

Master's Trestle Board



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Greetings From The East

Frank Barbano, Master

*G*reetings Brethren,

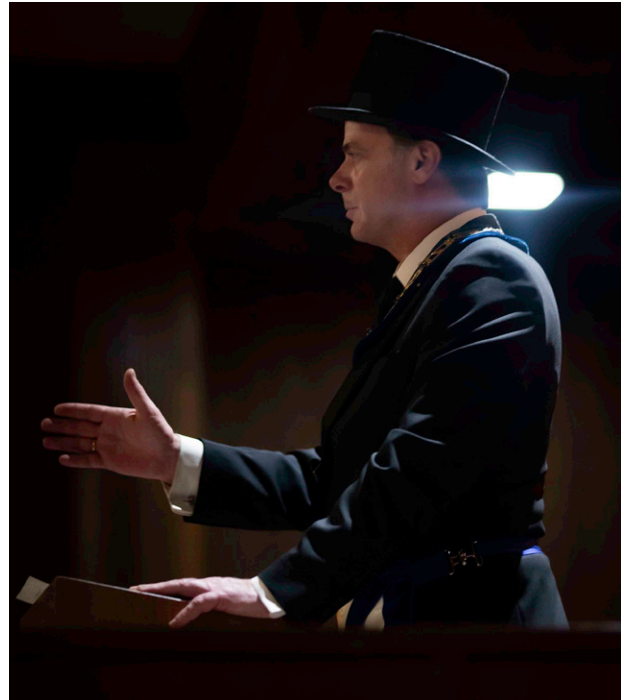
Welcome to the April edition of the Elysian Trestleboard. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Jahir Arab and Timothy Martin for their initiations into our Masonic fraternity. Your journey through the degrees of Masonry begins, and we hope you find enlightenment and fulfillment along the way.

I must also commend our Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Marco Cerretelli, for his outstanding delivery of the 1st degree lecture. His dedication to the craft shines brightly through his words. And to Bro. William Blankenship, your delivery of the Charge was nothing short of exemplary. Well done to both of you!

A special recognition is in order for our District Inspector, Charles Costes, whose unwavering support and leadership was instrumental in encouraging us to organize the memorable evening of Masonic Education with the California Grand Master, Most Worshipful G. Sean Metroka (GM Sean). Grand Master Sean's profound insights into the practice and global perspective of Masonry left us all enlightened and engaged. It was truly an honor to host him at Elysian Lodge, and I extend my gratitude to the masters from WRH and ALTP lodges for their valued contributions and involvement.

As we move forward into this month, we have a plethora of degrees to confer. With petitioners awaiting initiation, 2nd degree candidates in anticipation, and many 3rd degrees on the horizon, our Senior Warden's call for patience is crucial. Rest assured, brethren, that we will coordinate these ceremonies with diligence and care.

I encourage each of you to embrace the spirit of brotherhood and fellowship that defines our noble institution. Let us continue to uphold the principles of Freemasonry with integrity and honor.



Tidings From The West - Ronald J Perez, SW

Bethren, April is upon us and brings April Fools (Apr.1), Shakespeare Day (Apr. 23rd), and new days filled with a fresh start. Use each day to present to the world the person you want people to remember you as. 'Memento Mori,' is something we use in masonry to remind us of our mortality and the small amount of time we have on this planet. Are you happy with how you will be remembered by your loved ones?



Be the example you wish you had growing up. I have noticed some brothers forgetting some of our most practiced virtues, patience being a recurring topic. Ambition is a notable trait but if you are ambitious for the sake of notoriety, popularity, distinction, and rushing through, then you are in it for the wrong reasons. Wait a time with patience. I promise you will cherish things more when you truly understand what you earned.

To those brothers that are constant sideliners and even backup officer sit-ins, thank you. You are appreciated and held to a higher esteem.

Finally, we should be held to a higher degree (Afterall, Masons work on degrees). Be a force for light in the world. If someone does something kind for you in the morning, you will naturally be in a better mood and reciprocate that feeling on to someone else later that day. If someone cuts you off, the opposite effect will occur. Spread that light that you have gained within these walls. Give that everlasting Gobstopper back.

