

September 2014



From the East
Ladies and Brethren,
We have a very special Stated

Meeting this month in which we will be having our first official Inspector Visit with our new Inspector and also Past Master and former Officer's Coach of Hollywood Lodge #355, Wo. James Bayhyle. On this same night, our Inspector will also be presenting the honor of a 50 Year Golden Veteran's Award. We will bring the Lodge from labor to refreshment to welcome families and friends to witness this prestigious award. This is more than simply being a Mason for 50 years, it's an award that acknowledges their dedication to the Craft, ongoing support, lifetime achievements, community involvement, and their everyday living out of Masonic principles that make this award so precious...and rare! We should all be so dedicated and blessed with longevity to accomplish this prestigious award. I look forward to seeing you all there.
Sincerely and Fraternally,

Eric Bertolli
Worshipful Master
Hollywood Lodge #355



From the West!
Before we adjourn for the 165th Annual Communicatio

ns at the Grand Lodge of California in San Francisco. This month, Collegium Solvitur Ambulando will discuss the Rule of Law. The presentation intends to explore the moral foundations forming the fabric of law and root the source of all corruption. The presenter strongly believes that freemasonry is intended to foster moral ideas while developing the character of its members. Therefore, he intends to hold a discussion identifying those ideals which bind and dismantle any law abiding civilization. I hope you'll join us for this challenging and enlightened discussion in the Banquet Hall starting at 7:15pm on September 18

Fraternally,
Haig Hagopian
Senior Warden

Hollywood Lodge #355



From the South!
Howdy Everyone!
Welcome to September...

Our quest for a new Lodge Chef soldiers on. Which means that we will be trying out yet another new dining option this month. I hope you will all be pleased with what they bring to our dinner table. That said I hope to see everyone at our upcoming Stated Meeting Dinner on September 4th. We are currently taking reservations, please, call or email.

Answer: What the ladies will be doing after the stated dinner.
Question: What is Nicki's Jeopardy fun night?
Put on your trivia hats, ladies! September brings you Nicki's Jeopardy fun night! Breaking up into teams of 2, vie for prizes made by the "Host" herself.

This month we have our Hollywood Lodge Theater Night as we enjoy an evening of Shakespeare. "Much Ado About Nothing" Shows on Saturday, September 13th, 8pm at the Theatricum Botanicum. For details on this event including cost and specific location please contact Bro. Alex Madjeski 818-304-5250
Fraternally,

Joshua Weathersby
your Junior Warden
Hollywood Lodge #355

Save the Dates	
Oct 18	Past Masters Night
Oct 25	Lodge Halloween Party
Nov 15	Charity Event TBD
Dec. 6	Bethel Installation
Dec. 13	Installation
Dec. 20	Table Lodge

Trestle Board September 2014	
Sept. 4	Stated Meeting & 50 Year Veterans Award and Inspector Visit
Sept. 11	First Degree (subject to vote in lodge)
Sept. 13	Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum
Sept. 18	CSA – The Rule of Law
Sept. 20	Assoc. Grand Guardian Reception
Sept. 21	14th Annual California Masonic Symposium
Sept. 25	Rosh Hashanah (Dark for the Jewish Holiday)

RSVP For September Stated Meeting

Call now to reserve your spot at the September Stated Dinner Meeting on September 4. \$13/person or \$25/couple. **\$15/person if you show up with NO reservation.** Only widows are free. Call Bro. Josh Weathersby at: 310-882-0645 or email: jr.warden.355@gmail.com. If you make a reservation for dinner and don't show up, you will still be charged.

September Birthdays
We wish a Happy Birthday to All Brothers whose birthday falls in Sept.

Discount tickets for Pacific Theatres are available. Contact: Joann Bauer. (818) 363-5727.

Collegium Solvitur Ambulando Philosophy Discussion Group

This Month's Topic: Sept 18 - Rule of Law

Collegium Solvitur Ambulando meets in the Hollywood Lodge social hall on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. All Masons are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Ladies Entertainment (stated Meeting)

The Ladies of the lodge will have a spectacular Jeopardy Fun Night. Play Jeopardy for Prizes made personally by Nick!!!

CALLED FROM LABOR
Brother Hal Styles Jr EIR July 13, 2014
Soft and Safe Be Thy Resting Place
Bright and Glorious Be Thy Rising From It

Obituary

Brother Hal J. Styles, Jr. a 50 Year Member entered into Rest July 13, 2014 Reflections submitted by Bro John Bohn.

"Reflections on the life of Brother Hal Styles Jr."

Brother Styles attended the United States Naval Academy from 1949 through 1955.

He received Naval Flight Training at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida in 1955 through 1956. He qualified as a Carrier Pilot.

After leaving the Navy, he pursued a successful career in the field of finance. For a brief time he held a trading seat on the New York Stock Exchange.

