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**October 2002**

**North Hollywood Lodge No. 542**  
*(Meets Thursdays)*

North Hollywood Masonic Temple  
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*LODGE TRESTLEBOARD*  
*OCTOBER 2002*

**Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup>** 7:00 PM Building Association Meeting

**Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup>** Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:15 PM  
Meeting 7:30 PM

**Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree - David Garman

**14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>** Grand Lodge  
Annual Communication

**Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree - Danis Williams



**Thursday,**  
**October 3 , 2002**  
**Stated Meeting Dinner**

**To Be Announced**

**Donation \$ 8.00**

Please make  
your reservations  
for dinner.



## *From the East*

**Ladies & Brethren,**

*“The Charges”. When I was the Chaplain a few years ago, I had the opportunity to commit to memory the Charges for all three degrees. If you have not heard them in a while or never really understood them, I suggest taking another look at them. They are in the monitor so you can read them.*

*The Charges are quite powerful and if followed diligently would make for a better man and better Mason. Aside from the fellowship and comradery,*

*Masonry is supposed to give us the tools to make us better, more honest, more moral men. Just “becoming” a Mason does not mean that you will automatically become a better man; it is something we all need to work at. Sometimes it is hard to remember masonry when we are at work or away from lodge, but remember that we are always Masons and we should act as such in and out of the Lodge room. Doing so will be a good start on your quest in being a better man.*

*“Finally, your honor and reputation are concerned in supporting with dignity the respectable character which you now bear. Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows or betray your trust; but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist, whom you have this evening represented. Thus you will render yourself deserving of the honor which we have conferred and worthy of the confidence which we have reposed in you.”*

**Stay on the Level,  
Chris Holme  
Master**



## *From the West*

### ***Greetings From The West***

*The other day I had a Brother tell me how much Masonry was like religion and how proud he was to be a part of it. I was glad that he was proud to be affiliated with Masonry but as far as being a religion it is not. So I did some research and found this article prepared by the "Masonic Information Center " that I would like to share a few excerpts from it with you.*

*Freemasonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion. It requires of its members belief in God as part of the obligation of every responsible adult, but advocates no sectarian faith or practice. Masonic ceremonies include prayers, both traditional and extempore, to reaffirm each individual's dependence on God and to seek divine guidance. Freemasonry is open to men of any faith, but religion may not be discussed at Masonic meetings. Masons believe that there is one God and that people employ many different ways to seek, and to express what they know of God. Masonry primarily uses the appellation, "Grand Architect of the Universe," and other non-sectarian titles, to address Deity. In this way, persons of different faiths may join together in prayer, concentrating on God, rather than differences among themselves. Masonry believes in religious freedom and that the relationship between the individual and God is personal, private, and sacred.*

*Freemasonry lacks the basic elements of religion:*

*(A) It has no dogma or theology, no wish or means to enforce religious orthodoxy.*

*(B) It offers no sacraments.*

*(C) It does not claim to lead to salvation by works, by secret knowledge, or by any other means. The secrets of Freemasonry are concerned with modes of recognition, not with means of salvation.*

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## **North Hollywood e-Hour Glass**

*In an effort to expand into the internet age and at the same time save money for the Lodge, we are starting an e-Hour Glass. If you would rather receive the Hour Glass via email and/or internet please send an email to:*

*chris@holmedesigns.com,  
include your Name, and email address and please indicate that you want the e-Hour Glass instead of the hard copy.*

*If you want to receive both specify that as well.  
As soon as the Hour Glass is ready to be printed, you will receive a pdf file or a link to a web page containing the complete Hour Glass in color.*

*This means that you will have it a week to two weeks before the mailed version.*



## **Upcoming Events to look for:**

*November 7<sup>th</sup> – Election Of 2003 Officers  
December 19<sup>th</sup> –Installation of 2003 Officers*

# October Birthdays

October 1. David GARMAN	October 19. Ronnie
October 2. Danis B. WILLIAMS	CUNNINGHAM
October 3. Clayton R. COOK	October 20. Deon A. RICE
October 3. Antonio GAETA	October 21. Ahmed O.
October 4. David Van NAME	THOMPSON
October 4. Carl W. ROGERS	October 26. Gordon S. SENIFT
October 7. Sarkis KSACHIKIAN	October 26. Philip A. CALHOUN
October 11. Ben H. MILLER	October 29. J. Oliver SMITH
October 11. Pasquale M. MOSCATELLO	
October 12. Joseph C. AREND	
October 13. Gorden L. DREYER	
October 14. John PINOGES	
October 15. James E. SANDBERRY	
October 15. Donald W. MALTBY	
October 17. Bruce E. COWAN	

*Brethren  
who are celebrating  
their birthdays in this month,  
qualify for  
a complementary dinner  
on the day of  
the Stated Meeting*

## Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Members ...

