

Master's Trestle Board



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Greetings From The East

As we enter the month of March, we are reminded of the renewal and rebirth that comes with the arrival of spring. It is a time for us to reflect on our Masonic journey and to renew our commitment to the craft.

March has been a month of great significance throughout Masonic history. On March 10, 1921, the first degree of the Order of DeMolay was conferred in Kansas City, Missouri, cementing the legacy of our organization as a vital contributor to the development of young men. The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite was established on March 25, 1801.



As we approach our Stated Meeting on March 2nd, let us come together to reaffirm our dedication to the principles of Freemasonry. I also extend my congratulations to those brothers who are moving up in rank within our lodge, your hard work and dedication to the craft is truly admirable.

Many brothers of Elysian Lodge are performing in the Spirit of Hiram at the Pasadena Scottish Rite on March 10th, and I encourage all Master Masons who are able to attend this event, to join us in the live presentation of this costumed and colorful stage performance.

March 17th: I am pleased to remind everyone that our Lodge is also the proud host of the Masonic group, "Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots" Los Angeles Pyramid 59, (LA59) who meet on the third Saturday of every month at 9am. During these meetings, we **warmly invite the public** to come and visit our beautiful building, meet with our members, and learn more about our timeless traditions and values. To make the experience even more enjoyable, Free Coffee, Donuts & Bagels will be served. We look forward to seeing you there on the 17th! www.LA59.org

Additionally, on March 18th, we will be hosting the Sweethearts Dinner and Dance at Elysian. It will be a night filled with laughter, dancing and good company, as we celebrate our loved ones who have stood by our side on this journey.

Let us continue to build upon the foundation that our forefathers have laid, and strive towards a more perfect and unified world. We must remember to always keep the Square, Compass and Level at the forefront of our actions, as we navigate the rough and winding paths of life.

I implore all brothers to continue their pursuit of Masonic knowledge and to support one another on this journey. Remember, as we stand shoulder to shoulder, we are truly unbreakable.

On the Square, Frank Barbano
Master, Elysian 418

Tidings From The West

Brethren,

First of all I would like to congratulate Brother R.J. Hodges on his excellent full form 2nd degree proficiency ONE Week after receiving his 2nd Degree! Great job R.J.

Our Ritual is the heart and soul of the Fraternity. All our Tenets, Philosophies and Myths reside there. Without it we would simply be another social or charitable club. Our ritual, along with our obligations, set us apart. It binds us with each other and with every Mason throughout time.

Think about the time you received your Degree... How did it make you feel? Were you impressed? Was it heart felt?

When you are doing a Degree, remember about how you felt and put that experience into your performance of your part of that Degree. We at Elysian Lodge have a great line of Officers who are capable of performing Exceptional degrees. This is why I stress the importance of your attendance to all our practices. See you at our next practice!

Fraternally
Irving Rosenbloom, PM
Senior Warden



Pasadena Scottish Rite 2023 Reunion Class Upcoming Degree Dates

April 28th & 29th
degrees 4-14

June 24th
degrees 15-18

July 29th
degrees 19-26

August 26th
degrees 27-29

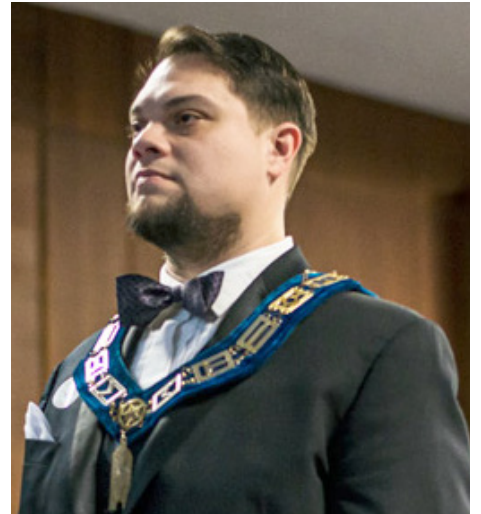
October 13th & 14th
Makeup Degrees

October 21st
degrees 30 - 32

(See Frank Barbano, Pasadena Scottish Rite
Ambassador, for an Application)

Message From The South

The dark and gloomy skies of winter will soon pass, giving way to the luminous days of March. Spring tells the story of budding new life emerging from the cold harshness of late. Now is the time to change the relaxed habits we developed late in the last year. Now is the time to truly act on those changes we promised to make on New Year's Day.