In his later life he taught High School Mathematics with the Los Angeles City School District.

He was also a qualified instructor pilot in single-engine and multi-engine aircraft, and helicopter training.

Hal was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother, and godparent.

My Brother Hal was and will always remain a cherished part of my life. May God Bless him and his immediate family now and in the future.

2014 Hollywood Lodge Officers		
Master	Eric Bertolli	505/249-2413
Sr. Warden	Haig Hagopian (Natalie)	818/530-8346
Jr. Warden	Joshua Weathersby (Nicki)	310/882-0645
Treas.	Chris Tsai (Chloe Chen)	626/379-6872
Secretary	Fred J. West, PM (Rita)	818/400-2464
Assist. Sec.	Keith Kramer	818/903-3055
Chap.	Kasey Namini	310/774-6359
Sr. Deacon	Alex Madjeski (Anna)	818/304-5250
Jr. Deacon	Brad McCall (Kendra)	818/317-4662
Marshall	Ron Sindelar (Jean Marie)	818/346-8732
Sr. Steward	Ali Bamdad	818/288-1415
Jr. Steward	Walter McClain (Amber)	818/337-9883
Organist	Douglas Russell (Frances)	424-280-2469
Tiler	Ralph Morton PM	818/ 642-3012
Off. Coach	Art Melendez, PM (Flor)	818/635-0808
Can. Coach	Geoff Counter(Jen)	818/406-8251
Dist. Insp.	James Bayhille PM (Claudia)	310/710-5994

New Mason Proficiency Training

Every Tuesday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Lodge Library. There are usually several candidates coaches available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree proficiencies and to discuss Masonic education. No appointment is necessary; just show up! If you have questions, call Bro. Geoff Counter: 818/406-8251

**Order of DeMolay
Hollywood Chapter**

Art Meledez, PM
818/635-0808
tecolote1@gmail.com

Ages: 12-21 DeMolay meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month at our lodge.

Sunshine Committee

If a member or family member of any member of the Lodge has an illness or significant event, please notify Spyros so that the Lodge may offer the needed support.

Spyros Pappas

818/894-5690

spyrospappas@yahoo.com

Child ID Information

Keith Douglas Kramer M.M.
818-903-3055 [cell/text](tel:818-903-3055)

Child ID is the program promoted by our lodge to identify children for their families. If anything were to happen to a child or a child is lost – this program helps the authorities to help find and identify missing or harmed children.

Masonic News:

The official publication of Hollywood Lodge #355, F&AM

Editor: K. Burkenheim Email: kburkenheim@panguingue.com

Note: Contributions to this, the Digital Edition are encouraged.

All articles and most pictures submitted to the editor will be posted, with the approval of the Master

Social Hall Rental

The Social Hall is available for parties, weddings, receptions, Bar Mitzvahs, Quinceañeras, etc.

Email Bro. Scott Thomas at: Scott@jst-cre.com (818) 850-6595

HOLLYWOOD LODGE THEATER NIGHT
Much ado About Nothing



What: Outdoor Theater

Where: Theatricum Botanicum

1419 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd. Topanga, CA 90290

Date: September 13th 2014

Time: 8PM

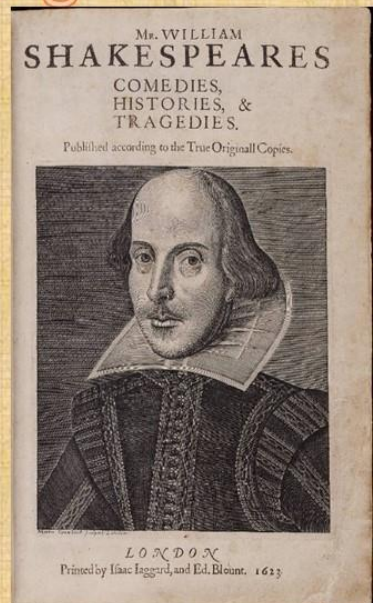
Optional: We will meet for dinner at Abualita's 6PM

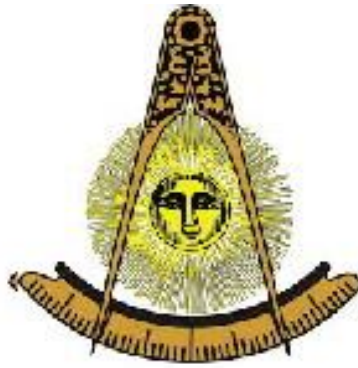
Cost: \$25/person

Question?