“So shines a good deed in a weary world...”

Message From The South - Irving Rosenbloom, PM

*H*ello Brethren, Let's congratulate our newly entered apprentice Masons, Jahir Arab and Timothy Martin.

I would like to share with you an article I found most appropriate for the April Trestleboard. It was written by Right Worshipful brother Christopher J. Busby, Grand lecturer Of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire are free and accepted Masons.



“What is the purpose and power of Masonic ritual?”

Our ritual is the heart and soul of the fraternity. All our tenants, philosophies, and myths reside there. Without it, we would simply be another social or charitable club. Our ritual sets us apart. It Binds us with each other and with every Mason throughout time. Masonic ritual is not simply made-up of words. Indeed, any individual with access with the Internet can obtain a wealth of information without the forms and ceremonies of the craft.

Does one that simply reads and memorizes the ritual become a Mason. Of course, the answer is “no”. Without the right men to join us, and without the right experience to act as a catalyst for transformation, the words are merely ideas. One may look upon our ritual as mediation. The opening and closing of the lodge, the floor work. Of a degree, our charges are inculcated to center us to our labors. To teachers as well as to remind. To unite us around a guiding set of principles and awaken our spirits.

Our ritual is performed in consecrated temples which are meant to be sacred and separate from the everyday world. There we navigate along our paths from the material to the spiritual. Our temples are the vessels in which we individually and collectively channel our communication to the divine. Every time we enact or experience one of our degrees, we are living and moving together in sacred time and space. We are being initiated again and renewing our obligations. Now think back to the day when you were initiated. Did the experience match your expectations? What elements of that day have been permanently impressed upon your mind? Are the aspects of the degree that fell short? Why? Think about the ritual that you last performed or witnessed. With what intention was the ritual given? Did it feel serious, solemn, important, transcendent? Did it invoke emotion? Did it illuminate wisdom within you? Was Masonic light transmitted?”

I look forward to seeing you all at the Lodge!

Sincerely and fraternally,
Irving Rosenbloom, PM --- Junior Warden 2024

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**Los Angeles Pyramid No. 59
is collecting money for the
SCIOTS FOUNDATION**



The Sciots Foundation is devoted to making a difference in the lives of those affected by the family of autism with a specific emphasis on children. The Foundation is particularly dedicated to the idea of seeing that individuals and families living with autism are able to experience improvements in their quality of life.



Donate with Opportunity

April 2024

Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, April 4th, 6:45pm

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

Thursday, April 11th, Dinner at 6:30pm

Temple Board Meeting 7:00pm
2nd Degree Conferral

Thursday, April 18th, 6:30pm

First Degree Initiations

Saturday, April 20th, 8:00am

Open House at Elysian!! 8:00am
Sciots Meeting at 9:00am
Easter Star Discussion at 11am with
Most Worshipful Art Weiss,
Past Grand Master of CA

Thursday, April 25th, 6:30pm

First Degree Initiations

Thursday, May 2nd, 6:45pm

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

Thursday, May 9th, 6:45pm

Temple Board Meeting followed by
2nd Degree Conferrals

Elysian

Lodge

OPEN HOUSE

April 20, 2024

Saturday at
9:00am until 11am
Coffee • Bagels • Donuts
Fellowship!



From The Secretary's Table

Member Information



Jon Tierney
Secretary

Please log into www.FreeMason.org and update your profile. It is important that each member keep your contact information current, add an emergency contact and remember that membership dues can be paid online via credit card.

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 all go!!

April 20th is...

“Open House”

Saturday April 20th between 9am and 11
Come in, hang out, help clean up or give us your feedback!



Happy Birthday

Arevik Mnatsyan
(Gevorg Porsughyan's wife)
April 1

Rafael Lopez, Jr.
April 5

Emmy Quinn Madsen
(Schuler's wife)
April 5

Angel Santos Gabriel
April 8

Steven Douglas Goguen
April 8

Yukiteru A. (Rishi) Hamada
April 9

Guillermo Quezada
April 10

Jonathan Tierney
April 11

Edric Julius A. De Las Alas
April 12

Matthew Vincent Feil
April 18

Fidel Villespin Padayao
April 29

Cyrel Ibanez (Josh's wife)
April 30



It's time to "Knock it Out of the Park" with the 2024 Masons4Mitts Campaign!

