

# THE MASTER WORKMAN

THE HOME LODGE N<sup>o</sup>.721 F.&A.M. BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2019

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## What Is A Freemason

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest fraternal organizations. The lessons Freemasonry teaches in its ceremonies, are to do with moral values. Freemasonry's acknowledgement, without crossing the boundaries of religion, is that everything depends on the providence of God. Freemasons feel that these lessons apply as much today as they did when it took its modern form at the turn of the 17th century.

Despite what many people claim, Freemasonry is not in any way a secret society. Freemasonry's so-called secrets are solely used as a ceremonial way of demonstrating that one is a Freemason. In any case, Freemasonry has been exposed by the media for almost as long as they have existed. The real point of a Freemason promising not to reveal their secrets is basically a dramatic way of promising to keep one's word in general.

Other reasons why Freemasonry cannot be called a secret society are that Freemasons do not promise to keep their membership a secret. Where and when Freemasons meet are matters of public record.

It is ironic that Freemasons used to be quiet about their membership. They were and still are taught never to use it to advance their own interests. Critics have taken this the wrong way and think that there is something secretive and nasty because of the silence. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Masonic ceremonies are secular morality plays, which are learned by heart, by members of

the lodge for the benefit of the person who is becoming a Freemason. Each ceremony has a message for the candidate. A further reason why Freemasons do not go around broadcasting their contents is simply because it would spoil it for the candidate. The same way you would not tell someone the ending of a good book or a film, you would not tell someone about the ceremony.



Freemasons are required to profess and continue in a belief in a Supreme Being. Their ceremonies include prayers, which are not in any way a substitute for religion. It has no theological doctrines, it offers no sacraments, and it does not claim to lead to salvation. By having prayers at its meetings Freemasonry is no more in competition with religion than, say, having a meal where grace is said.

Freemasons are not allowed to discuss religion or politics at meetings. Freemasonry's aim is to encourage its members to discover what people from all different backgrounds have in common. As is all too well known, debate about religion and politics can lead to heated discussion rather than enlightenment.

A Freemason is thus basically encouraged to do his duty first to his God, and then to his family and those who dependent on him. He is to help his neighbors through charity and service.

None of these ideas is exclusive to Freemasonry, but all should be universally acceptable and Freemasons are expected to follow them.

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## Trestleboard - September 2019

Tuesday, September 2nd

**LABOR DAY**

Wednesday, September 4th ..... 6:30 p.m.

**STATED MEETING - OFFICERS BACK IN TUXES**

**50 YEAR PIN: BROTHER JOHN STONE**

**CONSTITUTIONAL OBSERVANCE**

Dinner \$15.00 per person

BBQ Chicken or Baked Salmon

For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

Wednesday, September 11th ..... 7:00 p.m.

**THIRD DEGREE**

Brother Rafael Moskatel

Artin Aladadyan, Worshipful Master Presiding

Wednesday, September 18th ..... 7:00 p.m.

**SECOND DEGREE**

Brother Oscar Garzas

Andre Aladadyan, Senior Warden Presiding

Wednesday, September 25th ..... 7:00 p.m.

**MASONIC EDUCATION NIGHT**

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

**STATED MEETING**

Dinner \$15.00 per person

Tri-Tip or Baked Salmon

For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

## Home Lodge Officers - 2019

Artin Aladadyan ..... Worshipful Master  
(818) 321-0449

Andre Aladadyan ..... Senior Warden  
(818) 309-9318

Peter Vogelsang ..... Junior Warden

Moses Gazazian ..... Treasurer  
(818) 298-5652

Richard A. Weiser, P.M. .... Secretary  
(818) 326-3841

Gerard E. Deprest ..... Assistant Secretary  
(818) 980-8370

Michael Egbert ..... Chaplain  
(818) 691-0069

Orlando Salas ..... Senior Decon

David Ter-Petrosyan ..... Junior Decon

Boris Linares ..... Senior Steward

Calvin A. Frieling ..... Tyler  
(661) 296-2186

Michael David P.M. .... Officers' Coach  
(818) 414-7080

Wor. Jeff Yates, P.M. .... Inspector 709<sup>th</sup>

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A Message From Our  
Worshipful Master  
Artin Aladadyan



As we enter September, I want to remind our Brethren & families that this time of year marks the beginning of fire season. Fires have already been popping up and I must remind everyone to

always heed the advice of emergency services; if they recommend evacuation, it's for the best.

I must also remind all our Brethren with businesses that the business tax extension deadline is this month, so make sure you file timely.

