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# Greetings From The East

Esteemed brethren, The month of May is reminiscent of the beauty and majesty of the world around us. Just as nature awakens from its slumber and blooms with new life, so too do we as Masons continue to seek the light and knowledge that is the cornerstone of our craft.



May has historically been a month of great significance to the Masonic Order. May 1, 1793 was the date that President George Washington laid the cornerstone for the Executive Mansion, which is now known as the White House. The ceremony was also marked by a Masonic ritual, with Washington using a silver trowel to spread mortar on the cornerstone. Like the Capitol cornerstone ceremony, several other key figures involved in the construction of the White House were also Freemasons.

On May 24, 1736, the first recorded meeting of what would later become the Grand Lodge of Scotland took place. On this date, representatives from several Scottish lodges met at the “Lodge in Edinburgh,” which is now known as Mary’s Chapel, and agreed to form a new Grand Lodge which was then formed later that year in December.

On May 31, 1801, the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite was officially established in Charleston, South Carolina, and the meeting was presided over by Illustrious Brother John Mitchell, who served as the first Sovereign Grand Commander. The establishment of the Supreme Council helped to solidify the role and structure of the Scottish Rite in the United States Masonic hierarchy.

During our Stated Meeting May 4th, I hope we can put in motion the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth that guide us in our daily lives and help us objectively and clearly attend to the business of our Lodge. Hopefully we continue to support and uplift each other in our journey towards self-improvement and enlightenment.

To honor the life and legacy of Benjamin Franklin, I am delighted to announce that on May 11, 2023, Illustrious Jim Hoerricks, Phd and 33°, will orate a detailed accounting of Franklin’s life and how Freemasonry shaped his life. This event will serve as a testament to the enduring influence of one of the fraternity’s most esteemed members.

We plan to initiate 6 new members in our Lodge this month. Three on May 18th and three more on May 25th. In June we plan to pass 6 completely different brothers onto the Fellow-craft degree whom have been patiently waiting. Elysian's degree confer-rals represent a continuation of our dedication to the Masonic ideals of learning and growth. Congratulations to our newly raised brethren this past month, RJ, Jon and Kevin, as we all continue to guide them on their path towards greater knowledge and understanding.

Our Gatsby Gala on May 20th is an opportunity for us to come together in celebration of the opulence and glamour of the Roaring Twenties, while also raising money for Elysian Lodge as well as the Sciots Foundation, a charity that supports autistic children. We should continually remember the importance of giving back to our community, and of using our resources to make the world a better place for all.

The Masonic path is one of lifelong learning and self-discovery. Let's remain vigilant in our pursuit of light and knowledge, and always strive towards the greater good.

In closing, I leave you with the words of the great Masonic scholar, Albert Pike, who said, "The true Mason is an ardent seeker after knowledge, and he knows that knowl-edge is not attained by chance, but is the reward of perseverance and industry."

Upon the Square, Frank Barbano



*Bob Petersen  
Linda Petersen  
Barbara Rosenbloom  
Irving Rosenbloom*

**Enjoying a  
day at  
Dodger  
Stadium!!**

# Tidings From The West

Hi Brethren,

Well another great month has passed and we did Three 3rd third degrees this month and I'm proud to say that our Ritual work has greatly improved.

I would like to to congratulate Jon Tierney and Kevin Soto on getting their third degrees and of whom have joined RJ Hodges making it three 3rd degrees in total. I believe that these three new Master Masons Will be a great addition to our lodge.

At this time I would like to remind the officers of the lodge that it is now time to start working on your new stations so you could be proficient in your work and move up to your next Chair. We are counting on these officers to be ready as the lodge really needs you to be prepared to move up. I cannot stress enough how important it is for our officers to be ready ... And if you need help there are many brothers ready and waiting to assist in anything that you need to help you move up.

To all the candidates working on their proficiencies remember the 90 day rule!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the lodge.

Fraternally  
Irving Rosenbloom



## Elysian Lodge OPEN HOUSE

May 20, 2023

Saturday at  
9:00am until noon

Coffee • Bagels • Donuts  
Fellowship!



# Message From The South -- MAY IS HERE!

We have finally arrived to warmer weather and with it comes new holidays.

Star Wars, May the 4th Be With You, Cinco De Mayo, Mother's Day and Memorial Day, just to name a few. I hope you all spend them well with friends and family.

But, let us not forget the prospects that will finally be initiated this month. Patience is truly a virtue, and one that is genuinely the mark of a good and upright Mason.

