

WELCOME HOME

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

MAY 2018

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About The Fraternity

WHAT IS MASONRY?

Masonry (*also known as Freemasonry*) is the world's first and largest fraternal organization. It is a brotherhood of like-minded men who genuinely care about each other. We develop lifelong friendships with fellow Masons and their families, and are welcomed at Masonic lodges throughout the United States and the world.

Masonry is based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to help make the world a better place. Through our culture of philanthropy, we make a profound difference for our brothers, our families, our communities, and our future. Masons find satisfaction in being part of a centuries-old fraternity whose traditions and core values are relevant today, and will endure for centuries to come.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Masons of California is to foster personal growth and improve the lives of others.

Our mission is guided by the enduring and relevant principles of our fraternity:

- **Brotherly love.** We value respect, freedom, kindness, tolerance, and our differences - religious, ethnic, cultural, social, generational, and educational - and strive for harmony in our individual lives, in our lodges, and in the global community.
- **Relief.** We take responsibility for the well-being of our brothers, our families, and the community as a whole. We provide relief through philanthropy, community involvement, and delivery of excellent care.
- **Truth.** We stay true to our personal code of conduct and ethics - honor, integrity, personal responsibility, and the continuous pursuit of knowledge.

»Home Lodge's May Trestleboard«

Wednesday, May 2nd - 6:30 p.m.
STATED MEETING
INSPECTOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT

Saturday, May 5th
CINCO DE MAYO

Wednesday, May 9th - 7:00 p.m.
MASTER MASON DEGREE

Sunday May 13th
MOTHERS DAY

Wednesday, May 16th - 7:00 p.m.
ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

Wednesday, May 23rd - 7:00 p.m.
OFFICERS PRACTICE

Monday, May 28th
MEMORIAL DAY

Wednesday May 30th - 7:00 p.m.
TO BE DETERMINED
Check the online Trestleboard for updates

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



Last month, we honored three students during our Public Schools event. It is amazing what they have to do, compared to when I was in school. These students are truly remarkable. We also had a 50-year pin presentation for Wor. Handelman.

It being the month of May, we officially recognize "Mom" during this month. We should always recognize "Mom" all the time and not just on this one day. This year it is particularly difficult for me, because it is hard to believe that is has already been one year since my "Mom" passed away and not one day goes by that I don't think of her.

In May, we also celebrate Memorial Day, a federal holiday to honor all the men and women of armed services not just those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In June, besides celebrating Father's Day, D-Day, and Flag Day we also get to start wearing Hawaiian shirts to our stated meetings.

For me, Father's Day is bittersweet, because even though they are no longer here, both my father and grand-father were Masons and I would have loved to sit in Lodge with both of them. Father's Day isn't just about the Dads, but also those men who a "Father figure" to someone, giving them guidance and support.

Our annual picnic is coming up in July and will be announced at May's stated meeting.

We have now started working in our step-up positions and I am excited to see all the younger faces in the line.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday Nights. Remember that Wednesdays are Lodge Night.

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

A Message From Our
Senior Warden
Artin Aladadyan



Brethren and Ladies

I'd like to first encourage our Masonic family at Home Lodge to please join us for our May stated meeting. As always, we have hard working men and women putting together a

wonderful meal for us.

It being May, I'd like to wish a wonderful and joyous Mother's Day to all the Mothers of Home Lodge. We all probably owe more than half of what we are to the strong women that raised us. I know there's nothing I can do that will truly repay the headaches I caused my mother throughout my childhood. We must also remember that May brings with it Memorial Day, which should remind us all of the sacrifice of those that paid the ultimate price so that we may live our lives as free as we do.

Over the last few weeks Home lodge as seen an increased turnout for degree nights. I want to recognize this group of brothers that take the time to come and be here for the candidate. I cannot express the joy these men feel when they see so many brothers on the sidelines, sharing in their experience. To all those that haven't been able to make it yet, we hope to see you soon. Remember, there's no better place to be on a Wednesday than at Home.

