

# In The



# Daylight

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## Freemasonry and Education

### Foreword . . .

**T**S Eliot wrote that “April is the cruellest month” but we at Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 believe otherwise.

For it was in April 2017 that our Lodge was established and commenced meeting under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of California. Happy Second Anniversary to us (Apr. 23).

In celebration thereof, we will have a short “Masonic Education” presentation at the April Stated Meeting about Bro. Clarence F. Smith, of blessed memory, for whom our Lodge is named.

In addition, in April, we celebrate Public Education at our Stated Meeting by honoring Ms. Hannah Sellers, Math Teacher/Math Department Chair at Birmingham Community Charter High School. Relatedly, you will find two articles herein about education plus the Grand Master’s Proclamation on the subject.

Moreover, as we continue to plan for our First Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Lodge’s programs, you will find an interesting article on Golf and Freemasonry.

(While on the subject, the Golf Tournament has been continued again and is now set on June 14, 2019, as will be discussed in our entry for upcoming Lodge events. Note that another golf course has been selected in addition to the date change. Coincidentally, the next day, June 15, will be our Father’s Day Degree at the Masonic Homes in Covina. More about that later.)

In this publication, you will also find below a great deal of information about the upcoming

Shriners Run and Lodge picnic on April 28, 2019.

Finally, in this edition, you will find the usual entries, including articles from our officers, Member News, etc.

Happy Reading! (There’s a lot to absorb this month.)

Fraternally,  
David I. Karp, Editor

### **April Trestleboard**

(We meet on 1st/3rd Saturdays at 10:00 AM except as otherwise noted.)

April 6 – Stated Meeting (Dress Casual) –  
Public Schools and Anniversary Celebration

April 12-14 – Masters & Wardens Retreats

April 20 – TBD

April 28 – Lodge Family Picnic and Shriners’  
Walk/Run Event (see pp. 3, 6-7 for details)

### **Looking Ahead into May**

May 4 – Stated Meeting (Dress Casual) –  
Presentation TBD

May 18 – Degree Meeting, TBD

May 25 - OSI (9:30 – 11:00AM)

## Golf and Freemasonry, Now and Then

Brother Arnold Palmer (1929-2016) was a member of Loyalhanna Lodge #275, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He was an American professional golfer and generally regarded as one of the greatest players in professional golf history. He won numerous events on both the PGA Tour and Champions Tour, dating back to 1955. Palmer won the PGA Tour Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998, and in 1974 was one of the 13 original inductees into the World Golf Hall of Fame. (see, <https://eb1870.org/project/arnold-palmer/>):

Bro. Palmer is not our only connection to golf. There is a much greater, and more ancient, connection. In a lengthy article about Scottish Golf History and Freemasonry which you can read online at [https://www.lodge76.co.uk/lectures/scottish\\_golf\\_history.htm](https://www.lodge76.co.uk/lectures/scottish_golf_history.htm) there is much to learn. In short, Masons comprised the membership of many early golf clubs.

“Extracts of the early minutes of five of the early clubs ... show that many important people who were involved with golf were Freemasons and acknowledged as such... [For instance,] the laying of the foundations of the first ever purpose built golf clubhouse for The Honourable Company in 1768 on Leith Links is a case in point.

“Leith, July 2, 1768 [¶] This day William St Clair of Roslin, Esq., the undoubted representative of the Honourable and Heretable G.M.M of Scotland, In presence of Alexander Keith, Esq., Captain of the Honourable Company of Goffers, and other worthy Members of the Goffing Company, all Masons, The G.M., now in his GRAND CLIMAX of GOFFING, laid the Foundation of the GOFFING HOUSE in the S.E. corner thereof, by THREE STROKES with the Mallet. [¶] ALEXR. KEITH, C., Wm. ST. CLAIR, G.M.M.’

