

In the



Daylight

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M.
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Take Heart

Foreword ...

To “take heart” is “to gain courage or confidence : to begin to feel better and more hopeful.” See, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/take%20heart> . It is February and as our new Master, Wor. Edgar, leads us into 2022, our officers gain courage and confidence in their new roles. We look ahead with hope and exhilaration for yet another successful and enlightening Masonic year at our Lodge.

This month is also National Heart Month, in which we are admonished: “Anyone can be at risk for heart disease. More and more, our sedentary lifestyles are putting us at risk at a younger age. Obesity, high blood pressure, and smoking all increase our risk factors. [¶] [For] each one of those we can take action to lower our risk. Get moving. Remove stress. And quit smoking. Eat healthier. [¶] Even small changes help make a difference. Reduce the amount of fast food. Eat more greens. Take the stairs. Walk the kids to school. Go outside and play with the kids or walk the dog.” See, <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-heart-month-february/> .

Moreover, February includes Valentine’s Day, another celebration of the heart. “February 14th first became associated with romantic love during the High Middle Ages as the tradition of courtly love was then flourishing. During 18th century England, this day evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering

confectionery and sending Valentine cards.” See, <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/valentines-day-february-14/> .

Finally, as you might know, Masonic tradition informs us that the mysteries of Masonry are lodged in the repository of the “faithful breast,” where the heart lives.

So, let us “take heart” that (1) Freemasonry gives us hope for the future, (2) the Lodge, when we visit it, by its very nature, removes stress as an oasis from the hardships and vicissitudes of our everyday existence, and, (3) with Brotherly Love for our fellow Masons and romantic love for the special ones in our lives, we feel better each day as men and Masons. February reminds us of all of this. Please enjoy this month’s edition.

Fraternally,
David I. Karp, Editor



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Make Heart Health Part of your Self Care Routine

Editor's note: The following comes from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

“Devoting a little time every day to care for yourself can go a long way toward protecting the health of your heart. Simple self-care, such as taking a moment to de-stress, giving yourself time to move more, preparing healthier meals, and not cheating on sleep can all benefit your heart.

“And that’s a good thing, because heart disease is largely preventable and focusing on improving your heart health has never been more important. Heart disease is a leading cause of death for women and men in the United States, and many Americans remain at risk of getting it, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). People with poor cardiovascular health are also at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

“Studies show self-care routines, such as taking a daily walk and keeping doctor’s appointments, help us keep our blood pressure in the healthy range and reduce our risk of heart disease and stroke,” said David Goff, M.D., NHLBI’s director of cardiovascular sciences.

“It may be easier than you think to ‘put your heart’ into your daily routine. Each Sunday, look at your week’s schedule and carve out 30 minutes daily for heart-healthy practices. Take an online yoga class, prepare a heart-healthy recipe, schedule your bedtime to get at least seven hours of sleep, or make a medication checklist. Then seek out support from others, even if it’s online or via a phone call, to help you stick to your goals.”

[For a few self-care tips to try every day to make your heart a priority, see, <https://www.huntregional.org/wellness/on-call-blog/make-heart-health-part-of-your-self-care-routine>]

February Trestle Board

(We meet in person on 1st/3rd Saturdays at 10:00 AM at the Van Nuys Masonic Center, except as otherwise noted. See Masthead, p. 1 for address.)

February 3, 2022 Executive Comm. Mtg.

February 5, 2022 Stated Meeting. Tiled.

