Master's Trestle Board



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Congratulations Gallen Hernandez & Oliver Torrealba for the new CA Hispanic & Latin Amer. Research Lodge. Those present at the Installation, in addition to the Grand Lodge Officers were Five Elysian Lodge Members.

Greetings From The East

I welcome you to the August 2023 edition of our beloved Elysian Lodge 418 Trestleboard. As we approach the end of summer, we can reflect on the warmth and light that has shone upon us during this season, both physically and spiritually.

My goals for Elysian have been aligned with the goals of Most Worshipful Randall Brill, Grand Master of California Masons. Allow membership for all men who seek Masonry that fit the criteria of a Mason to have a place in our Fraternity. Provided there is no moral reason to deny someone, we should wel-



come men of all walks of life, backgrounds, ethnicities and cultures and allow them a chance to enjoy the benefits of Masonry. In doing so, we will increase our membership experiences, perspectives and value as a vibrant, healthy and active Masonic Lodge.

As Masons, we understand the importance of tradition and history. We have our own Elysian history whereby Wor Bob Petersen has another installment of the Elysian History Series in this issue. Also, there are a number of significant events in the history of Freemasonry in general that have occurred during the month of August. Here are a few examples:

On August 4, 1753, the Lodge of Antiquity No. 2 received its first official warrant or charter from the Premier Grand Lodge of England. This warrant was issued by the Grand Master at the time, the Duke of Beaufort. The Antiquity Lodge No. 2 was one of the four founding lodges of the Premier Grand Lodge of England.

The Lodge of Antiquity No. 274 in Madras, India, was granted a charter by the Grand Lodge of Scotland on August 24, 1752. This charter allowed the Lodge to operate under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and played a significant role in the history of Freemasonry in India.

Of course, our trestleboard wouldn't be complete without a mention of our upcoming Masonic Education with Dr. Hoerricks on August 24th and degree conferrals on August 10th and 31st. Come together and support our brothers as they take their important step in their

masonic journey and let us all improve ourselves through learning with Illustrious Jim.

As summer winds down, let's carry with us the lessons we have learned and the bonds we have forged this past season. May we continue to support and uplift one another, as we strive to embody the principles of Masonry.

The true light of masonry is not found in the symbols and rituals we observe, but in the way we conduct ourselves in and out of the Lodge. Let's become beacons of hope and inspiration to those around us, and always strive to live up to the highest standards of our fraternity.

Upon the Square, Frank Barbano Master of Elysian Lodge 418





Tidings From The West

Hi Brethren, This month will be very busy and exciting as we will be performing several Degrees.

On the 10th we will be doing Two Second Degrees, On the 17th we will be doing Two Initiations, On the 31st we will be doing Two initiations as well.

I'm calling on all-Entered Apprentice Masons, Fellowcraft Masons, and Master Masons: Mark your calendars and come and join us as we perform our Excellent Degree work. Our officers are working hard and diligently to put on meaningful and informative degrees for our candidates. The brethren need to join us as we perform our degrees as this encourages the candidates, our degree team, and most importantly our prospects who are waiting to get their degrees. Come and join us for fellowship Friendship and meet our new prospects. Looking forward to seeing you at the lodge!

Fraternally and Sincerely, Irving Rosenbloom, PM, Senior Warden



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Message From The South

 \sim Brethren & Prospects

I have advised patience, appreciation, and decorum in the past. I speak yet again to guide and reflect. The theme? Selfishness. A most serious of vices.

As Masons, we are taught to rise above, to bypass desires and keep our passions in check but, alas, we err, as humans all do, we are fallible.



As 'Worthy Brother Masons,' we should absolutely treat each other with the utmost respect. This should apply to the youngest prospect in the lodge to the Grand Master of California, himself. No one is exempt from acting with respect and decency. We are adult men of a higher virtue.

I would like to commend the prospects of our lodge for coming week after week, and especially those who help around the lodge, it does not go unnoticed. I would also like to commend those brothers making an effort wherever they can, be it grabbing supplies, dinner, doing investigations or filling in for roles when needed, thank you.

