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Ronald J. Perez, Master

Greetings From The East

Brethren,

Elysian Lodge has been ground zero for fun & engaging activity this summer! Between the Sciot's Annual Cornerstone Awards that filled our lodge to capacity, the Order of the Eastern Star educational & formational meetings, to the weekly Los Feliz Farmers Market, we have been packed full of activity. Elysian Lodge is truly THE **Premier** Lodge of Los Angeles.



The Temple-board has been extremely busy making improvements to our building's plumbing and HVAC systems and we thank them profusely for their handwork and dedication. I am allowing Polo Shirts and slacks for our upcoming Stated Meeting this Thursday at 6 P.M. Social and 6:30 P.M. Dinner. The meeting will be short as there is not much business to conduct at the moment, but it will be a great time to catch up with the brethren and hear about all the updates.

On July 19th, the L.A. Sciots held their Annual Cornerstone Awards and our lodge hosted over 160 plus people in attendance with over 27 lodges participating making it the best attended event in the last decade. As Master of Elysian Lodge, I gave the honor to our very own Assistant Secretary, Timothy Martin. Our very own Past Master Frank Barbano, also received one, awarded to him by the L.A. 59 Pyramid itself! A fun night was had filled with Arm Wrestling, good food and some very touching speeches. Next year will be even better. As Toparch of L.A. 59 A.E.O.S., I invite all those interested to join us on Aug. 16th for Bagels, coffee and Donuts! Come just to hang out if you want at 9 a.m.

We also had the Honor of hosting our Past G.M. Arthur Weiss to kick off an introduction to Order of the Eastern Star. So many of our Brothers and many of the ladies in their lives attended and are joining. Elysian is becoming a beacon in the masonic community!

Our Farmers Market is a huge success! We even share a booth every week with the Sciots & O.E.S. to promote masonic activity. We received many thanks from the neighbors on a job well done and bringing such an asset to the neighborhood.

We are a busy Masonic Center.
I can't wait to see you all soon!

Wor. Ronald J. Perez, 2025



Tidings From The West

Marco Cerretelli, SW

Brethren,

August reminds us to slow down and savor. It's the final chapter of long summer evenings, barbecues, beach days, and late night laughter. But it's also a time to start turning inward, setting goals, getting organized, and preparing for what's next.

The Lodge has been dark this whole time, as we all know, and while, on one hand we weren't able to conduct regular business and conferring Degrees, on the other hand, I hope, that we never stopped practicing all the moral duties that are inculcated in Masonry.



It's time to start thinking about what the next Masonic year is gonna look like. There's an Officers line that needs to be finalized, and elected Officers that will need to qualify. Our Officers coach Wor. Irwing is available if you need help with it. Please reach out.

If you're interested in moving up from your actual chair, please let me know. If you're interested in becoming part of the Line, also please let me know.

The sooner we'll have a complete Line of Officers, the sooner we'll start programming for a successful 2026.

Fraternally,
Marco Cerretelli SW



Tidings From The South

Giuseppe C. Ariola, SW



My Dear Brothers,

As the warmth of August embraces us, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the many calls, kind messages, and brotherly care I've received during my time of convalescence. Your support has lifted my spirits and reminded me of the true strength of our Masonic bond. This month, I look forward to seeing you all at our regular meeting. It will be a meaningful evening where, after our business is concluded, we will have a moment to reflect on the foundations we lay, not only in stone but in our lives and in our fraternity.

Before the meeting, we'll gather for our traditional dinner. A heartfelt thank you to our SW Marco Cerretelli, who is providing us with delicious food that make these evenings even more memorable.

Fraternally,

Giuseppe C. Ariola

Let us continue to carry the Light of Freemasonry into our homes, our community, and our hearts. I encourage each of you to invite a Brother you haven't seen in a while, and let's strengthen the bonds that make our Lodge a true Brotherhood.



