

# Master's Trestle Board



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# Greetings From The East

*D*ear Brothers of Elysian Lodge 418 F&AM,

I am pleased to welcome you to our December trestleboard. This month, we will be reflecting on the spiritual aspects of our craft, as well as preparing for the coming year with our newly elected Officers.



December is a month of significance for many religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. As Masons, we recognize the importance of religion in our lives and in our craft. Our principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth are rooted in the belief in a higher power and a moral code of conduct. We must remember to always maintain the integrity of our craft and uphold these principles in our daily lives.

In our Masonic history, we also recognize the Holy Saints John of Jerusalem, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. These saints were important figures in early Christianity and are often associated with the founding of our craft. They are a symbol of the spiritual aspect of Masonry and remind us of our duty to live virtuous lives and to strive for perfection.

While preparing for the new year, we should also prepare our newly elected Officers. Those Officers will be practicing for their qualifications from now until our Installation January 25, 2024. I encourage all of our brothers to attend practices and degrees, show support for our new leadership and also to shadow Officer's chairs and prepare to step in and assist if called upon to do so. The qualifications for Elysian officers include a deep understanding of our rituals, our history, and our principles. We must ensure that our officers are fully equipped to lead our lodge with honor and integrity.

Finally, as we approach the end of the year, I ask that you consider making a donation to the Masonic Charities. Please see Worshipful Greg Cherry's article in this Trestleboard issue for more information.

I wish each of you a happy and healthy holiday season. May the spirit of brotherhood continue to guide us throughout the coming year.

Upon the Square, Frank Barbano  
Master of Elysian Lodge 418





# Tidings From The West

Hello Brethren,

I would like to congratulate Matheus Antones Dorneles on receiving his first Degree in Masonry.

Also let's congratulate Marco Cerretelli for doing an outstanding Third Degree Proficiency AND Juan José González Garcia for delivering an Excellent second-degree proficiency.

Brethren as qualifications are now upon us I am asking all the newly elected and appointed officers to be prepared to have your lines and Rituals ready so we can get the new year off to a flying start.

Elysian Lodge has always done great degree work and we are very proud of our Degree and ritual work. With that in mind, I want to remind all our new Officers for next year to make it a top priority to learn their lines and get their ritual right so that we can be proud of the great degree work and ritual work that we do at Elysian.

I will make myself available to any Officer who needs help with his work so that we can continue to be proud of our work.

Sincerely and fraternally  
Irving Rosenbloom  
Senior warden



# Message From The South

Ronald J Perez, Junior Warden 2023



*B*rothers, we have just about hit the finish line on the year, completing our duties to the best of our abilities. We did not complete everything we wanted, missed a few events and canceled some activities but we had a good time trying. We initiated many prospects, we passed and raised many brothers and by doing so, we ensured the future of Elysian with good, kind souls.

These newer faces are no longer visitors but respective members of the craft. It is now their duty to bring others into the fold and mentor them as others have done. It is up to them to learn and study upon that which we are given the tools for. They are no longer acquaintances to this building but its custodians and it is up to them to take the lead and demonstrate what it is to be a member of Elysian 418. We are all both entitled to its benefits and burdened by its responsibilities.

I'd like to thank all the officers who put in time, work and dedication to be at every degree they could possibly be at. It is difficult to be at every function, practice, O.S.I and they should be praised for it. I can't wait for next year and I hope it will be a more harmonious year than all the previous ones. Remember the tools of our craft and strive for better work on that Ashler, so we can better fit as a stronger structure.

A special congratulations to our beloved Past Junior Master, Wor. Haik Hairapetian, for receiving the Hiram Award... beyond deserved! Congrats to Wor. Barbano on his year, bringing in so many new prospects and all the Master Masons that stepped up and filled in the gaps in our line. Congrats to our Temple Board President, Wor. Edward Sargsyan on a well maintained year in the face of industry challenges. Lastly, a special thank you to all the brothers that help pick up our meals when I was not able to and those that help out around the building, it does not go unnoticed.