Fraternally from the West
Artin Aladadyan
Senior Warden Elect

A Message From Our
Junior Warden
Andre Aladadyan



Brethren and Ladies,

The Junior Warden may stand for the beauty and glory of the day but, the true beauty of a Masonic lodge is something else, something more. The true beauty of a lodge is its members

and their families. No amount of checkered tile, marble, or ornament could amount to the beauty of when men from all walks of life sit and work in lodge together.

I'm a firm believer in that, if a Masonic lodge building were to fall, the lodge itself is still not lost because the lodge IS the sum of its brethren. One of the truest Masonic beauties shows itself when a brother walks through a lodge door and feels the warm embrace of his fellow breather. A smile, a hello, a handshake.

My message is simple: come be a part of what makes Masonry beautiful and what makes up a Masonic lodge. If you've been gone from lodge for a while, come by. Come Home to a smile, a hello, and to the embrace of your brethren. Because without each of our brothers we lose a valuable stone in, what truly is, the beauty of our lodge.

Fraternally from the South,
Andre Aladadyan
Junior Warden

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

One third of the year is gone. We have been busy doing degrees for our new brothers, Fellowcrafts and raising new Master Masons.

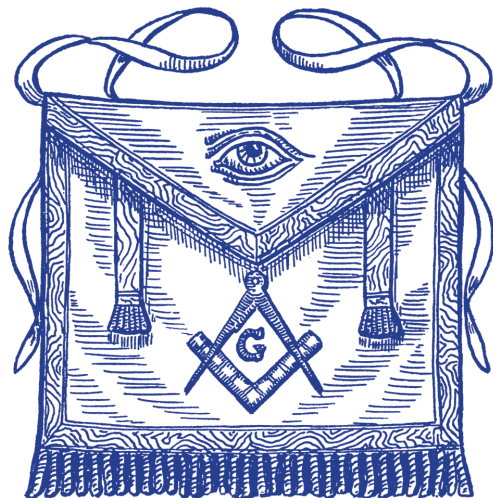
Van Nuys is making every effort to enhance the building. They are in the process of redoing the dining room & entry hall floors.

Join use for degree nights. Make them special for our brothers. Your officers work hard to put on these degrees so support them as well.

REMEMBER THAT WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS
LODGE NIGHT

Fraternally

Richard Weiser PM
Secretary
Home Lodge No. 721



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

Dear Brethren of Home Lodge 721 F&AM:

As Trustee President it is my responsibility and obligation to inform brethren at a stated meeting of our progress, investments, achievements, setbacks and also good times and bad times during these financial turmoil.

Good news is Trustees Board and its members have held a strong and safe calculated positions and modest investment practices during last 4 years in full compliance with Grand Lodge and CMC requirements. Last 4 years we have provided funds for lodge operations, membership awards ceremonies, our annual picnic, hometown parties, Secretary's and Treasurer's retreats and Master's and Warden's retreats and also Grand Lodge communications in October without compromising the integrity of our finances nor risking or worrying about extra needed and requested expenditures by our Lodge.

As you know next year my term will come to an end and I will pass on the baton to our next President who will be elected by board of trustees.

I like to assure you all, that same common and necessary procedures that are in place will continue and board will follow the same regulations and requirements and will always be in full compliance with CMC.

I thank you all for the trust you have placed in my abilities to help set successful path for our Board of Trustees for betterment of our Lodge and for Masonry in general.

Thank you Brethren,

Brother Moses Gazazian
Treasurer
Home Lodge No. 721

La Habra Cornerstone



On April 16, a beautiful spring Monday, the Grand Lodge (GL) of F&AM of California convened at Cornerstone Lodge No.659, and was opened in GL ample form. The attendees then traveled a short distance to the La Habra school district office complex for a cornerstone rededication

ceremony. That cornerstone had first been laid and dedicated, by that local Masonic Lodge, at a La Habra elementary school in 1923. That location is now the newly refurbished school district administration center; hence the rededication, as well as additions to the accompanying time capsule.

