

THE MASTER WORKMAN

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

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WHO WAS HIRAM ABIFF?

By Jim Pullins, Pleasant Valley, Lodge No. 531

Hiram Abiff, we know, was a widow's son. He was the son of a man of Tyre, but his mother was an Israelite, said in one record to have been of the tribe of Naphtali, and in another, of the "daughters of Dan."

His mother was indeed a native of the tribe of Dan, but her first husband was of the tribe of Naphtali, to whom Hiram was probably born. After the death of the first husband, she then married a man of Tyre, and her son was brought up as a Tyrian and fully educated and trained in the arts of that land. Tyre was one of the principal seats of the Dionysiac fraternity of artificers, a Society engaged exclusively in the construction of edifices and united in a secret organization, subsequently imitated by the Operative Masons of the Temple. Hiram Abiff was quite probably a member of this organization, and learned much from this privilege. In assuming his work at Jerusalem, he introduced among the workmen the same exact system of discipline that he had found so advantageous in the Dionysiac Secret Society. From this secret society of operative masons there was evolved the Order of Speculative Masons, of which Hiram Abiff was the first Grand Master.

His mother, being a Daughter of Dan, the fifth son of Jacob, endowed Hiram with characteristics of this tribe. This tribe was said to be bold, courageous, daring and cunning. The banner of Dan was blue. This may be an origin for the choice of blue as a Masonic color.

In Chronicles, Chapter 2, verses 13 & 14, Hiram King of Tyre tells Solomon about the man he has sent to oversee the work of the Temple:

"And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father's, the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device in which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father."

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It appears that Naphtali was also the fifth son of Jacob. The Lord, in Deuteronomy 33:23, says "O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of the Lord, Possess thou the west and the south." In the same Chapter, the Lord refers to Dan as "a lion's whelp."

All of this together, shows us that our character Hiram Abiff, is a wrapping of many Masonic symbols and characteristics. He inherits possession of the west and south, descended from the tribe that possessed the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (a symbolic reference to Christ) and possesses skills critical to the mastery of his craft. The mystery of who he is still remains, for while there are references to Hiram in his character as a craftsman, there is no Biblical reference to the name Abiff which is uniquely Masonic.

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A Message From Our Worshipful Master Artin Aladadyan



Brethren, ladies, and friends As we reach the half way point of the year I want to again thank everyone for their support this year, I hope I'm doing the office justice.

That said, I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend & I want to thank everyone that joined us at the Duffers Golf Tournament & especially Wor. Eduardo Estrada P.M. for putting it all together. I know our Senior Warden is looking forward to putting it on again next year, so keep an eye out for the date around the same time in 2020!

Speaking of annual dates, please mark your calendars for July 14th, for the annual Home Lodge Picnic!! Same place as always, Rancho Tapo Community Park in Simi Valley, CA. If you've never been & would like more information do not hesitate to ask the Secretary, Treasurer, or one of the pillar Officers.

We had another fantastic Layman's Night hosted by Brother Linares. These education nights have been a great success and I urge you all to join us when you can. We alternate between open to the public & degree specific each month. May's topic was DeMolay & Bro. Linares knocked it out of the park. June's upcoming topic will be for Master Masons only, and we hope to see all our Master Masons there!

Bro. Linares has earned another honor recently as well. As many of you know from the announcement at the May Stated Meeting, Home Lodge has selected Bro. Linares as our Mason of the Year and there is a dinner honoring him on July 13th, 2019 at the Pasadena Scottish Rite. An announcement will be made at the Stated meeting & tickets will be \$25.00 a person. Please join us in honoring our very worthy brother.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS LODGE NIGHT

Another date to remember, June 9th, 2019. This will be our Rainbow Assembly's installation where none other than Natalie Gazazian will be installed as Worthy Advisor. I urge all that can make the event to join us to support our Brother and his very wonderful daughter. An announcement will be made during the June Stated meeting will the full details.

Now that I think I've covered all the announcements I can think of, I must thank everyone that joined us for our last degree night. We had a fantastic turnout and I appreciate the Brethren being there to welcome our newest member. Home Lodge's policy of having prospects attend enough meetings to get to know as many of the members as possible is beginning to show results. It gave me so much joy to see a man that has been joining us for dinners for months now become a Brother among us. If you've been away from Home for sometime, we'd love to see you stop by, even if only for a quick hello and a hug.