Happy Birthday

Jorge Miguel Bueno
August 4

Brendan Charles Dyer
August 6

Oliver Alejandro Torrealba
August 6

Ronald J Preston
August 9

Arthur Robert Connolly
August 13

Timothy C Martin
August 13

Richard C Wooley
August 14

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August 15

Artur Mardoyan
August 26

Armando M. Ponce
August 27

Calvin Ryu
August 28

Edward Sargsyan
August 29

Cyrus Wilcox
August 29

August 2025 Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, Aug. 7th

7:30pm Stated Meeting on the 1st Degree
6:30pm Dinner is open to invited guests and family
Polo Shirt, Slacks.

Thursday, Aug. 14th

7:30pm Temple Board Meeting
T.B. Members ONLY

Saturday, Aug. 16th

Sciots L.A. Pyramid 59 Meeting
9 a.m. Social, 10 a.m. Meeting

Saturday, Aug. 16th

Eastern Star Meeting
11 a.m. Meeting, 12 p.m. Lunch



Eastern Star Returns to Elysian Lodge!



We are proud to announce that the Order of the Eastern Star (OES) is coming back home — to Elysian Lodge in Los Angeles.

It's been decades since an OES Chapter last met in our building. As Masonic membership declined in prior years, the chapter was eventually merged into one farther away. But times are changing. Our Lodge — and Masonry in California more broadly — is experiencing a revitalization. With renewed energy, increased membership, and a drive to reconnect with the greater Masonic family, we saw a unique opportunity to bring OES back to Elysian. And it worked.

After about a year of organizing meetings, gathering support, and helping potential petitioners understand the value and beauty of the Order, we now have the required number of petitioners. We've submitted all paperwork to the Grand Chapter of California and await formal dispensation. Once approved, regular meetings will begin — right here at Elysian.

Our Lodge leadership, including Worshipful Master Ron Perez, Temple Board President Edward Sargsyan, PM, Bro. Marco Cerretelli, SW, C. Giuseppe Ariola, JW, Treasurer Bob Petersen, PM, Sec. Jon Tierney, have been instrumental in paving the way for this development. It is a feather in our cap — few Lodges in California host an active Eastern Star Chapter. Even fewer have launched one from scratch in the last two decades.



Eastern Star continued...

To understand the significance of this moment, we turned to someone uniquely qualified to comment: Most Worshipful Art Weiss, Past Grand Master of Masons in California and Past Grand Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star — the only person in history to have held both titles.

“The tenets of Freemasonry are universal and should be practiced by everyone. Men and women working together can accomplish far more than individually,” said MWB Weiss. “Where Lodges and Chapters exist and work together, both are stronger and achieve more. We are truly ‘Better Together.’”

He adds:

“The group of brothers and sisters that have come together around Elysian Lodge are a phenomenal group — motivated, involved, and eager to serve. It has been some time since I have seen a group with this level of interest and energy.”

MWB Weiss also reminded us that the last new Chapter of OES in California was established in 2013 — Wistaria Chapter in Turlock. Prior to that, Dr. Rob Morris Chapter was formed in Santa Monica in 2008. That means this proposed Chapter at Elysian would be the first in over a decade — and a shining example of Elysian Lodge’s renewed vitality.

“I have been amazed at the enthusiasm and cohesiveness demonstrated by the 35+ Lodge members and ladies who have come together to create this new OES Chapter opportunity. It is this level of interest that will make the Chapter a success!”

He also spoke to the value of OES from a Masonic education perspective:

“A Master Mason’s fundamental education is not just the three Craft degrees. A Mason needs to take the Royal Arch Degree — it is the second half of the third degree, the rest of the story. The five degrees of Eastern Star round out that basic education as they enhance and expand the lessons of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.”

Why This Matters — and What’s Ahead



Eastern Star continued...



Having an active OES Chapter within our walls brings benefits to our Lodge, to individual members, and to our community.

Benefits to Elysian Lodge:

- Increased Masonic presence in the community
- Joint service and charitable projects
- Co-ed social gatherings and events
- Expanded visibility and vibrancy
- Ladies can invite men to become Masons (a unique and valuable recruitment pipeline!)