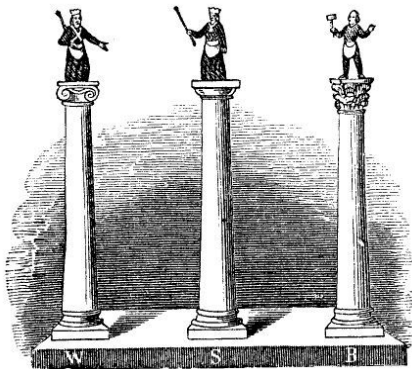
“GMM stands for Grand Master Mason. The St Clairs of Roslyn were hereditary patrons of the Masons in Scotland for centuries and William St Clair was the first elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736. He was Captain and prominent member of both the Leith and the St Andrews golf clubs. Apart from laying the foundation stone of the world's first golf clubhouse, his name is on the St Andrew's minute shortening the Old Course to be eighteen holes in 1764. He died in 1778 and is buried in Roslyn Chapel.” *Ibid.*

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M. continues this ancient tradition with our own golf tournament on, now set for June 14. Participate if you can and/or donate if you can.

## Last Month's Treat: Rainbow for Girls

Here is an image from just after the March Stated Meeting when the young ladies of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, a Masonic Youth Order, gave us a short presentation about their group. What a delight. After picture-taking, they joined us for lunch.





## From the East

Brethren,  
As we continue our year, we are approaching the month of April, which the grand master has designated as public school's month. This year, our lodge will be honoring another special teacher, Hannah Sellers. She is a Math Teacher and the Math Department Chair at Birmingham Community Charter High School.

We also recently had our turnaround bus trip to Pechanga Casino. This was to be a fundraising event, and we did okay (although not as well as expected). We can chalk this up as a learning experience. Remember, we are still a young lodge and are still forming our identity, finding our strengths and our weaknesses, our likes and dislikes, etc.

Nevertheless, we can still say that it was a very successful event. The bus ride both going and coming back was a lot of fun. Just being with you all in conversation and fellowship was all worth the price of the trip. The casino was okay, but the highlight of the whole event was the buffet!

Looking forward, our next event will be the Shriner 5K/10K run and CFS Family Picnic on April 28th, where we will have some representation not only in the runners' side, but also our Lodge will be taking care of the first and last water station of the course. On display will be our lodge banner to promote our presence not

only to our other brothers running the race, but also to the community.

This is our community event, and everyone is needed for another successful event. On the day before the event, some of us will be meeting with the Shriners to set up our venue for the next day. On the day of the race, we will need to be there at 6AM to get ready for the racers who start at 7:30am.

*More details are available in the Upcoming Lodge Events section of this newsletter and the section immediately following devoted to information directly from Al Malaikah Shrine.*

Also, stay tuned on the lodge app as well as the Facebook group page for more details as they are ascertained..

After our responsibilities at the water station, we will hang around and have a family picnic. Nothing like a family BBQ at the park for lunch and fellowship on a Sunday.

For those who are running the race, sign up on the link below.

<https://www.active.com/van-nuys-ca/running/distance-running-races/walk-and-run-2-heal-kids-5k-10k-2019?int&fbclid=IwAR27W0QBxaIFZdfb0SfaUXnDHgLnfl dsS-5idIf4WexXY4VyVjmSZ11dUMM> For a limited time use promo code GIVEHOPE10 TO SAVE \$10 when registering.

Also, please sign up on the Facebook event page to volunteer for the lodge and for the BBQ: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1050149391839201/>

Looking forward to seeing you and your family there.

Upon the Square,  
Wor. Roger L. Soriano,  
Master



## From the West

Brethren,  
 Congratulations to the Lodge for a successful Casino Turnaround Bus Fund-raiser held on March 9th. Also a special thank you to Brother Roland Cortel for chairing this event. This fund-raiser is a crucial step to help balance the Lodge's budget.

To our Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons, if you need help with your proficiencies, please reach out to the Lodge to get you the coaching you need. We are here to help you advance to your next degree.

To the Officers, we will start to ascend to our new 2020 Officers chairs. As the Senior Warden it is my duty to align the 2020 Officers. If you are interested in becoming an officer or if you would like to participate in our degree work, please let me know and I will do my best to accommodate you. Our goal is to have all the officers qualified before the November election of officers.

Fraternally from the West,  
 Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM

## From the South

Brethren,  
 I am so proud to announce our 1st Annual Masonic Golf Tournament this coming June 14, 2019 (Friday) helping to benefit Clarence F Smith Daylight Lodge #866's ongoing projects.