All Entered Apprentice and Fellow craft masons are expected to attend Lodge every Thursday night for proficiency instruction. This is your opportunity to advance through the degrees as quickly as possible, and it is your opportunity to get acquainted with the brethren of North Hollywood Lodge.

The candidate's coach Brother Steven W. Barr, will be present and will keep you moving along toward your goal. While the memory work may seem out of reach at first, you will find that by being coached through the work, you will advance with ease. Don't be shy. Don't worry about your speed of attainment as each person is able to memorize at their own pace.

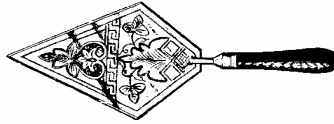
## *From the West*

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*Freemasonry is far from indifferent toward religion. Without interfering in religious practice, it expects each member to follow his own faith and to place his Duty to God above all other duties. Its moral teachings are acceptable to all religions.*

*I hope my Brothers that this puts some light on the difference between religion and what Masonry is about.*

*As Always on the Level  
Jan Eddy  
Senior Warden*



## *Thank You*

*I wish to thank all of our members, friends and family for the memorable evening, Thursday, September 12th. I was particularly pleased with the turn out and the warmth of those in attendance.*

*I will always keep the memory of receiving the Hiram Award from my lodge fresh in my heart.*

*Richard Duenckel*



## Southern California Research Lodge

F. & A. M.

CORN, WINE and OIL  
By Rabbi Isaac Marcusson

( From “leaves From Georgia Masonry” published by the Educational and Historical Commission of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M. )

### WINE

The cluster of grapes symbolic of the mental life of man likewise teaches us a higher lesson. As wine stimulates the physical body so learning stimulates the mind. It is the divine fire brought from Heaven to enable man to rise from the lowliest in life to the highest. It is to be used in cultivating the arts as well as providing the physical needs of man. But it, too, is symbolic—each grape holds its place in the cluster but all grow out of one central system. A delicate weak tendril holds it to the parent wine. So man is held to the finer things in life by faith. He realizes that the physical life is but a means and not the end and purpose of existence. Material things are good only in so far as they are used for the cultural and mental advancement of man. And as from the bunch of grapes there comes the invigorating and joy-giving wine so from a full and rounded mental life there comes the happiness of a developed intellect, of a broadened vision into life, of higher values of existence. And as the wine improves with age, gaining in aroma and flavor, so the mind of man grows richer through wisdom and each added learning gives it a new flavor.

### OIL

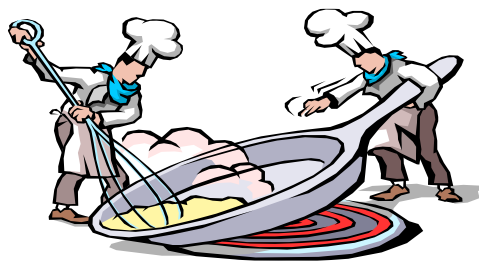
Oil is the symbol of the spirit. It was oil that kept alive the perpetual flame which burnt before the Holy of Holies in the temple of King Solomon. It was especially prepared oil representing the toil and care which man spent upon it. It was pure oil from which all that was low and base was removed, representative of the highest spiritual truth to which man could lift himself. It was the oil extracted from the olive—good for food, it is true, but its material benefits to be sacrificed so that there might be extracted from it the precious oil to keep alive the eternal flame. So man too is taught through Masonry to give up if necessary the material gains and the physical advantages, if he can bring in place thereof the spiritual values which enrich and enable life. But more than that, the oil was symbolic of royalty. Upon the head of king and priest it was poured a sign of power. The king and priest were representatives of higher virtues.

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Contributed by, Bruce E. Hudson , P.M.

**to be continued...**

## Monthly Buffet Breakfast



**Date : Sunday October 13th**  
**Time : 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Cost : \$6.00**

**The buffet will be open from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**