Dress: Casual

February 10, 2022, 7PM Zoom

Fellowship, Join Zoom Meeting

February 19, 2022 – Practice or Degree

Lodge Contact Information

Worshipful Master

Wor. Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan

Secretary

Bro. Akram Alawar



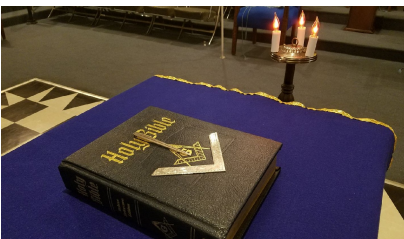
The Heart of Freemasonry

“Spencer Compton (b.1946), 7th Marquess of Northampton, was Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, the governing body of Freemasonry in England and Wales, from 2001 to 2009. The Pro Grand Master is the representative of the Grand Master when he is unable to attend meetings.” See, <https://artuk.org/discover/artworks/most-honourable-spencer-compton-b-1946-7th-marquess-of-northampton-192206>.

In conversation with Michael Baigent, Lord Northampton had this to say about the heart of Freemasonry:

“Freemasonry has an important spiritual significance; even though the rituals have been clouded by later additions, enough remains for us to see what our forefathers were trying to do. What I like is that there is no dogma in Freemasonry it is not a religion it says only that if you practice its tenets and principles you will become wiser. Its final goal is the Wisdom and Truth to which we dedicate our hearts. It is a system with philosophical principles which has psychological effects on those who practice it.’ Lord Northampton pointed out that our three Grand Principles, as stated in the ritual are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. You cannot be openhearted unless in a trusting environment but once you are, compassion is a natural consequence and the pursuit of Truth becomes the quest.” See,

<https://www.freemasonrytoday.com/ugle-sgc/ugle/the-heart-of-freemasonry> .



Masonic Recognition

Past Masters of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M.

Steven A. Wolvek (2017-2018)
Rogelio L. Soriano (2019)
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2020-2021)

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., PM (2013)
Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., PM (2016)
Keith S. Cotton (2017)
Bruce L. Ewald, PM (2011)
Bruce L. Hawley, PM (2000)**
David I. Karp (2020)
Barry Mann (2021)
John T. Seletos (2017)
Thomas K. Sheehan (2014)
Rogelio L. Soriano, PM (2018)
Steven A. Wolvek, PM (2019)

*A high honor presented to a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary.

** Deceased.



Is Whiskey Good for Heart Health?

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from "Nourish at WebMD" at <https://www.webmd.com/diet/whiskey-good-for-you#1>

"Whiskey: Is it Good for You?"

"Whiskey contains fewer calories compared to other alcohols and has no carbohydrates or sugar. Its ellagic acid content may also reduce bodily inflammation and lower the risk of obesity.

"Research suggests that there are other health benefits to drinking whiskey. However, these benefits are all associated with moderate consumption heavy drinking can lead to serious health issues.

"A glass of whiskey a day may offer [heart] health benefits like [this]:

"Whiskey has high levels of polyphenols, plant-based antioxidants linked with lowering your risk of heart disease. The polyphenols in whiskey have been shown to decrease "bad" cholesterol (LDL) and increase "good" cholesterol (HDL) levels, and reduce triglycerides, or fat in your blood.

"Bad cholesterol and triglycerides can clog your arteries, while good cholesterol helps to keep them clear. Maintaining healthy levels can help prevent heart disease and stroke."

Cheers!

