

ROUND TABLE LODGE NO. 876

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CALIFORNIA



APRIL 2023

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Stated Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00 PM



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From the East

My dear Brothers,

Here we are again, starting a new month, and as always, we look forward to much success in our endeavors to make Round Table Lodge #876, a better lodge.

I am very thankful to all of my brothers in this beautiful lodge who spend themselves their time and resources to help in all areas, especially in putting on the degrees in our beautiful costumes.

We have missed some of our brothers who have been on vacation, but most of them are back and ready to join in.

As you all are aware, this month of April, is going to be a busy and exciting one, not only because we have all the traveling degrees but also on April 13th, we are hosting our Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge when we will be raising our new Master Mason, Brother Ashot Margarian.

We had some excellent practices where everyone excelled with the exception of the Master who had a brain freeze, so we know who needs to work on the ritual :-)

Please save the day of Thursday, April 13th and let's give our lodge our full support.

Fraternally,

Mike Camorlinga
Master



From the West

Here we are, the start of a new month and another Trestle Board. I have been very busy lately with Masonic travels and my personal life and almost decided not to write an article for this month.

Upon thinking about it, I thought...What if we as Masons did just that? What if we just walked away because things seemed busy or overwhelming? Would the temple of Solomon have been completed? Would our honorable fraternity have survived? I doubt it!

We all have taken those solemn obligations to do whatever we can for the fraternity and we all know that sometimes our lives outside of the lodge conflict with the things we want to do for and with our lodge.

That is why I want to remind each of you that even though we all have things going on, in and out of the lodge, to remember so do our other brothers. Do not be afraid to ask for help and do not be afraid to receive help either. This is something that I am learning on a daily basis with my job as well as life as an officer in our great lodge. We all need a little help from time to time. I know that many of the brothers have been there to support and I hope to return that support someday.

Fraternally,

Alfredo "Ed" Medina, PM
Senior Warden



From the Secretary's Corner

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest fraternal organizations.

The lessons Freemasonry teach in its ceremonies, are to do with moral values.

Freemasonry's acknowledgement, without crossing the boundaries of religion, is that everything depends on the providence of God. Freemasons feel that these lessons apply as much today as they did when it took its modern form at the turn of the 17th century.

Despite what many people claim, Freemasonry is not in any way a secret society. Freemasonry's so-called secrets are solely used as a ceremonial way of demonstrating that one is a Freemason. In any case, Freemasonry has been exposed by the media for almost as long as they have existed. The real point of a Freemason promising not to reveal their secrets is basically a dramatic way of promising to keep one's word in general.

Other reasons why Freemasonry cannot be called a secret society are that: Freemasons do not promise to keep their membership a secret. Where and when Freemasons meet are matters of public record.

It is ironic that Freemasons used to be quiet about their membership. They were and still are taught never to use it to advance their own interests. Critics have taken this the wrong way and think that there is something secretive and nasty because of the silence. Nothing could be further from the truth. Masonic ceremonies are secular morality plays, which are learned by heart, by members of the lodge for the benefit of the person who is becoming a Freemason. Each ceremony has a message for the candidate.

A further reason why Freemasons do not go around broadcasting their contents is simply because it would spoil it for the candidate. The same way you would not tell someone the ending of a good book or a film, you would not tell someone about the ceremony. Freemasons are required to profess and continue in a belief in a Supreme Being.

Their ceremonies include prayers, which are not in any way a substitute for religion. It has no theological doctrines, it offers no sacraments, and it does not claim to lead to salvation.

By having prayers at its meetings Freemasonry is no more in competition with religion than, say, having a meal where grace is said. Freemasons are not allowed to discuss religion or politics at meetings.

Freemasonry's aim is to encourage its members to discover what people from all different backgrounds have in common. As is all too well known, debate about religion and politics can lead to heated discussion rather than enlightenment. A Freemason is thus basically encouraged to do his duty first to his God, and then, to his family and those who are dependent on him.

