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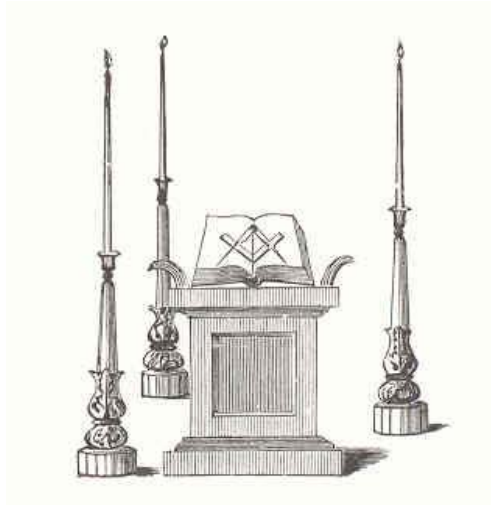


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***North Hollywood Lodge No. 542
(Meets Thursdays)***

May 2003



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**LODGE TRESTLEBOARD
MAY 2003**

Wednesday April 30th

***Temple Board Meeting* 7:00 pm**

Thursday 1st

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:15 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

Thursday 8th

***Practice (3rd degree / 2nd section)* 7:30 pm**

Sunday 10th

***Monthly Breakfast Buffet* 10:00 am**

Tuesday 13th

***OSI / Beverly Hills (3rd degree / 1st section)* 7:30 pm**

Thursday 15th

***3rd degree (Ashot Bejanyan)* 7:30 pm**

Saturday 17th

***Child ID Program (Universal City Walk)*.... 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

Thursday 22nd

***3rd degree (David Garman)* 7:30 pm**

Thursday 29th

***2nd degree (Jason Leonard)* 7 : 30 pm**

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

STATED MEETING DINNER

Thursday , May 1 st @ 6:00 PM

Donation \$ 8.00

Please make your reservations

From the East

Greetings my Brethren,

This past month was a very busy one here at North Hollywood #542. I would like to welcome our three newly obligated Brothers, Jim Hoerricks, Donald Regis and Dr. Harvey Presser, to our Fraternity. We hope to see you all here on Thursdays working with your candidate coaches, Steve Barr and Danis Williams, helping you to learn your proficiency for the next degree. Your coaches are here to help you, take advantage of it.

This year Tujunga Lodge hosted the Grand Lectures OSI on Saturday April 12th, putting on the 1st and 2nd Degrees. They were brilliantly illustrated to us by a team of well rehearsed Brothers who put on a great display of what a degree should look like, along with the aid of our Grand Lecture, Hal Lacy, and the Assistant Grand Lecture, Vernon Dandridge making sure all the T's were crossed and the i's dotted. I want to thank all who were involved for a job well done. We learned a lot.

On Saturday April 19th we had our annual White Elephant Sale in the parking lot of the Lodge. It was my goal to bring in as much funds as last year for the Lodge. We did that and more!! I want to thank everyone that put in the many hours of their own time to make this such a huge success.

Without all of your help and input none of this would have been possible. I hope next years event is even bigger.

The Audi Murphy Lounge is looking better and better. Worshipful Chris Holme and his wife Heather just completed putting up new drapes for us, they look great. Thanks!

As we look forward to the months to come I know that each and every one of them will be filled with many new adventures for our Lodge and us. Lets continue to make this the successful year that it has started out to be. Thank you all for your support in helping me to learn and become a better Master for our Lodge and each and everyone of you dedicated Brothers. As we all know it takes teamwork to make it happen. Keep up the good work. Again thank you for all your support!

*As Always On The Level
Jan Eddy
Master*



A SHORT STORY

An old man, a boy and a donkey were going to town.
 The boy rode on the donkey and the old man walked.
 As they went along they passed some people who remarked:
 it was a shame the old man was walking and the boy was riding.
 The man and the boy thought maybe the critics were right,
 so they changed positions.

Later, they passed some people that remarked,
 "What a shame, - he makes that little boy walk"!
 Then they decided they both would walk.
 Soon they passed some more people who thought they were stupid to walk
 when they had a decent donkey to ride. So, they both rode the donkey.
 Now they passed some people that shamed them by saying how awful to put
 such a load on a poor donkey.

The boy and the man said they were probably right,
 so they decided to carry the donkey.
 As they crossed the bridge, they lost their grip on the animal
 and he fell into the river and drowned.

The moral of the story?

If you try to please everyone, you might as well kiss your Ass good-bye!!

*We would like to extend a special thank you to
 Brother Dick Wells
 for his generous donation
 of the three Degree Charts to our Lodge.
 They are beautifully illustrated on oilcloth.
 We are in the process of having them framed to be
 displayed in the
 Audi Murphy Lounge.*

*Greetings ...
 From the Secretary
 Remember Your Lodge !*

- Bruce E. Hudson, P.M., Secretary

From the South

Dear Worshipful Master and Brethren,

I wish to extend a warm welcome to our new candidates Bro. Don Regis, Bro. Jim Hoerricks and Bro. Harvey Presser. I hope all the brethren extend a warm hand and encourage the candidates to come around on Thursdays and get involved with Lodge functions. Remember my Brothers masonry teaches us that at the beginning our Masonic education, we are but rough ashlars, ever eager to apply the tools and attempt to become smooth, square, and true ashlars. It is by this example within ourselves, that we truly inspire our younger brethren and hope that they too, will learn the beauty of all the working tools of our craft.

The White Elephant Sale was a great success. Thanks to all the Brother who helped out for this event. I know it was hard work.

