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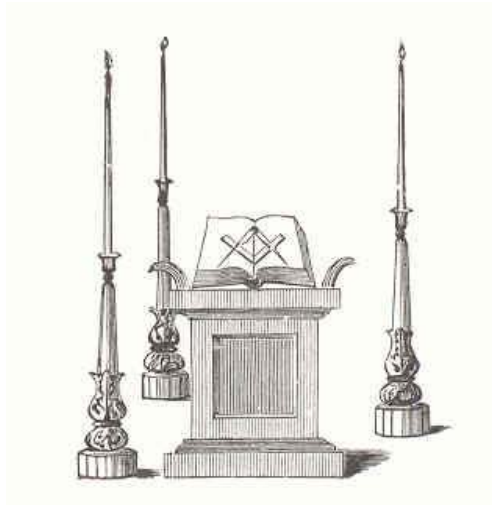


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"Masonry Builds Its Temples Among the Nations and In the Hearts Of Men"

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

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LODGE TRESTLEBOARD

JANUARY 2003

Thursday 2 nd **Stated Meeting**

Dinner 6:15 pm
Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday 8 th **Temple Board Meeting** 7:00 pm

Thursday 9 th **2 nd Degree Proficiency / Practice** 7:30 pm

Sunday 12 th **Monthly Breakfast** 10:00 am

Thursday 16 th **3 rd Degree Jack Shakardzyan** 7:30 pm

Thursday 23 rd **3 rd Degree Frunce Kocharyan** 7:30 pm

Thursday 30 th **OSI 1 st Degree** 7:30 pm

Just a reminder that all Officers are in Taxes for Degree Work

DON'T FORGET OUR **MONTHLY BREAKFAST**
ON THE **SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

IT STARTS AT **10:00AM UNTIL 12:00 NOON.**

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET

FOR ONLY SIX DOLLARS!

THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN.

COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT BREAKFAST

AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP.



From the East

Greetings From The East,

My Brothers here it is January already, which means that we have been installed in our stations for 2003. Now we are ready to get to work and continue to make this Lodge the best it can be. I know that this is going to be banner year for all of us at North Hollywood Lodge #542. We have a strong team of officers in line and many Brothers ready and willing to help us achieve our goals. I want all of you to know that I am open to all suggestions that you may have. Feel free to contact me any time with thought and ideas you have regarding our Lodge. My door is always open.

The Installation of Officers for 2003 was a great success. I was very fortunate to have one of the best Installing teams ever. We were blessed with the Grand Master William Holsinger being my Installing officer, Sam Pitassi our inspector was my Master of Ceremonies, and My Uncle from Iowa Allan Eddy being my Installing Chaplin, my Installing Organist was Rush Robinson who added the perfect touch to the evening. I could have not asked for a more wonderful time.

I want to thank all of you who helped me put together a successful Installation and continue to help with improving our Fraternity of Brothers. Without all of you none of this would be possible. So thank you for being there, willing to stretch forth a helping hand.

As Always on the Level

*Jan Eddy
Master*



**SEASON'S GREETINGS
And
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Seasons
Greetings**

 A small, stylized cartoon frog character is positioned between the words "Seasons" and "Greetings". The frog is light-colored with large eyes and a small body.

From the West

Hello brothers and ladies,

What a great night we had at the installation of the officers of our lodge. It is a great feeling and pleasure to have most worshipful M.WILLIAM HOLSINGER as the installing officer.

I DO like to thank the brothers for electing me to serve as the Senior Warden of our lodge. I will do the best of my ability . Also I like to congratulate worshipful Jan Eddy for becoming the master of our lodge. I am sure we will have a great year ahead of us. And also I like to congratulate worshipful Chris Holme as a past master and the officers coach. He has joined great line of past masters the N.H 542 has and will have in the future.

Once again thank you for the installing team. They have done a great job .And congratulations to to all the officers of N.H 542 . Wishing to all the brothers and their loved once a very happy and healthy holidays, and hope to see you soon.

*Avedis Abdoyan
Senior Warden*

Secretary's Corner



Brethren,

**Year 2003 dues are payable on the first of the year.
Apparently some of our brothers overlooked their dues.**

Prompt payments are greatly appreciated.

Please use the envelope that was sent to you by mail.

**Bruce E. Hudson, PM.
Secretary**

From the South

Dear Worshipful Master and Brethren,

Thank you for electing me to the Station of Junior Warden.

As such, I hope with the guidance of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, that I may be enabled to perform the duties of my office.

I would like to introduce myself to the Brethren, and also let you know about my Masonic history.

I found Masonry in a rather unusual way. I knew myself to be a Free Man, that I was not obligated to believe all the stuff one hears, a man that can way all the view points, and come up with his own regards based on action, truth, and honor. When I found Masonry, It was like a door opened onto me, a door that could never be closed, a door that was always there....a door, that I finally knocked upon.

Where I found the inspiration and the spark, was when I started to research my Scottish Bloodline and discovered, that there were Masons involved in the foundation of Scotland as a country and many Masons of Scottish Descent helped in the formation of our country. That led me to the Lodge. I knew that if there were men long ago that believed in Faith, Hope, and Charity I might find a home.