I would also like to mention an appreciation to all the Master's that are trying their hardest to get our degree train moving again. Wor's. Barbano, Irving, Lopez, Hairapetian, Sargsyan, Petersen and the rest.

A special recognition for two prominent brothers in the lodge, Brother R.J. Hodges and Brother Gallen Hernandez! Brother Hodges delivered a perfect charge and has taken on the role of Senior Steward in a short time. Brother Hernandez has Joined the California Hispanic and Latin American Research Lodge as an officer, representing Elysian. Please congratulate these brothers at the next meeting!

For the Golfer's in the lodge, The San Fernando York Rite Bodies are having their Golf Tournament this Saturday August 5th, sign up and play.

Let us not forget our charities! DONATE TODAY!!!
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-Ronald J Perez, Junior Warden,
Elysian Lodge #418



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From The Secretary's Table Member Information

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Once logged into the member portal, you can:

- Update your contact information (Plz keep this current)
- Pay your lodge membership dues via credit card
- Print out your membership dues card
- View your full masonic history & record
- Add an emergency contact to your contact information
- View & search the lodge membership roster as well as search for other California Freemasons

f you haven't already created your online account, you simply need your California Freemason Membership Number which you can find on your copy of the California Freemason Magazine. The membership number is printed just above your name & mailing address.

August 19th is... "Stock the Pantry & Supply Closet Day!"

Saturday the 19th between 9am and 11am

If we all bring in 12 packs or cases of soda or drinks, including cases of water it would really help the budget! Individually packaged snacks are welcomed too. Individual ice cream type treats would also be good but should be coordinated as space in the freezer is limited.



Happy Birthday

Robert Grant Pittman August 10

Richard Christian Wooley August 14

> Artur Mardoyan August 26

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S&F, Jon Tierney

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August 2023

Calendar of Events

Please keep Thursday evenings for Elysian Lodge! Business dress

Thursday, August 3rd, 7pm Stated Meeting

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

Thursday, August 10th, 6pm

Dinner then Temple Board Meeting Followed by Second Degree Conferrals

Thursday, August 17th, 7:00pm 1st Degree Practice

Saturday, August 19th, 9am

OPEN HOUSE @ Elysian!! Coffee, Bagels & Donuts SCIOTS Meeting!!

Thursday, August 24th, 7pm

Masonic Education with Illustrious Jim Hoerricks, Phd, 33°

Thursday, August 31st, 7pm 1st Degree Conferrals

Thursday, September 7th, 7pm

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







hen asked why men come to Freemasonry, the most common answer is that they want to self-improve and find more ways to give back to the world. Freemasonry is historically known for its charity, with many of our current prospects knowing of us because of the amazing Shriners Hospitals that provide care all over the world. But this is only one of the many charities supported by the various Masonic organizations and appendant bodies.

The Sciots, with their century-long commitment to social and charitable activities, have made it their purpose to "Boost One Another."

Our local Pyramid, LA 59, has revitalized this mission by contributing to charities supported by existing Masonic bodies, such as by raising \$5,000 for the Pasadena Scottish Rite's Childhood Language Center shortly after forming in 2022. Through the spectacular Sciots Foundation, autistic children are being treated.

Charity is an act of giving that always manages to come with its own reward. This principle is beautifully reflected in our upcoming giveaway for a Rolex Watch. Every fifty-dollar donation goes to the Sciots Foundation to support research and treatment tof autism in children and comes with the opportunity to walk off with a super cool Rolex watch.

The winner is planned to be announced this September 16th at Elysian 418's annual car show, and regardless of who wins, everyone who donates will have a stronger understanding if the Masonic belief that giving back enriches the soul, shapes a better self, and is an integral part of self-improvement and charitable endeavors that are at the heart of Freemasonry.

Book Review - The Civility Mosaic

he spirit of America has often produced a book, a speech or a leader needed specifically for a challenging period of our history. In many of these instances, it has been a Mason who provided that leadership. Going from Paine's "Common Sense," which Worshipful George Washington read to his troops, to Brothers Will Rogers' humor and FDR's reassuring Fireside Chats during the Great Depression, we have, as a people, risen to address the problem of the times.