Starting this month, Masons across the state are donating \$20 to provide underserved youths in California with brand-new leather baseball gloves.

In Los Angeles, we support the Dodgers Dreamteam program for boys and girls aged 5-18. The program is more than just baseball mitts. It is about providing enriching summer activities for children who could not otherwise afford to attend a summer camp. At the same time, it provides support for parents as well, with programs and seminars designed to promote academic participation and achievement, stress healthy habits and wellness, and encourage greater inclusion of under-resourced youth in sports.



It is a wonderful program. We have supported the Dodgers since 2015, and have raised over \$500,000 to date. All for just \$20, we can give a child a beautiful, Dodgers-blue baseball mitt that is inscribed with a Square and Compass.



Support your lodge's participation in this great program. Here's how:

Scan the QR Code, or, go to
www.Masons4mitts.org

Click LA Dodger Logo
Click Media Central Titans
Click Give a Mitt Click Donate.

*Contact Greg Cherry at (310) 968-8369 if you
have any questions.*



★ Grand Master of California Masons ★

Most Worshipful **G. Sean Metroka** visits Elysian Lodge 418 for Masonic Education Night. This was a District Event for the 713th Masonic District, Division 7 and was supported by: William Rhodes Hervey 767, Atwater Larchmont Tila Pass 614 and Elysian Lodge 418.



It was with great pleasure and profound honor that Elysian Lodge hosted a truly historic evening. March 28th 2024 marked the unprecedented occasion whereby we welcomed Grand Master G. Sean Metroka, a distinguished figure whose journey through the Masonic realm has been nothing short of extraordinary.

In the vast tapestry of California Masonry, the visitation of a Grand Master to our district for a Masonic Education night is a rare and cherished occurrence. With about 40,000 California Masons spread across tons of lodges, securing such a visit is a testament to the significance of that evening. Traditionally, encounters with a sitting Grand Master are reserved for auspicious ceremonies like Officer Installations or the Dispensation of a new Lodge, yet the stars have aligned, granting us this exceptional

opportunity.

Grand Master Metroka's connection to our Lodge started last year. His previous visit, during which he was initiated as a Los Angeles Scot, an esteemed appendant body of Masons, remains a cherished memory. This year, he hosted an evening of Masonic Education focusing on Masonry and how it is practiced around the world. We had an evening of enlightenment and camaraderie.

In a spirit of unity and collaboration, the Masters of Elysian, ALTP, and WRH Lodges have orchestrated this gathering, transcending individual boundaries to celebrate our shared Masonic heritage. Together, we forged bonds of brotherhood that transcend mere words, embodying the timeless principles upon which our fraternity is built.

We enjoyed the formal dinner followed by an engaging

713th Masonic District, Division 7, 2024



Charles Costes, Manny Angeles, Frank Barbano, Rex Cabado



lecture by Grand Master Metroka. His extensive journey through the Masonic ranks, from his initiation at Table Mountain No. 124 to his esteemed position as Grand Master, serves as a testament to his unwavering dedication and profound commitment to our craft.

Rooted in a childhood enriched by the teachings of DeMolay, Grand Master Metroka's passion for Masonry has only deepened with time. His illustrious career, spanning over 30 years in the U.S. Marines and subsequent service in various Masonic capacities, exemplifies the embodiment of Masonic virtues both within and beyond our Lodge walls.

That memorable evening, as we gathered in fellowship, enriched our minds and spirits and drew inspiration from the wisdom imparted by Grand Master Metroka. Our hearts were open, our minds receptive, and our bonds strengthened as we embarked on that journey of enlightenment together.







