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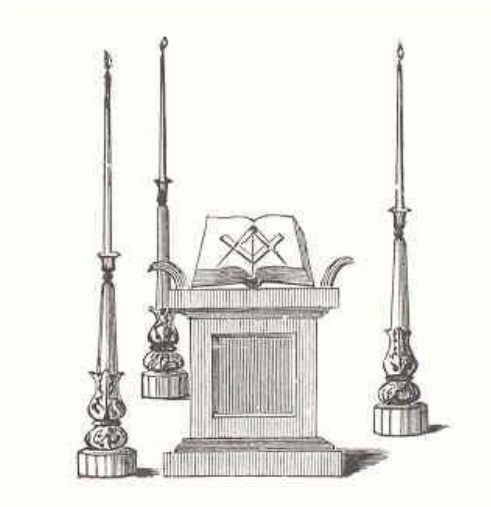


Since 1931

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

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

**June 2003**



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LODGE TRESTLEBOARD  
JUNE 2003

*Wednesday 3 rd*

Temple Board Meeting ..... 7:00 pm

*Thursday 5 th*

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:15 pm ..... Meeting 7:30 pm

*Sunday 8 th*

Breakfast Buffet ..... 10:00 am - 11:30 am

*Thursday 12 th*

Degree or Practice

*Thursday 19 th*

Degree or Practice

*Wednesday 25 th*

OSI 1st Degree ..... 7:30 pm  
Put on by Van Nuys at N Hollywood Lodge

*Thursday 26 th*

Degree of Practice

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

**I would like to thank our,  
Junior Warden, Ron Presser  
and all the Brothers that made our Child I.D. day  
at Universal City Walk such a huge success.  
Without all of your hard work  
none of this would have been possible.  
Thank you for your dedication to such a good program.**

**Jan Eddy  
Master**

## *From the East*

*Greetings my Brethren,*

*This has been another month of great work done by all of you here at North Hollywood 542. We have had two wonderful Third Degrees and a Second Degree put on by our Lodge. A comment was made to me the other day by a visiting Brother, that the Third Degree he saw us put on was one of the best that he had ever seen. This should make all of you proud of the work we are doing here.*

*I want to thank our Officers coach Worshipful Chris Holme, our Candidates coaches Steve Barr and Danis Williams and all of the Officers here for the hard work and dedication you have put in to making this a place where it is a joy to come to the lodge whether it be for a Degree night, a practice or just a night of fellowship among the Brothers.*

*Our Lodge is not just a room. It is not merely a place in which to enjoy fraternal fellowship. It is not an organization which replaces the Church. It is not the means of promoting one's self in business. What our Lodge really is, is a group of men, a group of Brothers, who have dedicated themselves to a common task, and that is TO BUILD! A Freemason is a builder: a builder of character; a builder of a better community; a better nation; a better world in which to live; a builder of an eternal Temple for the indwelling God. Such should be the real meaning of Freemasonry to each of us. If not we should re-dedicate our lives right now to those principles of Freemasonry to which we have obligated ourselves to accept, to learn, to keep and to exemplify.*

*We are brought to Light in order that we may let our Light so shine before our fellowmen, that they may see our good works and join us in glorifying The Great Architect of the Universe.*

*That my Brothers is what you have all done here at our Lodge. I want to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all of you for allowing me to be a part of such a wonderful group of dedicated Freemasons. I am proud to be your Master this year. Let's continue to make this the best year yet.*

*As Always On The Level*

*Jan Eddy  
Master*



## *From the West*

*Greetings from the West  
Hello Brothers and ladies,*

*What a great five months has passed by. It is always a great feeling when we have visiting brothers from other lodges to see them very impressed with the officers' work that they do. And the credit goes to Worshipful Jan Eddy, and also to the Officers' Coach Worshipful Chris Holme, PM ... and the tradition continues. Thanks to Worshipful Dan Maltby, PM which until last year he was the Officers' Coach for a long time. And I do hope we will continue to do great job, for many years to come.*

