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Greetings From The East

I wish to extend my gratitude to all those that attended and participated in the Elysian Lodge 418's 113th Installation and Dinner. It was a wonderful event with great food and wonderful music both in the Lodge room as well as in the banquet hall. A special thanks goes out to our 2023 Officers who all worked so hard to qualify. As I think about the future of the Lodge and our current officers line that might become Lodge Masters in due time which include; Ron, Giuseppe, Franklin, Guillermo, Diego, Harut, William and Gallen. I have faith that Elysian will be thriving for quite some time.



We have many degrees to confer in the next few months but I will also make time for Masonic Education for our Lodge. I am pleased to announce as our first guest speaker, Honorable Steven Klein this February 16th, 2023 at 7pm.

Our Lodge is also host the Ancient Order of Egyptian Sciots, L.A. Pyramid 59. This is an order that in California dates back to 1905. We are the only Sciot Pyramid in Los Angeles currently and I am so pleased to see it continue on under the leadership of the new Toparch, Hon Mike Smith, PM and Hon Seb Badoyan, PM who is the Mobib (Senior Warden). We have many other masons from Elysian that have active Sciot memberships and even leadership roles within the pyramid (charter) and I look forward to it continuing to grow. One of the functions of the Sciots in addition to having fun as a master mason is to raise money for the Sciots Foundation. You can do this directly their website; at www.SciotsFoundation.org.

Next month at the Pasadena Scottish Rite there will be a live performance of the 3rd degree entitled, "The Spirit of Hiram". The event will occur on March 10th at 7:30pm. There will be a free dinner served at 6pm!! So basically, Dinner at 6, Play at 7:30 then Dessert, Autographs (lol), Coffee and Cigars. Elysian Lodge has about 8 members that will be performing in that play! This is a tiled event so please bring your Master Mason dues card. Please RSVP SoH@PasadenaScottishRite.org.

Each brother consider donating to the Pasadena RiteCare Children's Language Center. It is the in-house charity of the Pasadena Scottish Rite which provides speech and language therapy to young children with specific language disorders. You can go direct to their website and donate: www.PasadenaSpeech.org.

I look forward to a fun year at Elysian.

We will continue planning great events and practicing brotherly love, relief and truth.

...upon the Square, Frank Barbano
Master, Elysian 418

Tidings From The West

Congratulations to Worshipful Frank Barbano on becoming Master of our lodge. Worshipful Barbano will be a great leader of our lodge and under his leadership Elysian Lodge will thrive and flourish.



Wor. Frank is always working to improve our lodge and over the years has improved our lodge significantly.

Thank you Worshipful Frank for that fantastic catered meal it was the best meal and time I have ever had at our lodge.

I would also like to congratulate our newly installed Officers. I believe these Officers which I'm proud to say are one of the Best Officers Line we have had in years, and look forward to working with them, and I'm pleased to say that our Lodge's future is in good hands for many years to come

Congratulations To William Blankenship on receiving his 1st Degree It was a joy to be part of the Degree Team for your Degree. Also congratulations to Jon Tierney and Kevin Soto for giving there 1st Degree proficiencies.

One of my duties as Senior Warden and Candidates Coach is that I will be requiring all Candidates to have their Proficiencies Completed and ready to deliver within 90 days. It has been taking too long in between Degrees to get your Proficiencies done. It is an issue that needs to be changed.

The 90 days will start after the candidates get their Degrees.

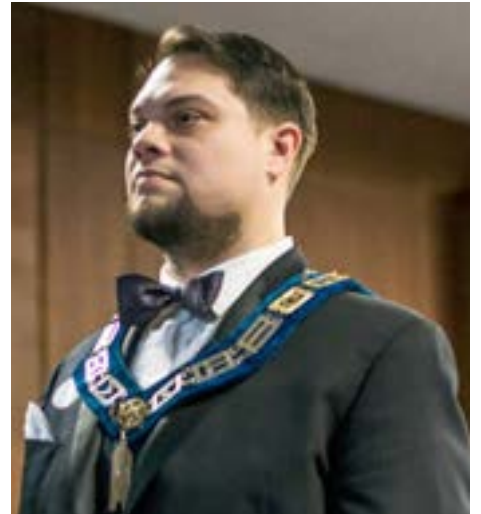
If you need help please come to lodge there are many brothers ready to help. All you need to do is ASK FOR HELP

Fraternally

Irving Rosenbloom, PM
Senior Warden

Message From The South

How good it is for us to share in celebration! We have started a new chapter in Elysian 418 with a new author to write our course; congratulations to Frank Barbano on becoming Worshipful Master for 2023. All the officers that continued to advance should be very proud and deserve the praise that came their way during the installation. Qualifying for those positions is very difficult and time-consuming.