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

Fraternally,
Artin Aladadyan
Worshipful Master

A Message From Our Senior Warden Andre Aladadyan



Dear Brethren and Ladies,

I would like to wish all the father's a Happy Fathers Day. I hope all the mothers had a Happy Mothers Day in May. We are now half way through the year and it has not been without its

challenges. However, it has been with its triumphs. I'm very proud of our Officer line, who continues to put in work each week to perform wonderful degrees. I'm very proud of Bro. Boris for putting on these great educational nights each week.

One of the things I wanted out of my lodge and masonry when I first joined was education. Until this year, my education consisted of little bits of research here and there. Prior to joining masonry, I imagined coming to lodge and sitting with my brothers studying, talking, and learning about masonry by engaging each other. Bro. Boris made my imagination come to life when I sat in my first Masonic Education night.

However, to get to this point of having education nights was a lot of work. No one has done more work than Bro. Boris but, it was a lodge effort to organize these nights. I'm so happy to have my lodge provide the piece of masonry I've been dreamed of having. I cannot describe the excitement I have coming to lodge of an education night. I love being able to sit with my brothers, talking about exploring masonry.

This was a change I've wanted. The next changing coming will be doing more together as brothers. Spending more time together outside of lodge and out side of having to perform. Brothers just being... brothers.

All lodges in California are changing. Masonry in California is changing. We need to change with it. Ask yourself about a change that you would like to see and then come see me or one of the Officers. Let's work together to make the change that we want for the betterment of the lodge... for the betterment of masonry. Let's work together to make Home Lodge better each year and be the changes we want to see happen, instead of waiting or hoping things will change.

Fraternally Yours,
Bro. Andre Aladadyan
Senior Warden

**A Message From The
Junior Warden
Peter Vogelsang**



In the month of May we welcomed Brother Petrosyan into the fraternity. If you see him around lodge please congratulate him on his initiation.

At the end of the month we had another Masonic

Education night. This time talking about the history of De Molay. We also discussed what differences we'd like to see it in our lodge, and things we'd like to do for the community. I encourage all brethren, if you have any thoughts for what you'd like to see in the lodge, please come to any of the officers.

We have many great events approaching in the summer months, the Duffers Golf Tournament on June 2nd, and the Home Lodge Annual Picnic on Sunday July 14th. I hope to see you all there.

Fraternally from the South,
Peter G. Vogelsang
Junior Warden

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



As we finish the first half of 2019, we continue to work towards our qualifications for next years.

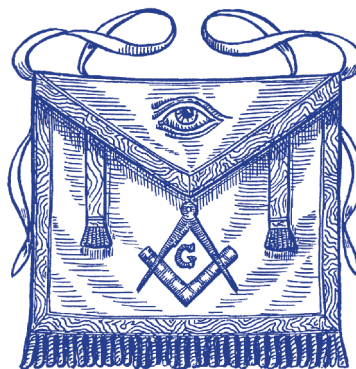
At our June Stated Meeting, we will be officially receiving Illustrious Sir Bruce Ponoroff, Potentate of

Al Malaikah Shriners and will continue the month with officer practices and a 1st degree ceremony.

Looking ahead we have our annual picnic on July 14th. Our July Stated Meeting has been changed to July 10th due to other activity at Van Nuys Masonic Center.

Don't forget our Masonic Education Night on the last Wednesday of each month led by Brother Boris Linares. Bro Boris will be honored at the Mason of the Year Awards in July. More details will be forthcoming.

Fraternally,
Richard Weiser, PM
Secretary



WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS LODGE NIGHT

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



June is here already and summer fun is about to start. We have few things lineup with Golf tournament, Home Lodge Picnic also coming up and we are looking forward seeing good old faces that we have missed these year, due to different circumstances.

Let's hope we all can get together at those events and break bread with our brothers of Home Lodge and their families. Masonic education nights also had attracted brethren who would like to add more light to their Masonic Journey, thanks to brilliant presentations made and presented by our Brother Boris.

We always say Wednesday's is time for Home, Home Lodge that is a place where we gather together and for few hours get away from life's marathon.

Home Lodge is active in many ways, we just need our Brethren to know what we are doing and how we are trying to improve just about everything that Home Lodge is known for. For generations Home stood as a beacon of Masonry that attracted brethren from different lodges and also new members, now it is time to push forward and make "the good thing" even better.

