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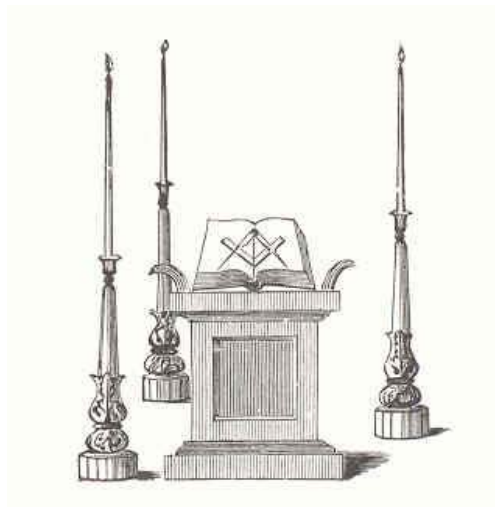


Since 1931

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

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

September 2003



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LODGE TRESTLEBOARD
SEPTEMBER 2003

Wednesday 3rd

Temple Board 7:00pm

Thursday 4th

Stated Meeting (Dinner 6:15pm - Meeting 7:30pm)

Wednesday 10th

OSI 2nd Section 3rd Degree 7:30pm
Put on by Van Nuys at North Hollywood

Thursday 11th

First Degree Joseph E White 7:30pm
Officers in Tuxes

Saturday 13th

Annual Golf Tournament
Knoll Wood Country Club
Granada Hills

Sunday 14th

Sunday Brunch 10:00am – 11:30am

Thursday 18th

Constitution Night
Dale Reynolds Portraying Thomas Jefferson 7:00pm

Sunday 21st

Masonic Service Bureau 9:30am
Pasadena Scottish Rite Temple
Grand Lodge Resolutions

Thursday 25th

Degree, Practice or Proficiency 7:30pm

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

From the East

Greetings Brethren,

"ARE YOU A STRANGER IN YOUR OWN LODGE?"

Brethren, if you hesitate to join us at our Stated Meetings or any meetings or if you hesitate to visit another Lodge because you may feel that you have forgotten some of the requirements of our ritual, may we suggest that you call the Candidate's Coach or any Candidate's Coach assistant and they will be more than willing to help you. In addition, any of the Officers of your Lodge are available and willing. If on the other hand you hesitate to join us because you may feel that you have lost touch with your brethren, may I suggest that you invite a Brother you know to come with you and in this manner you will form a foundation from which to start renewing or enlarging your circle of friends and Brothers. Come out and enjoy your Lodge and the fellowship it brings and at the same time let us enjoy your fellowship. Meeting an old friend is always enjoyable. It is one of the bonuses in life, for it enables you both to recapture and re-live earlier moments that might otherwise remain buried in your past without recall. Together, you re-live a bit of life. One seldom attends Lodge without seeing an old friend. Are you missing one of life's bonuses for you in your Lodge? When you attend the

meetings do not sit down in a corner and expect every member to come and shake hands with you, and in case they fail to do so, complain that the members are unfraternal and that they lack sociability. It is no more their duty to do so than it is yours. Every member should aim to promote the fraternal spirit by saying a friendly word of greeting to other members. Try it you will like it.

*As Always on the Level
Jan Eddy
Master*



Secretary's Corner

DON'T FORGET OUR **MONTHLY BREAKFAST**
ON THE **SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH** UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
IT STARTS AT **10:00AM** UNTIL **11:30**
ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET
FOR ONLY \$ 6.00
THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN.
COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT BREAKFAST AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

A SHORT STORY

A Baptist preacher went to visit a member of the community and invited him to come to church Sunday morning. It seems that this man was a producer of fine peach brandy, and told the preacher that he would attend his church IF the pastor would drink some of his brandy and admit doing so in front of his congregation. The preacher agreed and drank up. Sunday morning the man visited the church. The preacher recognized the man from the pulpit and said: "I see Mr. Johnson is here with us this morning. I want to thank him publicly for his hospitality this week and especially for the peaches he gave me and the spirit in which they were given."

From the South

Dear Worshipful Master and Brethren,

Brothers Vartan Asadourian S.D. and Jack Shakargyan (J.S. 2004) joined me at the Officers Management Workshop. We had a great time and learned many lessons that will help the lodge and us in the following years.

Some of the lessons we learned included how to get the Brethren involved, how to promote our lodge to the general public, and how to take the symbols of Masonry and put them to use not only in the lodge but also in our daily life. We received instruction about the financial responsibilities of the lodge and about what kinds of investments are best for our lodge.