Benefits to Members:

- Transformational initiation experience
- Five OES degrees that deepen understanding of Masonic values
- Shared Masonic journey with spouses, family, and friends
- Opportunities for leadership, service, and fellowship
- Participation in the broader Masonic family

We are especially proud that Elysian Lodge now hosts not only our Blue Lodge meetings, but also serves as a community Voting Center, a home for the Neighborhood Council, a weekly Farmer's Market sponsor (complete with our Masonic outreach booth), and a hub for appendant bodies like the Sciots. And now — the Order of the Eastern Star joins our growing Masonic community.

We look forward to the future of this new Chapter and invite all who are interested — Masons and prospective members alike — to be part of this exciting journey.

Fraternally,
Frank Barbano, PM
Elysian Lodge No. 418

Farmer's Market Now at Elysian Lodge

Every Friday 4-8 pm!



Earlier this year, thanks to a connection through the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, Elysian Lodge was approached with a unique opportunity: to host a private Farmer's Market in our very own parking lot.

Under the leadership of Worshipful Edward Sargsyan, Temple Board President, and Brother Tim Martin, Vice President, this vision became a reality. They quickly assessed the opportunity and moved forward with purpose and enthusiasm.

Previously, the neighborhood market operated near the post office on Vermont, but with limited

visibility. Our Lodge, located at a prominent and well-traveled corner, is perfectly positioned to draw greater foot traffic and build stronger ties with the local community.

Lodge Master Ron Perez took the idea even further by securing a dedicated booth for Masonic outreach. This space is open to all Masonic bodies that meet at Elysian and offers a chance to engage the public and share the values of Freemasonry.

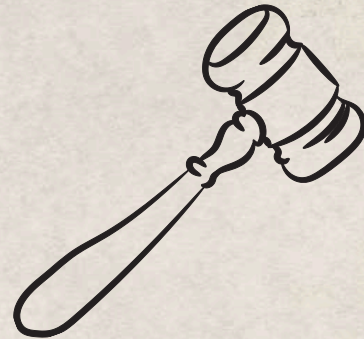
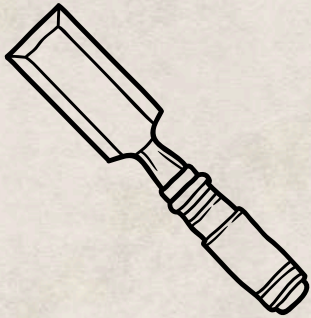
Special thanks go to Brother Tyler Sirovy, who has taken the lead in setting up, staffing, and breaking down the booth each week. His steady presence and hard work embody the spirit of service we all strive to uphold.

We encourage all members, friends, and family to stop by the Market every Friday, visit our booth, and take part in this vibrant community space we've helped bring to life.

— Frank Barbano, Past Master, Elysian Lodge No. 418



Officers' Coach



Irving Rosenbloom P.M.

Brethren,

As we take this short break, I Want to remind you all that our progress doesn't pause with our meetings.

The strength of our team lies in how we prepare even when we're apart. Keep working on your responsibilities, refining your ritual work, and staying sharp- because the more consistent we are now, the stronger and more confident will be when we're back together again.

Every bit of effort you put in today ensures we hit the ground running tomorrow.

This time apart is an opportunity-not a setback.

Let's Treat it as a chance to lead with intention, stay disciplined and hold ourselves accountable to the standards we've set.

I believe in each of you, and I know that when we return, your hard work will show. Keep pushing forward because excellent doesn't take time off . Let's be ready.

Please contact me if you need help with your ritual work and memorization and also if you're not sure what you what you need to learn for your new position next year I'm hopeful that we will all be ready by September for qualifications

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Why Masons4Mitts?

Baseball is America's pastime! It is also our present and our future. Every season, millions of fans pack the stands to watch our professional teams play ball. Wide-eyed children watch their Major League heroes, and dream of playing baseball themselves. However, for many of the youths in our communities, the reality is that they can't afford the necessary equipment to play the game, let alone have access to safe and adequate playing fields.

