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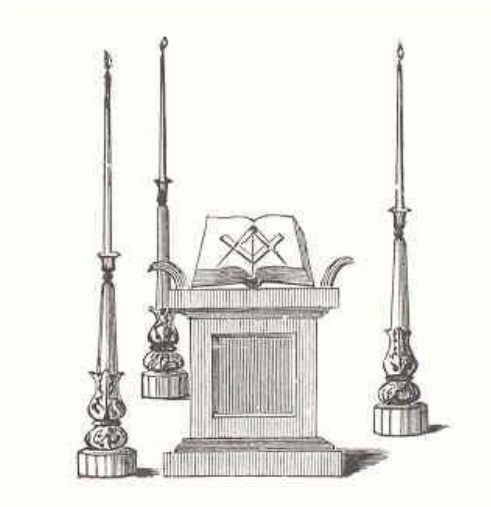


Since 1931

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

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

**February 2003**



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LODGE TRESTLEBOARD  
FEBRUARY 2003

**Wednesday 5th**  
*Building Association Meeting* ..... 7:00 pm

**Thursday 6th**  
**Stated Meeting**  
*Dinner* ..... 6:00 pm  
*Meeting* ..... 7:30 pm

**Sunday 9th**  
*Monthly Breakfast* .....10:00 am

**Thursday 13th**  
*2 nd Degree : William Wall* ..... 7:30 pm

**Tuesday 18th**  
*OSI : Beverly Hills* .....7:30 pm

**Thursday 20th**  
**1st Degree:**  
*Jason Leonard / Ashot Ksachikyan*.....7:30 pm

**Thursday 27th**  
**1st Degree:**  
*Pierre Moroni / Arthur Ksachikyan*.....7:30 pm

*Just a reminder that all Officers are in Tuxes for Degree Work*



STATED MEETING DINNER

Thursday , February 6th @ 6:00 PM

Donation : \$ 8.00

Chicken or Oven Roasted Beef Loin

Please make your reservations

## *From the East*

Greetings from the East,

My Brothers, I was sitting here at the computer wondering how to get across to all of you the importance of shedding light on our Fraternity to the uninformed when I came across an article written by the Jr. Grand Warden of California back in 1972 that does a wonderful job of doing just that, here it is.

*One of the strictest of Freemasonry's unwritten laws is the rule that prohibits solicitation of candidates. Before any man can be accepted into Freemasonry, he must be able to answer, without qualification or reservation, two questions. Mackey's "Twenty-third Landmark of Freemasonry" says we must conceal ritual, nothing more. But we are already ahead of ourselves in trying to answer the question of this assignment. Perhaps we should first ask the question: "Tell whom about Freemasonry?" Now that should be so obvious that perhaps we are tripping over it. How many of you have blood brothers who are not Freemasons? How many have adult sons who are not Freemasons? How many have fathers who are not Freemasons? Why not? Perhaps because you have never talked to them about it. How many have neighbors, close friends, worker associates who are not Freemasons? Have you ever talked to them about Freemasonry? If Not, Why Not? Is it because you feel Freemasonry is a Secret Society? We're not secret. Over 25,000 published books have been written about Freemasonry. So what's secret? Our ritual - that's all. And Mackey's "Twenty-third Landmark" says that is all that must be kept secret. One of our difficulties in not talking about Freemasonry lies in our own individual ignorance and self-importance. Could it be that we really don't know enough about our Fraternity? We don't want to make a mistake and be held up to ridicule; so we try to seem important by saying, "I can't tell you that. It's a secret." And then we do or say nothing.*

*Now, if over 25,000 books have been written about Freemasonry, and many, many of them can be had simply by going to a public library, and if yet we refuse to tell our brother or son or neighbor about Freemasonry "because it's a secret," what kind of impression is he going to have of us? And will he have any desire to join an organization whose own members don't know enough about it to discuss it intelligently, while nonmembers and books seem much more inclined to reveal its supposed secrets?*

*But all communication is not verbal. There is an old adage which "Your actions speak so loudly that I can't hear a word you say." So do you communicate nonverbally about Freemasonry? Have you ever said to your family that there was a Lodge meeting you should go to, and not gone? Have you ever told about how Masons support public schools then not visited your own children's school during Open House? Have ever bragged about how the Masons were always in the forefront in building our country - or how George Washington was Master of his Lodge - and then not saluted the flag as it passes in parade or when others do at a meeting, or stood silent during the Pledge of Allegiance or the singing of our National Anthem? "Your actions speak so loudly..."*

*May I suggest that, if you really want to tell people about Freemasonry, you first make your Lodge a worthwhile place to visit, and create an atmosphere of dignity and reverence. Clean out the cobwebs from the hallway, put bright lights over the entrance, illuminate your sign. Clean up, paint up, and fix up your facilities. If money isn't available, voluntarily assess each member a dollar or so. Money isn't the problem; we just use it as an excuse.*

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## *From the West*

*Hello Brothers and ladies,*

*We started our first meeting of the year with a great dinner as usual, and overall we had a busy month of January. I also attend the Masonic Service Buro's meeting. It is always a great feeling to meet new brothers, and I am looking forward to go to the February meeting.*

*We had a small group of brothers at the lodge for the Super Bowl Sunday, to watch the game. It was fun.*

*We are going to have a busy month in February, with conferral of degrees ... And to the brothers of North Hollywood Lodge that they haven't been there for a while please come and join us at our stated meeting and also at our degree nights. I assure you, you'll enjoy it.*

*Hope to see you soon.*

*Fraternally  
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,

By your vote at the January 03 stated meeting, I have been elected to head an exploratory committee to create a Child I.D. program at our Lodge. So far we have Brothers Steve Barr, Kurt Runyon, and Geoffrey Schumann to help me out but of course I encourage ALL BROTHERS who are interested to give me a call and join in. Our plan is to raise the funds necessary in order to purchase all of the equipment needed to go to the local schools, community events, and also lend the equipment to other lodges if they are in need.