Please note that this event has been rescheduled from prior tentative dates and will now take place on June 14 at a more convenient golf course. All of the details for the event will be found in the "Upcoming Lodge Events" section of this newsletter and on an accompanying flyer.

Why are we raising money? The mission of our charity golf tournament is to raise awareness and funding for our small lodge and our community. The financial support will serve our immediate and ongoing needs and contribute to the future success of Masonic outreach. This includes but is not limited to our Lodge's

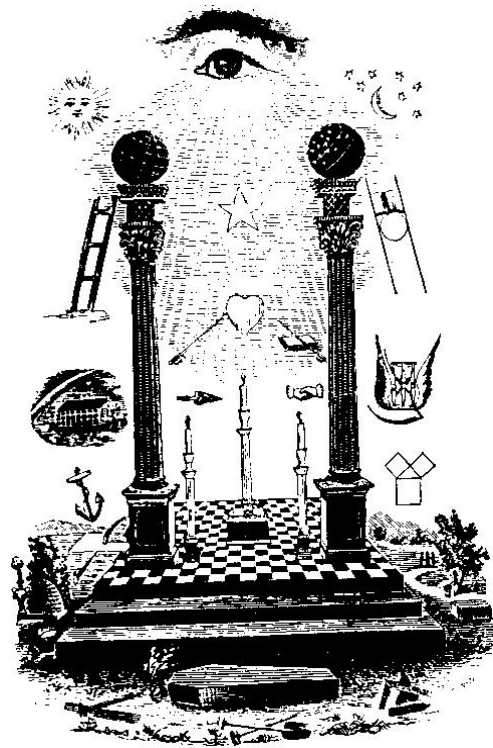
commitment to support the Grand Lodge's "Write the Future" campaign.

At the event, you will have a chance to win 1st, 2nd or 3rd place trophies. The entry fee also includes a lunch at the golf course along with awards, raffle drawings, many door prizes, and a silent auction among other things.

All types of donations for door prizes and goodie bags are welcome. Every sponsor WILL be acknowledged. This is a great way to get you, your business, or your Lodge involved with our great event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Junior Warden or any others listed on the flyer and in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

Fraternally from the South,  
 Bro. Roland Cortel,  
 Junior Warden



## From our Secretary

Brethren,  
 As you know, among the duties of this office, it is a duty of the Secretary to receive all moneys from the Brethren and pay the same to the Treasurer. However, here are some interim steps going forward:

For monies being donated to the Junior Warden's fund (for meals following the Stated Meeting), please give your money directly to Bro. Roland, our Junior Warden, at or before the meeting, so he can keep track of the funds paid and by whom. He will thereafter pay the same to the Secretary.

(By the way, the Lodge voted that each Brother who will have lunch with us at the Stated Meeting is asked to make a donation for lunch. \$7.00 per person is the suggested amount.)

For monies being paid for the Golf Tournament, those funds will go to Bro. Brigs Mandia, 769 Birchpark Circle No. 206, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. He will take note of the funds paid and by whom, and will then turn over the funds to the secretary.

Your help in this regard will allow us to track monies in and out of the Lodge better.

Thank you Brothers,

Fraternally,  
 Bro. Akram Alawar,  
 Secretary

## From our Treasurer

Brothers:  
 Here is my usual reminder:  
 If not previously paid, your annual dues need to be paid as soon as you can. Make sure you pay by check to Brother Akram, our Secretary, rather than to Grand Lodge so we don't have to pay service charges! The annual amount is \$150.75. Make out the check to Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866.

Fraternally,  
 Bro Barry Mann  
 Treasurer

### CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2019

Worshipful Master – Rogelio (“Roger”) L. Soriano

Senior Warden – Celso V. Cardano, Jr., P.M.

Junior Warden – Rolando (“Roland”) L. Cortel

Treasurer – Barry Mann

Secretary – Akram Alawar

Asst. Secretary – Thomas (“Tom”) K. Sheehan

Chaplain – Virgilio (“Virgil”) A. Maravillas, Sr.

Senior Deacon – Archimedes S. Cabanig

Junior Deacon – Keith S. Cotton

Marshal – Spartak (“Spo”) Khachatryan

Senior Steward –  
 Fernando (“Jhonny”) O. Lebrilla, Jr.

