

# In the



# Daylight

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## Affability. Affinity. Also Altruism.

### Foreword ...

I like to think about words that describe our Lodge. I also like alliteration, that is, words that start with the same sound. Hence: “Affability. Affinity. Also Altruism.”

In preparing this month’s edition, affability, affinity and altruism all came to mind as descriptive of our Lodge and its members.

Affability has been described as “the quality of being pleasantly easy to approach and talk to; friendliness or warm politeness.” See, <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/affability>,

Affinity means “a person, thing, idea, etc., for which such a natural liking or attraction is felt.” See, <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/affinity>.

Altruism is defined as “the principle or practice of unselfish concern for or devotion to the welfare of others.” See, <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/altruism>.

In a wallet sized handout from the Grand Lodge of California, one can see the foregoing traits of our fraternity, and of each of us, in the following two paragraphs:

“Friendships Masonry is a brotherhood of like-minded men who genuinely care about each other. We develop lifelong friendships with fellow Masons and their families, and are welcomed at Masonic lodges throughout the United States and the world.

“Culture of philanthropy Through our innovative and relevant charitable programs, we

make a profound difference in the lives of our members and in California communities.”

I need not catalog all of the ways we help other people. In this Lodge, I know that my Brother Masons are selfless, individually and collectively. Of course we support our Masonic Homes (see the Grand Master’s Proclamation on p. 8), and the California Foundation, among other Masonically related endeavors. Yet, we also support each other through our Lodge Charity Committee and with small efforts such as caring phone calls, texts, visits (when safe), etc.

I like our Brothers. I think you do, too. We are affable, we look out for each other, and we help the community, even distantly as with our efforts to provide aid in the Philippines for instance.

We do good work, and we are proud of what we do. Why not? We are good people after all.

Please enjoy the June edition of “In the Daylight.”

Fraternally,  
David I. Karp, Editor.



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## Affability and High Moral Character Drew Him In.

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from the text of an email published at

[http://web.mit.edu/dryfoo/www/Masonry/Why\\_Joined/sub72.html](http://web.mit.edu/dryfoo/www/Masonry/Why_Joined/sub72.html).

“Why did I become a Freemason? First let me tell you that I [am] new to the Fraternity having been just raised to the Third Degree two nights ago and that I am 30 years old, married with a daughter.

“My entire life I have had good fortune to have been surrounded by good men. My Father is not a Freemason but the way he has led his life reflects the principles espoused within the Fraternity. Men I grew up respecting at my Church are Freemasons. These men were in positions of responsibility and served the congregation for long periods of time with dedication and excellence.

“When I entered the working world I was fortunate enough to work with a gentleman who was a Shriner. He was and is an exceptional man. He made such an impression on me because he spoke from both the heart and the head and challenged a young man to be better....

“At my most recent employer I had the pleasure to work with a number of retired gentlemen.... [T]wo of them stood out.... [In] conversation ... I found that these two men were Freemasons.

... I was invited to a Friend to Friend dinner at the Lodge, met some the Brethren and the Officers. *I found these men to be affable and of high moral character.* [ Emphasis added.] We were of the same mind on a number of general topics. I decided to petition the Lodge for membership....

“Sincerely,

“Douglas W. Hitz

“West Shore Lodge #681”

### June Trestle Board

Starting June 5, 2021, we resume meeting 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.

**June 3, 2021**, Executive Board Meeting, 7:00PM on Zoom. Wor. Celso will provide Zoom link.

**June 5, 2021, 10AM**, Stated Meeting. Tiled. In person. Dress casual. Comply with Safety Protocols. This includes advance reservation by email, proof of vaccination or negative test result, masks, etc. No lunch.