The book that Most Worshipful Charvonia and Brother Ashley have co-written fit into the category described above. Restoring civility is no longer an option. It is a matter of survival. Many have lamented the decline of civility and ethics in our society. This book provides a path to restore civility in our society. My initial thought about this book was that it would address the usual topics of incivility - cyberbullying and the current state of politics. But the book doesn't limit itself to these two topics. It boldly goes into every sphere of life - the workplace, houses of worship, family relations - parents, in-laws, and any area where incivility can erupt - and be extinguished.

The
CIVILITY
MOSAIC

How Most Anyone Can Use the Principles of Freemasonry to Repair Our World

RUSS CHARVONIA, PGM
with MICHAEL ASHLEY

Foreword by Chris Hodspp, author of Preemasonry for Dunamies

Using Masonic history and teachings, academic research,

the book discusses how society went wrong, and how we apply Masonic lessons and take the civility of the lodge into the world. This is a great book - based in Masonic principles, but not for Masons only. Any person can read this book and apply the teachings it espouses. Masonic Light can drive out the darkness that has engulfed our modern society and Masonic principles applied in all of the orbits of our lives can bring about a more civil society. While we might not be called upon in the way that Washington and FDR were, we can still make a big difference in restoring civility in our own communities.

MW Charvonia has led the crusade for civility since 2013, conceiving of the idea of using Masonic teachings to restore civility, beginning with a discussion with fellow Grand Master John Cooper. Together, they launched the Masonic Family Civility Project in 2014.

Respectfully submitted, Brother Steven D. Klein, Guest Columnist/Reviewer

"The Civility Mosaic - How Anyone Can Use the Principles of Freemasonry to Repair the World" \$29.99 https://www.macoy.com/The-Civility-Mosaic

Breaking the Cycle:

The Power of Forgiveness

he desire for revenge is a powerful emotion that many of us have experienced, yet seldom discuss openly. When we or our loved ones are hurt or humiliated, the instinct to seek retribution can be overwhelming, overshadowing the path of forgiveness.

The idea of "an eye" is often accepted as normal, but it's essential to question this perspective. Mahatma Gandhi wisely observed, "An eye for an eye leaves all men blind."

Revenge may stem from a protective instinct within the social context. Imagine a neighbor constantly hosting loud parties late into the night. If we perceive them as wise and rational, we might politely ask them to lower the volume. However, if we view them as dangerous or different from us, the instinct for revenge might arise covertly, allowing us to avoid a direct confrontation that could be risky.

Though revenge can seem to restore justice, it rarely brings true benefits. Instead, it perpetuates pain to others and fosters negative emotions like anger and hatred within ourselves. Seeking revenge is a misguided attempt to find solace through inflicting suffering on others, believing it will make us feel better.

Yet, once revenge is sought, it seldom leads to satisfaction. Those who don't seek retribution often focus on understanding the other person's behavior and find solace in forgiveness. On the other hand, those driven by revenge perpetuate a cycle of anger and negative emotions, ultimately hurting themselves more than the initial offense.

Thus, revenge is always a losing choice, as it perpetuates pain and negative emotions, hurting both others and ourselves.

Instead, let us break this cycle of vengeance. Embrace forgiveness as a powerful tool to liberate ourselves from the chains of anger and hatred. By understanding the behavior of others and choosing forgiveness over revenge, we can heal and move forward, fostering a world free from the burden of retaliation.

In the end, forgiveness not only benefits others but also nourishes our own soul, bringing true peace and healing. Let us choose the path of forgiveness, transcending the instinct for revenge, and empowering ourselves to create a more compassionate and harmonious world.

ELYSIAN LODGE - OUR HISTORY

Part 6 by Bob Petersen, PM Elysian Masonic Temple and the Temple Association

his chapter of Elysian Lodge's History takes a look at the Elysian Masonic Temple Association . Founded in 1912, Incorporated in 1914, it has operated continuously through the present day as an integral part of Elysian Lodge No. 418 F&AM.