As we have already 'Raised' the fellowcraft brother's in waiting, to the sublime degree, we are now pooling the next EA's to 'Pass' to the next degree, so get your proficiency work in or you'll miss the next train. Congratulations again to Brother's R.J. Hodges, Jon Tierney & Kevin Soto. Remember your Masonic Birthday's.

Let us also not forget Elysian's upcoming events!

Thursday, May 11th, at 7pm we will have Masonic Education: An Evening with Ben Franklin presented by Dr. Jim Hoerricks, a masonic celebrity in our circles. We also have a shared event with the brother's from the Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots L.A. Pyramid 59, the 'Nineteen Twenties Gatsby Gala' on May 20, at 6pm. This will be Elysian Lodge's main and biggest event of the year! The night will be filled with great food, drinks and fellow brother Mason's attending from across the country. Don't sleep on this one folks!

May we work together to obtain true light.

May the Great Architect be your guide and protector.

May the Force Be With You, Always.

By The Plumb,  
Ronald J Perez, Junior Warden



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

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[www.LA59.org](http://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 4, A New Home in Los Feliz

The new Elysian Masonic Temple in Los Feliz had become a reality and provided the spacious and modern accommodations desired by the membership. It's design and construction was successfully accomplished and the Grand Lodge of California had performed the official Dedication ceremony. The next step was the physical relocation of Elysian Lodge No. 418 from its Echo Park location of the previous 46 years to it's new building which was to become our Lodges home for many generations into the future.

The pride and enthusiasm enjoyed by the members resulting from this accomplishment was made possible by the personal responsibility and dedication by so many Elysian members. They all worked together to make it happen. From obtaining the land, developing the design and managing the construction through completion.....They all delivered the project.

It is appropriate to refer back to an item of history displayed in our Echo Park Lodge room. Permanently painted on the wall above the Senior Warden's station was a representation of a banner displaying the words "Many Hands Make Heavy Burdens Light". This had been an ongoing theme for Elysian Lodge especially during its formative years. The theme was still alive and well!

An overview of the new building at the time of it's completion in 1959 reveal some of the changes made over the years to both layout and furnishings to accommodate its current use.

The exterior of the building consisted of relatively simple Architectural features but provided a Stately appearance at the Northeast corner of North Vermont and Franklin. It was considered unique at the time to be designed with windowless Exterior walls, 100% mechanically ventilated, heated and cooled and it is believed to be one of the first buildings permitted as such in Los Angeles.



## Elysian's Lodge Room

The original Classic design of our Lodge Room although modified over the years still contains furniture relocated from the Echo Park Lodgeroom consisting of all of the Officers chairs and the Secretaries desk. The Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens pedestals plus the Altar were constructed specifically for the new Lodge room. The original Hammond organ was presented to Elysian by 1935 Past Master Henry Coley and his wife and the two Ashlers were presented to Elysian by 1958 Past Master Kenneth E. Hill. Theater style seating was installed on both Lodge room sidelines.



Major alterations occurred in the early 2000's when changes were made to provide the ability to change the Lodge room into a "Courtroom set" for use as a Filming location by the Motion Picture and Television industries. The original Masters pedestal was replaced with a custom built "Judges Bench" and the Sideliners Theater seats were removed to provide "Jury and witness Boxes" and replaced with Courtroom style benches constructed for the purpose. Currently, the original seats are in storage onsite and the original Masters Pedestal is being utilized in our Historical/Conference room.

These changes provided the Lodge the opportunity to obtain Rental income greatly enhancing our ability to maintain and support our buildings operation.

## The Rotunda

The building's Rotunda provides access to all areas of Elysian Temple and is a main entry and exit to Vermont Avenue. It was designed with a high, domed ceiling illuminated indirectly by a custom Chandelier designed and manufactured specifically for Elysian.

Located on the south wall is a Display case presented to Elysian by Doyle and Lena Haltom to contain the 25year Anniversary plaques honoring Elysian Past Masters from the 25th, 50th, 75th, and 100th year celebrations.



## The Banquet and Dining Room

One of Elysians' most valuable features is the Mural which was painted on the entire north wall. It was painted by Millard Sheets, renown Artist, Muralist and designer also recognized for his designs in the Scottish Rite buildings in Los Angeles and San Francisco and the old Home Savings building murals throughout Southern California



Displayed on the south wall is Elysian's Past Masters "Photo Gallery" which was originally begun in the Dining Room of our original Lodge building in 1916 and is still continued today. The bottom row are Masters of the old building. The top row are of Masters in our current building.