I've lately been contemplating the concept of brotherhood. "Brother" is a word that is a part of every Mason's basic vocabulary, but are we all acting deservingly of that word? It's a constant duty to maintain the aspects of being a worthy brother. We're all human, we make mistakes and sometimes act in an unmasonic manner, but the goal is to strive to be that better person we came to Masonry looking for. So I urge everyone to constantly take that look in the mirror and ask yourself whether or not you're a better person than you were, and what better person you wish to become.

As always, I urge our membership to join us at Lodge. We're always there, whether degree, practice, or layman's night. To those that have been joining us, your presence is always appreciated. If you haven't been in a while, pay us a visit, we'd love to have you by for even a minute.

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

Fraternally from the East,  
Artin Aladadyan  
Worshipful Master

A Message From Our  
Senior Warden  
Andre Aladadyan



I would like to first welcome everyone back to Lodge for September after our August break. While Lodge has been dark, the Officers have been working hard to get ready for qualifications. I'm proud of all the hard work they have put in. I'm also grateful for

all the help we received from those Past Masters who dedicate their time to come in and work with us, along with those brothers who have shown such great initiative.

Since my first article, it has always been very important to me that the Lodge (consisting of all our brethren and their families) know me to a certain personal degree. IF I am to be Master of Home Lodge (God willing), I want each person who sits in our Lodge to know a little of who I really am.

The full explanation of who I am in an article may result in Brother Weber editing the bulletin for additional hours, so for his sake I will try to keep it short:

*I am a son who placed his parents above himself and has set his goals in life to result in their betterment.*

*I am a brother who has loved his younger brother second to none and, who has taken his younger brother's counsel as though he was his older. I am also a brother to those who have shown me they understand the meaning of the word.*

*I am a fiancé and soon to be husband that cannot imagine life without the woman I love and who has pushed me to be the best person I can be.*

*I am a friend that has maintained friendships without selfish gain or goals and, answered any call no matter the hour.*

*I am also a person that will worry for everyone else before I worry for myself, which I believe is both a flaw and*

*quality. As a child, I was often picked on and sometimes bullied. But I was lucky enough to be able to fight back. Other kids, and even young adults, were not as lucky. Somewhere along the lines I began to fight back for those kids that were so luck because I knew what it felt like. I knew how much it hurt to have my lunch kicked around like a soccer ball or have someone make fun of an accent or, any other manner of cruelty children could come up with. So when I saw someone being taken advantage of or bullied I stepped in to give that person a voice.*

*I was lucky as a child and through my school years, to know how to defend myself. Those lessons I learned carried with me through today. So I think the quality about me that pops out in my mind most, is that I find a constant need to support and defend people.*

I am sure those of you that read this article know the history of Home Lodge. That history of how this Lodge came to exist is very much a part of who we are and who I am. Home Lodge is a place where men who want to be masons can become Masons without worry. Men who put their time and effort to show they want to be a part of our craft will be a part of our craft at our Lodge, no matter their religious or ethnic backgrounds. They will become a part of our Lodge because they are good men who want to be better, a part of something better.

God willing, I will during my year as Master of our Lodge, endeavor to give a voice to those that otherwise do not and, will endeavor to make Home Lodge a true home for those who want to be a part of our craft. I wish only for the support of my brethren. Work with me to see our Lodge grow and fill with good people, who want to do good things. Lastly, please join us for our September Stated Meeting where I will be giving a lecture on the First Amendment for Constitutional Awareness Month.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Bro. Andre Aladadyan  
Senior Warden

## A Message From The Junior Warden Peter Vogelsang



Thank you to everyone who came out to our annual picnic. It was a great time as always, and watching our Senior Steward Boris Linares receive 3 pies to the face was an added bonus. The officers were hard at work throughout July and August getting qualified to resume degrees in September.

As many of you know, I am not the most sociable person. Freemasonry has helped me in many ways, one of which is learning confidence. I have experienced much personal growth since becoming a Mason, and becoming open to socializing is a continuing effort. I write this with the full knowledge that I may come across as standoffish at times, but be assured I am completely open to conversation whenever approached.

For your consideration, a quote about the value of Freemasonry:

“Freemasonry has tenets peculiar to itself. They serve as testimonials of character and qualifications, which are only conferred after due course of instruction and examination. These are of no small value; they speak a universal language, and act as a passport to the attentions and support of the initiated in all parts of the world. They cannot be lost as long as memory retains its power. Let the possessor of them be expatriated, shipwrecked or imprisoned, let him be stripped of everything he has got in the world, still those credentials remain, and are available for use as circumstances require. The good effects they have produced are established by the most incontestable facts of history. They

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have stayed the uplifted hand of the destroyer; they have softened the asperities of the tyrant; they have mitigated the horrors of captivity; they have subdued the rancour of malevolence; and broken down the barriers of political animosity and sectarian alienation. On the field of battle, in the solitudes of the uncultivated forest, or in the busy haunts of the crowded city, they have made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified conditions, rush to the aid of each other, and feel a special joy and satisfaction that they have been able to afford relief to a Brother Mason." - Benjamin Franklin

Fraternally from the South,  
Peter G. Vogelsang  
Junior Warden

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



**B**rethren of Home Lodge,  
I like to start my article with special note:

Since I became a member of Home Lodge with all the joy and excitement surrounding my journey I have also seen our elders slowly leaving us to Celestial Lodge above. Unfortunately I took part in way too many Masonic Funerals and sometimes standing next to the Master as Chaplain for the funeral of a brother I felt hart broken.