I would also like to congratulate William Blankenship on being initiated into the craft. It may have been an impromptu first degree but we will only get better from here on out. Congratulations are also in order for our two entered apprentices, Kevin and John, for the successful delivery of their 1st-degree proficiencies. Elysian's future is well on its way. A big thank you to those past masters helping out on the degree work, Wor. Haik, Wor. Irving, and Wor. Nollie.

For the rest of the brothers, while we encourage and promote affiliating into appendant bodies, always remember that you are Elysian Masons first! Let us do everything we can to make this the flagship lodge of the greater Los Angeles area.

For those studying vigorously, keep at it. Masons are not quitters. Use all the resources available to you at Elysian, whether it be our knowledgeable Past Masters, our hardworking officers, or a fellow brother who just recently accomplished the proficiency you're working on.

And lastly, while Elysian is on a bit of a growth spurt, may we navigate through the waters of hubris and always choose quality affiliations over booming quantities. So please be patient, as we look for the internal qualifications to recommend the right man to be made a Mason.

-Ronald J Perez
Junior Warden

ELYSIAN LODGE, OUR HISTORY

By Wor. Bob Petersen

Part 1, A New Lodge is born

One hundred thirteen years ago, on May 20th, 1910, thirteen Master Masons met at the home of Brother J. Ira Moyse at 1219 North Alvarado Street in Los Angeles for the purpose of taking necessary measures for the establishment of a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. They had been called together by Brother Moyse, whose interest in Masonry and the northwest section of the city had given him a conception that became a vision, then a reality. These thirteen Masons became the Charter Members of Elysian Lodge No. 418 in the City of Los Angeles, State of California.



Original Lodge Building—Purchased 1912—Enoch A. Troxel, Master

The first action taken at this preliminary meeting was the passing of a resolution. “That the Lodge now sought to be established shall be called Elysian Lodge, the name being selected for two reasons: Firstly, the proposed location being near Elysian Park, it in a measure identifies its location; and secondly that the mythological meaning would be peculiarly expressive of the harmony existing in a well-regulated lodge”

The next item of business was the selection by ballot of Brother J. Ira Moyse as Master, Brother Frank Finlayson as Senior Warden, and Brother Enoch Troxel as Junior Warden. A committee was appointed to prepare a Petition for Dispensation dated May 20, 1910 to be presented to the Grand Master to “Form and open a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at this place, to be called Elysian Lodge.”

A Dispensation was granted by Grand Master W. Frank Pierce on July 23, 1910.

The first Stated Meeting of Elysian Lodge was held on July 25, 1910 and the first Petitions for Membership were received, a total of five which included one from Reginald Clapp who became Master of our Lodge in 1916 and later became our Inspector.

During the second Stated Meeting held on August 25, 1910 Brother Clapp became the first candidate to receive a Degree in Elysian Lodge and Brother Rae Van Cleve became the first Affiliate to join Elysian and was elected Master in 1917.

At the third Stated Meeting held September 22, 1910 a petition to the Grand Lodge was drafted requesting that a Charter be granted to Elysian Lodge. Brothers John

Ira Moyses and Frank Finlayson were elected as delegates to Grand Lodge and the petition was presented at the annual convocation in October 1910. A Charter was granted to Elysian Lodge on October 13, 1910 and the number 418 was assigned. Dana Reid Weller became Grand Master at that session of the Grand Lodge and was our first Grand Master under charter.

Our first Inspector was Dr. Samuel E. Burke who became Grand Master in 1922 and installed twenty of Elysian's Masters.

The design used on Elysian's Letterhead was made by a young artist who knew nothing of Masonry, but followed Brother Moyses's request that...