Consisting of a Board of Directors comprised exclusively of members of Elysian Lodge it was organized for the sole purpose of administering and managing all Business affairs of Elysian Masonic Temple. First at our Lodge's original building at Sunset Blvd. and Echo Park Ave. until 1960 and now continuing at our current Los Feliz location 111 years later.

The concept of owning and operating our own "Home" for Elysian Lodge was an original goal of the Lodge Founders and has been successfully continued by each successive generation of Elysian's membership.

Beside conducting the daily business of Elysian Temple, managing the Financial aspect of the Board's responsibilities is of Prime importance especially when considering the costs involved in the operation of our Building and Facilities. Expenses such as Taxes, Insurances, Utilities, Maintenance and Repairs, etc. are substantial and require continuous effort to generate and maintain an adequate Cash Flow from the operation of our building operations. This must cover not only current overhead and operating expenses but also provide the resources necessary to provide resources for a secure and successful future.

At our original Echo Park Building the process of generating revenue from it's operations was rather straight forward as the original design of the two story building dedicated the entire first floor to Commercial store rentals. Elysian Lodge was the only organization occupying the building with all Lodge facilities located on the second floor.

A different concept for generating revenue at our new Los Feliz building was envisioned at the time the building was designed and the property developed. Revenue was to be derived from rental of our building and facilities to a variety of Masonic Organizations. Also, to non-Masonic groups as well to conduct their meetings and events.

The following list of tenants who occupied the new Elysian Temple provides an interesting perspective of the organizations who conducted their operations at Elysian for various periods of time from our building's opening in 1960 to the early 2000's.

Masonic Lodges

Arabic No. 763 Golden Gavel No. 445 Silver Trowel No. 42 Henry S. Orem No. 458

Eastern Star Chapters

Elysian No.354 Hollywood No. 209 Los Feliz No. 216 Polaris No. 454 South Gate No. 192 United Olivete Elizabeth B. Wheeler

Miscellaneous

Daughters of the Nile White Shrine No. 71 Beauceant Assembly No.42 Khaba Court No. 40 - L.O.S.N.A Los Angeles / Trojan Shrine Club

Youth Orders

Alexander G. Cochran Chapter -Order of DeMolay Bethel No.11 -Internl. Order of Jobs Daughters

Non Masonic Organizations

Los Feliz Women's Club
Los Feliz Republican Womens Club
University Club of Los Angeles
Los Angeles Garden Club
Floral Arts Group - LAGC
Viennese 200 Dance Club
Bulgarian - American Club
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Hollywood Comedy Club
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Elysian's facilities became a pop-

ular meeting venue and were occupied practically every day of the week with several groups conducting daytime meetings and events. An interesting note.... The facility was very seldom utilized for one-time rentals, only full time tenants on a continuing basis.

After a period of many years of successfully renting to these Organizations it was becoming apparent that some were experiencing declines in their membership. This was resulting in their either downsizing, relocating to smaller and less expensive accommodations or in certain cases merging with other, like, organizations.

It seemed as if we were entering a period of time when the popularity of many Social and Fraternal organizations was on the wane. Obviously this negatively impacted the revenue we received from rentals. Changing from our long established Business model would require a totally different approach by Elysian Temple Association relative to finances and an entirely different way of Marketing our Building.

A New Direction....

Elysian had previously rented our Parking Lot numerous times to the Film Industry for use as a Base Camp or Truck, Trailer and Auto parking and several contacts with Site Rep's had been made. Through one of these contacts Elysian was approached by a Major Studio with a request to rent the interior of Elysian Temple and allow their temporary conversion of our Lodge room into a "Court Room" set for filming. An agreement was reached, the filming was performed and the overall results were successful.

A new era for Elysian Masonic Temple Association had begun.

The ability to easily convert our Lodge Room into a Court Room for filming and back again for Elysian's use as a Masonic Lodge Room has greatly enhanced the Revenue producing ability of Elysian Temple. Over the last few years a majority of the interior of Elysian Masonic Temple has been utilized for filming purposes.

In conclusion, Elysian Masonic Temple has always been a source of pride for our Lodge, It's continued success over the years is the direct result of the Active participation and dedication of Elysian Lodge No. 418 members and The Elysian Masonic Temple Association.



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