Thank you all again for letting me serve this past year,

Ronald J Perez

SW Elect, Elysian Lodge 418

Vice-President, E.M.T.A

32° Pasadena Scottish Rite - Knights of Saint Andrew

Council of Nine - Knight Keeper of the Realm

Mobib Elect, Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots - L.A. Pyramid 59

# December 2023

## Calendar of Events

Please keep Thursday evenings for Elysian Lodge!  
*Business casual minimum dress code. Suites for Degrees.*

**Thursday, December 7th, 6:45pm**

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

**Thursday, December 14th, 6:45pm**

Temple Board Meeting  
Dinner is open to invited guests and family  
3rd Degree Practice

**Saturday, December 16th, 9am & 5pm**  
9am open house / 5pm Hiram Award

**Thursday, December 21st, 6:45pm**

3rd Degree Practice

**Thursday, December 28th, 6:45pm**

3rd Degree

**Thursday, January 4th, 6:45pm**

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

**Thursday, January 11th, 6:45pm**

2nd Degree Practice

**Thursday, January 18th, 6:45pm**

2nd Degree or Practice

**Thursday, January 25th, 5:00pm**

Installation of Officers

# Elysian

# Lodge

## OPEN HOUSE

### December 16, 2023

Saturday at  
9:00am until Noon  
Coffee • Bagels • Donuts  
Fellowship!



# The Masonic Legacy of Philanthropy: Supporting Education and Each Other

Our fraternity, founded on the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth, has always been dedicated to making a difference in the world. As we proudly uphold these tenets, we find ourselves inspired by the tremendous impact we can have when we come together, and it is this very spirit of charity that makes us stronger and more united.

## *Philanthropy: The Guiding Light*

The importance of philanthropy to the Masons of California cannot be overstated. It is our guiding light, illuminating the path we walk together. Philanthropy embodies our belief in the power of charity, harmony, and goodwill. It brings us relevance in our communities. When people stop us on the streets and ask what it is that masons do, we can tell them we are making a difference in our communities.

## *Supporting Public Education*

One of the main causes that California Masons passionately support is public education. Our belief that public education is foundation of democracy has been a cornerstone of our principles since time immemorial. Through programs like Raising A Reader, Investment in Success, and the new Working Tools program, we provide essential resources to schools and students. By doing so, we not only enhance the quality of education but also foster a brighter future for the generations to come.

Our support for public education isn't just about financial contributions. It's about the belief that education is the key to personal growth and the betterment of society as a whole. By championing this cause, we exemplify the spirit of giving that has always been at the core of Freemasonry.

## *Taking Care of Our Own*





In the heart of our fraternity lies the promise to take care of one another. The Masonic Homes in Covina and Union City are a testament to this commitment. In times of hardship, we reach out to our brethren, offering assistance, support, and a helping hand. The Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund embodies the principle of brotherly love, which is the bedrock of our masonic family.

It is a source of immense pride for us to know that, within our fraternity, no brother stands alone. The Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund is more than a financial safety net; it's a symbol of our unity and our unwavering dedication to one another. We believe that by caring for our own, we strengthen the very bonds that make us masons.

When we engage in philanthropy, we embody the core principles of Freemasonry. We strengthen the foundations of brotherly love and relief that have guided us for generations.

In these endeavors, we find inspiration, purpose, and a profound sense of unity. Through our collective efforts that we make a lasting impact on the world and in the lives of our brethren. It is the unity of purpose and the shared commitment to these causes that bind us together and define what it means to be a mason.

# *Batter Up!*

2023 Masons4Mitts Fundraiser.

Fund a child's baseball mitt.

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For each \$20 donation a quality baseball glove will be provided to a needy youth in the LA Dodgers Dreamteam program. This program is more than just baseball and softball. Kids and parents attend programs about leadership, teamwork, health, safety, finances and good citizenship.



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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

We have AWESOME Elysian Lodge branded polo shirts available! Please see me if you want one. I think we can offer them for a short time at \$40 per shirt!! Grab one before they go for the suggested \$100 per shirt!!

December 16th is...

# “Open House

# &

# Hiram Prep Day!”

Saturday Dec 16th between 9am and 11am

Come in, hang out, help clean up or give us your feedback!



