

MASTER'S TRESTLE BOARD



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Congradulations to Brother Ortiz on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason!



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

In the ancient Roman calendar, the year began in March, making October the eighth month, derived from the Latin octo (eight). When the calendar was reformed, first by King Numa Pompilius around 713 BCE and later by Julius Caesar in 45 BCE, the months of January and February were added to the beginning of the year. This shifted October to the tenth month, but it kept its original numerical name.

Esoterically, October sits under the sign of Libra, the cosmic scales.

For the Mason, the scales are intimately bound to the eternal moral quest for equilibrium.

In ancient Egyptian mystery traditions, which deeply influenced early Masonic symbolism, the heart of the initiate was weighed against the feather of Ma'at (truth and cosmic order) before entering the sacred hall.

As the days grow shorter and the night expands, we are called to bring our passions, temperaments, and actions back into perfect balance.

As for a Masonic historical fact: on October 25 1723, the Anderson's Constitutions were officially presented in printed form to the Grand Lodge of England, establishing the foundational bedrock for modern Masonic law and governance.

Brethren , welcome to the spooky time of the year!

Did you know where Halloween originated?

It originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain.

People believed that on the night of October 31st, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead blurred.

Celts lit huge bonfires to ward off ghosts and wore masks or costumes so wandering spirits would mistake them for fellow ghosts.



October marks also the time for Annual Communication in San Francisco.

We'll be electing and installing the new Grand Master, the Grand Line of Officers, as well as voting on this year resolutions and legislations. You can find all the resolutions, listed and explained, in the "Resources" folder on the Grand Lodge website.

As final thought:

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.

(Bro. Benjamin Franklin)

Fraternally,

Marco Cerretelli
Worshipful Master

TIDINGS FROM THE WEST

The Illusion of Control: What History Teaches About Power

Power tempts leaders to believe they can hold everything in place—people, events, outcomes. Yet history repeatedly shows that the harder someone clings to absolute control, the more unstable their rule becomes, often ending in isolation, rebellion, or collapse.

A Historic Example from Ancient Rome: Julius Caesar and the Cost of Absolute Authority

Julius Caesar provides one of the most famous examples from ancient Rome of what happens when a leader tries to hold total control. After winning a series of military victories and defeating his rivals in civil war, Caesar returned to Rome as the dominant figure in the Republic. He accumulated unprecedented honors: a ten-year consulship, the title of dictator without time limits, and in February 44 BCE, the appointment as “dictator for life,” a move that broke with Roman tradition and alarmed many senators.

Caesar’s concentration of power marginalized the Senate, undermined republican institutions, and created the impression that he intended to rule as a king in all but name. Fearing the end of the Republic, a group of more than 60 senators—including former allies like Brutus and Cassius—conspired to stop him. On the Ides of March (15 March) 44 BCE, they attacked and killed Caesar during a Senate session at the Theatre of Pompey. Rather than restoring republican liberty, Caesar’s assassination triggered another round of civil wars, the rise of the Second Triumvirate, and ultimately the collapse of the Republic itself. His heir, Octavian, emerged as the sole ruler and became Augustus, the first Roman emperor, marking the transition from republic to empire. Caesar’s attempt to hold absolute control ended in his violent death and the very transformation of Rome that his killers had hoped to prevent.



Why the Grip of Control Backfires

Leaders who try to hold all control often trigger the very threats they fear. Several dynamics explain this: Concentration of power breeds fear: When one person dominates institutions, elites and rivals unite to remove the perceived tyrant.

Erosion of legitimacy: Breaking traditions and norms undermines trust and makes a leader appear dangerous rather than protective.

Unintended consequences: Efforts to secure control can unleash chaos, civil war, or systemic collapse instead of stability.

A Clear Takeaway for Leaders and Organizations

History suggests that sustainable influence comes not from tightening control but from building resilient systems, shared purpose, and accountable structures. Leaders who accept limits, delegate wisely, and invite constructive dissent tend to last longer and leave healthier legacies than those who try to hold everything in their hands.

Fraternally – Giuseppe C. Ariola

MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

As October arrives and the leaves begin to turn, we are reminded that change is written into all things. The seasons do not remain, youth does not remain, and neither do the days placed in our hands.

