

# WELCOME HOME

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

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## A PLAIN TALK ABOUT MASONRY

### THE MASONIC REVIEW - 1855

The principles of Freemasonry - what are they? - Do they not teach men to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them?

If the members of that fraternity, individually, would faithfully consider those principles, with a desire to practice accordingly, would they not exert an influence for good that would be felt sensibly by community; and if they were zealous for the greatest good of the institution, would they not do it ?

With the vows which I suppose they have taken upon themselves, and the instructions given them, should they not be faithful brethren, moral and honorable citizens, kind and sympathizing husbands, and affectionate parents?

I may not be correct in my views of Masonry, being one of those that have always been excluded from the rites and benefits of the institution, but if I am correct, how very important that every member should be a good Mason, and exert every faculty of mind and body to promote the best interests of the institution, by exerting an influence in community which could and would be felt for good to all, and the honor of the institution be thereby preserved untarnished.

A man without good principles is a detriment to any institution, and a curse to himself. He may be zealous, but not according to knowledge; a desire to increase the numbers and dimes, without any regard to moral worth, certainly must be not according to knowledge.

Of what benefit can an individual be that is void of every principle required to make a man of a man; that seeks no society but the low and vicious; that will profane sacred things; gamble, lie and cheat; that will tamper with intoxicating drinks, until he is a moral pestilence in the community - going about, not a man, but a walking brandy-cask - his disposition soured, his faculties benumbed, poisoning the air

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### »Home Lodge's July Trestleboard«

Wednesday, July 4th  
LODGE DARK FOR THE  
4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, July 11th - 6:30 p.m.  
STATED MEETING  
HAWAIIAN SHIRTS

Sunday, July 15th  
HOME LODGE ANNUAL JULY PICNIC

Wednesday, July 18th  
ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREES

Wednesday, July 25th - 7:00 p.m.  
OFFICERS SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION  
FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

with his breath, and community with his foul acts and conversation; and destroying the happiness of all the virtuous, noble and aspiring who are compelled to associate with him? Can such expect to be of benefit in any way, or to fulfill the object of their existence?

If individuals would close their eyes to self and its gratification, and, with the light they have received, look at the subject as they should, they would see the privileges, benefits, and duties they are trampling under their feet; they would also see how far they were wandering from the ancient landmarks of the institution, and how much injury and injustice they were doing, and how they were wounding the cause they have promised to honor and maintain.

I do not expect that free and accepted Masons build temples of stone; but I do expect they should erect a spiritual building in every Lodge, and every member should feel interested and take an active part in the work, and show to the world by a moral, honest, and up-right life, that they have not wasted their time and money for that which profiteth not. In short, that they live and deal on the square of equal and exact justice.

A friend, a good Mason, said in my hearing, he was really discouraged at the conduct of men. If, they seemed to heed instruction and advice, it was only to be more sly in their workings of iniquity; and if provoked to an act that in itself was good, it was only from sordid motives. But I think a person has no right to be discouraged or weary in well-doing. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand."

Some probably will say I ought not to write or think on the subject of Masonry. I never saw a serpent writhe with more energy than when a foot was set upon his head. My tongue and pen may be controlled by others, but my mind never can. I shall surely think. O, that every one would think-think-think.

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
IS LODGE NIGHT**

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



Greetings Brethren and Ladies,

**B**ecause our normal Stated Meeting falls on July 4th, we will be dark on this day per the California Masonic Code, and the Stated Meeting will be held on Wednesday July 11th instead.

We celebrate our country's Independence this month, and we should take the time to remember our forefathers such as George Washington and Benjamin Franklin who had the courage to stand up against tyranny and injustice; as well as the insight to seek autonomous rule for themselves. Let us all look around and count our many blessings that we enjoy in this great country of ours.

Also this month, we have our annual Home Lodge picnic at Rancho Tapo Park on Sunday July 15. As Master, I look forward good food, fun, games and fellowship at the picnic.