I hope to see all the Brothers and their families at the next Stated Meeting dinner. It should be delicious.

*From Meridian Height,
Brother Ronald E. Presser
Junior Warden*



STATED MEETING DINNER

Thursday , September 4th @ 6:15PM

Donation : \$ 8.00

Please make your reservations

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 04. James E. Moiser
 September 05. Bruce M.C. Merwin
 September 05. Robert L. Swanson
 September 06. Joe H. Weiter
 September 07. Alvin G. Leonhardt
 September 07. Charles H. Houston
 September 07. John Philip Law

September 10. Albert F. Tucker
 September 11. John McIntyre
 September 12. Frank W. Johnson
 September 13. Harold B. Whitfield
 September 17. Ray E. Lang
 September 18. Ronald K. Pierce
 September 18. Noah Clemons Jr.
 September 19. Jerry J. Ferro

September 20. Avedis Abdoyan

September 21. Paul R. Romich
 September 23. Jan L. Eddy
 September 24. Walter H. Lorenz
 September 27. Bruce Merwin
 September 27. Vatche Izakellian
 September 29. George D. Webb

September 30. Walter C. Kletzing

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

TRESTLE BOARD GEM

WHAT IS "PAREAN MARBLE?"

King Solomon's Temple . . . was supported by 1453 columns, and 2906 pilasters; all hewn from the finest Parian Marble.

-Webb, Freemason's Monitor, 1797

It is hardly necessary to remind the reader that there is no Scriptural warrant for the Masonic tradition cited at the head of this article - a tradition preserved in Webb's original Monitor of the American Rite and reproduced in every American monitor that has developed from it. Yet traditions have their place, and a revered place, in the Masonic system, and are entirely proper and beneficent within their limits, so long as we do not make the mistake - so often made in the past - of confusing legend and tradition with demonstrable history.

"Parian" marble is so called because of its having been quarried on the Isle of Paros, in Greece, an island noted for its being the site of a Doric Temple erected to Poseidon, god of the Sea, in the sixth century B.C. It is additionally famous because of the discovery there in 1627 A.D., of the "Parian Chronicle" (also known as the Parian Marble, Marmor Parium), a marble tablet giving an outline of Grecian history, festivals, and other aspects of early Greek life~ up to about 264 B.C. It has also given its name to a fine porcelain, known as Parian porcelain, manufactured in England, but having no connection with Parian marble as such.

Parian marble was a stone frequently used by the architects and sculptors of Ancient Greece, no doubt because of its excellence, being second only to the famous Pentelic marble, immortalized in the statues of Pheidias and Praxiteles. But Parian is also well represented in classic statuary, the Venus de' Medici being a fine example.

The rich quality of the Parian marble, out of which many of the finest sculptures were created, finally played havoc with many of the sculptures themselves. When broken up and burned in the lime-kilns, Parian marble was found to make an exceptionally fine lime, and numerous fine statues were unfortunately destroyed for the sake of the high-quality lime they could produce. An Italian architect, describing the best way of developing a particularly fine plaster, suggests the use of pulverized Parian marble, which could be obtained, he says, from the statues which were being constantly destroyed.

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**North Hollywood Masonic Lodge # 542
Annual Golf Tournament**