*I also like to thank the brothers for their visit and phone calls when I was sick. Thank you very much brothers for your concern and support.*

*Fraternally  
Avedis Abdoyan  
Senior Warden*

## *Secretary's Corner*

## *From the South*

*Dear Worshipful Master and Brethren,*

*I wish to thank the Lodge and Brethren for sending me to the Junior Wardens Retreat. It was a great experience for my wife and I. I learned a lot about what a lodge should be doing in the community and within itself. There were discussions about a Lodges' "image" and how we can take what Masons do as a whole to garner support from the community, and possible new candidates for our lodge. Some suggestions were to have a "Layman's Night", include wives and family in lodge functions, and to take part in community events like fairs and parades. So my brethren at the next Stated Meeting please encourage your wife or significant other to join us. I know for me it is important to have my family involved, because I see Masonry as something that can benefit all.*

*Look for my article about the Child I.D. Program that happened on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003 @ the Universal City Walk in this issue.*

*From Meridian Height,*

*Brother Ronald E. Presser  
Junior Warden*



STATED MEETING DINNER

Thursday, June 5th @ 6:15PM

Donation : \$ 8.00

Please make your reservations

# *JUNE BIRTHDAYS*

June 01. Jack Shakardzhyan  
 June 02. Charlie N. Mosier  
 June 03. James S. Coburn  
 June 05. Robert A. Wells  
 June 06. Orville A. Wait  
 June 07. William A. Helms  
 June 07. Marvin L. Holloway  
 June 07. Woodrow V. Cossey  
 June 07. Oded Paz  
 June 08. Harold E. Morby

June 17. John O. Tarpinian  
 June 18. Clarence E. Jackson  
 June 19. George Debbini  
 June 21. Ashot Ksachikyan  
 June 23. Alvin A. Rohrer  
 June 23. James Patrick Graves  
 June 25. Gary Ralph Holme  
 June 29. David H. Danner  
 June 29. Jonathon F. Legg  
 June 29. Peter D. Jessop

June 11. Aram M. Bogosyan  
 June 13. Terry J. Ballard  
 June 13. Edwin R. Hall  
 June 14. George Brajovich  
 June 16. Leo N. Roach Jr.

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

Even when you have failed before, there is still every possibility of success.  
 Even when one door is closed, another door will open. Even when the situation appears to be  
 hopeless, there is indeed hope. Even when your options and your resources seem to be ex-  
 hausted, there is still something more you can do.

Why is this so?

Because the past does not equal the future. Because you are endlessly adaptable, resourceful  
 and determined to go where you know you must go, to do what you know you must do. Be-  
 cause in this moment, you can move beyond anything at all that may have previously held you  
 back.

Even when defeat appears certain, victory is well within reach.

Even when the night is at its darkest, dawn is already on the way.

Never give up, never give in,

even when everything before has been a disappointment or a disaster.

Because everything ahead can be just as you decide to make it.

## **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

### WHO WAS HIRAM KING OF TYRE?

Our Masonic tradition tells us that our Craft had three original Grand Masters. The first of these, Solomon the King of Israel, figures prominently in our Masonic story and is still known as a great personage thirty centuries after his time. The third of this trio is the center and source of our deepest teaching and to him all Masons are bound by a unique tie. But the second of our Grand Masters has only a passing reference in our Ritual ~ outside of a Masonic Lodge is known only to a few specialists in history. Hiram of Tyre was a monarch who ruled over a powerful kingdom at the peak of its greatness. He and his people deserve to be known better by the Masonic fraternity.

The kingdom of Tyre, or Phoenicia, as it was more generally known was located on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean north of Palestine. Its principal city was the seaport of Tyre, which because of its geographical location became a converging point on the great trade routes. Tyre became one of the foremost commercial centers of the ancient world and grew rich and powerful.

