

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



Greeting Ladies and Brethren,

It is an honor to be serving as Master again.

I would like to thank everyone who showed up to the installation for supporting me.

I would also like to thank the installing team: Wor. Ken Judd: Installing Officer, Wor. Jeff Yates: Master of Ceremonies, and Wor. Michael David: Installing Chaplain, and a special thank you to Wor. David Shampay who stepped in for Wor. Yates.

I also want to thank Jimmy Weldon for his presentation about the flag and what an important symbol it and what it represents.

I want to apologize to Bro. Benjamin Lupu for his name being left off the program.

I have an exciting year planned, with trips to one of the auto museums in the area, as well as a trip to the L.A. Auto Show (chaired by our Senior Warden); a trip to The Midnight Mission to serve and many others.

If you have any suggestions or comments come and see me at the Stated Meeting or Degree Night and talk to me.

Remember that Wednesdays night is Lodge night.

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

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



Brethren and Ladies

Welcome ladies and brethren to our first full bulletin of the New Year. I'd like to start by thanking all of our members that joined us for the installation of officers in January. Our great attendance always makes our new officers feel welcomed at Home. I would like to also congratulate all of our new officers on being installed in their positions. We have a fantastic team this year that's motivated to provide the best experience possible, not only for our candidates, but for our current brothers as well. I must also thank Worshipful Stan Taub for his countless years of service to our Lodge; in all his positions he's imparted us with invaluable wisdom and taught us so much.

I wouldn't be the Mason I am now without the guidance & encouragement he provided. Lastly congratulations to Wor. Michael David on stepping in as the new Officer's Coach, I know all the officers looks forward to building upon the foundations that have been laid.

As 2018's Senior Warden I look forward to organizing our Sideliner's degree, which is a Fellowcraft degree where the usual officers step aside and let aspiring ritualists take the stage and confer a degree. I urge all Fellowcrafts and Master Masons that are interested in our ceremonies to participate; a sideliners degree was my first exposure to being an officer and without it I wouldn't be where I am today.

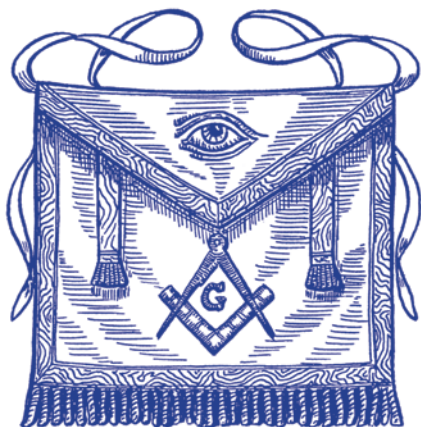
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I also must remind our brethren that coaching is always available every day of the week, we always have brothers on Wednesdays ready to help, and every one of our Officers will jump to the opportunity to help.

As always I'll remind all our brothers, young and experienced, that Wednesday is Lodge night. I want you all to think back to your degrees and remember how special and important they each were to you. We owe it to our new brothers to be there for them, to welcome them into our ancient and honorable fraternity and ensure that these are memories that they'll cherish forever. Remember, there's no better place to be on a Wednesday than at Home.

Fraternally from the South
Artin Aladadyan
Senior Warden Elect



A Message From Our Junior Warden Andre Aladadyan



Brethren and Ladies,

I'd like to give a great thank you to everyone that showed up to the 2018 Home Lodge Installation. I'd like to congratulate all of the officers for qualifying and taking their positions. I'm looking forward to my first ever Public Schools night, and carrying on such an important Masonic tradition.

I'd also like to thank Worshipful Stanley Taub, P.M. for his many, many years of dedicated service to Home Lodge as an Officer, a Master of the Lodge, and as our Officers' Coach. I'm grateful to him for all of his time and dedicate to the craft and our Lodge, and for being my first Officers' Coach.