"It consist of a dove, two pillars, and a representation of the Elysian Fields between them, over the Square and Compass."

Elysian Lodge's first meeting place was at the Masonic Temple at Pico and Figueroa Streets in Los Angeles. On September 26, 1912 Brother Findlayson introduced a resolution in Lodge which was unanimously carried authorizing our relocation to a new building at the Northeast corner of Sunset Boulevard and Echo Park Avenue. The move was completed in early December 1912 and became Elysian Lodge's home for forty six years.
To be continued...

Submitted by
Robert H. Petersen, PM



Benjamin Franklin



Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.

DEMOLAY

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Masonic Youth Order, Monthly Column

sourced by Bro. Jon Tierney

DeMolay is the world's premier young men's youth fraternity. It's focused on developing young men between the ages of 12 and 21 into the best versions of the themselves that they can be, alongside friends and brothers of all religious backgrounds and walks of life. Numerous leaders, innovators, and men of renown, like Neil Armstrong, Walt Disney, and John Steinbeck found an early home with DeMolay, and it helped to hone their skills and characters into upstanding citizens and leaders. Far from only affecting the lives of the famous brothers of DeMolay history however, DeMolay's most lasting legacy is the millions of young men across the globe who took the same DeMolay oaths and joined with their brothers to improve themselves and their world.

One of the unique attributes of DeMolay is that the young men get to pick and choose the programs that they want to put on; each DeMolay chapter is unique, with their own sets of events and missions that make the experience different wherever one might look. Along with guidance and counsel from their adult advisors, DeMolay members select their own leaders, plan and execute their own events, and create the vision that their chapters want to follow. Guided by their seven cardinal virtues: filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness, and patriotism, DeMolays truly become leaders for their communities, and prepare for the world that they will soon inherit.

The best way to truly see the impact DeMolay makes on our communities and the members that make up the Order, is to attend a Chapter meeting or event. Having Masons attending their meetings is also a great sign to the young men of DeMolay that the members of their sponsoring order care about the work they do and the missions they follow. For more information on DeMolay, please visit www.beademolay.org and follow the social media of Southern California Jurisdiction DeMolay on Facebook with the Southern California DeMolay group, and the Instagram page @SCJDeMolay. These are the best resources to keep up to date with upcoming events and find a chapter near you to visit!



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Frank S. Land,
Founder of DeMolay

February 2023

Calendar of Events

Please keep Thursday evenings for Elysian Lodge!
Business dress

Thursday, Feb 2nd, 7pm

Stated Meeting

1st Degree Meeting

Dinner is open to invited guests and family

Thursday, Feb 9th, 6pm

Dinner at 6pm!!

Temple Board meeting at 7pm

2nd degree conferrals for brothers:

RJ Hodges, Jon Tierney and Kevin Soto

Thursday, Feb 16th, 6pm

Sciots LA59 Meeting at 6pm

Masonic Education Night 8pm

Guest Speaker: Hon. Steven Klein

Thursday, Feb 23rd, 7pm

3rd Degree

Conferred for the first proficient Fellowcraft Brother

Thursday, March 2nd, 7pm

Stated Meeting

1st Degree Meeting

Dinner is open to invited guests and family

Friday, March 10th, 6pm

Spirit of Hiram

3rd Degree Play at Pasadena Scottish Rite

150 N Madison Ave., Pasadena, CA

**“Masonry is
useful to all men:**

to the learned, because it affords them the opportunity of exercising their talents upon subjects eminently worthy of their attention;

to the illiterate, because it offers them important instruction;

to the young, because it presents them with salutary precepts and good examples, and accustoms them to reflect on the proper mode of living;

to the man of the world, whom it furnishes with noble and useful recreation;

to the traveler, whom it enables to find friends and brothers in countries where else he would be isolated and solitary;

to the worthy man in misfortune, to whom it gives assistance;

to the afflicted, on whom it lavishes consolation;

to the charitable man, whom it enables to do more good, by uniting with those who are charitable like himself;

and to all who have souls capable of appreciating its importance, and of enjoying the charms of a friendship founded on the same principles of religion, morality, and philanthropy.”

(Morals and Dogma 10:6)

Albert Pike

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



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