Where : Knollwood Country Club—Granada Hills

When : Saturday, September 13th, 2003

Fee : \$ 67.00

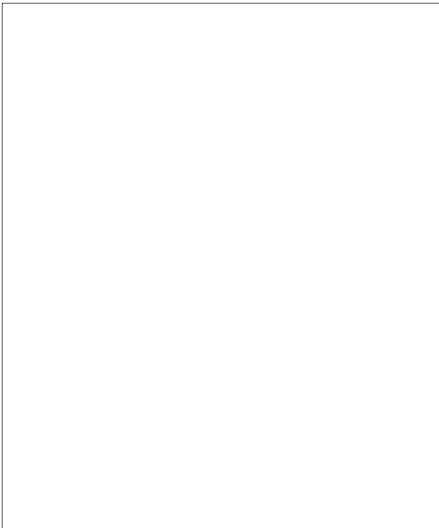
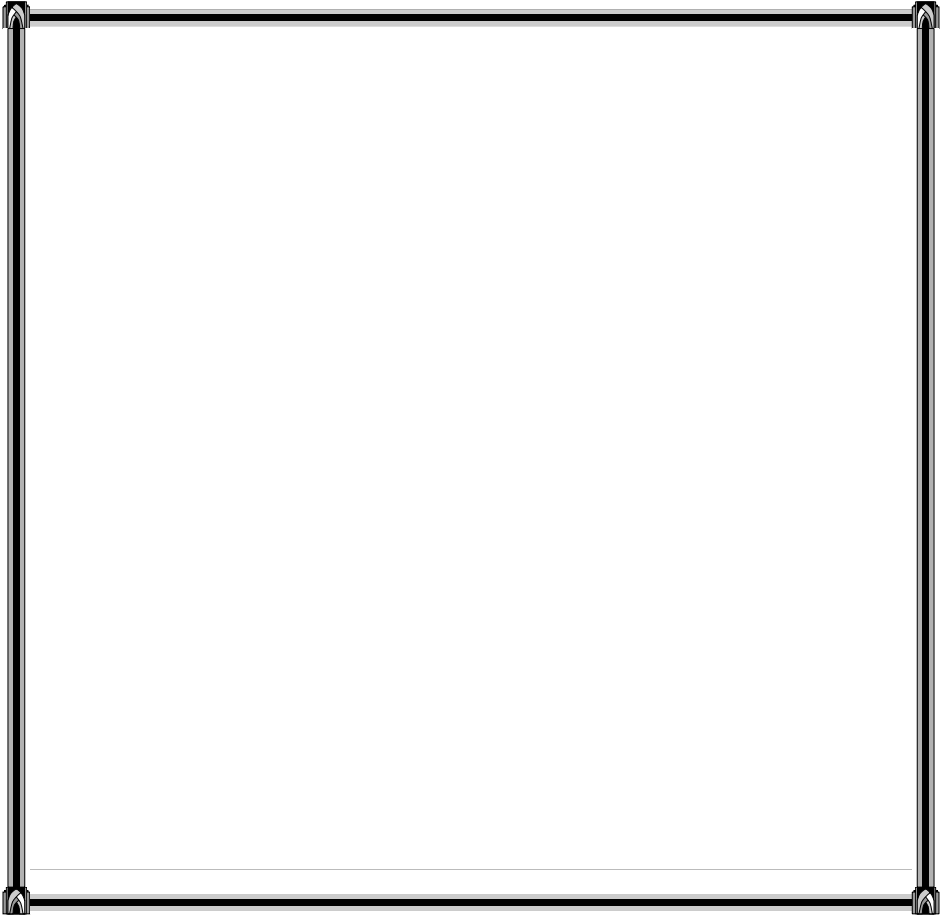
Includes : Green fees
Golf Cart
Range balls
Barbecue Lunch at the turn
Gifts and prizes

For reservations call: **818 / 755.9304**

Include name, phone number, Lodge and number of players

There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in.

- Leonard Cohen



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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TRESTLE BOARD GEM

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Another source of destruction was the conversion to other forms of art. Rome, it is said, at one time became famous. For delicate work in the purest white marble, decorated with mosaics, the pure white foundation for the raw material being obtained from Greek statues of Parian marble, the work being mostly the monopoly of a guild composed of several noted families. "For three centuries," writes an Italian in 1899, "This guild lived and prospered and accomplished its work at the expense of the ruins of ancient Rome."

Architecturally, Parian marble was employed in most of the Temples of Ancient Greece, probably on account of its much-prized translucency. It is a notable feature of the Parthenon at Athens, an edifice which "Earth proudly wears as the best gem upon her crown," in words of the immortal Emerson. It was built in the middle of the fifth century B.C., during the "Periclean Age," and was dedicated to Athena Parthenos, the Virgin Athena. It was originally 525' long (now partly in ruins), and had columns 34 1/2' high and 6 1/2' in diameter, a magnificent example of early Doric. Interestingly enough, for those who like to uncover the origin of some of our ideas, the Temple was oriented almost due East and West, supported on a rectangular platform a little over twice in length as compared to its width - an "oblong square and approached on all four sides by three steps, a characteristic feature in all three respects of most Grecian Temples as we find codified in the writings of the Graeco-Roman architect Vitruvius, 27 B.C., and from whom we have inherited some of our operative Masonic principles, now preserved for all time in our Speculative art.

We do not know for certain the origin of our present tradition, as a tradition, but it is in the light of the above historical and archaeological facts that we can adequately understand and appreciate the ascription by either operative or speculative Masons of the use of Parian marble to the construction of King Solomon's Temple. It was an attempt to ascribe richness of material and perfection in the heart and mind of every true Freemason as the physical parallel of that other House, "that House not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

-Alexander Horne (California) The Royal Arch Mason