I ask you, what is Freemasonry? What is Elysian Lodge to you? Is it a clubhouse to socialize and have cigars? Is it a place of study to delve into the subjects of Philosophy, Ideology and Doctrine? Is it a place that serves a free meal with delicious cannolis for your friends? The answer is none of these. Elysian is what you make of it. If you believe it lacks in one aspect, then make the adjustment you want to see. Masonry is partly teaching leadership and leading is best done by example. Spearhead the idea you would like to see at the lodge and be that change.

And lastly, while we are all volunteers and here to have fun, we also have a responsibility to do some work. While at times things can get overwhelming and intimidating, find the brothers who can help you succeed, the ones who help

you in the manner that you are comfortable with. We are all here to help on your journey to the East. I was very proud of our last practice and very thankful for the guys filling in for roles. Masonry in action.

-Ronald J Perez
Junior Warden

Elysian Lodge in Los Feliz is home to the
Ancient Egyptian Order of SCIOTS!

Los Angeles Pyramid No. 59

www.LA59.org

We meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month
at 9:00 am - 1900 N Vermont Ave., L.A.



ELYSIAN LODGE, OUR HISTORY

Part 2, Echo Park Era

1912-1959

The following footnote appeared in the Dec 13, 1912 Lodge meeting minutes:

“Brother Moyses realized his fondest hope on this night, when he observed the first meeting of Elysian Lodge No. 418 in its new home at the Northeast corner of Sunset Blvd and Who Park Avenue for which locality the Lodge was originally organized”.

Elysian had now become more than an idea and a vision but a new, operational Lodge of Masons relocating to a permanent location, thus providing the facilities necessary to accommodate its membership's activities and achieve growth.

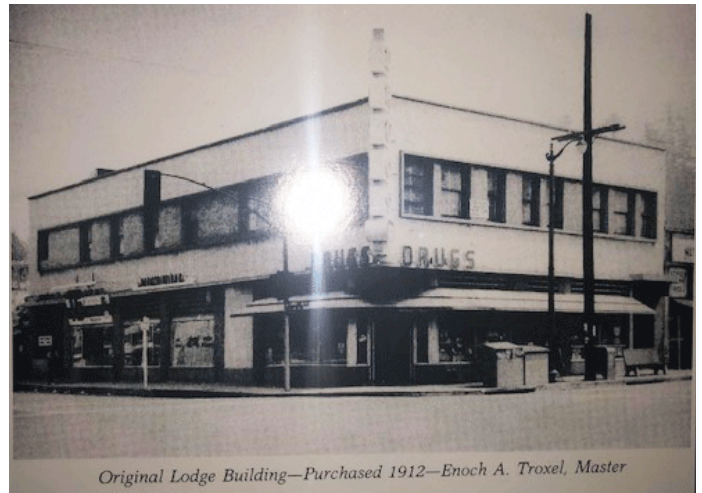
This new Echo Park location consisted of a two story, 45' x 70' building with a main entrance to the Lodge at 1569 1/2 Sunset Blvd. It was planned and constructed especially for Elysian Lodge as was described in Lodge records as follows: “The second floor consisted of a 30' x 50' Hall (Lodge room), a banquet room, kitchen and four “ante” rooms to be known as the Tiler's room, Preparation room, Waiting room and Committee room. The Lodge room was furnished with a Harwood floor and ceiling height of 14'. The entire first floor plus two small office spaces on the 2nd floor were constructed as Commercial Rental units.