Phoenicia has two just claims to high achievement.

In the first place, the Phoenicians were among the first known sailors of the world. It is said that they were the first to navigate upon the open sea and to chart their course by means of the stars. Thus to the men of Tyre goes the distinction of being the fathers of modern navigation. They must indeed have been an alert and venturesome race. It is known that Phoenician sailors traveled all over the Mediterranean - sailed through the Straits of Gibraltar, down the coast of Africa, up the coast of Spain and even as far as England. If we wish to romanticize history a little we can see in our mind's eye a sea captain of Hiram of Tyre sailing through the Pillars of Hercules and gazing out upon a vast ocean-not knowing that 3000 miles beyond his sight lay a land where 3000 years later the name of his royal master would be perpetuated in Masonic Lodges.

As the Phoenicians went about the Mediterranean they founded colonies in various places, the most famous of which was Carthage on the northern coast of Africa. Carthage flourished, and as the parent Tyre began to decline, Carthage carried on the Phoenician tradition. It came into conflict with the rising power of Rome, and after years of furious struggles known as the Punic Wars, Rome was triumphant and Carthage was destroyed. But Carthage almost prevailed - her general, Hannibal, one of greatest military commanders of all time, took an army across northern Africa, through Spain and southern France, over the Alps and down to the very gates of Rome before he was stopped. It is interesting to speculate that if Carthage

had conquered Rome, our civilization, which so largely bears the imprint of the Romans, might instead have been influenced by the people of Hiram of Tyre.

In the second place, the Phoenicians may claim to a high place in the history of mankind because they were the inventors of one of the first known alphabets. We take the alphabet so much for granted that it is hard for us to conceive of the time when it did not exist. Hiram's people were certainly of intellectual curiosity and

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## CHILD I.D. PROGRAM

Dear Brethren

I am pleased to say that our Child I.D. Program is up and running.

We had an excellent time on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Universal City Walk. I would like to thank all the brothers who came and volunteered. I was very impressed with the professional conduct exhibited by all those helping out and I believe we were fine examples of Masons for our Lodge.

We I.D.ed 211 children during the day and the response from the parents was very encouraging. It was great to get the Lodge out of the Dining Room and into the community. We even had brothers from Washington D.C. and New Jersey stop by to say "hi" and to continue our program. Universal City Walk has asked us back, and I definitely think we should. I'm also looking into other locations to set up the program and don't forget brothers, all those that are first time volunteers, gets a North Hollywood Masonic Center Child I.D. Program Volunteer T-Shirt.