Bro. David I. Karp

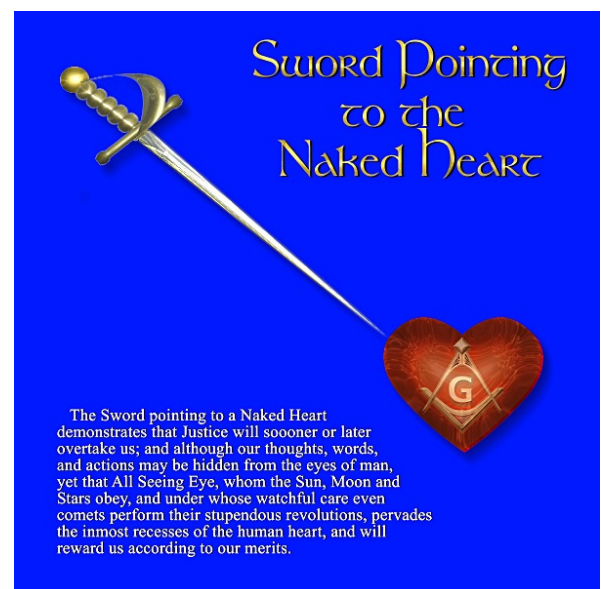
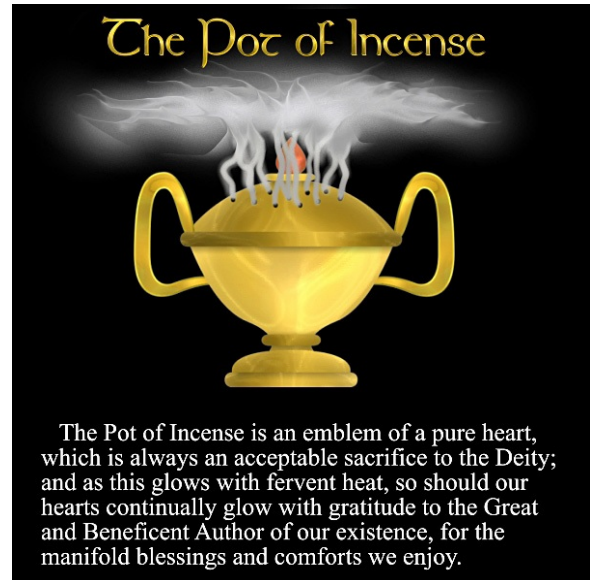
Some Synonyms for "Heart" (from <https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/heart>):

"Character, feeling, soul, affection, benevolence, compassion, concern, sensitivity, understanding."

I would add: "Mason." DIK.

Masonic Emblems Involving the Heart

The following images are attributed to Lodge St. Andrew #518 at <http://www.standrew518.co.uk/MAS.php>



“A Leader in Children’s Heart Care”

According to its website at <https://www.mhealth.org/childrens/care/overarching-care/heart-center-pediatrics> :

“The Heart Center at University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital¹ brings help and hope to pediatric heart patients. We’re saving lives through innovation leading the nation in developing new treatment methods for kids of all ages. Over the last three years, the Heart Center has demonstrated some of the best success rates of pediatric heart programs in the country. And, for the 11th consecutive year, University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital has earned a spot among the best children’s hospitals in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report.

“We provide outstanding care for advanced heart failure, including mechanical circulatory support, ventricular assist devices and transplant. We are one of only 30 heart centers in the U.S. and the only one in the Twin Cities to be accredited by the Children’s Cardiomyopathy Foundation. We are also one of only 23 centers in the U.S. and one of the only two in the Twin Cities designated as a LifeTrac Center of Excellence for congenital heart disease (CHD) and transplant/ventricular assist device (VAD).”

¹“In the fall of 2014, the hospital was named University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital in recognition of the legacy of support provided by Minnesota Masonic Charities.” See, <https://www.mhealth.org/childrens/discover-our-difference-pediatric/our-history>

CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2022

Worshipful Master	Wor. Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan
Senior Warden	Bro. Fernando (“Jhonny”) O. Lebrilla, Jr.
Junior Warden	Bro. Spartak (“Spo”) Khachatryan
Treasurer	Bro. Ramiel Malabanan
Secretary	Bro. Akram Alawar
Asst. Secretary	Bro. Thomas (“Tom”) K. Sheehan
Chaplain	Bro Christopher "Toby" Robles
Senior Deacon	WB Archimedes (“Kim”) S. Cabanig., PM
Junior Deacon	Bro. Ibrahim Hannoun
Marshal	Bro Hamood Hamood
Senior Steward	Bro. Elvis Alvarez
Junior Steward	Bro. Gerald Alvarez
Organist	Bro. Michael Chavez
Tiler	Bro. William (“Bill”) C. Raddatz
Officers’ Coach	WB Steven (“Steve”) A. Wolvek, PM
Candidates’ Coach	WB Roger L. Soriano, PM
Inspector	WB Leland H. Celestre, PM



[Some of the 2022 officers are depicted on p. 2. Here are the officers’ family members who attended the 1/22/22 Installation; they too are so important to the Lodge’s success.]