The rental rate for Elysian lodge was \$20 per month beginning in 1912 and continuing until 1914 when steps were taken by Elysian to purchase the entire property.

The purchase price was \$28k with a down payment of \$3,900 required. By assuming a 1st mortgage of \$15k and a 2nd mortgage of \$9,100, Elysian was able to secure a Deed to the property. At the time the deal was closed in August 1914, Elysian Lodge was the sole occupant of the 2nd floor and the entire 1st floor was occupied by commercial tenants.

The money for the down payment was raised by selling stock in our corporation, the Elysian Masonic Building Association, to our lodge membership. Subscriptions ranged from \$10 and up and enough cash was received to make a down payment.

Elysian Lodge was now the owner of a property that not only provided facilities for its operations but provided income from rentals to commercial tenants.



To gain insight into the activities and operations of Elysian Lodge during these early years, the following Lodge “Highlights” in chronological order provide a look:

- 1912 Enoch A. Troxel was Master when the building was first occupied
- 1914 The EMTA was incorporated in August
Thomas H. Dukelow PM, President
J. Ira Moyse PM, VP (pictured right)
Enoch A. Troxel PM, Treasurer
Reginald W. Clapp PM, Secretary
- 1916 The “Life Membership Fund” was established by a vote of the Lodge. It was to remain intact as a permanent investment, the interest only to be used.
- 1916 The “Photo Gallery” of Elysian Past Masters was created and installed in the Banquet Room so that “The likenesses of our Past Masters might be preserved for future years”.
- 1916 Lodge dues were raised from \$6 to \$9
- 1916 The first printing of a “Roster of Members” was accomplished
- 1921 The Lodge room was rented for a time to Mount Olive Lodge, a newly organized Masonic Lodge promoted by the Motion Picture Fraternity to assist them in getting started.
- 1922 The entire 2nd floor (except Lodge room) was completely altered at an expense of \$5k, thus accommodating the ever widening activities of the growing membership.
- 1923 Brother Robert James Buffett, a member of Putney Lodge 2766 in London England became the first British Mason elected to full membership at Elysian.
- 1926 Elysian acquired a portion of adjacent property at a cost of \$3,750
- 1927 Elysian Lodge was registered among the founders of the Betsy Ross Flag Memorial Assn., founded to perpetuate the house occupied by Betsy Ross where the first American Flag was designed and made.
- 1927 A 2nd portion of adjacent property was acquired by Elysian at a cost of \$1,500
- 1928 The Elysian Bowling Club was established and competed every Tuesday evening at Jensen’s Alleys (corner of Sunset and Logan).
- 1928 Discussion arose whether to erect a larger Masonic Temple on the current Echo Park site or completely remodel our existing facility. It was decided to both remodel and reconstruct.
- 1929 Elysian’s building was entirely revamped at a cost of \$8,950
- 1932 Elysian’s entire mortgage debt had been paid off and a mortgage burning ceremony occurred during Dec 15th’s Past Masters Night, Master John P. Filbert presiding
- 1935 25th Anniversary Celebration on Oct 17th
- 1936 Further improvements and remodeling of the building were performed at a cost of \$2,534
- 1940 Still feeling the spirit of expansion, the final purchase of adjacent property was made costing \$13,500
- 1944 The entire remaining amount of debt was paid off
- 1950’s Elysian Lodge became the sponsor of the 2 Masonic Youth Orders, Alexander G. Cochran Chapter, Order of Demolay and Bethel 11, International Order of Jobs Daughters



The committees selected by Elysian Lodge in 1929 during the term of Julian F Grover as Master are as follows and are accompanied by comments written 94 years ago. This provides an interesting comparison with our Lodge’s current programs:

Board of Relief

A Committee whose service & judgement has proven that Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth are indeed the tenants of Masonry.