Junior Steward – – Ibrahim Hannoun

Tiler – Allan Mandia/Tony Nader

Organist – William (“Bill”) C. Raddatz

Officers' Coach – Wor. Bruce L. Hawley, PM

Candidates' Coach Steven (“Steve”) A. Wolvek, PM

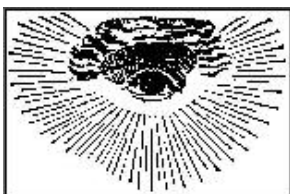
Inspector 705 Masonic District  
 Wor. Alberto Casanova, Jr., P.M.



## Upcoming Lodge Events

**S**unday, April 28, 2019 – CFS Daylight Lodge Family Picnic and Shriners Walk/Run Event. Woodley Park, 6350 Woodley Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91406. Please review the details set forth in Wor. Roger’s article and in the section immediately following entitled “From Al Malaikah Shrine and About Its Event.”

**F**riday, June 14, 2019 – CFS Daylight Lodge’s First Annual Golf Tournament - Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge # 866 at Knollwood Country Club, 12040 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, ca 91344. \$95.00/player, proceeds benefit lodge programming including its commitment to support the Grand Lodge’s “Write the Future” campaign. Registration 7AM-8AM. Tee time 8:30AM. Reception following at Knollwood. Contacts: Bros. Brigs Mandia (818-419-8366), Barry Mann (818-231-4856), Ramiel Malabanan (661-755-8094), Roland Cortel, JW (818-203-5161). Make checks payable to the lodge and send them to Bro. Brigs Mandia, 769 Birchpark Circle No. 206, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. Hole Sponsorships: \$100. Other donations are welcome in whatever amount you can afford.



## From Al Malaikah Shrine And About Its Event

**A**l Malaikah Shriners, A.A.O.N.M.S., has expressed its appreciation in this way to our Lodge:

“We want to thank the Day Light Lodge #866 for your support. Your support will help Shriners heal children and spread awareness throughout and beyond the Los Angeles area. The community needs to know what a beautiful medical center we have for children. Please encourage your members to come participate and wear their Fez. It would be fantastic to get a few more walkers. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for pictures and updates.”

Here are the details provided as well:

3rd Annual Walk & Run 2 Heal Kids 5K 10K  
Schedule /Vendor Set-up Information

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019

Address: 6350 Woodley Ave Park (site 1)  
Van Nuys 91406

Time: Booth Set up begins 6:00am (If you are bringing your own tent please let us know)

Race day Schedule:

7:00am – Same day Registration opens

7:30am – Expo Opens –Opening Ceremonies  
& Aerobic Warm Up

8:30am – 10K starts

8:45am -5K starts

9:45am – Awards Ceremony

10:15am – Kids Fun Run

Tear Down –Clean up begins: 11:00am

Here is is some additional information:

To view pictures of our past event and information on many of the children we have helped please visit our Facebook page

<https://m.facebook.com/Walk-and-Run-2-Heal-Kids-5k-10k-264596933884243/>

Or Follow us on Instagram!

Registration link:

<https://www.active.com/van-nuys-ca/running/distance-running-races/walk-and-run-2-heal-kids-5k-10k-2019>

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["Shriners' Event," ctd from p. 6]

Registrations options available:

1.) Save \$10 with Promo Code  
GIVEHOPE10 or

2.) Receive an exercise kit valued at \$79 free with registration - use Promo Code BEFIT (get them before they are gone)

3.) If you can't make it - Be a "virtual runner" we will send you your medal. Register with Promo Code VIRTUAL

4.) Don't forget to sign the kids up for the KIDS FUN RUN - they receive the same beautiful medal.

All participants will get an amazing swag bag - premium T-shirt and a beautiful medal!

From Michelle Smith, for Al Malaikah

3rd Annual Walk & Run 2 Heal Kids 5K 10k

Shriners for Children Medical Center™  
WALK & RUN 2 HEAL KIDS  
5k/10k

Sunday April 28, 2019  
Woodley Park, Van Nuys

Official chip timing  
USATF course certified  
T-shirts & finisher medals for all participants  
Amazing goody bags  
Large expo with giveaways  
Pets on leash & strollers welcome

10K Lake Run 8:30am  
5K River Run 9:00am  
Kids Fun Run 9:45am

register online at  
**active.com**

follow us

## Member News

**B**irthdays: Allan Mandia; Ryan R. Zubia. Happy Birthday Brethren.

Third Degree Anniversary:  
Archimedes S. Cabanig. Congratulations to you.