What Does it Mean to Be a Freemason at Heart?

Bro. James Marwood, Master Mason in Hampshire, England, posted this in response to the question at <https://www.quora.com/What-does-it-mean-to-be-a-freemason-at-heart> :

“You are a Freemason at heart when you believe in the three core ideals of Freemasonry - Brotherly Love, Charity and Truth.

“There are different ways of defining these but for me the most useful definitions are:

“Brotherly Love: Care and affection for my fellow humans, be they Freemasons or not. We're all part of one big family.

“Charity: understanding that I have responsibilities, first to my family, then to my connections (Friends, colleagues, employees etc) and then to everyone else. This means I have a responsibility to help those I can, when I can. Not just formal charity, but any act of support or kindness.

“Truth: This is about morality. Regardless of the source you hold for morality, Freemasons are expected to be good men. To act within the law, to be good citizens and to act at all times as they would want others to.

“Of course, these ideals are not unique to Freemasonry, there are many ways we can each work to be better.”

From “Damn Yankees,” [a 1955 Musical, words and music by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross]:

“You've gotta have heart / All you really need is heart.”

Source:

<https://www.lyricsondemand.com/soundtrack/s/d/damnyankeeslyrics/heartlyrics.html>



Our Heart Goes Out to Disaster Victims

On December 23, 2021, an article was posted by your editor, Bro. David I. Karp, at

<https://patch.com/california/encino/valley-masonic-lodge-sends-typhoon-relief-philippines-nodx>

which reads in part:

“Valley Masonic Lodge Sends Typhoon Relief to the Philippines.

“VAN NUYS Super Typhoon Rae devastated the Philippines just a few days ago. A call for donations from members of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, Free and Accepted Masons of California (“CFS Daylight”), went out immediately.

“Within hours, donations, large and small, came in from the lodge membership to fund an immediate relief effort.

“The money provides for the necessities of life, including food and water, for the hardest hit areas affected by the storm.

“The membership of CFS Daylight, located in Van Nuys, CA, consists of men who trace their roots to nearly every part of the world. It is an understatement to say the lodge is multi-cultural.

“Notably, but not exclusively, an appreciable number of members maintain strong family ties to the Philippines.

“This is not the first time CFS Daylight provided relief there. See,

<https://patch.com/california/encino/masonic-relief-philippines-provided-valley-masons> .

“Brother Fernando O. Lebrilla, Jr., now the lodge's [Senior Warden], arranged for both relief efforts.”

Here is the list of donors for the above relief for the Philippines [apologies for any errors or omissions]: WB Harry Kapukchyan (Van Nuys 450), WB Roger Soriano, WB Steven Wolvek, Bro Ely Ayao, Bro Elvis Alvarez, Bro Mikael Chan, Bro Joseph Chavez, Bro Marvin De Guzman, Bro Noel Espiritu, Bro Raffi Hovhannisyan, Bro David Karp, Bro Jhonny Lebrilla, Bro Martin Manalo, Bro Ian Orquiola, Bro Lino Sanchez (Van Nuys 450), Bro Tom Sheehan, Mr. Lloyd Donasco.

Domestically, another disaster took place in late December 2021, a wildfire in the Boulder County, Colorado, area, which took out at least 500 homes. Brothers of the Lodge may send donations for relief through organized relief effort entities there. Information was also requested of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, however no response has been forthcoming.

It is a duty of Freemasons to relieve the distresses of others. CFS Daylight Lodge is there to help when it can.



Grand Master's February Proclamation

FEBRUARY 2022 IS MASONIC WIDOWS MONTH
Crafting Leadership

Whereas upon our obligation to one other [*sic*] Masons pledge to keep our brothers' families close to our hearts, treating their loved ones with the same respect we would afford our own; and

Whereas the partners and spouses of our lodge members play a vital role in our Masonic family; and

Whereas we endeavor to provide a lifelong source of comfort, support, and friendship to the widows of all Masons;

As grand master, I therefore proclaim February 2022 to be Masonic Widows Month in California.

In recognition of this proclamation, I encourage California Masons to redouble their efforts to connect with Masonic widows in their communities. The pandemic has separated many elderly and widowed people from family and friends, increasing isolation and feelings of loneliness. It is more important than ever that California Masons reach out to these vulnerable members of our fraternal family to ensure that they are being taken care of and to remind them that they are not forgotten. This can take many forms: reaching out to widows of former lodge members; organizing grocery deliveries, home improvements, or offering transportation to medical appointments; or writing and calling widows living at the Masonic Homes in Union City or Covina.

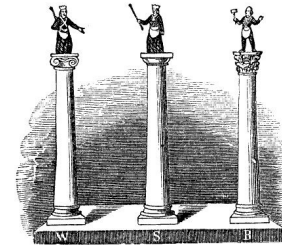
The widows of California Masons are entitled to a wide range of services through the Masonic Homes of California and Masonic Outreach Services, from access to senior living communities and independent shared living housing to referrals to supportive services and pharmacy discounts. Please encourage all Masonic widows to review the entire list of programs available to them today by calling Masonic Outreach at (888) 466-3642 or visiting masonichome.org. If they need to update their contact information, please call (800) 831-8170.

Just as Masons take an obligation to care for one another, they are bound to support their surviving family members. This month remind them they are not alone.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Grand Master Jeffery Wilkins

Attest:

Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou



New Master Mason's Corner

Brother Elvis Alvarez was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in this Lodge on December 18, 2021. Only a Mason for about a half a year, Bro. Elvis has been active, energetic, and most generous with his time and effort. The bee hive above represents industry, and our Brother certainly has been industrious in and for the Lodge. He has even jumped in to the officers' line for 2022 as our Senior Steward. Thank you, Brother.

Bro. Elvis is 50 years of age, which is about the average age for our Lodge, so he fits right in. He is married to Ruby and they just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on January 15. Congratulations to them both!

Bro. Elvis enjoys spending time with his family and going on morning walks at the beach with Ruby. He has three aquaria and enjoys taking care of his fish.

Bro. Elvis says this about why he joined the Craft and what he hopes to get out of his membership: "I would like to serve my community and be a better contributor to society. As a Freemason, I hope to learn valuable skills to help me be an effective leader in the community and, overall, be a better individual."

He adds that his membership will allow him to serve the community better and to have more opportunities, along with his brothers, to help those in need.

We look forward to many years of fraternity with Bro. Elvis Alvarez.

From the East

Brethren,
Greetings, and welcome to 2022. Although this is the February edition already, it feels like a New Year for me as this edition is published immediately after Installation and it is the first time I may address you from the Master's column. So, Happy New Year!

I have this question for you: How does one know a Mason?

It is no great secret that Masons have certain modes of recognition, ranging from the subtle to the blatant. I hope, however, that no one reading this goes around trying to ascertain a Masonic connection with every person — from their barista to their ride share driver — in the course of a day.

We have "unofficial" modes of recognition that may signal such a Masonic connection, whether we see a stranger and comment on his ring or we notice a car decal in traffic, etc. But these are far from the true signs of a Mason. Moreover, it is neither difficult nor costly to go on the internet and acquire these accouterments, or a square-and-compass-branded tee shirt, belt buckle, hat, sneakers, switchblade, wine decanter, or light-up, spinning medallion. Naturally, as they say, clothes do not make the man. In an ideal world, perhaps, we might know a Mason by his exemplary character, by his heart.

How we know a man to be a Mason is guided by the enduring and relevant principles of our fraternity, as illuminated by our Grand Lodge:

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Brotherly love. We value respect, freedom, kindness, tolerance, and our differences religious, ethnic, cultural, social, generational, and educational and strive for harmony in our individual lives, in our lodges, and in the global community.

Relief. We take responsibility for the well-being of our brothers, our families, and the community as a whole. We provide relief through philanthropy, community involvement, and delivery of excellent care.

Truth. We stay true to our personal code of conduct and ethics honor, integrity, personal responsibility, and the continuous pursuit of knowledge.

A man who exemplifies these principles is undoubtedly a Mason, and there are certain sayings you can share with him to confirm.. He needs none of the extra trappings like pins, rings and such. And it doesn't matter his station in life. He could be your Uber driver or your contractor or your car dealer or your attorney or whatever. You really won't need to ask; just observe. If Masonry is in his heart, and he lives by its principles, it will show through.

My kindest regards for the New Year, Brethren. Looking ahead to the future, I hope for 365 good days for you this year, and every year.. I also look forward to serving our Lodge this year as your Master and hope to see more of you in Lodge.

Fraternally from the East,
Wor. Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan
Master

From the West

Brethren,
Congratulations to the newly installed Master and all of the other officers of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge #866 F&AM of California, as well as all other Masters and Officers installed in other lodges, wheresoever dispersed around the globe. The Brethren of Fratline Emblematism (a Masonic

supply outlet) also send their best wishes for a successful term.

We pray that the Great Architect will bless us all with wisdom and health, as we govern our Lodge during 2022.

I would also like to give my dearest and sincerest thanks to the installing officers who took the time to be there early on the day of our Installation to assure that everything was ready for our members and guests.

May this 2022 start strong and may harmony always prevail.

Fraternally from the West,
Bro. Fernando ("Jhonny") O. Lebrilla, Jr.
Senior Warden

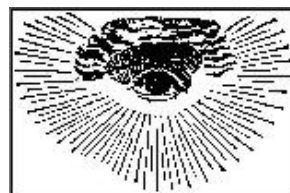
From the South

Brethren,
I hope you and your families are all doing well and staying safe as the pandemic cases continue to rise.

I would like to congratulate and thank our 2020-2021 officers, and also the brethren who worked hard behind the scenes through the rough and rugged past two years. Even with all the obstacles we faced, we managed to stay busy, be productive, and continue to improve our lodge.

I would also like to congratulate the newly installed officers for 2022. Our lodge is steadily growing and it is great to see so many great men joining our ancient and honorable fraternity. I am looking forward to serving as the Junior Warden of our lodge this year. We have a busy year ahead of us and I know that we will keep up the good work and have a successful one.

Fraternally from the South,
Bro. Spartak Khachatryan
Junior Warden





From our Secretary

Brethren,
Continuing with this month's newsletter theme, the heart is a fist-sized organ that pumps blood throughout your body. It's the primary organ of your circulatory system.

Your heart contains four main sections (chambers) made of muscle and powered by electrical impulses. Your brain and your nervous system direct your heart's function.

Everyone's heart is a slightly different size. Generally, adult hearts are about the same size as two clenched fists, and children's hearts are about the same size as one clenched fist.

Your heart is the primary organ of your circulatory system. It pumps blood throughout your body, controls your heart rate and maintains blood pressure. Your heart is a bit like a house. It has walls, rooms, doors, plumbing and an electrical system. All the parts of your heart work together to keep blood flowing and send nutrients to your other organs.

The heart is the locus of physical and spiritual being, and represents the "central wisdom of feeling as opposed to the head-wisdom of reason". It is compassion and understanding, life-giving and complex. It is a symbol for love. Often known as the seat of emotions, the heart is synonymous with affection. Understanding these symbolic meanings are really up to the interpreter. What culture, society, or an interpreter says about the heart symbol will always be different because

beauty (and symbols) are in the eye of the beholder.