Visiting

Extending the hand of Brotherly Love and Affection in a practical manner, demonstrating the value of masonry in action

Lecturing

It must be conveyed to the initiate the Beauty, the Dignity and the Symbolic Truth that is wrapped up in Freemasonry.

Auditing

To Perform the auditing of the accounts of Elysian

Entertainment

Interjecting a lot of fun and sunshine into our routine affairs.

For Brothers Delinquent

The determination of why a brother is delinquent, seldom from indifference, and who should be helped and encouraged or who must be reminded of his obligations

Library

A source of Masonic education with the possibilities for good that can be developed.

Educational Club

Elysian's Educational Nights, an institution in our Lodge, are an important adjunct to Masonic work and not passed over lightly.

Employment Service

"Connecting them and with the job". Helping one's brother is not only a sentiment, it is part of economic wisdom.

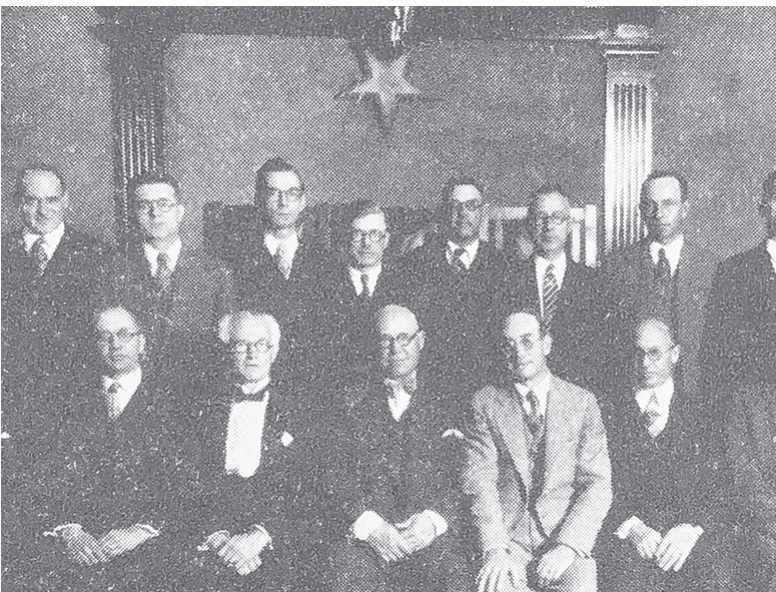
Refreshment

By unanimous vote of the membership, The Refreshment Committee is the most important in the Lodge". (A comment surely made in jest but actually a statement of the fellowship which exists among the Brothers of Elysian).



It is important to note that these early years of our Lodge spanned a period of time when many major events occurred in our Country's history; WWI (1914-1919), Influenza pandemic (1918-1920), The Great Depression (1929-1940) and WWII (1939-1945). It is a complement to the commitment, effort and work by Elysian's members and Officers of that period who successfully guided Elysian Lodge through those trying times.

It is written in Lodge minutes, "Wise management, good fortune and the complete support if the membership has brought us to a flourishing financial position, but there was ever present the need and desire for more commodious quarters and the problem to whether we should rebuild on the same site or acquire another location..... The discussion began and a decision was made.... to be continued!"



Submitted by
Robert H. Petersen, PM

13 original Masters of
Elysian Lodge pictured left



March 2023

Calendar of Events

Please keep Thursday evenings for Elysian Lodge!
Business dress

Thursday, March 2nd, 7pm

Stated Meeting

1st Degree Meeting

Dinner is open to invited guests and family

Thursday, March 9th, 6:30pm

Dinner at 6:30pm!!