**June 10, 2021, 7PM** Zoom Fellowship. We return to once per month on the second Thursday, but continue on Zoom. New Zoom login, see below\*

**June 19, 2021, 10AM**. TBD, maybe Degree practice, maybe not.

### July Preview

**July 3, 2021** - Dark

**July 8, 2021** - Executive Comm. Mtg.

**July 10, 2021** - Stated Meeting (dress casual)

**July 17, 2021** - First Degree (formal attire)

\*Login for Second Thursday Zoom mtgs, now through 12/9/2021 (except July 8) follows:

Join Zoom Meeting



## An Affinity Group but Not an Affinity Lodge

Inasmuch as we have common interests that define us as Freemasons we are an affinity group. Also, we have a strong affinity for one another. We like each other. See, generally, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/affinity> .

According to Wikipedia, “An affinity group is a group formed around a shared interest or common goal, to which individuals formally or informally belong.... Examples of affinity groups include private social clubs, fraternities, writing or reading circles, hobby clubs, and groups engaged in political activism.”

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Affinity\\_group](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Affinity_group) .

“During the 17th century, far more affinity groups formed [than before], ranging from large, national or even international fraternal groups like the Freemasons to private gentlemen's clubs, to small, informal reading circles or collectors clubs. Unlike salons or other periodic gatherings that had continuously changing participants, affinity groups traditionally have had curated memberships. Often, a would-be member had to be proposed for membership by an existing member, or would-be members might petition to join on their own. The existing members often are required to vote upon whether or not to accept the applicant as a new member. Some

voting procedures require unanimity (such as the Freemasons), others may require a simple majority of supporting votes. After becoming a member, continuing membership may be contingent upon conforming to rules or shared ideologies, and the debarring of members for a variety of reasons is possible.” *Id.*

So, according to the foregoing, we are an affinity group because we share common interests.

But are we an affinity group like The Colonial Lodge No. 1821 (Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia) which describes itself as an Affinity Lodge? See,

<https://thecoloniallodge.org/why-colonial/> . Not exactly. That Lodge says this about itself:

“Most Masonic lodges don’t declare a particular ‘affinity’ or additional characteristic that is common among their members, aside from being men of good character who come together for the betterment of themselves and their community. [¶] In addition to being Masons, all members of Colonial are also a part of The George Washington University (GW) community – students, alumni, faculty, staff, etc. We continue the long history of Freemasonry at GW and incorporate the culture of our alma mater into our regular meetings and activities. Our shared connection to GW further cements our fraternal bonds and experiences. As a lodge with ties to academia, our members wear traditional academic attire in addition to our Masonic regalia.”

Scouters Lodge #236 AF & AM of Maryland is also an affinity lodge. Its Facebook page says this about its membership: “The membership of Scouter's Lodge #236 is composed of Grand Lodge of Maryland Masonic Brothers who were either Scouts themselves, or adult Scouters.” <https://www.facebook.com/ScoutersLodge236> . The Lodge’s website says: “Scouters Lodge #236 was formed in 2012 by a number of Maryland [continues on next page, see “Affinity”]

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Masons who wanted to strengthen the relationship between Freemasonry and the Boy Scouts." <http://www.scouterslodge.com/>.

Affinity Lodges are not unusual in the United Kingdom. See the website of the Kindred Lodges Association, at <http://www.kindredlodges.org.uk/who-we-are>, which says this about itself:

"The Kindred Lodges Association (KLA) was formed in 1952 to encourage Masonic Lodges formed by, or including, Masons who are, or were, involved in Youth Work to link together.... [¶] The prime activity, other than encouraging inter Lodge visiting, is to hold two Festival meetings each year. The dress for these meetings is the uniform of their youth organisation for those entitled to wear it."

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge is not an Affinity Lodge like the foregoing examples. Nevertheless, we maintain strong ties with one another. In the words of The Colonial Lodge, *supra*, we are "men of good character who come together for the betterment of [ourselves] and [our] community."

With common goals, our friendships, and our deep sense of belonging and kinship, that is sufficient for us. As stated at the outset, we have a strong affinity for one another. DIK.



