

2010 OFFICERS

MASTER
Wesley G. Pitts, P.M.

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Ronald G. Hopkins, P.M.

JUNIOR WARDEN
Ray Graham

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Barry A. Goss, P.M.

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James Graziano

JUNIOR DEACON
Andrew Robertson

MARSHAL
Armando Romero

SENIOR STEWARD
Jonathan Strickland

JUNIOR STEWARD
Andrew Rothmund

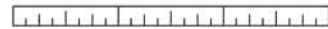
TILER
Richard "Happy" Hall

OFFICERS' COACH
Wesley G. Pitts, P.M.

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Gordon L. Freeman, P.M.

INSPECTOR
Harry R. Maslin, P.M.

CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

- TUE 2** STATED MEETING 7:30 PM
'Coming Home' Reunion
See details on page 5
DINNER 6:30 PM
- TUE 9** DEGREE REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
Second Degree
REFRESHMENTS 6:00 PM
- TUE 16** SECOND DEGREE 7:00 PM
REFRESHMENTS 6:00 PM
Officers in tuxedo
- TUE 23** FIRST DEGREE 7:00 PM
REFRESHMENTS 6:00 PM
Officers in tuxedo
- THU 25** OFFICERS' SCHOOL..... 7:00 PM
At Riviera Lodge
Officer attendance mandatory

MARCH

- TUE 2** STATED MEETING 7:30 PM
Youth Orders Observance
DINNER 6:30 PM
- TUE 9** DEGREE REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
Third Degree
REFRESHMENTS 6:00 PM
- TUE 16** THIRD DEGREE 7:00 PM
REFRESHMENTS 6:00 PM
Officers in tuxedo
- TUE 23** FIRST DEGREE 7:00 PM
REFRESHMENTS 6:00 PM
Officers in tuxedo
- WED 24** OFFICERS' SCHOOL..... 7:00 PM
At Santa Monica-Palisesades Lodge
Officer attendance mandatory

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



PAST MASTERS (LIVING)

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| 1963 Phillip L. Goldstein | 1989 Gordon L. Freeman |
| 1965 Murray Jackson | 1989 Donald L. Holcomb |
| 1969 Ezra Levy | 1990 George Leimberg |
| 1970 Daniel A. Redholtz | 1990 Max C. Livingston |
| 1972 Carl C. Lau | 1991 Terence F. W. Hall |
| 1974 Paul H. Steinberg | 1991 Richard R. Robinson |
| 1975 Salvador Gonzalez | 1992 Corneliu I. Enache |
| 1977 Morton D. Leaderman | 1993 Harvey B. Lyman |
| 1978 Montie P. Mazo | 1994 Luz R. Briseno |
| 1980 Harvey Malin | 1995 Andrew Rosenbaum |
| 1981 Morton D. Leaderman | 1996 Avi Grigorescu |
| 1982 Alfred W. Omansky | 1997 Jordan L. Mehlinger |
| 1983 Arthur M. Serma | 1998 Jordan L. Mehlinger |
| 1983 Karl F. Berger | 1999 Barry A. Goss |
| 1984 Robert L. Amstadter | 2001 Rafi Kureghian |
| 1984 Michael M. Marsellos | 2002 Barry A. Goss |
| 1985 Jerome Gould | 2003 Michael M. Marsellos |
| 1986 Richard G. Robbins | 2004 Michael M. Marsellos |
| 1987 Fred J. West | 2005 Rafi Kureghian |
| 1987 Thomas J. Hargaden | 2006 Wesley G. Pitts |
| 1988 Thomas J. Hargaden | 2007 Ronald G. Hopkins |
| 1988 Jack C. Levy | 2008 Norman M. Schultz |
| 1989 Max C. Livingston | 2009 André D. Harrell |



HIRAM AWARD RECIPIENTS (LIVING)

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 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 | |

TRESTLEBOARD

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February 2010



OUR 157TH YEAR
A.L. 5853-6010

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PRODIGAL SONS



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STATED MEETING EVERY FIRST TUESDAY
926 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, Calif.
Phone: (888) LODGE-42 Website: www.lodge42.org

FROM THE EAST PRODIGAL SONS



BROTHER ASKS, “Worshipful, why is our Fraternity making a special effort to encourage absentee members to return? Shouldn’t a Mason act of his own free will and accord? If a Brother chooses to neglect his Lodge, is the Lodge really deficient for his absence?”

It’s an honest question. As Masons, we promise to be active in our Lodges, to teach and inspire candidates and to mutually support one another—all of which depend on a regular attendance to the Craft.

There are, of course, circumstances beyond a Brother’s control which may prevent him from attending Lodge. For others, perhaps, it is a question of priorities. Each Brother knows for himself which reason detains him.

We’re reminded of the parable of the prodigal son, in which the younger of two brothers demands his inheritance while their father is still alive, receives it, and in a distant country, squanders the fortune. Now destitute, he humbly returns home, seeking absolution and protection from his family. His father welcomes his return with a lavish feast—to the consternation of his elder brother, who had never abandoned his father’s side.