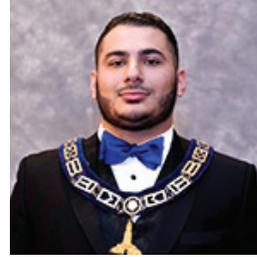
On the 20th of last month we hosted a degree for the French Lodge Valle de France. The degree, besides being entirely in French is very different than the First degree we all went through.

Later in this month, we are having several third degrees and I encourage all Master Masons to attend these degrees to show support to the candidates as well as to the officers.

Several events have been suggested to me: The Reagan Library, The Filmore Train and the USS Iowa. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these events, or have any suggestions for other events.

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

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



**W**e're officially halfway through 2018. Just as quick as it came in, it's already on the way out. Not that we'll be complaining though, July brings with it Independence Day & the Annual Home Lodge Picnic! So I wish all my

brethren and family a safe and joyous holiday & hope to see everyone at the picnic.

The mid-year always brings with it a time to reflect on our progress towards the year's goals. This year my main challenge was putting together the roster and then coaching for our Sideline's Degree. We've gotten huge interest from the brethren & put together a fantastic group of guys, which are making great progress. I cannot wait for them to show our lodge what they're capable of.

I'd also like to thank all the brethren that came out on June 20th to support our brothers at Vallee De France. They approached us and asked if we'd be interested in donating a Lodge Night to allow them to put on the French 1st Degree, and we gladly accepted. Having seen it once before, it's still an amazing experience filled with subtle details. To my brother Masons, I encourage you all to see as many of the foreign language degrees as many times as you can, because they each have their own cache of fantastic details.

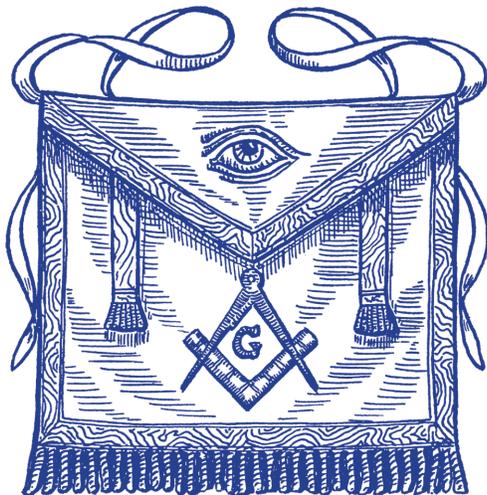
As always, I want to recognize and thank the brethren that take the time to join us on degree nights. During June we had a few long lost faces show up; Wor. Steve L. Eberhardt came down from Montana & Bro. Peter Dahabreh came back on his break from attending Harvard.

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Having you all there means the world to our officers and especially our candidates. Seeing the look on Bro. Berberian face when we raised him and he had a room full of his brothers there was priceless. He had a room full of people that wanted to share one of the most important moments in his life with him. It's an experience he'll never forget. To our brothers that haven't been to Lodge in some time, come by if you can make the time, we miss you all. Remember, there's no better place to be on a Wednesday than Home.

As always we must 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



Hello my Home Lodge family. I would like to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July. I would like to also remind everyone to continue to phone in their reservations to the reservation-line as it helps the Lodge plan accordingly.

Masonry has played a significant role in laying the foundation, and shaping, our nation. We often forget how much we have today because of the actions that men and women took almost 242 years ago. We leave the past in the past thinking that is best for our future. I beg to differ.

The past has shaped who we are today. Without honoring and taking from the past, we cannot, effectively, move towards a better future. Many might believe that as a nation we have changed and outgrown our past, and what was important then; we have new issues to worry about. I say we have advanced as a nation, expanded rights as a nation, and grown as a nation because of the foundation that was cemented for us to build upon today. And even it isn't perfect, it is ours and we shall continue to improve.