Ron Presser  
Junior Warden

### Hollywood / West Valley Lodge No. 355 North Hollywood Lodge No. 542

*Free and Accepted Masons Cordially Invite You  
To a Dinner and Reception*

Honoring

**WILLIAM J. BRAY III**

Grand Orator

Grand Lodge of California

*Thursday, July 31, 2003*

*Social Hour 6:00 pm - Dinner 6:30 pm*

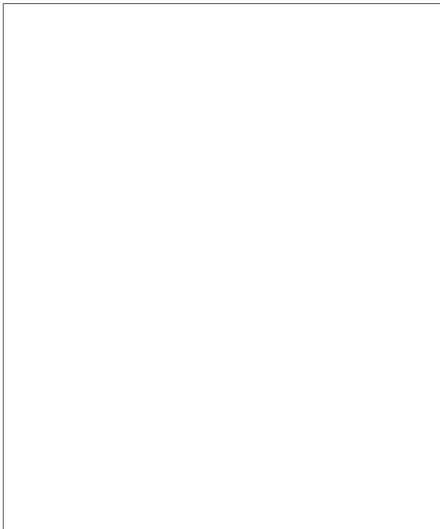
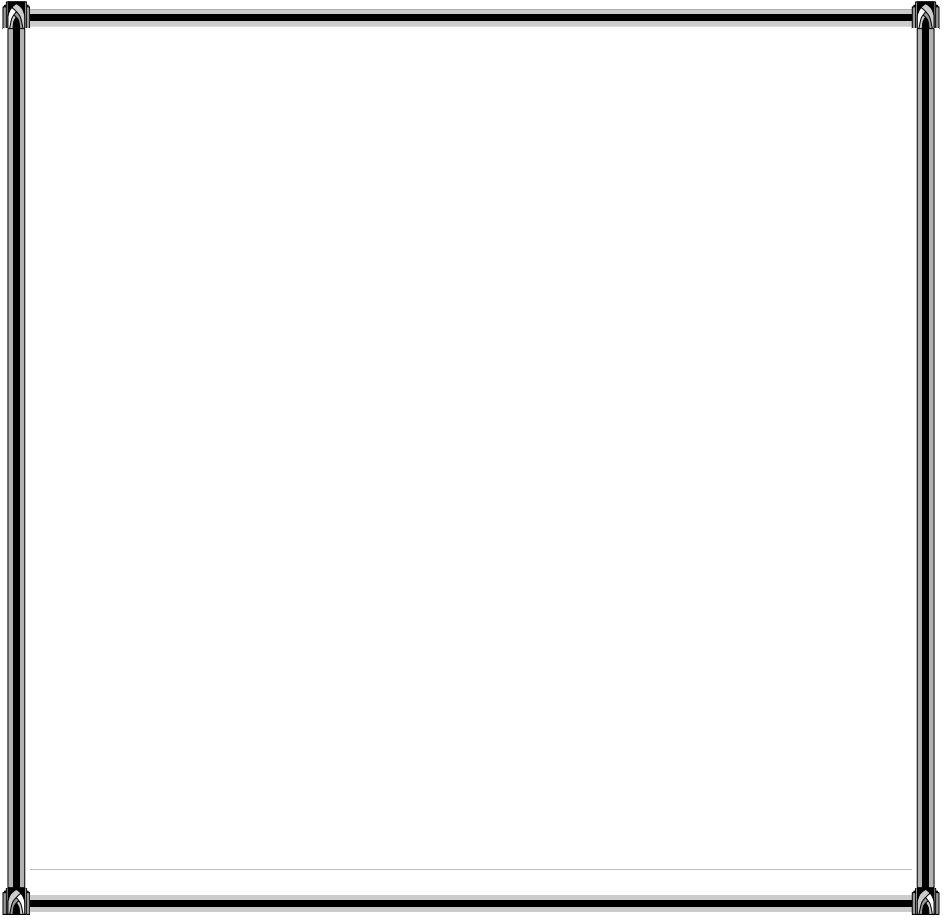
*Boulevard Masonic Center*

*19626 Ventura Blvd. - Tarzana, California*

Dinner Reservations Required  
Promptly by July 20th  
Donation \$ 10.00 per person

Dress : Tuxedos for Officers  
Dark Business Suits  
Ladies : Formal or Tea length

*Will Fishkin, Chairman  
818 / 361-5849*



### **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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( Aram M. Bogosyan )**

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## TRESTLE BOARD GEM

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skill to formulate a way whereby the thoughts of men could be transmitted through other than oral means. The Phoenician alphabet influenced the Greek and the Greek the Roman. In reading these lines you are bearing a certain mute testimony to the genius of the people over whom our second Grand Master once ruled.

Solomon's name and fame are still remembered today while that of his neighbor to the north has been largely forgotten. Solomon was fortunate in having adequate chroniclers (himself included), which Hiram lacked. Solomon did not equal Hiram in wealth and in worldly power, but he did surpass him in the greater and more enduring values of wisdom and of the spirit.

King Hiram of Tyre has been saved from complete oblivion in the dusty tombs of history and is remembered by Freemasons because he gave freely of his resources to help, aid and assist a neighbor in a great and important undertaking.

-Lewis M. Parker, PGM, New Jersey

