

THE MASTER WORKMAN

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Happy New Year

2019

From all the Brothers of
Home Lodge No. 721

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



Greetings Ladies and Brethren,

I once again would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season with friends and family.

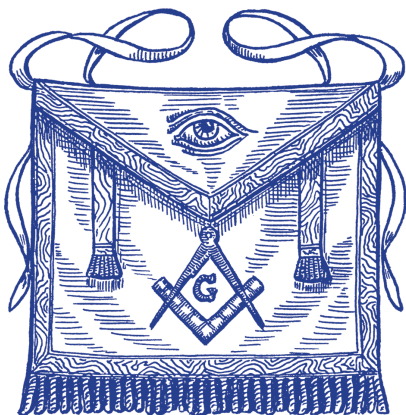
As this is my last article as Master I want to thank the officers and everyone who filled in or participated in the degrees this past year for a job well done. After this year, I am looking forward to sitting and watching a degree instead of being a part of it.

I want to also thank the sideliners as well, because without you our work would be for naught. I also would also like to thank the wives for their advice and guidance throughout the year.

It has been an honor serving as Master this past year and I look forward to serving the lodge in the future as needed.

I am looking forward to working with Artin, Andre and Peter as well as all the other officers in making Home Lodge the best that it can be.

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS
LODGE NIGHT

A Message From Our Worshipful Master - Elect Artin Aladadyan



Happy New Year Brethren & Ladies!

I want to welcome everyone back from the Holidays, and to a new Masonic year. I hope everyone enjoyed the time with family & other loved ones. This

year is going to be filled with changes for Home Lodge. The Officers are planning things throughout the year that we hope you all enjoy. We'll be starting off with a bang at Home Lodge's 2019 Installation of Officers, with Installing Officer Most Worshipful Stuart A. Wright Grand Master of the State of California. We're all honored to have Most Worshipful Wright take the time to preside over our Installation. As a reminder, the ceremony will begin at 4pm, Sunday January 13th 2018, with dinner to follow.

I'd like to bring attention again to our upcoming monthly Masonic Education nights, which will be conducted by Bro. Boris Linares & held on the last Wednesday of each month. Bro. Linares has put in countless hours preparing the topics & we're also looking forward to bringing in some guest speakers as well. We love to say that "Masonry makes good men better" but Masonry merely presents us to the tools, the improvement of our moral and masonic edifices remains our responsibility. These Education Nights are tools that we're present to you brothers, increasing and fortifying your Masonic knowledge still falls upon the individual Mason. I hope to see many of you at each meeting.

One of the events I'm looking most forward to this year is the annual golf tournament, which Wor. Estrada has graciously agreed to once again put together. This event has always been loads of fun and is followed up with a meal at one of the Valley's best Mexican restaurants, Salsa & Beer! We will begin announcing more news and details as we get closer to the event.

Lastly I'd like to bring a special recognition to our Webmaster, Bro. Scott Weber. Scott puts in many more hours than we realize in maintaining our website, putting together these bulletins, and sending out

communications for the Lodge. And speaking of the bulletin we never seem to make it any easier on him with how late we get him our articles. Scotty I know we always say we'll get them to you earlier, but this time I mean it!

As always, brethren I implore you to join us on Wednesday nights. Receiving the degrees of Masonry are some of the most important nights of a man's life and the more of his brothers that share it with him, the more important and memorable the night is. I've said it many times, but I still remember the men that I saw when I was brought from darkness to see the light Entered Apprentice Mason sees, and I strive to make that impression on every man that walks through our Lodge doors. To those great men that join us night after night, thank you, your service and dedication is noticed and appreciated. To those that haven't join us in some time, remember the most excellent tenants of our ancient and honorable institution.

And to all, remember that there's no better place to be on a Wednesday night than at Home.

Fraternally from the West,
Artin Aladadyan, Worshipful Master-Elect

A Message From Our Senior Warden - Elect Andre Aladadyan



First of all, I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and, wish everyone a Happy New Year!

I hope this new year holds many wonderful things for all our brethren, ladies, and Lodge. The new year is like getting a fresh sheet of paper to write on but, with some ink on it that's bled through from the previous page. I say ink because life cannot be erased away as if written in pencil. So we all deal with a little bleeding from the previous year.

With that being said, I hope to learn from the previous year and make corrections. One, is getting Brother Weber my article each month BEFORE it becomes the 11th hour (I love you Scott, honestly don't know what we'd do without you...I mean that from the bottom of my heart brother).