## A Song About Affability

In the musical, *Man of La Mancha*, the story-within-the-story is about Don Quixote who has lost his mind and is on a quest to restore chivalry and right the world's wrongs. As a "knight," Quixote is followed by Sancho Panza who has become his "squire" and is along for the ride. Sancho sings this song, "I

Really Like Him" to Aldonza who questions why Sancho is following Don Quixote. It is because:

"I like him, I really like him.

Tear out my fingernails one by one, I like him!

I don't have a very good reason,  
Since I've been with him,  
Cuckoo-nuts have been in season...  
But there's nothing I can do,  
Chop me up for onion stew,  
Still I'll yell to the sky  
Though I can't tell you why,  
That I like him!

...

"I like him, I really like him.

Pluck me naked as a scalded chicken,  
I like him!

Don't ask me for why or wherefore,  
'Cause I don't have a single good  
"Because" or "therefore!"

You can barbecue my nose.

Make a gilet of my toes,

Make me freeze, make me fry.

Make me sigh, make me cry.

Still I'll yell to the sky,

Though I can't tell you why.

That I like him!"

[Source of the Lyrics:

<https://www.allmusicals.com/lyrics/manoflaman-cha/ireallylikehim.htm> .]

### DISTRESSED & WORTHY BROTHER RELIEF FUND

#### DO YOU NEED MASONIC RELIEF DUE TO COVID-19?

Masonic Outreach Services is here to help those who find themselves in need due to COVID-19. Relief includes emergency financial assistance, case management, and information and referral services.

Learn more at [masonichome.org](http://masonichome.org)

Or call (888) 466-3642 to speak with Masonic Outreach staff



Masonic Homes  
of California

## Freemasonry and Altruism

Editor's Note: The following text is excerpted from "Brotherly Love," an article in *northshore Magazine* [sic] at <https://www.nshoremag.com/community-news/brotherly-love/>.

"The Masons are all about 'good old community spirit,' says Eddie Powers, a high-spirited and jolly Master Mason, who has been a member for the last two years. 'Masonry,' he explains, 'takes good men and makes them better. It teaches you about yourself, about who you are and what you can do.' The ancient tenets of the Order include [Brotherly] Love, Relief, and Truth, and the strengthening of a man's character is the intent. Opportunities for 'fellowship, charity, education, and leadership' are available inside a Mason Lodge, and they are the reason Powers gets such obvious pleasure out of being a brother. 'The Masons,' he says with a teary glint in his eye, 'quietly help people.' They don't participate in all the hype and fanfare as do some charitable organizations; acknowledgment is not the brothers' aim. 'In some cases,' says Powers, 'individuals don't even know it's the Masons helping them.' That is how the men prefer it. **Altruism is at the core of their camaraderie, and altruism, they feel, is a mute mission.**" [Emphasis added.]

### Relief.

"From earliest times Freemasons have been taught to help those in distress without detriment to their dependents, and to give their support to outside charities." Source: Lodge of Happiness No. 7952: Freemasons Lodge. Birmingham, West Midlands at <http://lodgeofhappiness.org.uk/about-our-lodge/the-core-principles-of-freemasonry-brotherly-love-relief-and-truth/>

### CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2021

Worshipful Master Celso V. Cardano, Jr., P.M.

Senior Warden Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan

Junior Warden  
Fernando ("Jhonny") O. Lebrilla, Jr.

Treasurer Barry Mann

Secretary Akram Alawar

Asst. Secretary Thomas ("Tom") K. Sheehan

Chaplain Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig

Senior Deacon Spartak ("Spo") Khachatryan

Junior Deacon Ibrahim Hannoun

Marshal Keith S. Cotton

Senior Steward Michael ("Mike") J. Chavez

Junior Steward Rami Alawar

Organist Majd Fahma

Tiler William ("Bill") C. Raddatz

Officers' Coach Steven ("Steve") A. