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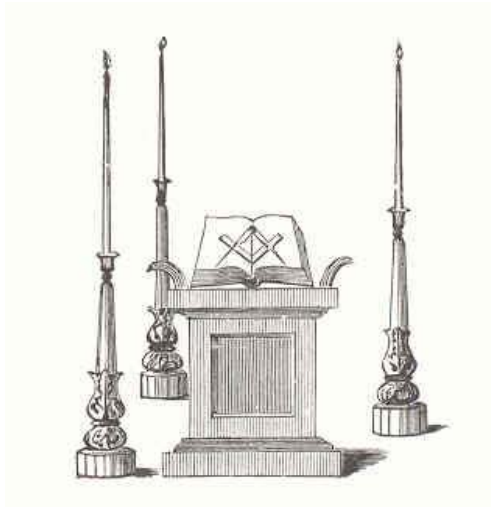


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*"Masonry Builds Its Temples Among the Nations and In the Hearts Of Men"*

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

**March 2003**



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# LODGE TRESTLEBOARD MARCH 2003

## Thursday 6th Stated Meeting

Dinner ..... 6:00 pm Potluck dinner  
Meeting ..... 7:30 pm

## Sunday 9th

Monthly Breakfast .....10:00 am

## Tuesday 11th

OSI : Van Nuys 2nd. Degree 2nd section .....7:30 pm

## Thursday 13th

Degree or Practice ..... 7:30 pm

## Thursday 20th

Practice .....7:30 pm

## Thursday 27th

Practice ( Reception of Grand Lodge Officer ....7:30 pm

## Sunday 30th

Grand Master's Breakfast @ LAX Hilton

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



## STATED MEETING DINNER

Thursday , March 6th @ 6:00 PM

Donation \$ 8.00

Potluck Dinner

Please make your reservations

## *From the East*

*Greetings From The East,*

*My Brothers, here we are already in the month of March and with so many things going on in our Masonic organizations this year is quickly passing us by. This is the month that our Senior Warden Retreat is held. Every year the Grand Lodge seems to improve on these retreats, which is an asset to our Fraternity. It is vitally important to each Lodge to get their Wardens to these retreats as it allows them to grow and learn more about our Great Fraternity. Armed with this information and an enthusiasm that can only be infectious to the lodge we can continue to grow and learn from the knowledge that they bring back with them. So lets be supportive to our Lodge and the Grand Lodge on improving and continuing to send our Officers to these retreats each year.*

*This month we also have our annual Day at the Races, which is a wonderful day to spend with your friends and Brothers. If you haven't gone in the past this would be a great year to start a new tradition! As the old saying goes "Try it you'll like it".*

*I want to challenge each of you to do your personal part in adding to the wonderful heritage that is ours as Freemasons. We are prone to be complacent, and to take things for granted. Freemasonry must never be stagnant: rather, it must always be advancing. We must be always striving for improvement in all that we do. Whose responsibility is this?*

*It is clearly the responsibility of each Master Mason, for he alone is the one*

*who must each day apply the teachings of our Craft in and to his life. Freemasonry is an individual matter, an individual responsibility, and an individual opportunity.*

*Make that opportunity and the responsibility yours and you will be adding to our great heritage.*

*As Always on the Level*

*Jan Eddy  
Master*



## *From the West*

*Hello Brothers and ladies,*

*At the Masonic Service Bureau's meeting I had the pleasure of meeting Right Worshipful Howard KirkPatrick and also some Grand Lodge Officers.*

*In his speech the right worshipful said next year's motto is 'Personal Responsibility, Take it and use it.' With these few words he meant a lot. As in our personal life our own responsibility is very important to each individual and to the people in their immediate family and also in our fraternity is even more important because of the challenges we face.*

*North Hollywood Lodge has achieved big changes to the positive in the last four years. Because of brothers taking responsibility and with hard work and great effort were able to make these changes to the better.*

*We are also having a lot of new brothers joining the fraternity. For them, to join masonry is one of the several steps. Some of which they have to make and also some other steps we have to make to keep them more interested in our fraternity.*

*I do also thank all the brothers for giving me the pleasure of attending the Senior Warden Rereat in March. As I remember I had a great time the Junior Warden Retreat last year. I am looking forward for this one.*

*Fraternally  
Avedis Abdoyan  
Senior Warden*

## *Secretary's Corner*

## *From the South*

*Dear Worshipful Master and Brethren,*

*I would like to thank all of the brethren who attended our degrees last month. I always enjoy seeing the sidelines filled with your warm faces. Please let it continue.*

*I have some good news regarding our Child I.D. program. Brother George "Chip" Robinson and his business associate have donated to the Lodge a laptop computer. This is a major component and we greatly appreciate their generosity. All we need now Brothers is a Thumb Scanner, Digital Camera, Portable Laser Printer, and the actual program from Grand Lodge. It is my hope and wish that those Brethren who have the means can help us achieve our goal. If any Brothers wish to donate funds, equipment, or most importantly their time, please don't hesitate to contact me. The Child I.D. Committee will be meeting Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. in the Audy Murphy Lounge at North Hollywood Lodge.*

*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...**

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mrch 01. E. Burton Skiles  
 Mrch 05. Jason E. Leonard  
 Mrch 06. Harold B. Needham  
 Mrch 07. Abraham Chorbajian

Mrch 10. Leonard A. Constant  
 Mrch 11. Neil S. Black  
 Mrch 13. Joseph H. Brewer Jr.  
 Mrch 15. Joe Roselli. Jr.  
 Mrch 17. W. Wesley Harris Jr.  
 Mrch 18. Larry Lund  
 Mrch 19 Joseph Hrechdakian  
 Mrch 19. Hugh K. McGuire

Mrch 20. John G. Jordan  
 Mrch 24 Richard L. Cramer  
 Mrch 27 George A. Williams

Mrch 28. Dudley O Dewey, Jr.  
 Mrch 29. Byron Smith  
 Mrch 29. Melvin C. Carter  
 Mrch 31. Charles Rinkovsky  
 Mrch 31. George S. Herbert

*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.

## TRESTLE BOARD GEM

## LODGES AND TAVERNS

*The Mother Grand Lodge of the world was planned in one tavern and organized in another, and for many years continued to meet in first one tavern and then another. So also did the new Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland do the same thing. As for the subordinate lodges, it was universally the custom for them to meet in taverns, that in the early engraved lists of them published by the Grand Lodge of England they are represented not by numbers, as they are now, but by small pictures representing the signs of the tavern in which they met.*

*This was true to an equal extent here in America. Henry Price and his Masonic friends met in one or other of two taverns in Boston to lay plans for the establishment of their Grand Lodge in 1733, and that Grand Lodge often assembled in one or another of "the public houses." Lodges had similar meeting places in other large centers, such as New York, Philadelphia etc.*

*Modern Freemasons, who do not often consort in taverns, are sometime~ shocked by these facts. It is easy to understand why. They think of a tavern as a bar saloon, a beer parlor, and therefore cannot even imagine a Grand Lodge or a lodge meeting in such places. Why did the Mother Grand Lodge meet in one? Why did it not find a room in some house more respectable?*

*The answer is that in those early days of the Craft the taverns, inns and ale-houses in the towns and cities were not "such places" but were among the most respected places in the community; and also often enough occupied the most splendid building which was furnished magnificently, and where the most exquisite ladies could go without embarrassment.*

*If a reader continues to be dubious, let him go into the Metropolitan Art Museum when next in New York City, and study the large picture of the ballroom in Gadsby's Tavern at Alexandria, Virginia, Washington's own town. Both Washington and his wife often danced in that ballroom – and so, on more than one occasion, did the correct and scrupulous Lafayette.*

*History has a way now and then of coming full circle. In a recent letter a friend in Exeter, England, writes: "Several lodges in England who own their own temple are facing financial trouble; this is due to fierce taxation and rising costs of maintenance. Fees are constantly rising. I think that eventually some lodges will have to go back to the taverns whence they started, and hire a room as and when required." He then goes on to report how the White Hart Lodge - ousted from their own property by the military got a dispensation to meet at the White Hart where they started 200 years ago."*

*-Masonic Curiosa*



AT THE END OF APRIL WE WILL BE HAVING  
 OUR ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE IN  
 OUR PARKING LOT. IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS  
 YOU NO LONGER NEED OR WANT, DONATE THEM  
 TO THE LODGE TO BE SOLD. ALL PROCEEDS WILL  
 GO FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON OUR BUILDING.  
 WE WILL HAVE A SET DATE IN OUR NEXT  
 HOUR GLASS.

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

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