

The Hour Glass



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

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LODGE TRESTLEBOARD
JANUARY 2004

Wednesday 7th

Temple Board Meeting.....7:00PM

Thursday 8th

Stated Meeting

Dinner 6:15 PM

Meeting..... 7:30PM

Sunday 11th

Breakfast 10:00 AM - 11:30AM

Wednesday 14th

OSI North Hollywood

Thursday 15th

1st Degree - Migran Petrosyan

Sunday 18th

Masonic Service Bureau 9:30AM

Thursday 22nd

2nd degree proficiency and Practice

Thursday 29th

3rd degree practice

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

From the East

Greetings from the East,

Thank you very much to all the brethren of North Hollywood Lodge # 542 for their support and providing me the opportunity to serve as the Master for year 2004.

I would also liked to congratulate the line of the officers for the next year, and I hope we will have a good year.

In 2003 we have accomplished so many positive changes to our lodge with the leadership of Worshipful Jan Eddy and the hard work of the brethren by adding new members to our fraternity and also by renovating our building.

I hope we will continue to work all together and set our standards even higher and accomplishing our goals.

I'd also liked to extend my special thanks to the Installing Team on December 18th and their ladies for the great job, and making that evening a very memorable one for me.

I wish all of you a very healthy and prosperous New Year together with your loved ones.

Fraternally

*Avedis Abdoyan
Master*



From the West

Dear Brethren and Ladies,

Thank you for the privilege of serving you all in the ensuing Masonic year as your Senior Warden. I look forward with great anticipation to all the achievements that we hope to accomplish. With time I know that all can be made possible. Through the guidance of the Master we can strive to always continue to build and build.

With our Child I.D. Program last year we helped parents secure over 600 children. We hope to do more this year. Through this program, and the various others that the Master has planned, we are going to get out there in the community, we are going to get more involved in our public schools and we will have a chance to show "Masonry in Action".

If any of the Brethren would like to get involved please let the Master or me know (our phone #'s and e-mails are on the back of the front page of the Hour Glass). All help is welcome and don't forget, this is always a great opportunity to get reacquainted with the Brethren of your Lodge and all our families.

Standing in the West,

*Brother Ronald E. Presser
Senior Warden*

Secretary's Corner

From the South

Happy Holiday and Season Greetings Brethren and Ladies .

This is my first communication from the South. I am very thankful for the Brother who elected me to this station and all the Brethren who have supported me throughout the year.

The Installation of officers was a blast. I would like to congratulate Worshipful Avo Abdoyan for putting together a very tasty dinner and lovely entertainment of Armenian Folklore Dancers.

This year we are planing to serve the Brethren and Ladies with a variety of dinners and entertainment at the stated and special events to be held by the lodge. We hope that you will enjoy them all.

From Meridian Height,

*Brother Vartan B. Assadourian
Junior Warden*



STATED MEETING DINNER

Thursday , January 8th @ 6:15PM

Barbecue Chicken Dinner

Salad & Desert

Donations : \$ 8.00

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01. Jimmy Lynn Davis
 02. Gary Lee Davis
 03. Robert Khatchanian
 04. Jack L. Elliano
 04. Robert H. Lee
 06. Karl P. maloney
 07. William W. Davis
 09. Joseph R. Prow

10. Sarkis T. Sekayan
 11. Kenneth M. Palius
 16. Charles Cooper

20. Baker N. Mc.Phate
 20. Leonard Kleven
 22. Donald G. May
 22. Richard F. McConihay

22. Steven W. Barr
 23. William L. Burch
 24. Thomas J. Gatherer
 28. Chuck H. Hart
 29. Rex M. Smith
 30. Henry O. Shaneyfelt

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

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.

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



THE CRAFT AND ITS SYMBOLS

There are many definitions for Freemasonry. The one most widely used is; “Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality , veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.”

There are many who believe this definition is not accurate . Morality, as it pertains to the Craft, is not “veiled”. It has been constantly described in the Monitors and other publications of various Grand Lodges.

FREEMASONRY IS A WAY OF LIFE ; AS AN ORGANIZATION, ITS PURPOSE IS TO MAKE GOOD MEN BETTER. You will find longer definitions of Masonry, but they will all come back to this brief statement. Throughout its long history, Freemasonry has been a way of life for millions of good men.

When did the story begin ? No man knows. The oldest known Masonic document, The *Regius Poem* , was copied from older documents about 1390. Its modern spelling claims: “The Craft came into England, as I now say, / In the time of good King Athelstan’s day.” This would place Masonry in England about 526 A.D.

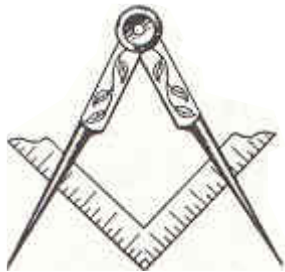
In the early years of Grand Lodge of England, according to the best of historians , there were but two degrees. These considered of Entered Apprentice and Fellow-Craft. Between 1725 and 1738 the Third, or Master Mason, degree was added. All the business of a lodge was conducted in the First Degree. In Great Britain it still is; in the United States all business is conducted in the Master Mason, or Third Degree.

Freemasonry does not remain static. J. Hugo Tatsch, a Masonic historian, pointed this out in a recently discovered letter he wrote in 1935. “ The more I delve in American Masonic History, the less dogmatic I become on all points involved. Our Masonry developed with the country, and studying the subject, we must look upon it in the light of contemporaneous events and not by present day customs and standards. The structure of Freemasonry is constantly changing and it is to this fact that we owe its preservation. The principles are transmitted unimpaired , but the vehicle through which they are expressed changes as the years go on.”

Tatsch has also pointed out why there must be a constant flow of new Masonic literature. Change is constant. New discoveries are made daily. The meaning of words change rapidly. An excellent example is the word “profane.” Early Masonic writers used this word to describe a man who was not a Freemason. For many years this word has been associated with obscenity. How much better it is to say what we mean today—uninitiated, or “ without the Temple.” Then there can be no misunderstanding.

The same thing holds true of Freemasonry’s symbols. While the symbols have remained the same, the words that describe them have changed. At times there has been something added or subtracted to give the symbol a deeper or unmistakable meaning.

One of these symbols, with which you are familiar, is the interlaced Square and Compasses– the “symbol of Freemasonry.” This has been recognized and accepted as the Masonic emblem from the beginning of the 18th Century at least.



The United States Patent Office took note of this in 1873. It told a flour manufacturer and the world: “This device, so commonly worn and employed by Masons, has an established mystic significance, universally recognized as existing, whether comprehended by all or not, is not material to this issue. In view of the magnitude of the Masonic organization, it is impossible to divest its symbols, or at least this particular symbol– perhaps the best known of all– of its ordinary significance, wherever displayed. “ The manufacturer was denied the use of the Square and Compasses as trade-mark.



It was about this time that some unknown “inventor” added a letter “G” in the center of Square and Compasses. To many American Masons the emblem is not complete without this letter. This is not so in other countries, however. In other languages God does not start with the letter “G” ; neither does Geometry.

This is but one of dozen symbols that Freemasonry employs to imprint on the mind “wise and serious truths.”

Excerpted from; The Craft and Its Symbols Allen E. Roberts



Your daily life is your temple and your religion.

- *Kahlil Gibran*

Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

- *George Bernard Shaw*

The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

- *Nelson Mandela*

Life is like a mirror. If you frown at it, it frowns back. If you smile at it, it returns the greeting.

- *Herbert Samuels*