

A brother went for a job interview, knowing that the interviewer was a Mason. He explained that he was absolutely the best qualified for the job and secretly hoped that his Lodge connections would get him the position. The interviewer said that his qualifications were excellent. “What about the salary?” asked the brother. “Halve it and you begin!” said the interviewer

A new candidate was riding his bicycle to the Temple for his Initiation but was running late. About half way there his chain broke and noticing his dilemma, a truck driver suggested that if he were to hold the short length of rope tied to the back of the truck, he could get towed to Lodge and get there on time. When eventually asked in the Ceremony how he came to Freemasonry, he replied “By my own free wheel and a cord!”

Did you hear about the dairy farmer who became a Mason?  
He kept giving everyone the secret milkshake.

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*

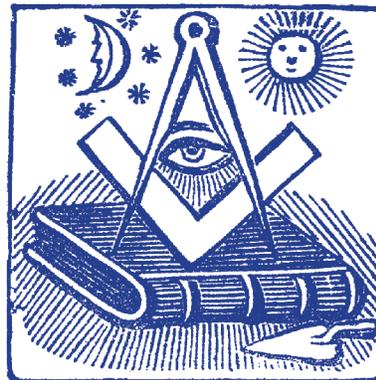
*55 to 59 is 17 times the annual dues: \$1,717.00*

*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 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 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.  
Van Nuys Masonic Building,  
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

**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

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