As mentioned last month, Wor. Steven Wolvek, PM, has offered to collect recipes, many recipes, for a Masonic Cookbook that he might like to arrange as a fund raiser for the lodge. Please send him a few of your family's favorites. This fund raiser has been successful for other organizations.

The Spring holidays are upon us. April observances include these for some of our Brethren:

Holy Week – 4/14 to 4/20

Easter – 4/21

Passover – Evening of 4/19 to 4/27

Eastern Orthodox Easter – 4/28

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons at this time of year and may the Great Architect of the Universe grant us peace and harmony all our days.



## Grand Master's Proclamation: April is Public Schools Month

**F**reemasonry: The Difference Is You  
**Whereas**, Freemasonry is built upon a commitment to truth and equality, two principles at the heart of improving ourselves and the spirit of providing free, public education; and

**Whereas**, since California's founding, Freemasons have made a difference in our communities by supporting the cause of public schools, including leading the first Public [ctd. next pg., see "Grand Master"]

["Grand Master," ctd. from p. 7]  
Schools Week in 1920; and,

**Whereas**, Masons believe that civil societies depend upon a well-educated citizenry to thrive, thus making an investment in our public schools essential; and

**Whereas**, Freemasons in California continue to galvanize statewide support of public education, with Investment in Success scholarships, Masonic Youth Leadership Scholarships, and family literacy engagement through Raising A Reader; now,

**Therefore**, as grand master, I proclaim April 2019 to be Public Schools Month in California. I ask all California Masons to take steps to help write the future for California schools by renewing our commitment to students, teachers, staff, and administrators. By supporting California Masonic Foundation programs on behalf of public schools; volunteering as tutors, mentors, and readers; and helping maintain school grounds we will truly make a difference for public education and our local communities.

Let's show California's youth that we are committed to making a difference in their lives, as they strive to build a brighter future for us all.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stuart A. Wright, Grand Master

Attest: Allan L. Casalou, Grand Secretary



## Masonry and Public Schools

**E**ditor's note: The following time line is taken verbatim from a document of the Grand Lodge of California entitled *Masonry and Public Schools: Throughout history, Masons have been connected to education.*

1600s – Education was central to the fraternity, as master masons taught new stonemasons – apprentices – how to safely build castles and cathedrals.

1700s – Many of the men who founded this country's system of government were Masons, who drew upon fraternal values such as equality, knowledge, truth, and service to the community. They set a precedent for equal access to education, and paved the way for public schools.

1740-50 – Grand Master Benjamin Franklin urged the adoption of a public school system in Pennsylvania and helped organize the University of Pennsylvania.

1793 – A group of Masons laid the cornerstone for the University of North Carolina, the first state-funded college in the country. They were presided over by William Davie, a state legislator and grand master of North Carolina, today remembered as the father of the University of North Carolina.

1800-10 – Grand Master DeWitt Clinton, governor of New York from 1817 to 1822, helped found a system of free education before the establishment of public schools in New York City. He became known as the father of public schools in New York.

1840-60 – United States grand lodges founded 88 public colleges in 11 states, often offering free tuition to deserving students. They were among the first universities to accept students regardless of religious affiliation.

1862 – John Swett, Mason and San Francisco school principal, was elected California superintendent of public instruction. He went on to organize teachers' institutes, established a [ctd on p. 9, see "Timeline"]



["Timeline," ctd. frm p. 8]

teacher certification system, won support for school taxes, wrote a revised school law, and provided for textbooks for California public schools. Swett is now referred to as the father of the California public school system.

1892 – Francis Bellamy, a Mason, wrote the Pledge of Allegiance for a celebration honoring patriotism and public schools. In a speech for that same program, Bellamy referred to public schools as the “great American institution that united the nation.”