He is to help his neighbors through charity and service. None of these ideas are exclusive to Freemasonry, but all should be universally acceptable and Freemasons are expected to follow them.

ALEX ASHJIAN
Secretary

MASTER'S CALENDAR

APRIL 2023

April 6th (Thursday)

Stated Meeting (*Final practice for the GM's event on 4/13 to follow*)

Venue: Glendale Masonic Center

Dinner: 6:30 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

Attire: Business (Suit & Tie)

(*No jeans and tennis shoes*)

April 8th (Saturday)

Courtesy 2nd Section / 3rd Degree

Candidate: Jose Luis Santana

Venue: Maya Lodge #793

Address: 9 W Woodward, Alhambra

Arrival: 9:30 AM / Degree: 11:00 AM

Attire: Blue RTL shirts / black dress pants

(*No jeans and tennis shoes*)

April 13th (Thursday)

3rd Degree Conferral (*GM's event*)

Candidate: Ashot Margaryan

Venue: Round Table Lodge #876

Address: Glendale Masonic Center

Arrival: 5:00 PM (*Lodge Opens*) / Social:

5:30 PM / Dinner: 6:00 PM / Degree: 7:30 PM

Attire: Officers: Tuxedo / Ritualists: Blue RTL shirts / black dress pants / Guests: Suit & Tie (*No jeans and tennis shoes*)

April 17th (Monday) **737th District OSI** (Host: Tujunga Lodge)
Address: Glendale Masonic Center
Arrival / Dinner: 6:30PM
(All Officers are to be present.)
Attire: Casual

April 22nd (Saturday) **Courtesy 2nd Section / 3rd Degree**
Candidate: Wade Hendry
Venue: Santa Maria Lodge #580
Address: 310 9th St, Ramona CA
Arrival: 1:00 PM / Degree: 2:30 PM
Attire: Blue RTL shirts / black dress pants
(No jeans and tennis shoes)

April 27th (Thursday) **Courtesy 2nd Section / 3rd Degree**
Candidate: Dante Carag
Venue: International City Lodge #389
Address: 5155 E Pacific Coast Hwy, Long Beach CA
Arrival: 6:00 PM / Degree: 7:00 PM
Attire: Blue RTL shirts / black dress pants
(No jeans and tennis shoes)

PAST MASTERS of ROUND TABLE LODGE No. 876

HRAG H. BEKERIAN, PM (Charter Master - 2019)



GHASSAN "GUS" SALLOUM, PM (2020 & 2021)



ABRAHAM "APO" K, TOPDJIAN, PM (2022)



BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

APRIL 2023

01 - KEVORK DALDALIAN

10 – JOHN HARUT GEVORGYAN

18 - SEVAK GASPARIAN

25 – CHANT NOBAR ARABIAN



Photos from Courtesy 2nd Section, 3rd Degree Conferral



REDONDO LODGE No. 328 – March 18, 2023



ROUND TABLE LODGE No. 876 COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

Mike Camorlinga (Master)
Ed Medina, PM (SW)
Hrag Bekerian, PM (JW)
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Hiram Award Committee

All Hiram Award Recipients

Mothers' Day Hornblower Champagne Brunch Cruise



*The Brethren of Glendale Lodge No 368 & Round Table Lodge No 876
Are hosting a Mothers' Day event for the Families*

*On Sunday May 7, 2023
Cruise Departing out of Fisherman's Village
13755 Fiji Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292
10: 00 AM Arrival ****10:30 AM Boarding **** 11:00–1:00PM Cruising*

Dress Code:

Whatever you feel comfortable in. A hat is recommended.

Cost per Guest “Champagne included” \$100.00

RSVP no Later than March 1st

*Submit payments to **Alex Ashjian** by Zelle (626) 354-7272 or send check to
1315 Tropical Ave. Pasadena, Ca 91107*



Note: *This event is one (1) week earlier than Mothers’ Day (May 14th, 2023)...and will not interfere with family celebration.*