There is an ancient wisdom that teaches us that every breath we take is another step along the journey of life. Our days may seem many when we look ahead, yet remarkably few when we look behind. A wise man, therefore, does not measure his life merely by its length, but by what he builds within it and what goodness he leaves behind.

Let us use the time granted to us wisely to improve ourselves, strengthen our Brothers, forgive more readily, speak with kindness.

Brethren, life is brief, but a worthy life can leave a lasting mark. May we not simply count our days, but make our days count, remembering that what we do for one another may endure long after our footsteps have faded.



S&F

Majid Hashemi

OCTOBER OVERVIEW

October 2026 – Calendar of Events

Please reserve Thursday evenings for Elysian Lodge.

Business casual attire is the minimum dress code.

Suits are required for all Degrees.

Thursday, October 1st

Stated Meeting at 7:30 –Dinner at 6:30

Thursday, October 8th

Temple Board at 7:00

Degree Practice at 7:30 PM

Dinner at 6:30

Thursday, October 15th

Degree TBD–Dinner at 6:30

Thursday, October 22nd

Lecture “ Hercules and his 12 Labors”

–An Allegory for the Spiritual Journey–
at 7:00 (Master Masons only).

Fellowship Night for EAs, FCs, and prospects.

Dinner at 6:00

Thursday, October 29th

Halloween BBQ & Costume Party at 6:00

Open to Members, Families, and Guests

2026 OSI SCHEDULE

DISTRICT # 713

2026 DOSI (District Officers' School of Instruction)

DATE	HOST LODGE / LOCATION	SUBJECT
1/28/26 – Wednesday 7:30 - 9:00pm	William Rhodes Hervey 767 2927 Rowena Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90039	Introductions, Schedule, Rules and Policies
2/19/26 – Thursday 7:30 - 9:00pm	Elysian Lodge #418 1900 N Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027	1 st Degree
3/17/26 – Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00pm	Atwater Larchmont Tila Pass #614 2927 Rowena Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90039	2 nd Degree
4/22/26 – Wednesday 7:30 - 9:00pm	William Rhodes Hervey 767 2927 Rowena Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90039	3 rd Degree
5/28/26 – Thursday 7:30 - 9:00pm	Elysian Lodge #418 1900 N Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027	Balloting, Elections, Masonic Education
June - Dark		
7/14/26 – Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00pm	Atwater Larchmont Tila Pass #614 2927 Rowena Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90039	1 st Degree
8/26/26 – Wednesday 7:30 - 9:00pm	William Rhodes Hervey 767 2927 Rowena Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90039	Administrative process updates from Inspector's Retreat
9/22/26 – Thursday 7:30 - 9:00pm	Elysian Lodge #418 1900 N Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027	2 nd Degree
11/17/26 – Thursday 7:30 - 9:00pm	Atwater Larchmont Tila Pass #614 2927 Rowena Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90039	3 rd Degree
December - Dark		

OFFICERS COACH



Irving Rosenbloom P.M

By providing instruction on ritualistic practices, procedural protocols, and the historical significance of various ceremonies, the officers' coach helps maintain the lodge's standards and fosters a cohesive leadership team. Moreover, the officers coach plays a crucial role in preserving the integrity of Masonic rituals and ceremonies, Freemasonry places significant emphasis on its rituals, which are rich in symbolism and tradition. All officers are to attend each practice and degree. As The Officer's Coach I'm available at anytime for any officer to help them with their lines and the ritual work. I'm also available in the evenings over the phone at 7.30 PM, and in the Lodge when available.

HIRAM AWARD CEREMONY 2026



ELYSIAN LODGE

PRESENTS, the LECTURE:

HERCULES
& HIS TWELVE LABORS

an Allegory for the Spiritual Journey

from Bro. J.Richemberg's

Audiobook

"The Twelve Labors of Hercules
and Freemasonry"