Come and support "YOUR" Lodge and "YOUR" officers

Fraternally,
Moses Gazazian
Treasurer

Trestleboard - June 2019

Sunday, June 2nd9:00am - 12:30pm
**HOME LODGE'S DUFFERS
GOLF TOURNAMENT**
\$25.00 per person
For Reservations Please Contact
Wor. Eduardo Estrada P.M. (818) 878-9900

Wednesday, June 5th 6:30 p.m.
**STATED MEETING
HAWAIIAN SHIRTS
RECEPTION FOR
ILLUSTRIOUS BRUCE PONOROFF
POTENTATE AL MALAIKAH SHRINE**
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Dinner \$15.00 per person
Beef or Baked Salmon
For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

Wednesday, June 12th 7:00 p.m.
OFFICERS PRACTICE
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Sunday, June 16th
FATHERS DAY

Wednesday, June 19th 7:00 p.m.
FIRST DEGREE
Bro. Peter G. Vogelsang, Junior Warden Presiding

Wednesday, June 26th 6:30 p.m.
MASONIC EDUCATION EVENING
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Light refreshments & soft drinks
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Masonic Education

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS LODGE NIGHT

HOME LODGE NO.721 ANNUAL FAMILY AND FRIENDS PICNIC

**SUNDAY - JULY 14TH AT 11:00
A.M. RANCHO TAPO COMMUNITY
PARK SIMI VALLEY**

3700 AVENIDA SIMI, SIMI VALLEY
118 FREEWAY TO TAPO OFF RAMP, TURN RIGHT (NORTH) TO AVENIDA SIMI
THEN LEFT FOR 1.5 TO 2 MILES TO RANCHO TAPO PARK ON THE LEFT.



**LOTS OF GOOD EATS
HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS
WITH ALL OF THE TRIMMINGS
COLESLAW, POTATO SALAD, CHIPS,
ICE CREAM, COOKIES AND MORE.**

GAMES AND PRIZES FOR THE CHILDREN!

**PLEASE REMEMBER,
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST**

**PLEASE CONTACT:
BRO. JERRY DEPREST (818) 980-8370**



Masonic Symbol Quiz

Home Lodge Dues Information

- 11. What does the "Lambskin Apron" represent?
 - a. Cleanliness
 - b. Neatness
 - c. Innocence
 - d. Honor

- 12. What does the "Mosaic Pavement" symbolize?
 - a. Love and Hope
 - b. Peace and Harmony
 - c. Good and Evil
 - d. Charity and Forgiveness

- 13. What does the "Tessellated Edging" of the Mosaic Pavement represent?
 - a. The blessings and comforts that surround us
 - b. The trials and tribulations of life
 - c. The evils of life
 - d. The continual circle of life

- 14. What does the "Blazing Star" symbolize?
 - a. The North Star
 - b. An aid to guide you through your travels at night
 - c. Reliance on the divine providence
 - d. One of heaven's wonders

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

- 49 and under 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

Masonic Symbol Quiz Answers

11-c, 12-c, 13-a, 14-c

Past Masters of Home Lodge No. 721

*Deceased	**Demitted		
*William H. Eyler	1952-54	Donald T. Pollock	1991
** Allyn S. Abramson	1955	Clifford C. Schlesinger	1992
*Marius Thisted	1956	*Mark A. Leibert	1993
*Samuel Crystal	1957	Herschel P. Mazer	1994
*Michael Garner	1958	*Allen F. Kelman	1995
*Arthur D'Avellar Jr.	1959	*Jack A. Klapper	1996
*Abraham J. Marks	1960	David M. Townsend	1997
*Marvin Shapiro	1961	Russell E. Singer	1998
*Seymour Glick	1962	Ralph B. Dash	1999
*Sidney L. Herman	1963	Rafael Hernandez	2000
*Frank Gelfound	1964	Stanley R. Taub P.M.	2001
*Jay Ludwin	1965	*Robert V. Downs	2002
*Abel Tobey	1966	Robert M. Berger	2003
*W. Robert Banks	1967	Lynn M. Freed	2004
*Irving Wapner	1968	*Gordon E. Perry P.M.	2005
*Harold J. Zinkow	1969	Harvey M. Tapper	2006
*Benjamin Ennis	1970	Lynn M. Freed P.M.	2007
*David Tribich	1971	Eduardo Estrada	2008
Stanley Kadash	1972	*Jose A. Fiss P.M.	2009
*Harvey Solochek	1973	Steve L. Eberhardt, P.M.	2010-11
*I. Robert Brown	1974	Robert H. Borden	2012
David Springer	1975	Michael David	2013
*Marvin Linn	1976	Richard A. Weiser, P.M.	2014-2015
*Meyer M. Swartzman	1977	Aaron J. Cohen P.M.	2016-2018
*Stuart A. Graboyes	1978	Leland H. Celestre	2017
**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		



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

*Deceased	**Demitted
*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

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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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The Ladies of Home Lodge

Masonic Education Night
Boris Linares

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