

CALENDAR



MAY

- TUE 6** STATED MEETING 7:30 PM
DINNER 6:30 PM
- TUE 13** FIRST DEGREE 7:00 PM
OR PRACTICE
DINNER 6:00 PM
Officers in tuxedo
- TUE 20** DEGREE OR PRACTICE 7:00 PM
TBD
DINNER 6:00 PM
If Degree, Officers in tuxedo
- WED 21** DISTRICT OSI 7:00 PM
• THIRD DEGREE, 2ND SECTION
• THIRD DEGREE PROFICIENCY
AT LIBERAL ARTS LODGE
Officers attendance mandatory
- TUE 27** PRACTICE 7:00 PM
THIRD DEGREE, 2ND SECTION
DINNER 6:00 PM

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR
AND INFORMATION. VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.lodge42.org

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Richard W. Greenberg | 17 James C. Friedkin |
| 3 Nathaneal J. Rossin | 18 Ronald D. Levine |
| 6 Harvey L. Kates | 18 Robert B. Creamer |
| 9 Benjamin Chan | 19 Donald L. Holcomb |
| 10 Raymond L. Sherwood | 20 Nathan Sacks |
| 12 Gustavo M. Serna | 20 Alfred Grumet |
| 13 Robert A. Trombetta | 20 Frand R. Bernard |
| 14 Alex Gomez Casillas | 21 Perry B. Maltz |
| 15 Bernard E. Crane | 21 Andy Rosenbaum |
| 15 Emilio Reyes | 27 Martin Rosenfeld |
| 17 Ugo Mamolo | 29 Philip M. Kerns |
| 17 Joe Winchell | |

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LODGE NAME CHANGE

At our April Stated Meeting, a unanimous vote was taken approving the Resolution to Amend our By-Laws for the purpose of changing our name to “Los Angeles Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M.”. The resolution was subsequently approved by Most Worshipful Richard Wakefield Hopper, Grand Master of Masons in California, making the change official. We are now in the process of updating our Website and other materials. Please note our new Web address: www.lodge42.org.

GIVE TO THE MASONIC HOMES THIS MONTH

One of the most important things we do as Masons in California is to support our elderly members and widows at times when they most need it.

Since 2006, we’ve made May the month when we ask our Members to join us in giving to the Masonic Homes and Masonic Outreach Services. It’s fitting way to thank our Mothers on Mother’s Day with a donation in their honor to an organization that has helped so many over the years.

A little can go a long way. If every Member of our Lodge gives just \$35, it will add up to over \$10,000! Watch your mail for a special mailer, or send your check payable to the Masonic Homes of California to our Lodge mailing address. You can also give online; visit our Website at www.lodge42.org for more info.

ATTENTION CANDIDATES

If it’s been several years since you received your last Degree, you may be subject to forfeiture of your paid fees if you do not complete your remaining Degrees. If this may apply to you, please contact our Master or Secretary. We need to know if you are interested in receiving your Degrees now or in the future.

LOS ANGELES LODGE NO. 42, F. & A. M.
926 Santa Monica Boulevard #7
Santa Monica, CA 90401



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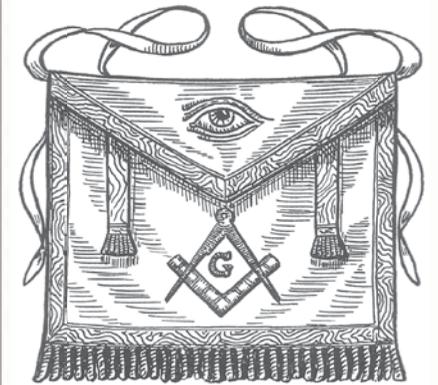
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May 2008



OUR 155TH YEAR
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Lodge Name Change

In Memoriam

Masonic Homes
Fund Raising Drive

STATED MEETING EVERY FIRST TUESDAY
926 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, Calif.
Visit our Website (new address): www.lodge42.org

2008 OFFICERS

MASTER

Norman M. Schultz

SENIOR WARDEN

André D. Harrell

JUNIOR WARDEN

James A. Graziano

TREASURER

Ronald G. Hopkins, P.M.

SECRETARY

Wesley G. Pitts, P.M.

CHAPLAIN

Gordon L. Freeman, P.M.

SENIOR DEACON

Ray Graham

JUNIOR DEACON

Kenton Kotsiris

MARSHAL

Barry A. Goss, P.M.

SENIOR STEWARD

Armando Romero

JUNIOR DEACON

Duilio C. Muller

TILER

Richard "Happy" Hall

OFFICERS' COACH

Wesley G. Pitts, P.M.

CANDIDATES' COACH

Gordon L. Freeman, P.M.

INSPECTOR

A. Sherman Ostrom, P.M.

FROM THE EAST

MORALITY AND MASONRY



What is morality? It comes from a Latin word meaning "custom". It is probable that the Romans first used it in the sense of "living according to the customs." Later, it came to mean, "The life of righteousness." Living the right way; doing the right things, thinking the right thoughts. What connection is there between morality and Freemasonry? Morality seems to be the first display of Masonic philosophy. It is a prime prerequisite for admission into the rites of initiation. Masonry is described as a "beautiful system of morality veiled in allegories and illustrated by symbols." A Mason then is obligated by his charge to obey the "Moral Law."