1920 – Public Schools Month began when Charles Adams, a San Francisco attorney and grand master who was passionate about California schools, proclaimed Public Schools Week. During that week, Masonic lodges led community meetings to respond to the state’s critical teacher shortage. Each succeeding grand master in California has continued the observance of Public Schools Week, now Public Schools Month.

1969 – The California Masonic Foundation was established to further the education of young people, from kindergarten through college. Today, more than \$1 million in scholarships is awarded by the Foundation every year, and lodges and other Masonic organizations contribute additional hundreds of thousands of dollars.

2011 – The California Masonic Foundation launches a statewide initiative to support public education in three critical areas: school-based programs for elementary-age literacy; support for advancing instruction in middle school algebra; and expanding the Foundation scholarship program to include students for whom a college education has not been a choice. The strategic objective is to make a profound difference for California public schools.



### **Masonic Recognition**

**Past Masters of Clarence F. Smith  
Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M.**  
Steven A. Wolvek (2017-2018)

### **Past Masters by Affiliation**

Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr. (2012)  
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2012)  
Alberto L. Casanova, Jr. (2014)  
Emmanuel D. Espiritu (2014)  
Bruce L. Ewald (2004-2006)  
Bruce L. Hawley (1984)  
Luc Paul, Jr. (2018)

### **Hiram Award\***

Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr. (2013)  
Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., PM (2016)  
Keith S. Cotton (2017)  
Bruce L. Ewald, PM (2011)  
Bruce L. Hawley, PM (2000)  
John T. Seletos (2017)  
Thomas K. Sheehan (2014)  
Rogelio L. Soriano (2018)

\*The Hiram Award is an award presented to a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary. It is the highest honor (other than being Master of the Lodge) that can be bestowed on a member of a Masonic Lodge.

### **Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award\*\***

David I. Karp (2007)

\*\*Presented by the Grand Lodge of California to Freemasons who practice the ideals of Freemasonry as volunteers in the Boy Scouts of America. It is named in memory of Bro. Daniel Carter Beard, BSA’s first National Commissioner.

## What's the big IDEA for public education, you might ask.

I am a big fan of public education. From elementary school through college (Go Bruins!), I went to public school. My children did too. This being the month in which Masons promote public schools, I thought I would write about another aspect of public education, under a federal law known as IDEA.

IDEA is the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act" (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.) I came into contact with IDEA many years ago when I mediated for three years for the Special Education Division of the California Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). At the time, OAH had just become responsible for managing IDEA's dispute resolution requirements. OAH has jurisdiction over the conflicts that arise between parents of special needs children and school districts.

Generally, in these conflicts, parents challenge school districts because they believe their special needs children are not receiving the kinds of services and opportunities necessary for their children to learn. The tension in these disputes arises because the parents generally want more; and school districts have limited funds and resources which must be spread among the many special needs children in the school district.

This will not be an exhaustive treatise on the law of special education, but there are a few concepts that are interesting.

To focus the discussion, one of the purposes of IDEA is "to ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living." 20 U.S.C. § 1400(d)(1)(A).

"A free appropriate public education," known as FAPE, "means special education and related services that — (A) have been provided at public

expense, under public supervision and direction, and without charge; (B) meet the standards of the State educational agency; (C) include an appropriate preschool, elementary school, or secondary school education in the State involved; and (D) are provided in conformity with [an] individualized education program...." 20 U.S.C. § 1401(9).

In order to provide FAPE to children with special needs, schools are required to evaluate the child and develop, review and revise an Individualized Education Program (known as an IEP) on an annual basis at an IEP meeting with parents, teachers, a school district representative, and a school psychologist or other specialist(s).

Schools are also required to place the student in the "least restrictive environment" which means that children with disabilities are to be educated with children who are nondisabled to the extent possible, with supplementary aids and services if appropriate, and that special classes, separate schooling or other situations for disabled children should be utilized only if regular class placement does not work well for the child's education.

When the parents disagree with the IEP – and parents do not have to agree with what the school thinks is FAPE – they are entitled under IDEA to challenge the IEP. Parents can bring advocates or lawyers with them to any IEP meeting; they can "reopen" an IEP whenever they believe it is warranted; they can reconvene a "case study evaluation" (CSE) which is the initial step in determining whether a child is eligible for special education. In addition, they can pursue informal negotiation at a resolution meeting and/or in mediation, and/or they can file a complaint which ultimately may be heard and decided at a contested "due process hearing" before an Administrative Law Judge. Subsequent reviews are available as well.