That is why the Masons of California have partnered with four Major League Baseball (MLB) foundations in California: the San Francisco Junior Giants, Los Angeles Dodgers DreamTeam, Angels of Anaheim Nike RBI program, and San Diego Padres Rookie League.

"The most rewarding part of this program is knowing that, for just \$20, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of these kids."

Since 2009, the Masons have raised more than \$1 million to support these MLB summer programs. Not only do the programs give the children access to playing fields and sports equipment, but more importantly, they provide an enriching summer experience for the kids, while teaching important life skills and values like hard work, good character, and teamwork.

Just as baseball is an important part of American culture, Masons4Mitts is a vital youth program in our communities. One of the most rewarding aspects is that every child who participates receives their very own, high quality baseball mitt, emblazoned with the Square and Compass and Masons of CA logo. As we like to say, we are helping children, "\$20 at a time."

—Rich Modolo, RETIRED SF CAPTAIN



What We Do

Masons4Mitts supports our four Major League Baseball foundation partners in providing an enriching extracurricular experience for at-risk youth. All proceeds purchase baseball mitts and sports equipment for children participating in the program. This is an initiative of the California Masonic Foundation, and one of our most visible statewide community-based programs.

Each region has fundraising teams, comprised of area lodges, and led by our volunteer Captains, facing off in friendly competition to raise the most money they can to support these MLB foundations. The team from each region that funds the greatest number of baseball mitts will be invited to the ballpark when we present the check to our regional MLB partners.

Why Support Us?


Any one of us can give \$20.

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Be part of a great community experience

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CORNERSTONE AWARDS

LA59 hosted the annual Cornerstone Awards where 156 guests were in attendance & 28 Master Masons were awarded the Cornerstone. They were selected by their respective Lodge Master. There was a formal dinner before the ceremony. As LA59's Toparch, I was the host. The event was MC'd by Frank Barbano, PT. The post award festivities including the annual arm wrestling competition was hosted by Guillermo Quezada. A silent auction helped raise funds for the our new Pyramid. Each Cornerstone Award was hand cast in a custom mold forming a brick stone by Sciots Tim Martin.

This might have been the biggest event at Elysian Lodge!!!

I am thankful to all the SCIOTS that helped make this event happen. Thank you to Sciots Rostamian, Olguin, Quezada, Martin, Kiwanian, Gonzalez, Newham, Hairapetian, Hernandez and the rest who volunteered, donated and attended. A special thank you to our wonderful chef, Sciots Cerretelli for pulling off cooking for 150 plus people!

Thanks are also in order to the Elysian Lodge brothers like Levon Avoyan, Kevin Alexander, Tyler Sirovy, Boris Calderon & their masonic extended family like Meagan Webster, Babette Strousse, Shalena Garbutt, Anahit Arzumtayan and especially, Artur Hakobyan who were instrumental in making this night happen.

Thank you to P.P. Alcorn III & Supreme Pastophori Antabian, P.T. for attending and a wonderful introduction. Although he could not attend, thanks are in order for Toparch Ariola from Long Beach 43, currently recovering from an injury. Tell all your blue lodge brethren about the Sciots and how fun we are!

I will see you at August's Stated Meeting!!!

- Ronald J Perez,
Toparch L.A. 59



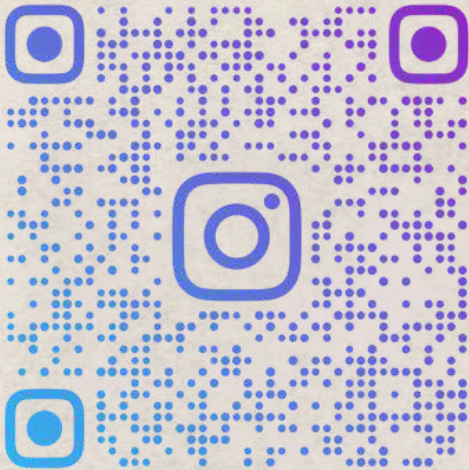
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Fresh mozzarella cheese, tomatoes and Italian dressing

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