So, in honor of remembering and honoring our past, I would like to thank and recognize our Past Masters, Past Treasures, Past Secretaries, Past Officers, Past Officers Coaches, Past Candidate Coaches, all our brothers that came before us at Home Lodge, and those that are no longer with us today. The reason we are able to do what we do today is because of the foundation that you all laid down for us. Even if something seems different today than it was before, it is only because took from you all and built on top of it. In reality, it's the same Brother Love, Relief, and Truth. Be well my Home Lodge Family.

Fraternally from the South,  
Andre Aladadyan  
Junior Warden

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

Sometimes when I look at my lodge I wonder what is the future going to look like. That thought has crossed in the minds of every member before us and every member who joins us today and it crosses my mind every time I am in the lodge for stated meetings and during degree nights.

I have seen new faces coming in, old faces showing up again and it gives me hope that all the hard work and maximum effort our line of officers put out there is showing and all the support of our members who are there in our lodge again " There is still hope for widow's son" Our line of officers are fired up and energized and work hard for this year and also started to plan for upcoming years ahead which is a great positive sign and proper planning.

Masonry is a tradition that is being passed down from old generation to the new one's and it will only continue as long as we stick to our believes, traditions, principals and teachings of stability and civility within our lodge and also outside of the lodge in our daily lives.

Proud to be a member of Home Lodge 721 and hope that the same pride I share with you all, you also share equally and unconditionally.

Brethren some days I come to the lodge and it looks like I've been carrying load of bricks on my shoulders, but the moment I step inside the lodge, that load of bricks is unloaded outside and left there for me to pick up on a later date. What I'm trying to say is to all brothers out there, when I come to Home Lodge, I know I'm Home.

Please come back Home Again and fire up that fire and show your support for the lodge, your brethren and let the officers know that you do support them and support your own Home, Home Lodge # 721.

Fraternally,  
Brother Moses Gazazian  
Treasurer  
Home Lodge No. 721

**Trestleboard  
JULY 2018**

Wednesday, July 4th  
**LODGE CLOSED FOR  
THE 4th OF JULY HOLIDAY**

Wednesday, July 11th ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**STATED MEETING  
HAWAIIAN SHIRTS**  
Donation for all \$15.00  
Home Lodge Widows are Free  
Chicken or Baked Salmon  
For dinner reservations please call (818) 446-6305

Sunday, July 15th ..... 11:00 a.m.  
**HOME LODGE'S ANNUAL PICNIC**  
Lots of good eats – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and all of the trimmings  
RESERVATIONS are a MUST Please contact:  
Gerard Deprest (818) 980-8370 or  
Moses Gazazian (818) 298-5652

Wednesday, July 18th ..... 7:30 p.m.  
**ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE**  
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Entered Apprentice Degrees for  
Mister Arman Keboyan &  
Mister Serge Chahburian  
Andre Aladadyan, Junior Warden Presiding

Wednesday, July 25th ..... 7:00 p.m.  
**OFFICERS SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION  
FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
IS LODGE NIGHT**

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

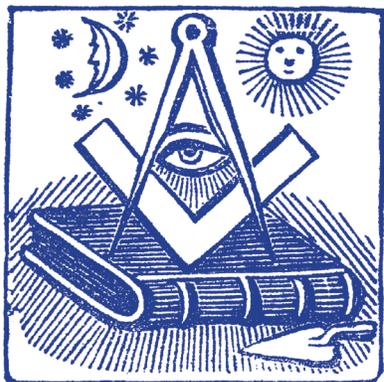
Dear Home Lodge widows and family, please keep us up to date on any changes to your mailing address and phone numbers and if there are any changes in your health. You are a part of our Home Lodge family and if we or Grand Lodge can be of service to you we will need to be able to reach you. Please let 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.



Past Masters of Home Lodge No. 721

*William H. Eyer .....	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

*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 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**  
*NORTH VALLEY SHRINE CLUB*  
Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of  
Every Month at 7:30 p.m.  
At IHop Restaurant 22810 Van Owen, West Hills

*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

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The Ladies of Home Lodge

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