A careful survey Freemasonry will reveal that being duly and truly prepared is essential before a man can begin his travels to true initiation. The ultimate goal of our initiation is that of spiritual awakening. Morality is the gateway by which one enters on the path to that spiritual awakening.

Freemasonry, while not religious in nature, is a strictly moral institution with principles that inculcate in a good man more honor and virtue. Morality has been defined to be the doctrine of right and wrong in human conduct. Moral laws are not man made edicts or decrees but the internal justice and wisdom of God. Unlike mere animals, man alone is capable of being both moral or immoral. Man can knowingly and intentionally violate his own moral laws. These violations are the appetites and passions generated by material senses and are obstacles in the development of the more lofty moral attributes.

Freemasonry teaches us to circumscribe our desires and keep our passions within due bounds. Therefore, Freemasonry has its own interpretation of morality. For reasons of its own, it emphasizes certain duties, and encourages certain ideals. Freemasonry has standards for what it expects a Mason to be and molds him through its teachings to accomplish this goal.

When properly understood, the four virtues, referred to in the first degree, furnish a complete foundation for our system of morality. Freemasonry has value as a moral force in today's society. But it depends upon the view its

members take of their system. The teaching of this moral code is the foundation of our fraternity. It is through education of our members to the meaning and value of this moral code that we have a positive effect on our society. If we fail to reach this goal it will be from a lack of instruction rather than lack of desire to learn the meaning of Freemasonry.

— NORMAN M. SCHULTZ, Master



THE SECRETARY'S DESK

April was another busy month for our Lodge. At our April Stated Meeting, we welcomed WOR. A. Sherman Ostrom, P.M., the Inspector of our 361st Masonic District. As you may know, WOR. Ostrom will be retiring from his duties as our Inspector at the end of this year, but will continue to serve our Division as an Inspector-At-Large. Thanks to WOR. Ostrom for his many years of dedicated service!

On Tuesday, April 8th, we Initiated BRO. Rob Rappaport. BRO. James Graziano, our Junior Warden, was in the East. On the following Tuesday, we conferred the Fellowcraft Degree upon BRO. Jonathan Strickland. Senior Warden BRO. André Harrell was in the East. Congratulations to our Candidates, and to our Officers for their good work!

May is looking to be a similarly busy month. We will likely be balloting on two Applications for Degrees at our Stated Meeting, and then presumably Initiating both applicants. We also have several Brothers who are actively working toward their next Degree.

— WESLEY G. PITTS, Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Gustave Hermes

BORN April 24, 1931

ENTERED June 8, 1981

PASSED March 12, 1984

RAISED October 29, 1984

CALLED FROM LABOR April 24, 2008

*"Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting place!
Bright and glorious be thy rising from it!"*



PAST MASTERS

(LIVING)

1963 Phillip L. Goldstein	1989 Max C. Livingston
1965 Murray Jackson	1989 Gordon L. Freeman
1969 Ezra Levy	1989 Donald L. Holcomb
1970 Daniel A. Redholtz	1990 George Leimberg
1972 Carl C. Lau	1990 Max C. Livingston
1974 Paul H. Steinberg	1991 Terence F. W. Hall
1975 Salvador Gonzalez	1991 Richard R. Robinson
1977 Morton D. Leaderman	1992 Corneliu I. Enache
1978 Montie P. Mazo	1993 Harvey B. Lyman
1980 Harvey Malin	1994 Luz R. Briseno
1981 Morton D. Leaderman	1995 Andrew Rosenbaum
1982 Alfred W. Omansky	1996 Avi Grigorescu
1983 Arthur M. Serma	1997 Jordan L. Mehlinger
1983 Karl F. Berger	1998 Jordan L. Mehlinger
1984 Robert L. Amstadter	1999 Barry A. Goss
1984 Michael M. Marsellos	2001 Rafi Kureghian
1985 Jerome Gould	2002 Barry A. Goss
1986 Richard G. Robbins	2003 Michael M. Marsellos
1987 Fred J. West	2004 Michael M. Marsellos
1987 Thomas J. Hargaden	2005 Rafi Kureghian
1988 Thomas J. Hargaden	2006 Wesley G. Pitts
1988 Jack C. Levy	2007 Ronald G. Hopkins
1988 Harold R. Ravain, Jr.	



HIRAM AWARD RECIPIENTS

(LIVING)

1987 Morris I. Lazar	1996 Eugene B. Levey
1989 Anthony Sammartano, Sr.	1999 Sam Slavin
1990 Thomas J. Hargaden, P.M.	2000 Ernest F. Dynda
1994 Gordon L. Freeman, P.M.	2002 Richard "Happy" Hall
1995 Richard R. Robinson, P.M.	2006 Michael M. Marsellos, P.M.
1995 Luz R. Briseno, P.M.	2007 Wesley G. Pitts, P.M.
1995 Charles E. Campbell	