Klein's Korner - Book Review

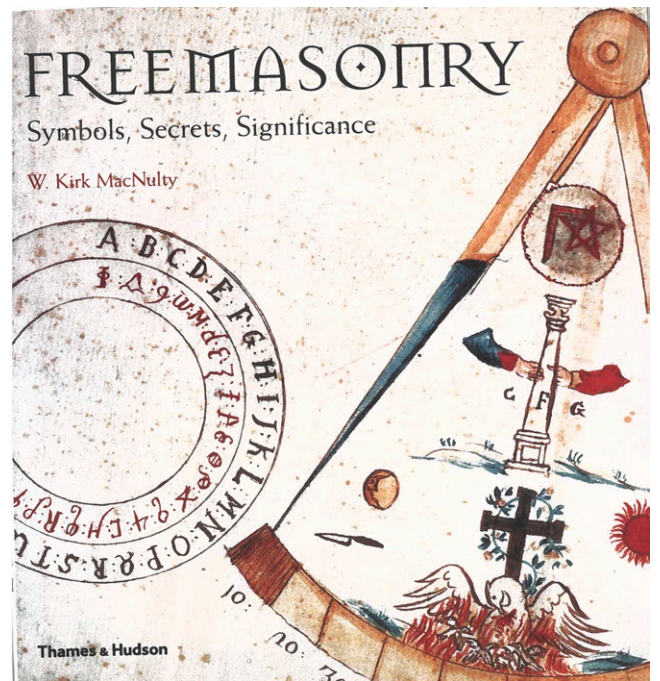
by Honorable Steven D. Klein



A review of "*FREEMASONRY, Symbols, Secrets, Significance*" written by W. Kirk MacNulty

T W. Kirk MacNulty (1932-2020), the author of this and several other fine works, was a prominent Mason and author on both sides of the Atlantic. The book begins by delving into the early origins of the Craft in exquisite detail, from the legendary origins of King Solomon's Temple, through the Knights Templars, then the Stone Masons of the Middle Ages and finally into the Renaissance.

In the formation of Operative Freemasonry, MacNulty advocates that the influence of the Renaissance has been understated in the development of Freemasonry. It is his belief that Freemasonry is the codification of the Hermetic/Cabbalistic tradition that was the essence of the Renaissance. He adds that the Renaissance saw a "significant increase in the status of the architect, who should be knowledgeable in the subjects of philosophy, arithmetic, geometry, history, music, medicine, jurisprudence and astronomy... which were embraced by the Liberal Arts and Sciences and the basic education of the time." He adds that it is reasonable to believe that early Freemasons' interest in the Renaissance was incorporated into Masonry. MacNulty has a point - the Renaissance is overlooked as an influence on Freemasonry. The ideals of freedom and democracy were also forming in this era and the Enlightenment which soon followed. It is the opinion of this reviewer that the embrace of these ideals helped transition the Craft from being Operative Masons to Speculative Masons. Additionally, without these ideals, Freemasonry as we know it today may not have come into existence.



Next, MacNulty takes us into the early years of Operative Masonry, which was often viewed as

a threat to the government, and/or to the Church. The democratic and ecumenical nature of the lodge structure was historically unprecedented. Despite these obstacles, Masonry expanded enormously in a relatively short time. In about 30 years it existed in much of the world, spread largely by the expanding British empire. Although very egalitarian in nature, Freemasonry would never have taken root and spread as it did without the enthusiastic embrace of intellectual men, influential men of wealth and high social standing.

This book is richly illustrated with 386 illustrations, 327 in color. Included are historic aprons, jewels, furniture, charters, patents, tapestries, ceramics, paintings, working tools, photographs, etchings, photos of buildings, lodge rooms and more. This collection that MacNulty assembles in this book is breathtaking. The history of the early days of the Craft is shown in these illustrations, MacNulty believes modern Masons have been giving too much of their attention to charities and social activities and have not been focusing on the core philosophical teachings of the Order. He continues that the present period is a good opportunity for Masons because young people in Western societies are showing an increasing interest in metaphysics which is comparable to the Hermetic/Cabbalistic traditions.



Adoptive Masonry, or women's masonry, more common in Europe and England than the United States is discussed, as is the anti-Masonic political movement in the USA and other countries. Modern Masonic history is not the subject of this book and only appears in passing toward the end of the book. MacNulty was clearly writing of the origins of the Craft in this book. He also doesn't include youth orders and very little on appendant bodies, His focus was clearly on the formation of the Blue Lodge. He briefly touches upon Masons in science, exploration, fine arts, leaders and royals - mostly from a British perspective.