They say it is the circle of life. When there is a new star in the universe, old one fades away. Unfortunately few of those latest "Stars" were Brother Seymour and Brother Asher, May they Rest In Peace at Celestial Lodge above. You will be missed but never forgotten, specially for your never ending support and what you have done for Masonry and for Shrine and Shriners Kids. We should at least try to keep in touch with our elder brothers and call once in a while just to say hello. We want that call earlier, rather than later. Our time on this planet is limited for all of us, but respect and our Masonic values are endless. Let's keep that in mind and reach out to each other. On a brighter note, it's summer and we try to enjoy every one of those weekends with friends and family. Have fun and enjoy your summer my brothers before it is over.

As an officers of Home Lodge I'm very proud of my brethren who always support our line and I encourage you all to attend and show your support for hard working officers of this great lodge. Hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally & Sincerely,  
Moses M. Gazazian  
Treasurer

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**HOME LODGE No.721**  
*Free and Accepted Masons*  
*of the State of California*

Cordially invites you to attend the  
**2019 HIRAM AWARD**  
Presentation

**Honoring**  
**WOR. AARON J. COHEN, P.M.**

**Wednesday, October 2, 2019**  
Dinner - 6:30 PM  
Presentation will begin at - 7:30 PM

Van Nuys Masonic Center  
14750 Sherman Way  
Van Nuys, CA 91405

Dinner \$15.00 per person  
Grilled Steak or Baked Salmon

**NO MONEY WILL BE TAKEN**  
**AT THE DOOR**

Make your reservations NOW!  
Please contact  
**Bro. Gerard Deprest,**  
Assistant Secretary  
**818-980-8370**

**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**

*49 and under is 21 times the annual dues: \$2,121.00*

*50 to 54 is 19 times the annual dues: \$1,919.00*

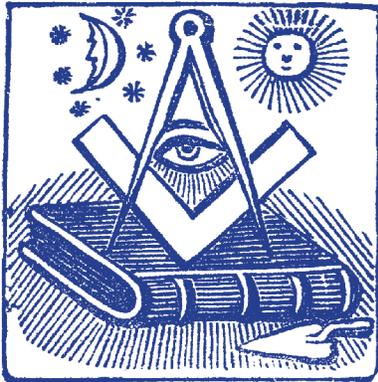
*55 to 59 is 17 times the annual dues: \$1,717.00*

*60 to 64 is 14 times the annual dues: \$1,414.00*

*65 and older is 11 times the annual dues: \$1,111.00*

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		



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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 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 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**

*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

**Committees, Chairs & Co-Chairs**

**Constitutional Observance**  
Ralph B. Dash P.M. - 818-766-3263

**Funeral Committee**  
Wor. Artin Aladadyan - 818-321-0449  
Gerard E. Deprest - 818-980-8370  
Moses Gazazian - 818-298-5652

**Golf Committee**  
Eduardo Estrada P.M. - 818-880-8707  
Scott I. Weber - 818-280-0833

**Head Candidates Coach**  
Steve Varsam P.M. - 818-515-0093

**Hiram Award Night**  
Gerard E. Deprest - 818-980-8370

**Masonic Education Night**  
Boris Linares

**Picnic Committee**  
Gerard E. Deprest - 818-980-8370  
Moses Gazazian - 818-298-5652

**Public Schools**  
Peter G. Vogelsang J.W.

**Sick & Visitation Chair**  
Bob Brandt P.M. - 818-891-6476  
Richard A. Weiser P.M. - 818-326-3841

**Sideliners**  
Andre Aladadyan S.W. - 818-309-9318

**Social Events**  
Michael Egbert - 818-708-3810

**Sweethearts Outreach**  
Michael Egbert - 818-708-3810  
Richard A. Weiser P.M. - 818-326-3841

**Telephone Committee**  
Richard A. Weiser P.M. - 818-326-3841

**Trustee President**  
Moses Gazazian - 818-298-5652

**Trustee Secretary**  
Gerard E. Deprest - 818-980-8370

**Youth Activities Coordinator**  
Lynn M. Freed P.M. - 818-341-3954