Temple Board meeting at 7pm

3rd degree conferrals for brother:

Richard "RJ" Hodges

Friday, March 10th, 6pm

Spirit of Hiram

3rd Degree Play at Pasadena Scottish Rite

150 N Madison Ave., Pasadena, CA

Thursday, March 16th, 7pm

Masonic Education - MOZART

Mozart's Masonic Music and his

Masonic Experience

Dinner and event are open to invited guests and family

Saturday March 18th, 7pm

Sweethearts Dinner

and fundraiser for Grand Lodge Masonic Charities

Thursday, March 23rd, 7pm

2nd Degree Practice

Mandatory for all Officers, Understudies Encouraged

Thursday, March 30, 7pm

2nd Degree Conferral

Conferred for order of first proficient EA Brother(s)

The future shines bright for Elysian Lodge,
A beacon of light in our community.
Led by the Lodge Officer's guiding hands,
We'll uphold our vision with steadfast unity.

Our candidates will undergo degrees with pride,
Their journey guided by a mentor's care.
As we practice the virtues of masonry,
We'll welcome all who seek to share.

Quality initiates will join us on our path,
Together we'll build a better world.
Fundraising for charities that help those in need,
We'll share our blessings far and wide, unfurled.

An open house every third Saturday at nine,
The Scots meet, and it's our home.
We'll welcome our community with open arms,
And share the beauty of masonry's dome.

A Table Lodge and a Car Show in September,
A Talent Show in July, a Golf Tournament in June.
Our events are plenty, our joy a sweet tune,
As we bring our community closer, a boon.

This is our vision for Elysian Lodge,
A shining light, bright and strong.
We'll practice the virtues of masonry with care,
As we inspire others to join us and belong.

Frank Barbano

A LIVE PRESENTATION OF THE 3RD & FINAL DEGREE IN MASONRY!



The Spirit of Hiram

Master Masons Only
Doors at 6pm • Free Spaghetti Dinner Served at 6:00pm

Pasadena Scottish Rite Cathedral
150 North Madison Ave Pasadena California



PRODUCED BY BOB SECHREST DIRECTED BY FRANK BARBANO STARRING MERRICK HAMER ERIC BERTOLLI JONAS OLGUIN GREGORY GABRIEL NOLIE YABUT IRVING ROSENBLUM SEB BADOYAN
ROBERT ARTINIAN CHARLIE FISHER FRANKLIN OTHMAN GIUSEPPE ARIOLA GUILLERMO QUEZADA HARRY ROSTAMANIAN ROBERT SHARF OGANES ALEMSHARYAN EDWIN ESCAMILLA JACK CARLSON DAVID OGLE
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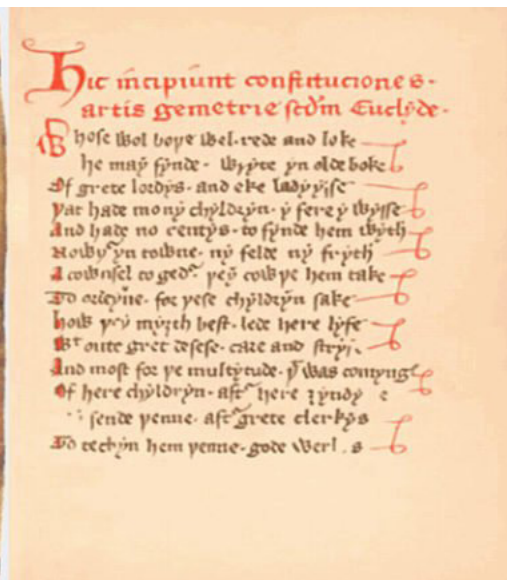
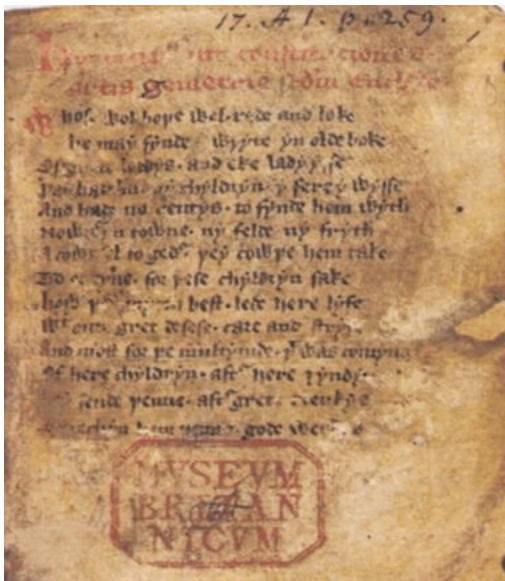
Friday, March 10, 2023 • 7:30pm