I'm am pleased to say that our Robert Burns Supper was a complete success. We had a terrific time enjoying the entertainment of The 42<sup>nd</sup> Highlander Regimental Band, Scottish Highland Dancing preformed by 6 time U.S. Champion Millisa Webster along with a couple of wee ones (children dancers), and William Campbell singing songs of Scotland as well as poetry by Robert Burns. I hope we have more of the same next year.

There are a few 1<sup>st</sup> degrees coming up and I hope the brethren will consider joining us. This will be my first time sitting in the East for 2003 along with some of our newer brethren who have joined the line. Your support is always appreciated.

From Meridian Height,

Brother Ronald E. Presser  
Junior Warden



### *Day at the Races*

...is coming up

Saturday , March 22nd 2003

at

Santa Anita Race Track

\$ 33.00 per person

Please make your reservations...

# *FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS*

Feb.02 William T. Trainor  
 Feb.04 Raymond B. Stewart  
 Feb.07 John C. Burnett  
 Feb.08 Armenak Apanian  
 Feb.09 George R. Campbell

Feb.11 John F. Dickenson  
 Feb.12 Gerald Jones Jr.  
 Feb.12 Richard W. Smith  
 Feb.15 Carl E. Ross  
 Feb.19 Milan Dobrich  
 Feb.19 Melvin W.Beck

Feb.20 George L. Feiner  
 Feb.21 Gregory D. Kabchianian  
 Feb.21 Samuel R. Lovell  
 Feb.22 William S. Coburn  
 Feb.22 Victor W. Burt

Feb.25 William J. Bray  
 Feb.26 James F. Leach  
 Feb.27 Robert J. Leigh

*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. Our brothers are always glad to hear news of your activities, vacations, honors, etc.**

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**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.

## *From the East*

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*Tell the world by deed and appearance that you are proud to be a Freemason, and then maybe you won't have to talk so much about what a great organization we have.*

*In addition, there is the important area of Lodge leadership. When we brag about the quality of our membership, why is it that the best don't usually lead the Lodge? If your meetings are dull and stereotyped, why don't you and some others make them interesting and challenging? If you want good meetings and activities, help make them good and active. "Your actions speak so loudly . . ." If, in addition, you want to tell someone about Freemasonry, if you really want to verbalize about it, then use some of our published sources of information. There are many pamphlets published by your Grand Lodge. Actions do speak louder than words, but use both deed and speech for Masonry. You can do no less for yourself and your fellow man.*

*So Brothers if we take this to heart and practice what we preach we can be a shining example for what Masonry is all about and in the process attract new members to our great Fraternity.*

*As Always On the Level*

*Jan Eddy  
Master*

DONT 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 \$ 6.00  
THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN.  
COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT BREAKFAST AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

### **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](mailto: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.*

## TRESTLE BOARD GEM

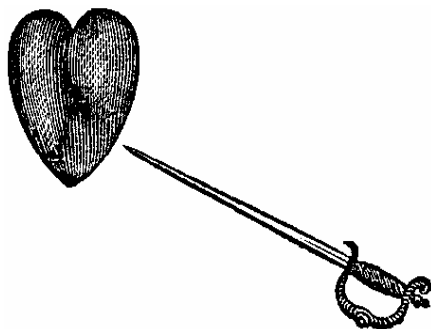
### TRUE FELLOWSHIP

*No Mason needs to be told how dramatically Masonry emphasizes fellowship and true brotherhood. We learn, in the first place, the lesson of mutual helpfulness and service to our Brethren. Men who have knelt at the altar of Masonry stand in a special and peculiar relationship to one another. They have learned something about the strength of the Mystic Tie, indefinable but ever present. By the very ties of their obligations, Masons are bound to serve and assist others and to sacrifice, if need be, their own convenience in that service.*

*An essential part of Masonic fellowship is a common belief and faith in God. There is an old Latin maxim, **Laborare est orare**, which means, "**To labor is to pray.**" In the Lodge and out of it, we ought to be engaged in that kind of labor. Masonry begins and ends, so far as its ritual is concerned, with prayer. The Mason who has properly learned his lesson of fellowship pays to the Name of God that reverence and respect which are rightly due from the creature to the Creator. He never uses that Name in vain.*

*Next, we are taught the virtue of keeping such confidences as may be reposed in us by our Brethren. Those confidences may well revolve around secret joys and hopes. The fellowship of Masonry is a highly personal relationship. It is a community of fellows who stand together and work together toward the spiritual aims to which Masonry is dedicated. We are all human, hence we all err and stumble and fall. We all at some time or another need the outstretched hand of a Brother Mason. At such time we need to couple Brotherly Love with Relief. The reputation of Masonry must be sustained, but in times of difficulty it is the hand outstretched in true helpfulness that really counts.*

*The final lesson of Fellowship teaches us that while we should admonish a Brother of his faults sincerely and personally, we should never speak ill of him behind his back, but rather, when he is attacked, support and defend him. How much heart-ache and sorrow would be avoided if we always acted out this great lesson of Masonic Fellowship!!*



*-by Charles C. Reigner  
in "The Degrees of Masonry"*

**Humility is the solid foundation of all the virtues.**

**- Confucius**



**Never fear shadows.**

**They simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby.**

**- Ruth E. Renkel**



**The reason so few people are successful is no one has yet found a way for someone to sit down and slide uphill.**

**- W. Clement Stone**