## Happy Birthday

Steven Conn  
December 7

Carlos Cortez  
December 9

Pogos Tofalyan  
December 15

Rex Covington  
December 19

Alexander Keith  
December 19

Michael Rankin  
December 20

Christopher Caine  
December 24

Baban Moogooch  
December 25

Mitch Oviedo  
December 25

Ernesto Martinez  
December 27

Matheus Dorneles  
December 31





# Kleins Korner - Book Review

Why has there been since a dearth of Masonic information about our Masonic presidents in Presidential biographies? In this outstanding work, the author, B. Chris Ruli gives the reasons for the lack of Masonic content in these biographies and provides the data we have long wanted to learn for every Masonic President.

Ruli explains that a non-Masonic author may not fully appreciate the importance the Craft plays in shaping the values and character of the President. They may omit what they fail to understand. Other considerations are the length of the work, and if the audience (or the publisher) has sufficient interest to explore the Masonic aspect of the President's life. Masonic and non-Masonic historians and biographers seldom interact. Grand Lodge and blue lodge archives, often understaffed, cannot provide the services a biographer requires. Amateur historians are not academic researchers. They rarely go beyond the basic resources of local libraries and the internet. Early lodge records can be missing or incomplete.

Some historians draw false conclusions based on a numbers-only analysis, saying that a prominent Mason wasn't that interested in Masonry because the Tiler's Register showed they seldom attended meetings. This is preposterous. Quantifying lodge attendance as a measurement of Masonic commitment cannot be made. Keeping scorecards this way does not reveal a Mason's love for the Craft.

Ruli provides the Masonic resumes of every President, with their Masonic activities while in office - Washington, Monroe, Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, Harding, FDR, Truman, LBJ, and Ford. Their blue lodges are listed with the dates of their degree conferals and their appendant bodies memberships - York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Commandery, etc. The research is impressive, and occurs over many jurisdictions and centuries.

Perhaps Masonic events may have been perceived only as public relations, not major administration accomplishments. However, the White House maintains meticulous logs of the President's activities on a daily and even hourly basis. Newspaper stories, diaries, radio and phonograph recordings, and newsreels exist. The information has always been there for any historian who wished to find it. The definition of an event with a president can be a personal meeting, a speech, attending dedication ceremonies for Scottish Rite facilities or Shriner's Hospitals, a letter send by the president, a

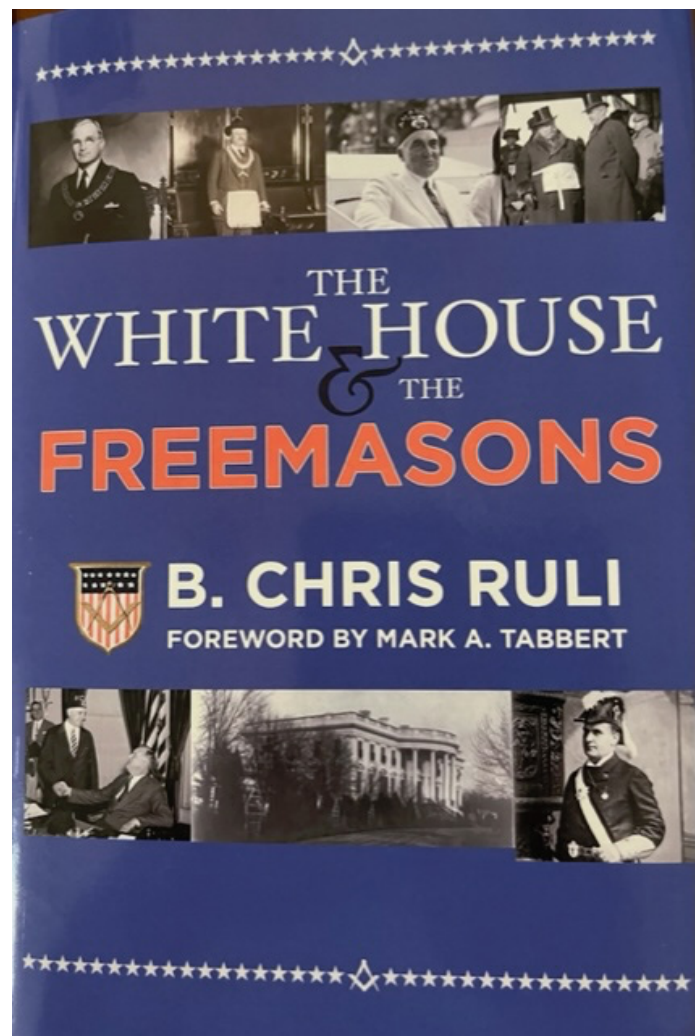


photo op, or the use of the George Washington bible or the president sending someone in his stead.

