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Congratulations to Brother Joe Godales on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason!



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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Brethren, November is the eleventh month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars, the fourth and last of four months to have a length of 30 days and the fifth and last of five months to have a length of less than 31 days. November was the ninth month of the calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC. November retained its name (from the Latin *novem* meaning "nine") when January and February were added to the Roman calendar. November is a month of late spring in the Southern Hemisphere and late autumn in the Northern Hemisphere. Therefore, November in the Southern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of May in the Northern Hemisphere and vice versa.

In Ancient Rome, Ludi Plebeii was held from November 4–17, Epulum Jovis was held on November 13, and Brumalia celebrations began on November 24. These dates do not correspond to the modern Gregorian calendar. November was referred to as Blōtmōnaþ by the Anglo-Saxons. Brumaire and Frimaire were the months on which November fell in the French Republican Calendar.

As the days shorten and the chill of late autumn sets in, November brings us to a season of quiet reflection and deep gratitude. We are reminded of the bountiful blessings bestowed upon us by the Grand Architect of the Universe, through the bond of Masonic Brotherhood. Gratitude in Masonry is an active virtue.

As we gather with our families to give thanks, let us also remember our obligation to extend relief to those in need, comfort the distressed, and keep a watchful eye on our elderly Brethren and widows.



Let us come together this month with thankful hearts, a renewed commitment to our Craft, and a shared dedication to spreading peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

November is also the time of the year when we are called to elect next year's Lodge leadership. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our Stated Meeting for such an important part of our Masonic duties.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Marco Cerretelli

WORSHIPFUL MASTER

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TIDINGS FROM THE WEST

The Strength of Taking a Step Back

My dear Brothers, Our lodge is a place where we come together in a spirit of friendship, respect, and brotherly love. Yet even among Brothers, differences can arise. Words may be misunderstood, emotions may run high, and a disagreement can become more important to us than the bond we share.

At such moments, we each face a choice: to insist on having the last word, or to take the first step toward peace.

When two people quarrel, it is easy for each to wait for the other to give way. Each may feel certain that he is right. But the Brother who steps back—without first demanding an apology or a judgment in his favor—shows wisdom, not weakness. He understands that preserving brotherhood matters more than winning an argument.

Taking a step back does not mean admitting that we are wrong. Nor does it mean that the issue can never be discussed. It means choosing not to let anger decide how we treat one another. There will be time to seek understanding when we can speak calmly and listen with open hearts.

The wisest Brother is not necessarily the one who offers the strongest argument. Often, he is the one who recognizes when an argument has ceased to serve any good purpose. His restraint shows everyone present that he values our shared bond above his own pride.

Let us therefore be slow to judge, careful with our words, and generous in allowing one another a way back to harmony. Before we ask, "How can I prove that I am right?" let us ask, "What can I do to bring us closer together?"



My Brothers, let none of us be ashamed to be the first to lower his voice, extend his hand, or leave a harsh word unanswered. Such a gesture does not diminish a man. It reveals his strength of character and gives others an example worth following.

May we remember that the true victory is not for one Brother to overcome another, but for both to leave a disagreement with their dignity—and their brotherhood—intact.

Fraternally,

G. Ariola

SENIOR WARDEN

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MESSAGE FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren, There is a strange contradiction in human nature. We know our time in this world is limited, yet we live as though we have forever. We worry about what we might lose tomorrow, while overlooking the beauty of what we already have today.

Life, despite all its hardships, is a remarkable gift. There is beauty in the passing of seasons, wisdom in our struggles, and something precious in every moment we share with those around us. Perhaps true wealth is not having everything we desire, but finding peace and gratitude in what life has already given us.

I would also like to congratulate Brother Godales on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and wish him all the best on his Masonic journey.

Fraternally,

Majid Hashemi

JUNIOR WARDEN

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NOVEMBER OVERVIEW

November 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, November 5th — *Stated Meeting (Election of Officers) 7:30 PM*

Thursday, November 12th — *Temple Board, 7:30 PM*
Practice, 7:30 PM

Thursday, November 19th — *Degree (TBD)*

Thursday, November 26th *(Thanksgiving Day)* — *Lodge is dark. Happy Thanksgiving.*

STATED MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

November's Stated Meeting includes the election of next year's Lodge leadership.
Thursday, November 5th, at 7:30 PM.

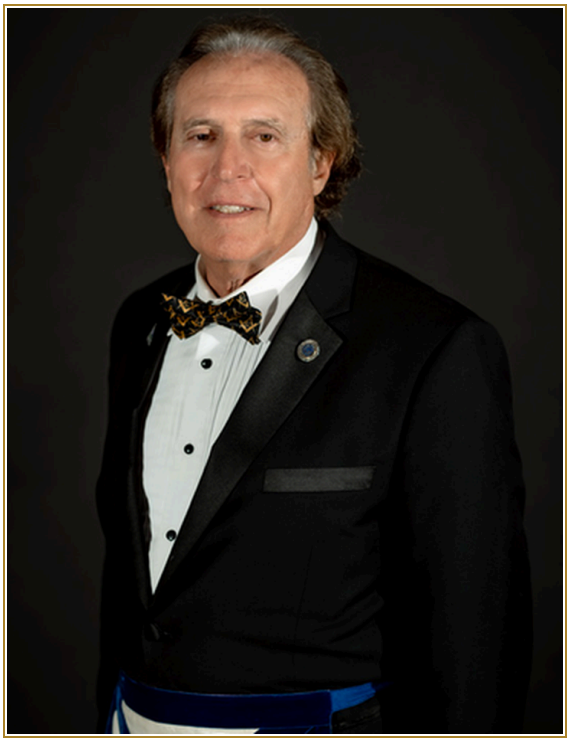
2026 DOSI SCHEDULE

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	1st Degree
3/17/26 – Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00pm	Atwater Larchmont Tila Pass #614 2927 Rowena Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90039	2nd Degree
4/22/26 – Wednesday 7:30 - 9:00pm	William Rhodes Hervey 767 2927 Rowena Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90039	3rd 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	1st 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	2nd Degree
11/17/26 – Thursday 7:30 - 9:00pm	Atwater Larchmont Tila Pass #614 2927 Rowena Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90039	3rd Degree
December - Dark		

OFFICERS COACH



Irving Rosenbloom, P.M.

OFFICERS COACH

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 Officers' Coach, I'm available at any time 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.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION 2026



Brethren of Elysian Lodge 418 at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California PHOTO: ELYSIAN LODGE 418



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