The Child I.D. at the City Walk has been moved from the 10th of May to the 17th of May 2003 (see ad in this issue for more info). I have a few brethren already to help out but we are going to need more. I any one has an hour or two, maybe just a ½ hour please sign up. It is going to be a BIG event. Let me remind the Brothers that this something that the whole family can get into. Bring your wives and kids; we would love to get to know them. Bring any friends that have expressed an interest in masonry, for this allows us to answer any questions they may have and show them, along with the community, what masonry means to North Hollywood Lodge #542.

*From Meridian Height,
Brother Ronald E. Presser*

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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 01. Michael Novak
Guy Nicholas

May 02. Lynn Graves
Armen Arustamyan
Geoffrey M. Schumann

May 04. Willard G. Castonguay
H. Carlton Doe

May 05. Thomas C. George

May 07. Robert H. Clasen
Charles O Darian
Charles E Hand
Jack R. Lloyd

May 08. William B. Burt

May 09. Ltc. Bruce F. Kay

May 10. Wallace G. Pearson

May 11. Dr. Merle Fish

May 13. Michael R. MacFarlane
Walter C. Taylor III

May 19. Eugene Bruce

May 22. Vernon A. Fagin

May 23. Howard A. Gautschi
Timothy Hill
Billy Dan Thomason

May 25. Odas F. Furman

May 26. William R. Mitchell

May 29. Red Horton

May 31. Roy W. Sowles

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



Brethren of North Hollywood Lodge,

Bring your kids, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, or cousins.
And join us at the **Universal City Walk** in front of the movie theater on
Saturday May 17th, 2003
From 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The N.H. Child I.D Committee will be giving free Child I.D.'s
and Child safety information to parents and all those interested.
Any questions call Brother Ron Presser at

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**

TRESTLE BOARD GEM

"THE MISSION OF MASONRY"

By Joseph Fort Newton;

Baptist Clergyman, 1880-1950, raised in Friendship Lodge No. 7, Dixon, Illinois, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar. His book "The Builders" is considered one of the most notable Masonic writings of the century.

The Mission of Masonry! Years have fled, like hooded figures in hurried march, since our fathers set up their altar on the frontier, kindled its light and fell asleep, but the spirit and purpose of this ancient order remained. The forms of beauty into which the earth is rushing today are not the forms that greeted their eyes in 1840's. The aspect of the sky has changed a thousand times since their eager and faithful vision looked up into it. Time has swept us on the wave of advance into a new world with wider horizons, mightier aspirations, and vaster obligations. But life is the same, unchangeable save for its onward march, the earth abideth, and the sky, though like a fleeting tent, is built anew after the same eternal model. Just so, though the forms of life alter, and new times demand new methods, the truths of faith and immutable duty of doing good abide.

The Mission of Masonry! He who would describe that must be a poet, a musician, and a seer, a master of melodies, echoes, and long, far-sounding cadences. Now, as always, it toils to make better, to refine his thought and purify his dream to broaden his outlook, to lift his altitude, to establish in amplitude and resoluteness his life in all its relations. All its great history, its vast accumulations of tradition, its simple faith and its solemn rites, its freedom and its friendship, are dedicated to a high moral ideal, seeking to tame the tiger in man and bring all his wild passions into obedience to the will of God. Unwearyingly it holds aloft, in picture and in dream, that temple of character which it is the noblest labor of life to build in the midst of the years, and which will outlast time and death. It has no other mission than to exalt and ennoble humanity, to bring light out of darkness, beauty out of angularity; to make every hard-won inheritance more secure, every sanctity more sacred, every hope more radiant.

The Mission of Masonry! When the spirit of this order has its way upon earth, as at last it certainly will, society will be a vast league of sympathy and justice, business a system of human service, law a rule of beneficence; the home will be more holy, the laughter of childhood more joyous, and the temple of prayer mortised and tenoned in simple faith. Evil, injustice, bigotry, and greed, and every vile and slimy thing that defiles humanity will skulk into the dark, unable to endure the light of a juster, wiser, more merciful order.

Industry will be upright, education prophetic, and religion not a shadow, but a real presence, when man has become acquainted with man and has learned to worship God by serving his fellows. When Masonry is victorious every tyranny will fall, every bastille crumble, and man will be not only unfettered in mind and hand, but free of heart to walk erect in the light and dignity of the truth. Such is the ideal, and by as much as are true to it, by so much are we loyal to the benign Mission of Masonry upon the earth. Fidelity to all that is holy demands that we give ourselves to it, trusting the power of truth, the reality of love, and the sovereign worth of character. For only as we incarnate this vision in actual life and activity does it become real, tangible, and effective. God works for man through man and seldom, if at all, in any other way. He asks for your voice and mine to speak His truth to man, for your hand and mind to do His work here below - sweet voices and clean hands to work His will and make liberty and love prevail over injustice and hate. The most precious wealth in the world is the wealth of established character; it makes all our moral currency valid. Not all of us can be learned or famous, but each of us can be pure of heart, undefiled by evil, undaunted by error, noble and true, faithful and useful to our fellow souls. Life is a capacity for the highest things. Let us make it a pursuit of the highest an eager, incessant quest of truth, a noble utility, a genuine worth, a lofty honor, a wise freedom - that through us the Mission of Masonry may be yet further advanced.

The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice.



The future is purchased by the present.



***Success comes to those who make it happen
not those who let it happen.***



***A smile is an inexpensive way
To improve your looks.***

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