Br. Alex Madjeski 818-304-5250

Br. Daniel Navama





HOLLYWOOD LODGE #355 PAST MASTER'S NIGHT

**ALL PAST MASTERS AND ALL MASONS
OF HOLLYWOOD LODGE #355,
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
THE ANNUAL PAST MASTERS NIGHT OF
HOLLYWOOD MASONIC LODGE.**

**OUR PAST MASTERS NIGHT WILL BE HELD
AT MARIE CALLENDER'S, NORTHRIDGE, (across from Costco)
19310 Business Center Dr, Northridge, CA 91324
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014, DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7:00 PM.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND CAMARADERIE.

DINNER IS COMPLIMENTARY TO ALL PAST MASTERS, HOWEVER
THE COST FOR ALL OTHERS IS \$27.00 PER PERSON.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS OCTOBER 12, 2014

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY CALLING, OR EMAILING SPYROS PAPPAS

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Travelin' in Time: Oldest Masonic lodge in the state

Dottie Smith

11:56 PM, Oct 21, 2010

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Travelin' in Time is a weekly look at historic places or people in the north state.

The location

15344 Main St., Shasta

The history

It began as Western Star Lodge No. 98. It was later mistakenly changed to Western Star Lodge No. 2, when it really should have been No. 1.

The lodge was chartered on May 10, 1848, in Missouri and brought to California by Saschel Woods on Peter Lassen's wagon train. Woods formed Western Star Lodge No. 98 and held its first meeting on October 30, 1849, at Benton City on Lassen's Ranch. On April 17, 1850, its name was changed to Western Star Lodge No. 2. Sadly though, the number "1" was assigned to the wrong lodge due to faulty information at the time.

And so, Western Star Lodge No. 98, the oldest chartered lodge in the state of California and the first to meet and organize, became Western Star Lodge No. 2 when it rightfully should have been No. 1.

On May 9, 1851, the lodge changed its meeting location place from Benton City to Shasta. In 1853, the members' first Shasta meeting place burned to the ground, as did almost the entire business district of Shasta. This resulted in the future

meetings being held in the unfinished second floor attic of Dr. Benjamin Shurtleff's home at Shasta until a new building was built.

The last meeting was held there on Dec. 27, 1854, and the members marched in a Grand Procession to their new and present meeting place at 15344 Main St., Shasta.

This building was built in 1854 by Julius Norton and Silas Tucker to house their mercantile business. It was referred to as "Norton & Tucker's fireproof brick building" and consisted of two stories and a basement. It was built on the same spot as a previous building and like many others rebuilt at Shasta at that time, it was built to be fireproof — with thick brick walls, iron doors and tin roofs.

The lodge purchased the second floor for \$2,400. The second floor has served as their Lodge Room from then on. In 1859 Norton & Tucker went bankrupt and the lodge acquired the remainder of the building.

The lodge meeting room is elaborately furnished. Much of the furniture that was purchased then is still being used today. The furniture consists of chairs, the altar, and the secretary's desk. The meetings are very structured and very old-fashioned, with designated places for some. The master sits at the symbolic east end of the room, the senior warden sits at the symbolic west end, and the junior warden sits in the middle against the symbolic south wall. All of the Masons wear aprons resembling the same type of apron worn by stonemasons.

In 1928, a vault was constructed to store and preserve relics, documents, antiques, and anything pertaining to the history of the Masons. As the years went by, the vault filled up and another was built. After the second vault was built, the original vault was converted into a display area to show off some of the more valuable Masonic history such as the first Masonic charter brought to California, Peter Lassen's pipe, and other assorted treasures.

The new vault was built in the basement. Over the years a small meeting room and lounge area were added next to the vault. Grand Master Ronald A. Sherod dedicated the meeting room and lounge in 1991 to the memory of Mrs. Mae Helene Bacon Boggs, who was the greatest benefactress of the Lodge.

Masonic lodge meetings were originally known to be secret, but that is not altogether the case today. Meeting dates and times are announced, but the meetings are open only to Masons who are required to know secret passwords. However, the lodge building is regularly opened to the public.

Over the years the lodge has had some well-known members such as Isaac Roop, who went on to become the governor of the Honey Lake Territory, William Hopping, former Shasta County sheriff and district attorney, Jesse W. Carter, former Shasta County district attorney and California Supreme Court Justice, C. C. Bush, the unofficial father of Redding, James L. Richardson, former Shasta County sheriff, and former Sen. John McColl, just to name a few.

The building is the only surviving structure in its original condition located in Shasta. It and the nearby Masonic Cemetery on Muletown Road are owned and maintained by the Western Star Masonic Temple Association.

Present: The lodge is very much involved with Shasta schools and community organizations. It also regularly hosts a popular community breakfast in its downstairs basement.

Dottie Smith is the author of "The Dictionary of Early Shasta County History," the book from which this information was extracted. She is the former curator of the Shasta College Museum and instructor of Shasta County History at Shasta College. Check out her daily history blog at www.redding.com and her website at www.shastacountyhistory.com. Contact her at historydottie@yahoo.com.