On this occasion of GL ceremony, a few of the GL officers were unable to attend, and the Assistant Grand Lecturer (AGL) of the hosting division was asked to provide qualified local volunteers to stand in for the absent officers. As a result, our own 709th Masonic district inspector, Wo. Jeff Yates, stood in for the Grand Sword Bearer, and Home Lodge PM Leland Celestre stood in for the Junior Grand Steward...a humbling and rewarding experience for both.

The entire event was well attended, with a full contingent of Cornerstone Lodge Brothers at the GL opening, and many local civic and education department dignitaries at a ceremony venue that was at near full capacity. A local high school JROTC squad performed an outstanding flag presentation, and your Grand Lodge officers presented an interesting and impressively executed Masonic cornerstone rededication ceremony. Of particular note was the sincere enthusiasm and appreciation of the local school district authorities for our Masonic participation.

Trestleboard

MAY 2018

Wednesday, May 2nd 6:30 p.m.

**STATED MEETING
INSPECTOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT**

Donation for all \$15.00
Home Lodge Widows are Free
Chicken Fajita or Baked Salmon
For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

Saturday, May 5th
CINCO DE MAYO

Wednesday, May 9th 7:00 p.m.

MASTER MASON DEGREE

7:00 PM - 10:00 p.m.
Master Mason Degree for Brother Geronimo Legaspi
Wor. Aaron Cohen, P.M. Presiding

Sunday May 13th
MOTHERS DAY

Wednesday, May 16th 7:00 p.m.

TWO ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREES

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Entered Apprentice Degrees for
Mister Karem Shadi and
Mister Hovannes Gamburian
Brother Andre Aladadyan, Junior Warden Presiding

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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

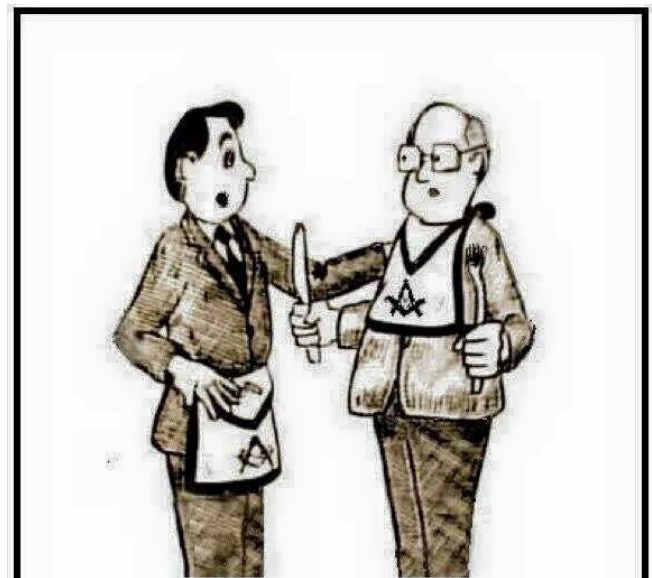
- Under the age of 49 is 21 times the annual dues: \$2,037.00
- 50 to 54 is 19 times the annual dues: \$1,843.00
- 55 to 59 is 17 times the annual dues: \$1,649.00
- 60 to 64 is 14 times the annual dues: \$1,358.00
- 65 and older is 11 times the annual dues: \$1,067.00

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.



"DON'T GET ME WRONG BROTHER. I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE. JUST TRY NOT TO BE SO OBVIOUS AS TO WHY YOU ARE HERE"

Past Masters of Home Lodge No. 721

*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



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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

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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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Scott I. Weber - 818-280-0833

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Hunny-Do

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Moses Gazazian - 818-298-5652

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