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A brief history of the origins of Freemasonry.

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that traces its origins to the local fraternities of stonemasons in the Middle Ages. These stonemasons were responsible for building many of the great cathedrals and castles of Europe, and they developed a complex system of symbols and rituals to help them organize their work and pass on their knowledge from one generation to the next.

The earliest known Masonic text that predates the Regius Manuscript is the Halliwell Manuscript, also known as the Regius Poem. This text is believed to have been written in the late 1300s and is considered the oldest Masonic document in existence. The Halliwell Manuscript is a poem that describes the duties and responsibilities of stonemason guilds and provides valuable insights into the beliefs and practices of the early masons.



The Halliwell Manuscript is significant because it contains many of the same themes and ideas as the later Regius Manuscript, which was written shortly after. It provides evidence of a continuity of traditions and beliefs among the masons of the time,

and it also provides insight into the values and beliefs that have guided the practice of the craft for centuries. The manuscript is currently held in the collection of the British Library in London, where it is cataloged as “Additional MS 48,932”. The manuscript is a vellum scroll that measures approximately 9 1/4” x 11” and it contains over 60 lines of text written in a distinctive Gothic script.

Over the next few centuries, the system of Masonic lodges evolved and spread throughout Europe. In the 17th and 18th centuries, Freemasonry began to attract members from outside the stonemason trade, and the system of symbols and rituals was adapted to suit the needs and interests of the broader membership.

In 1717, the first Grand Lodge of England was founded in London. This was a landmark event in the history of Freemasonry, as it marked the beginning of a more organized and structured system of lodges. Over the next few decades, Grand Lodges were founded in many other countries, and the system of Freemasonry continued to evolve and spread throughout the world.

Later in the 18th century, there was a split in the English Masonic community between the “Ancients” and the “Moderns”. The Ancients believed that the original system of Masonic lodges had been corrupted by the Moderns, and they sought to return to the more traditional forms and practices of the craft. The Moderns, on the other hand, believed that the Masonic system needed to evolve and adapt to the changing times.

The dispute between the Ancients and the Moderns was eventually resolved in 1813 when the United Grand Lodge of England was formed, which brought together the various factions and established a more unified and structured system of Freemasonry. This was a significant moment in the history of Freemasonry, as it marked the beginning of a new era of growth and expansion for the organization.

Today, Freemasonry is a worldwide fraternity with millions of members across the globe. Its membership includes people from all walks of life, from blue-collar workers to high-ranking politicians and business leaders. Despite its diverse membership, Freemasonry remains committed to the values of brotherhood, charity, and truth that have been its guiding principles since its earliest days.

In the modern era, Freemasonry continues to play an important role in society, both as a source of inspiration and guidance for its members and as a force for good in the world. Many Masonic lodges are actively involved in charitable work, supporting a wide range of causes and organizations that benefit the local community and society at large.

The history of Freemasonry is a fascinating subject that reflects the evolution of society and the changing values and beliefs of its members. From its humble origins as a guild of stonemasons to its present-day status as a global fraternity, Freemasonry has remained true to its core principles of brotherhood, charity, and truth. As we look to the future, we can be confident that Freemasonry will continue to inspire and guide its members, and to make a positive impact on the world around us.

Respectfully submitted, Frank Barbano, Master, Elysian 418 F&AM