In addition to getting Brother Webmaster my article on time, I'm going to hold myself to a higher standard when it comes to my personal life, my professional life, and my Masonic life (which if you think about it aren't that separate). My ritual work and temperament are my first priority to improve on this year. As an attorney and Masonic Officer these are very important. I've lacked this past year in both. I'm taking steps to improve both, not only for my Lodge, but mainly for myself.

But, I am going to also turn that expectation our towards my brethren and Lodge. This means towards each Officer, Past-Master, and member. We have not only duties and obligations towards our Lodge and Masonry but, we have them to ourselves as well.

I spent the majority of last year (2018) almost begging my brothers and Officers to place Lodge and Masonry in the same regard as I did. Asking many people to show up more and come to Lodge and, to help make the Lodge better. I asked for help, which many of my brothers and ladies answered. For that I am eternally grateful.

However, we say in Masonry "we take good men and make them better." The truth is, we take good men and give them the tools and opportunity to be better. Masonry, or a Lodge, is not a factory that cranks out a product. Masonry gives you the opportunity. This opportunity is to be better than you are and were but utilizing Masonic tools.

Each man, Mason, needs to do that on their own by their own volition. It's why, in part, we promise not to solicit our ancient and honorable fraternity to anyone. It is up to each Mason to attend Lodge and be a part of what we are doing here, whether it is a Degree or a Stated Meeting. These are opportunities to interact and take advantage of what Masonry has to offer, part of that is encompassed within each degree. It is up to you this 2019 year to take the opportunity to attend Lodge and to make yourself a part of a piece of what Masonry is.

If you're an Officer, whether the Master or Junior Steward, your job is important for the success and longevity of the Lodge. You take on a role in Masonry, not for its title, but for its purpose. You volunteer for to perpetuate a movement of men and Masons over years to come. For example, the Junior Steward, that is all the way at the "bottom" of the line, who has no lines, appears to serve no real purpose... to many that seems like a starter position of no significances. It may even appear as someone that can be easily replaced. Wrong. That chair is the is the anchor of the line and the hope of the Lodge. He is the future of the line. He is where the Lodge will be in 7 or 8 years. He is what the Lodge is investing in. We aren't investing in that Master who is sitting in 2019, or whatever year it

may be. We are investing on those to come. We aren't investing in Brother Artin Aladadyan, he's already the by-product of investments Wr. Eberhardt, Wr. Weiser and, Wr. Celestre and all the other past-masters who had anything to do with his Masonic journey to the East. That investment is paying now, whatever it is paying. This is my opinion even when it comes to the youngest Entered Apprentice Mason. We must look further down, to see the future.

My point is, perspective is how we identify opportunity.

So, I do not ask any of my Brothers to attend Lodge, nor will I. I will not ask of anyone to perform any task for the betterment of the Lodge. I will only offer an opportunity, which I identify with my perspective of Masonry. Wednesday nights are a chance for us all to get to know one another, help one another, grow with one another and, to be better men and Masons. If you desire to be a part of that opportunity to grow with us, the doors of Home are always open to you. If your perspective aims you in a different direction, I wish you safe travels and hope you find what your heart desires.

With Unconditional Brotherly Love, Always.

Your Brother first,
Senior Warden - Elect,
Andre Aladadyan.

A Message From The Junior Warden - Elect Peter Vogelsang

A new year has come, and I hope everyone in the lodge happiness throughout 2019. 2018 was a year of great accomplishment for the lodge and many brothers. Because I haven't done so yet, I must congratulate Senior Warden-elect Andre Aladadyan for passing the California bar exam this past November. The new year will bring many new degrees, new men joining Masonry, and new chances for fellowship. I have only been a Mason since 2016, yet it has become a huge part of my life. Home Lodge has become a place of refuge for me, an escape from the outside world. Wednesday night is a night I look forward to, and the closing of the doors at 7 o'clock is one of my favorite sights. Now that I have reached the southern chair, I am more involved than ever, and it is welcome. I am thankful to many brothers for helping me reach this station. Steve Eberhardt is the person who brought me into the lodge for the first time. Artin Aladadyan

met with me weekly to help me learn my work. Wor. Leland Celestre met with me regularly to assist me with learning. And now, serving the lodge and guiding new brothers is how I can begin to repay that help. This year will bring many events, including the Annual Public Schools Night in April, which I am looking forward to running. The Annual Installation of Officers is approaching soon on January 13th, and our Grand Master will be the installing officer. This won't be an event to miss.

Fraternally,
Peter Vogelsang
Junior Warden-Elect

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



Here we are at the start of a New Year. I hope that it will be a happy, healthy and prosperous one for all of you.

This is the time of year we look to new beginnings and make our resolutions for the coming year.