I'm excited and proud of our group. I have no doubt that with the leadership of Worshipful Aaron Cohen, P.M., the dedication of our Officers, the guidance and support of our Inspector Worshipful Jeff Yates, P.M., and support of our brethren that 2018 will be one amazing year.

Last, but not least, I'd like to, with great pleasure, congratulate Worshipful Michael David, P.M. for his appointment as Home Lodge's new Officers' Coach. I'm very excited to work with him and learn from him, making this year another great Home Lodge year.

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

Fraternally
Andre Aladadyan
Junior Warden

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



My Brothers:

We are underway on a new year at Home Lodge. Wor. Aaron Cohen is working hard to make this an enjoyable year for all the members of the Lodge.

The officer line is strong with good young men who are dedicated Masons. They are working hard on perfecting their ritual work as well as bringing a new vitality to the Lodge.

New activities, more social outings are being looked at to make the Lodge more than just a place to come and watch degrees. However, that is still the backbone of Home Lodge. Bringing good men into Masonry is very important to the future of our Lodge.

The officer line is going their part, but it takes all of us to make Home Lodge special.

Make an effort. Come to Lodge on Wednesday night. Support our new Brothers as you were when you knelt at the altar.

WENDESDAY NIGHT IS LODGE NIGHT

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

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(818) 414-7080

Wor. Jeff Yates, P.M. Inspector 709th

Trestleboard

FEBRUARY 2018

Wednesday, February 7th 6:30 p.m.
STATED MEETING
Donation for all \$15.00
Home Lodge Widows are Free
BBQ Chicken or Salmon
For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

Wednesday, February 14th
LODGE DARK FOR VALENTINES DAY

Tuesday, February 20th
OFFICERS SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION
At Home Lodge No. 721

Wednesday, February 21st
SECOND DEGREE
Brother Boris Linares & Brother Chris Berberian
Artin Aladadyan, Senior Warden Presiding

Wednesday, February 28th
SECOND DEGREE
Brother Avetis Petoyan
Artin Aladadyan, Senior Warden Presiding

MARCH 2018

Wednesday, March 7th 6:30 p.m.
STATED MEETING
Donation for all \$15.00
Home Lodge Widows are Free
Corned Beef and Cabbage or Salmon
For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

Wednesday, March 14th 7:00 p.m.
TBA

Wednesday, March 21st 7:00 p.m.
TBA

Wednesday, March 28th 7:00 p.m.
TBA

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

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.



A Brother was having trouble with his ritual, and told his friend, a fellow mason at lodge one day about his plight. His friend said "I know a guy down the street who sells parrots that know the ritual and prompt you when you have any trouble."

So the next day off he went to the store.

The man at the store said "yeah, I have three", he pulled back a curtain that was across a cage and sitting there on their perch, one after the other were 3 parrots, all wearing masonic aprons. One with a Master Mason's apron, one with a Past Masters apron, and one with a Grand Lodge apron.

The Brother asked "how much is the one with the Past Masters apron on?"

"\$2000, he knows all the ritual including the inner workings, and will always prompt you when you get stuck."

"Wow", he said "to expensive." "What about the one with the Master Mason's apron on?"

"Well, that ones \$1,000 he knows all the ritual, but not the inner workings, but will always prompt you when you get stuck."

"No, thats also to much. What about the one with the Grand Lodge apron on?"

"You can have him for... \$10"

"What? Why so cheap, he must know all the ritual and the inner workings?"

"Oh yeah, he knows all the ritual, but when you make a mistake all he does is sit there on his perch and go, tut! tut! tut! tut!"



**HOME LODGE,
A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE**
by Worshipful Don Pollock, PM

Brothers:

In the late 1940s and early 50s a group of valley Masons got together to discuss a new Lodge. After a lot of preparation, Home Lodge Masonic Club came into being and then at the end of 1952, Home Lodge #721 was chartered by the Grand Lodge of California. Worshipful William Eyler was our first Master.