Thursday
October 22nd 7pm

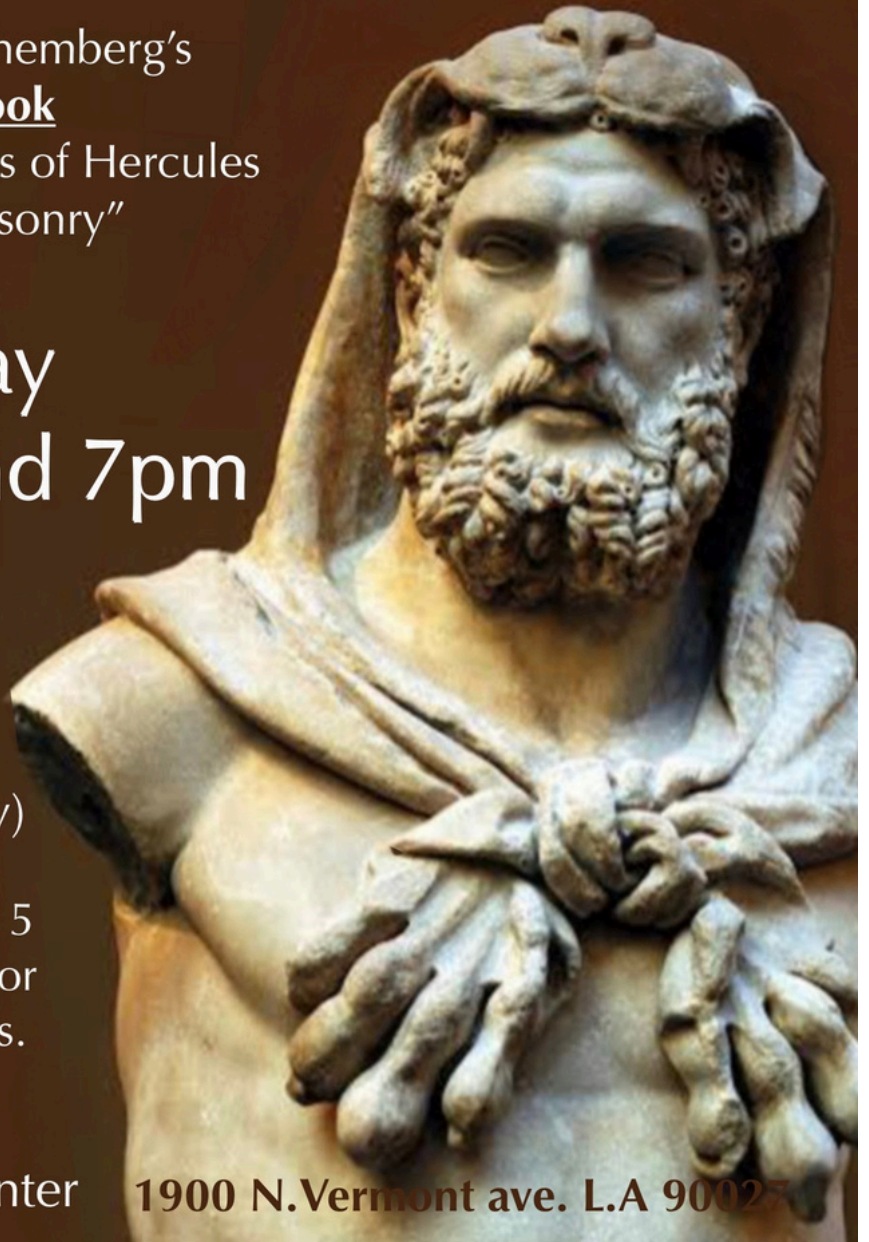
Presented by
Wor. M.Cerretelli

(Master Masons only)

But, fellowship starts at 5
and continue all night for
EAs, FCs, and prospects.
Dinner at 6

Elysian Masonic Center

1900 N.Vermont ave. L.A 90027



ELYSIAN LODGE NO. 418

HALLOWEEN



BBQ



COSTUME PARTY

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 29TH
6:00 PM**

**FOOD, DRINKS,
MUSIC & FUN**

**BRING SNACKS & SIDE
DISHERS TO SHARE**

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS

ELYSIAN MASONIC CENTER - 1900 N. VERMONT AVE L.A. 90027



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



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CALIFORNIA

*Co-ed
Masonic Group*

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(who are Master Masons) interested in being a founding
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Masonic organization (Founded in 1850)
focusing on women. O.E.S. , recognized
by Grand Lodge, implements innovative
ideas, facilitating positive change and
planning for the future, while working
cohesively within our Masonic Family.
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Call Frank or Kimberley for August
organizational meeting details
(323) 394-2447

There's no charge for this event but all attendees must RSVP at:
barbano@mac.com
1900 N Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027

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