Roy T. Bennett says "Believe in your heart that you're meant to live a life full of passion, purpose, magic and miracles." Magicians and Alchemists used heart symbols for incantations pertaining to matters related to love and romance. The symbol was also used in rituals with a goal to strengthen relationships.

The heart has long been recognized across cultures as a symbol of love, charity, joy and compassion. Love symbols profoundly assist us in describing the often-elusive emotion that consumes us when considering love itself. Love symbols help us capture a small portion of what love means.

Throughout history, many cultures and spiritual practices have emphasized the importance of following our heart, listening to our heart, and gaining wisdom and intelligence from our heart. This is not a coincidence. "When we speak of the 'heart' we are not referring to the physical organ but our spiritual heart. While this may be a new concept for some, it is analogous to the mind. While the brain is clearly physical in nature, the existence of the mind as a form of consciousness is universally accepted even though it cannot be detected on an MRI.

"Similarly, our spiritual heart embodies a level of consciousness unto itself. More importantly, it is the key to our deepest fulfillment and the doorway to experiencing a deeper relationship with our Creator/True Source: one characterized by profound peace, gratitude, joy, safety, and Unconditional Love."

The heart also symbolizes our creative spirit, for the flow of energy that sustains us and our creative spirit are different expressions of the same life sustaining force. The heart is also seen as that place where firmness of will or courage are seen to reside. In going to our heart, we are seen going to our innermost thoughts or feelings. First, the heart is the resting place for the creative spirit. Second, it is the source of the flow of our

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creative life energy. These two are just different expressions of the same thing. Third, it is the location for the intention for our life for aligning with the flow of energy aligns us with that intention.

The heart is the perfect symbol for the flow of our creative life energy. In anatomy, it is a hollow muscular structure that functions as the primary organ of the circulatory system of animals that maintains the circulation of the blood. The circulation of the blood in turn is essential for it carries the oxygen and nutrient to the various cells, organs and muscles to function and removes their waste produces. So, the heart and the blood it pumps maintains and sustains our life.

Finally the heart is traditionally seen as that place of enthusiasm and energy and what gives us passion. Consequently, we give our hearts to our Lodge and the Craft with enthusiasm, energy, and passion.

Fraternally,
Bro. Akram Al-Awar
Secretary

"Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse." Attributed to (Bro.) George Washington, whose birthday we celebrate in February. Happy Birthday Brother. Source:

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/george_washington_146836

On Being Under Attack – An Editorial

In our Lodge community, as was appropriate last year when violence and hate against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community erupted across the nation, we, as a group and individually (including myself), communicated our strong and defiant words denouncing the same in many fora including in this newsletter (e.g., March and May 2021).

January's attack on Congregation Beth Israel, a Reform Jewish Congregation in Texas, and the holding of hostages including the rabbi for 11 hours, again calls for denunciation. Frankly I am outraged, once again, by the hate and violence directed against a minority community, this time a religious one in which I happen to be affiliated as a Reform Jew.

Across the nation, the Jewish Community amounts to only 2.4% of all U.S. adults per the Pew Research Center. See, <https://www.pewforum.org/2021/05/11/the-size-of-the-u-s-jewish-population/>.

On the other hand, "Freemasonry began admitting Jews as members in the mid-eighteenth century, first in England and then later in the Netherlands, France, Germany, and other countries." See, <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/freemasonry>.

As we have done for the AAPI community, I ask that you rise up and join me, as necessary and in appropriate circumstances, wherever and whenever there is injustice, hate, violence, or discrimination, against any minority group or individual, and denounce the same, as I know you will, if you believe as I do that we Masons celebrate diversity and tolerance and abhor their opposites.

Respectfully,
Bro. David I. Karp