There were so many Masters, and so many brothers and their families who worked so hard to make our Lodge a place where you wanted to be.

We then met at North Hollywood Lodge on Weddington, but then we wanted our own building and our own identity. We decided to build a Lodge, and I mean BUILD a Lodge. Money was raised, plans were drawn and soon a foundation was laid. Not just the cement foundation but the basis of a very caring and giving character.

Walls were raised. Electricity and plumbing installed, furniture and fixtures set in place. All by members of this Lodge. Painting completed, including the Mural; presently located in our storage shed at Van Nuys Lodge. (Video of that construction is available) We had a wonderful building and filled it with wonderful people and dreams for the future.

The dining hall was named for the Brother who led the way, Brother Seme Wagner and our dining room was forever after, known to those of us who came later, as the Seme Wagner Hall. Our "Lankershim" Lodge was dedicated April 14, 1965.

In 1990, during the Year Norm Libes was Master, we sold the building and moved to Reseda Lodge. 1991 was my year as Master and just prior to that time I wrote this brief poem,

"The Building soon will no longer be our Home,
The Seme Wagner Hall will be no more,
The Memorial Plaques and mural will come down from the walls,
Soon we will be leaving these halls,

So I ask, what makes our particular Masonry so great?
What is our very best trait?

We say a house is not a home,
Then what is it I'm reaching for in this poem?

The warmth, the love, the anger, the joys and the tears,
These are the blessings we've shared over the years,

We created a bond that we know in our heart,
This "Home" we've known, we're so proud to be a part,

This will not change when we move,
It's people who create this brotherhood groove,

Our Lodge is a membership of Brothers,
Who care for each other as no other.

We care, we share, we have a sense of pride,
You can clearly see it in our stride

I promised a Brother that though we may move, he will always be able to see,
A strong Home Lodge will continue to be,

Come, help and do,
Because after all Home Lodge is You"

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When Reseda Lodge sold their building, we of course came here to Van Nuys Lodge.

If you were to go to the listings of Past Masters, Officers, Hiram Award Recipients, committee members, and then add their wives and families and so many, unmentioned, who have contributed over the years in so many ways, you would have a beginning of understanding who and what we are. There are so many to acknowledge and thank.

So many Brothers, their wives and families, who truly determine the personality of our "Lodge Family".

Do you remember the wonderful events; there was something every month at Home Lodge.

The "Mystery Trips that Barney Kort put together, the "Day at the Racetrack that Leo Witz put together every year. He even handicapped the races for us, the Home Lodge trips to Dodger Stadium, The gondola ride and Italian dinner in Venice (California of course), the theatre trips, the Master's BBQs, hosted by the then sitting WM, trips to the various museums, the ice cream socials, the annual picnics with games and clowns for the kids, that Worshipful Stan Taub , Worshipful "Big Al Kelman, Howard Levine and many others, worked so hard to put together and there was so very much more. We even proudly hosted a formal Grand Master's Reception. Home Lodge was and is a fun place to be for everyone.

Before I was even initiated an entered apprentice mason, I came down to the Lodge for an interview and meeting with the then Secretary Worshipful Marvin Winchell, PM. I waited at a table in the dining hall and a gentleman sat down next to me and introduced himself, his name was Jerry Shatanoff, a member of the Lodge. He said to me that no brother in this Lodge should ever feel alone, that's not the Home Lodge way.

Many years later, during my year as Master, 1991, I appointed this wonderful man and Brother, Captain of my Greeters Committee. Who better could welcome everyone with the warmth and sense of belonging as was and should continue to be, what I then called "the Home Lodge way".

I pray and hope we never forget that simple lesson that this Brother exemplified and our lodge has always sustained.

*Fraternally,
Worshipful Don Pollock, PM
January 7, 2018*



Past Masters of Home Lodge No. 721

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|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| *William H. Eyler | 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 | Leland H. Celestre | 2017 |
| *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

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| *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 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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