How about adding one to your list. Resolve to attend Lodge on a more regular basis. There are a lot of new ideas being brought forward by our young and energetic officers. Why not attend and find out for yourselves just what they have in store.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Wor. Aaron Cohen for his continued service to the Lodge and this past year as Master. It takes a lot of time and energy to commit to serving the Lodge.

Once again, Janet and I wish you and your families a very Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,
Richard Weiser, P.M., Secretary

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



Dear Brethren of Home Lodge. Now that Holidays are over and we have another year under our belt, we look forward for a very successful and prosperous year in 2019.

As always we make New Year's resolutions and sometimes it is completed and sometimes it is modified and carried over to meet our daily challenges and needs.

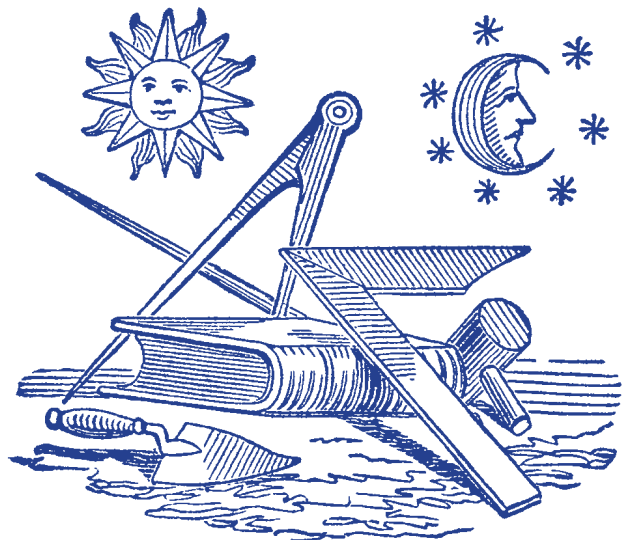
Looking forward for a successful year with new incoming master and a new line of officers for Home Lodge. They are my brothers and are great and committed Men with great characters.

My commitment and support as always stands firm for the benefit of membership, our Home Lodge and the Craft.

Wish you all success in your lives with you immediate and extended Masonic family.

Best wishes.

Fraternally,
Moses Gazazian
Treasurer



Trestleboard - January 2019

Wednesday, January 2nd 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, January 9nd 7:00pm

TO BE DETERMINED

Sunday, January 13th 4:00pm

2019 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday, January 16th 7:00pm

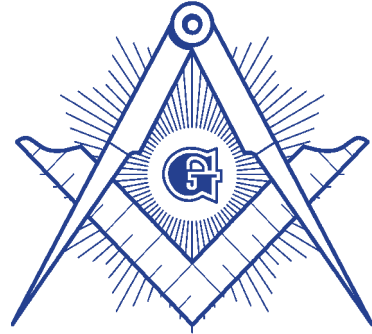
TO BE DETERMINED

Wednesday, January 23rd 7:00pm

TO BE DETERMINED

Wednesday, January 30th 7:00pm

EDUCATION NIGHT



**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.



**FREEMASONRY:
A FRATERNITY UNITED**

From the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Website - www.gwmemorial.org

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that arose from obscure origins in the late 16th to early 17th centuries probably in the stonemason guilds of Scotland. Freemasonry exists in various forms all over the world, with a membership estimated at around three million (including approx. 480,000 in Great Britain and under two million in the United States). At its heart, Freemasonry is a self-improvement organization. Through three initiation rituals, lectures and other ceremonies, combined with social and charitable activities, Freemasons seek to improve themselves as they improve the communities in which they live. To join, one must believe in a Supreme Being, be upright, moral and honest in character, and be recommended by a Mason.

Freemasonry employs the tools and instruments of stonemasonry to teach a system of morality, friendship and brotherly love, hence, the standard emblem of Freemasonry is the square and compasses. In the United States, Freemasonry is organized locally into lodges and supervised by Grand Lodges. There are fifty-two Grand Lodges in the United States (one for each state plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) and more than 10,000 local lodges. There are numerous Appendant and affiliate Masonic organizations such as the Order of the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, York Rite and the Shrine. Each of these organizations has its own leadership but all ultimately subordinate to the state Grand Lodges.

Freemasonry is kindness in the home; honesty in business; courtesy toward others; dependability in ones work; compassion for the unfortunate; resistance to evil; help for the weak; concern for good government; support for public education; and above all, a life-practicing reverence for God and love of fellow man. Through the influence of good men such as George Washington, Freemasonry and its ideals continue to thrive around the world.

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 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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Michael David P.M. - 818-414-7080
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Scott I. Weber - 818-280-0833

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Steve Varsam P.M. - 818-515-0093

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Hunny-Do
The Ladies of Home Lodge

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