And so it is. I sought admission, gained entrance, and was raised on November 11, 1999. Since that time, I have been active member of our Lodge and abroad. I am now the residing President of the North Hollywood Building Association, an Officer of Omega Council #11 (Conductor of the Council), and in the process of forming an all Kilted Scottish Degree Team.

I am also active in the Scottish Community as a representative of the Clan Gunn responsible for the Jurisdiction of Southern California and regularly host a booth at the different Scottish Highland Games and Gatherings to teach and encourage people about their Scottish Heritage. So if anyone is interested about seeing what its like to observe a bunch of Scots having fun in their pure form, I invite, no I dare you to join us for our 3rd annual Robert Burns Benefit Concert and Dinner for the Lodge, on January 18th 2003.

But these are only a few things. They in no way reflect how I truly feel about Masonry. I think that the most important responsibility of an Officer is to maintain that Ritual so necessary to his Station. To support that bond which has enabled the Craft to endure for so long. To inspire the candidates when they go through, that they themselves may find the beauty called Masonry.

From Meridian Height,

*Brother Ronald E. Presser
Junior Warden*

January Birthdays

Jan. 01 Jimmy Lynn Davis
 Jan. 02. Gary Lee Davis
 Jan. 03 Robert Khatchanian
 Jan. 04. Jack L. Elliano
 Jan. 04 Robert H. Lee
 Jan. 06 Karl P. Maloney
 Jan. 07 William W. Davis
 Jan. 09 Joseph R. Prow
 Jan. 10 Dennis L. Kyburz
 Jan. 10 Sarkis T. Sekayan
 Jan. 11 Kenneth M. Palius
 Jan. 16 Charles Cooper
 Jan. 20 Baker N. McPhate
 Jan. 20 Leonard Kleven
 Jan. 22 Donald G. May
 Jan. 22 Richard F. McConihay
 Jan. 22 Steven W. Barr
 Jan. 23 William L. Burch
 Jan. 24 Thomas J. Gatherer

Jan. 28 Chuck H. Hart
 Jan. 28 Todd K. Orr
 Jan. 29 Rex M. Smith
 Jan. 30 Henry O. Shaneyfelt

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



From the Editor

Brethren,

If you have anything of interest to the Lodge please do not hesitate to forward your information to the Editor.

The brethren are always glad to hear news of your activities, vacations, honors, etc.

You may e-mail to; peacockpri@aol.com (Aram M. Bogosyan)

Or fax to; 818/728-8037

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.

Let There Be Light

You have entered a new world. Symbolically and spiritually you have been reborn. This started the moment you were prepared to become a Freemason.

As you progress in Masonic knowledge your vision will be broaden; you will become more vitally alive than ever before; you will become more aware of your fellowman, your family, your church and your country. Your whole philosophy of life will become richer.

This will take place, but only if you become Masonically educated.

The conferring of the three degrees in Freemasonry has made it possible for you to be a part of a world-wide Brotherhood. You were told that brothers will be found in every country in the world. You will find that this is true, even though Masonic lodges are not allowed to function under despotism. Freemasonry has always believed in the freedom of man. Where there is freedom, oppression cannot exist.

Because of this belief in individual freedom you will never be ordered to do anything in or for Freemasonry. You may be asked to serve on committees. You will be requested to attend the meetings of your lodge. You will be urged to learn more about the Craft than what is revealed in its ritual. You will find that ritual is but the beginning of what can be a tremendous spiritual and philosophical experience.

There is much for you to discover in this new world you have entered. Yet, it is an old world, as you have been told. World-renowned men of this and preceding centuries were initiated much the same as you were. The changes in the ritual over the centuries have been fewer than we might expect. Freemasonry has always been careful to keep its work acceptable to all good men, regardless of their sect, country, religion, or opinion.

As you learn more about this ritual, the history of Freemasonry, its philosophy and its symbolism, you will grow within. As you grow within, it will be reflected outwardly in everything that you do.

From "The Craft and Its Symbols"
Allen E. Roberts

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.

SKELTON'S PLEDGE

Many years after the Pledge of Allegiance was written, a well-known Mason was to render a beautiful and meaningful interpretation of it. Richard Bernard (Red) Skelton, a member of Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Vincennes, Indiana, tells how one of his teachers explained the Pledge to his students:

I – me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge – dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity

Allegiance – my love and my devotion

To the Flag – our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

Of the United – that means that we have all come together.

States – individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country. **Of America.**

And to the Republic – a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands.

One nation – meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible – incapable of being divided.

With liberty – which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear or some sort of retaliation.

And justice – The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

For all – which means it's as much your country as it is mine.

This text was taken from the Southern California Research Lodge.

As we know since the time Red Skelton was in school two more states have been added to our country and the phrase "Under God" was added to the pledge. But the meaning of the text does not change.

*The farther a man knows himself to be free from perfection,
the nearer he is to it.*

- Gerard Groote



Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out.

- Frank A. Clark



*If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you,
it will be enough.*

- Meister Eckhart