MacNulty provides the addresses of every Grand Lodge in foreign countries, alphabetical by country (some nations have multiple Grand Lodges) international Masonic bodies, Masonic museums and libraries, plus even websites, magazines and journals. (The United States is not mentioned because the USA does not have a national Grand Lodge.)



This is an essential book for any brother who seeks more Light in Masonry, who is starting or expanding a good Masonic library. This is one of the great books that should be on his bookshelf.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Steven D. Klein
Book Reviewer and
Elysian Lodge No. 418
Member

Elysian Lodge Blood Drive

Elysian Lodge #418 came together on March 16th to host and support the American Red Cross in our annual Blood Drive. This was all put together by the efforts of our newest affiliate, Honorable Stephen D. Klein. Elysian is proud to have a man of such incredible character and drive, who is making the most out of his membership. A clear example of, 'Masonry is what you make of it.'

Brother Steven is 70 years young and has been donating blood since 1981, a year after joining the craft. He has been producing blood drives since 1996 and this latest one is just a continuation of this lifelong commitment. He has organized drives at a multitude of locations, including labor unions, houses of worship and other masonic lodges. When asked why he is

so motivated on this particular cause, Bro. Steven wanted to remind us that, 'Giving blood saves lives. Surgeries can't take place unless an adequate supply is readily available. There's

always a need for blood and although not covered in the media, at times there is a critical need when the supply drops dangerously low.' Bro. Steven also wants to see more brothers participate and challenges us to bring at least one friend, neighbor, or co-worker to the next drive.



Elysian has not had a blood drive since 2022 and thanks to Bro. Steven we are scheduled to have four total this year alone. Give the man a pat on the back and a very well deserved thanks next time you see him.



Anna, the Charge nurse,
with Red Cross Support Staff
along with brothers Manny and
Jonathan donating blood!! -
submitted by,
Ronald J Perez, SW

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
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Elysian Fellowship



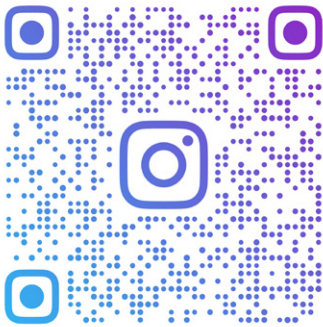




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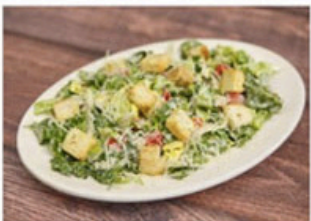
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For Years of Friendship and Generosity



We are More Than Our World Famous Pizza's



Antipasto 'Sicilia'
 Provolone, mortadella, capocollo, tomatoes, black olives and more! Served with garlic bread
Small \$14.50 Large \$20.10



Caesar Salad
 Served with garlic bread
Small \$12.20 Large \$17.70



Spinach Salad
 Spinach, tomatoes, red onions, mushrooms and lemon oil dressing. Served with garlic bread
\$14.65



Greek Salad
 Romaine lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, calamata olives, pepperoncini, red onions, feta cheese, rice vinegar, olive oil dressing. Served with garlic bread
\$17.00



Meatball Sandwich
 Large tender meatballs served with meat sauce.
\$14.05



Fresh Mozzarella Sandwich
 Fresh mozzarella cheese, tomatoes and Italian dressing.
\$14.05



Turkey on Italian Roll
\$14.05



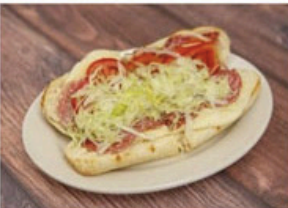
Submarine
 Mortadella, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato and Italian dressing served on fresh Italian roll.
\$14.05



Philadelphia Steak Sandwich
 Onions and bell peppers
\$16.75



Prosciutto and Melon
\$16.45



Salami and Cheese
 Genoa salami, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato and Italian dressing served on
\$16.75



Chicken Parmigiana Sandwich
\$16.75

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