The west end of the room contains a stage which has been utilized over the years by Elysian and many other organizations for a variety of activities, events and presentations. The stage piano was presented to Elysian by 1959 Past Master Arthur L. Holt.

## Historical/Conference Room

The meeting location for Elysian Masonic Temple Association and various committees, etc. The rooms use has been expanded in recent years to provide a visual history of Elysian Lodge consisting of Photos and memorabilia dating back to its inception.

**Cloak Room** - Originally purposed to accommodate the storage of coats, etc. while attending activities at our building. It has since been converted to the Office of Elysian Lodge.

**The Phone Booth** (A vestige of the past) Located in the hallway where Elysian's Pay Phone (and phone directories) were once located. It exists currently as a "tiny" closet.

**The Lounge** - Located off the Rotunda it contains Elysian's library which has been recently expanded, The original DeMolay trophy case installed in 1959 which also includes Elysian Lodge and Jobs Daughters items. Tables and seating exists for socializing and gatherings.

Over the years the Lounge has been expanded to include a Pool table and Flat screen T.V. and is designed to provide a welcoming area for all.

There is much more Elysian history. To be continued.....

Submitted by - Robert H. Petersen, PM

Treasurer, 2023





May 2023

# Calendar of Events

Please keep Thursday evenings for Elysian Lodge!  
Business dress

**Thursday, May 4th, 7pm**

**Stated Meeting**

1st Degree Meeting and 3rd Degree Proficiencies  
Dinner is open to invited guests and family

**Thursday, May 11th, 6pm**

**Dinner then Temple Board Meeting**

Followed by Masonic Education

**An Evening with Ben Franklin**

Presented by Illus. Jim Hoerricks, Phd

**Thursday, May 18th, 7:00pm**

1st degree conferrals

**Saturday, May 20th, 9:00am**

**OPEN HOUSE @ Elysian!!**

Coffee & Donuts

**SCIOTS Semi-Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, May 20th, 6:00pm**

**Gatsby Gala - 1920's Dinner & Dancing**

RSVP: \$45.00 per person

**Thursday, May 25th, 7pm**

1st degree conferrals

**Thursday, June 1st, 7pm**

Stated Meeting on the 1st Degree  
Dinner is open to invited guests and family

**Thursday, June 8th, 7pm**

2nd Degree Practice  
Dinner is open to invited guests and family

A Masonic Poem featuring the famous  
Masons showcased this year at Elysian Lodge  
in our Continuing Education Speaker Series

In history's tome, their light does shine,  
Great men of wisdom, honor, & design,

From Mozart's melodies to Franklin's electric flow,  
To Voltaire's wit and Washington's leadership glow.

Yet in their greatness, a bond did tie,  
A brotherhood that gave them wings to fly,

Masonry, where they found a place of care,  
For charity, truth, and love to share.

In lodges they met, these noble souls,  
United by Masonry, they reached their goals,

For through brotherhood, they found a common sound,  
A place of truth, where virtues could be found.

Mozart's music filled the halls with grace,  
Franklin's lightning, the pillars did embrace,

Voltaire's wit, the lectures did enhance,  
Washington's wisdom, taught in every stance.

Through Masonry, they built a bond so strong,  
That even time itself cannot undo its song,

Their legacy lives on, in the hearts of those who came along,  
And their story still inspires, as we carry on their song.

So let us learn from these great men of the past,  
Their spirits live on, in the Masonic craft,

May we too, strive for truth, love, and light,  
And keep their legacy shining bright.

In Masonry, let us forge a bond,  
That withstands the ages, and beyond,

And honor the virtues that they upheld,  
With every deed, and every tale to tell.

- Frank Barbano

# Elysian Lodge No. 418

Is pleased to provide to its membership  
and special invitees an

## “Evening with Benjamin Franklin”

Presented by  
Illus. Jim Hoerricks, Phd, 33°



May 11th at  
7pm:



Dinner  
Jim  
Q&A

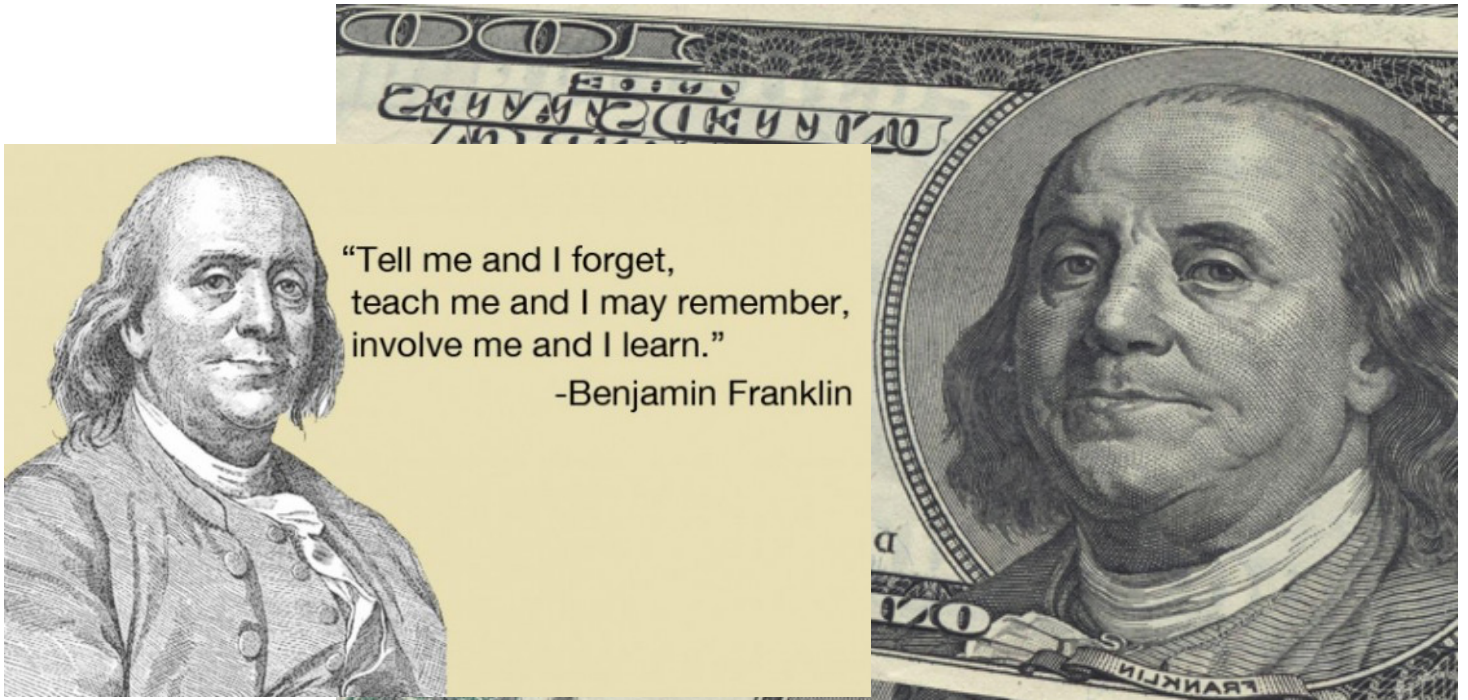
# A Quick Primer On Ben Franklin

Benjamin Franklin, a founding father of the United States, was a prominent member of Freemasonry. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in the St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia in 1731, and later became the Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1734.

Franklin's involvement in Freemasonry was significant, as he believed that the principles of the organization aligned with his personal values of charity, morality, and brotherhood. He was known for his commitment to improving the reach of the fraternity and promoting its virtues.

In addition to his contributions to Freemasonry, Franklin was a renowned statesman, scientist, and inventor. He played a key role in drafting the United States Constitution and was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. His experiments with electricity and inventions such as the lightning rod and bifocals have also had a lasting impact on science and technology.

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# Batter Up!

2023 Masons4Mitts Fundraiser.

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if you have any questions.



*Nineteen  
Twenties  
Gatsby*

*May 20, 2023 at 6:00pm - \$45 per person*

**Elysian Lodge #418**

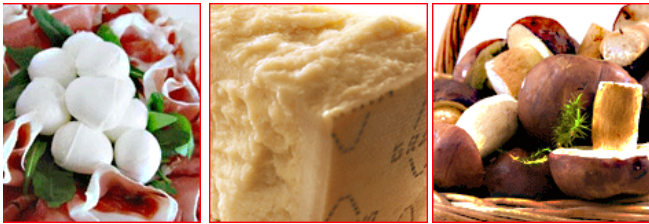
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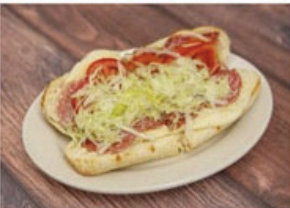
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