Like that of the dutiful elder brother in the parable, our Brother’s annoyance at the effort to retract estranged members is emblematic of a challenge that each of us confronts from time to time. Our sense of justice is offended when someone, seemingly unworthily, is given exceptional attention, while we have labored steadily without fanfare.

This rugged road brings us to the core of what it means to be a Mason. We are reminded frequently in our ceremonies—often subtly, but at times quite directly—that the labors of Freemasonry are to be

expected without reward, except that personal satisfaction of reflecting on one’s duties diligently performed. Masonry is about self-improvement: building a temple in ourselves that provides comfort and aid to others. It is about service and sacrifice. Our most important lessons are not coincidentally taught through the symbolism of labor.

There is, however, another reward of being an industrious Mason which must not be undervalued. In the parable of the prodigal son, the father responds to his elder son’s indignation by observing that they are always together, and that every abundance is shared between them; but that his brother was lost, and now found! Truly, it is a cause for celebration.

The Mason who is active in his Lodge will be pleased to remember that he has, continually, the support of his Lodge and his Brothers. Every week we come together to share camaraderie and participate in the great work of Freemasonry. Strong friendships are formed that endure even outside of the Lodge. That an effort is made to widen our circle—to welcome home the prodigal brother—should be viewed not as an undeserved flattery, but as the least we can do to help a Brother Mason rejoin the benefits of his Fraternity. Each of our lives is enhanced by the connections we make with one another. From this perspective, what objection is there to increasing our circumference?

If you are one of our lost brothers, we sincerely ask you to reevaluate the reasons you don’t attend your Lodge. The new century has begun a renaissance for us. You will find many unknown friends among your Brothers. Please join us at our February Stated Meeting and forge a restored bond with your Lodge.

Congratulations to our two newest Masons, Brothers Jeremiah Costello and Kevin Howard. We look forward to another year of exceptional growth at Los Angeles Lodge, and hope you will be a part of it.

Fraternally,
WESLEY G. PITTS, P.M., *Master*

MEET OUR NEWEST MASONS EA Bros. Jeremiah Costello and Kevin Howard



Congratulations to our two new Entered Apprentice Masons, who were Initiated on Tuesday, January 12.

Front row, left to right: Richard “Happy” Hall, *Tiler*; Andrew Robertson, *Junior Deacon*; Ronald Hopkins, P.M., *Senior Warden*; Jeremiah Costello, *Entered Apprentice*; Wesley Pitts, P.M., *Master*; Kevin Howard, *Entered Apprentice*; James Graziano, *Senior Deacon*; and Armando Romero, *Marshal*.

Back row, left to right: Hershel Eaton, P.M., *Past Master*; Ryan Sullivan, *Treasurer*; Ray Graham, *Junior Warden*; André Harrell, P.M., *Past Master*; Jeffrey Linden, *Entered Apprentice*; Jonathan Strickland, *Senior Steward*; Barry Goss, P.M., *Secretary*; Gordon Freeman, P.M., *Chaplain*; Ryan Sprague, *Entered Apprentice*; and Andrew Rothmund, *Junior Steward*.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Ray E. Graham | 22 Rudolph Quintanar |
| 3 Abraham Manzur | 22 Alan D. Yorkin |
| 9 Laszlo Szoke | 23 Andrew T. Rothmund |
| 17 Norris L. Pratt | 26 Robert L. Amstadter |
| 17 David O. Taylor | 27 Harvey H. Malin |
| 18 Wesley G. Pitts | |



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

“COMING HOME” REUNION MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

Join us for a reunion dinner preceding our February Stated Meeting and reconnect with your Masonic home. Our Grand Master’s theme for this year is *Coming Home*, a fraternity-wide effort to bring all members, new and senior, active and inactive, back to their Lodges, beginning with the February Stated Meeting. Social hour will begin at 5:30 PM, with dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by the Stated Meeting. For reservations, please leave your name, and whether you will have a guest with you, at (888) LODGE-42. If you haven’t been to Lodge in a while, we want to see you! You will be impressed by the harmony and good fellowship that prevails in our Lodge.

PRACTICAL TWITTERING

If you’re a Twitterer, you can now follow our Lodge: twitter.com/lodge42. Our use of this will be strictly practical, providing notices of upcoming meetings or important reminders.

ELECTRONIC TRESTLEBOARD

To save postage costs and reduce waste, we offer you the option to receive Trestleboards electronically only. If you would prefer *not* to receive a printed Trestleboard, please let us know. The current Trestleboard is always available on our website in PDF format. Special notices and invitations will continue to be sent to all members by post, regardless of Trestleboard preference.

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

If you haven’t already, please create a user account on our website, www.lodge42.org. You’ll find a link to register at the top right corner of the page. Keeping your account up-to-date ensures we have your current e-mail address.