I have omitted a lot of detail, but the idea is always that, under IDEA, the child should receive appropriate help to learn in the best way he or she can so as to have the best free and

appropriate public education possible under the circumstances.

From my experience mediating special education disputes, I can say that school districts earnestly believe that they care about the special education children they serve; they have a great responsibility to help disabled children; they have a big heart; and they are nevertheless subject to the limitations of funding and resources. I can also tell you that parents disagree and therefore are proactive, diligent and assertive in protecting the rights of their disabled children.

In mediation and throughout the Special Education process, attorneys and advocates are important resources and they will remind parents that there are other options available, which may come up in negotiation: alternative assessments of the child, Special Education Itinerant Teachers (SEITs) who work with children to help them integrate into mainstream classrooms and to reach their individual goals; one on one aides; classroom pull outs; accommodations for classrooms and for testing; buses and other forms of transportation to and from school; etc.

IDEA is complicated and although mediators do not give legal advice, we can suggest that consultation with and guidance from Special Education advocates and attorneys can be most helpful if a child is or should be educated specially..

Respectfully submitted,  
David I. Karp, Editor (and mediator)

## A Look on the Lighter Side of Teaching

The following is attributed to and quoted from a website at <https://www.ducksters.com/jokes/teachers.php>.

Candidly, these jokes are offered only to fill in the otherwise blank space in this column. They're corny but cute and you can read them to your children or grandchildren if any:

Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

A: Because his class was so bright!

Q: Why were the teacher's eyes crossed?

A: She couldn't control her pupils!

Q: Teacher: Didn't I tell you to stand at the end of the line?

A: Student: I tried but there was someone already there!

Q: How is an English teacher like a judge?

A: They both give out sentences.

Q: Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you?

A: Student: Not really.

Q: Why did the teacher go to the beach?

A: To test the water.

Q: Teacher: If I had 6 oranges in one hand and 7 apples in the other, what would I have?

A: Student: Big hands!

Q: Teacher: If you got \$20 from 5 people, what do you get?

A: Student: A new bike.

Q: Teacher: I hope I didn't see you looking at John's exam?

A: Student: I hope you didn't either.

Q: Teacher: What is the shortest month?

A: Student: May, it only has three letters.

Q: Teacher: Answer my question at once. What is 7 plus 2?

A: Student: At once!

To finish off the edition, here are some flyers of interest:

**CLARENCE F. SMITH DAYLIGHT LODGE #866**  
**1st Annual Masonic Golf Tournament**  
**June 14, 2019 Friday @ Knollwood Country Club**  
 12040 Balboa Blvd, Granada Hills, CA 91344

**Registration: 7:00-8:00am**  
**Tee Time: 8:30am**

**Donation: \$95.00 Per Player Includes:**  
 \* Green Fee and Golf Cart  
 \* Lunch and Snacks  
 \* Trophies and Awards

**Golf Chairman:**  
 Bro. Brig Mandia 818.469.8366  
 Bro. Barry Mann 818.237.4856  
 Bro. Roland Cortel 818.203.5161  
 Bro. Ramiel Malabanan 661.755.8094

Please plan to attend the Awarding, Sponsor recognition and fellowship after the Fundraising Tournament at Knollwood Country Club.  
*The Day of the Golf Tournament... THIS IS A RAISE or SHINE event.*

Sponsors and Donations are welcome. Proceeds to support the Grand Lodge write the future campaign and other on-going projects.

**3rd Annual**

**Shriners for Children Medical Center™**

**5k/10k**  
**WALK & RUN 2 HEAL KIDS**

- Official chip timing
- Custom 3" zinc alloy finisher medals
- Premium T-shirts
- Large Expo with giveaways
- Dogs on lease welcome

**Sunday April 28, 2019**  
**Woodley Park- Lake Balboa Van Nuys**  
 10K 8:30am ~ 5K 8:45am ~ Kids Fun Run 10:15am

Register today! Proceeds benefit Shriners for Children Medical Center Pasadena Providing life changing card regardless of the families ability to pay