The most important precedent in Masonic Presidential history was George Washington performing a cornerstone laying ceremony at the nation's capitol on September 18, 1793. Washington was a member of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 and served as Master during one year of his presidency, the only Masonic President to do so. William McKinley's administration shows about 18 Masonic activities during his presidency. Theodore Roosevelt had about 24 Masonic events during his presidency, Coolidge; non-Mason, about 23 Masonic events. Hoover, a non-Mason, had about 21 Masonic events. Warren G. Harding died before completing his term, yet had approximately 51 interactions with Masons. FDR had about 41 Masonic activities during his tenure in office. Harry S. Truman had about 76 Masonic activities. Gerald Ford had about 16 events.

In a major decline in recent decades, fewer events have occurred as concerns arose about potential political fallout by meeting with Masons. Masonic influence has dwindled. Our ranks have shrunk, baby boomers and subsequent generations have found fraternal orders passe, social movements have changed the country and globalization and the social services that fraternal orders provide now are embedded in government programs or company benefits. Ronald Reagan had 3 events, George H. W. Bush 4 events, George W. Bush had 1. None are known to have occurred since 2005.

This is an outstanding book. I enthusiastically recommend it. This book fills a gap. It needed to be written. All activities of our Masonic presidents are conveniently contained in one book. Chris Ruli's fine work enhances Masonic knowledge and serves to inform and inspire us.



Sincerely & Fraternaly, Steven D. Klein



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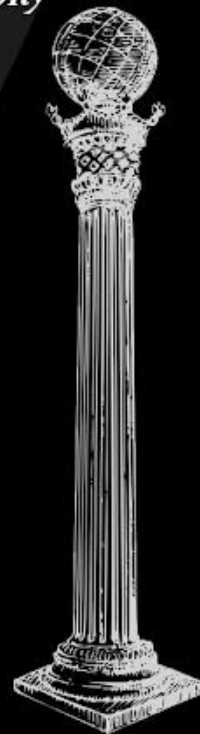
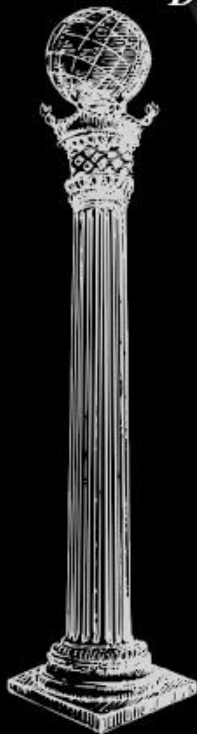
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**Wor. Haik Hairapetian**

*Saturday, December 16th at Elysian Lodge  
Social Hour - 5:30 pm / Ceremony 6:00 pm  
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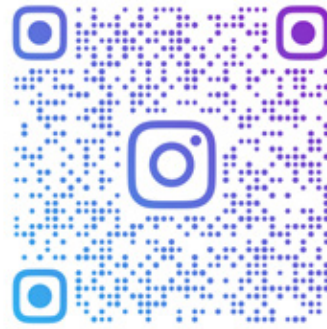
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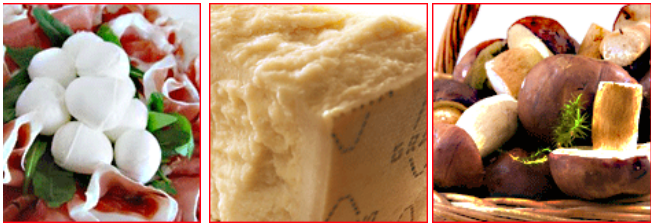
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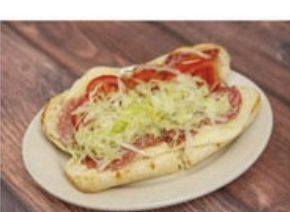
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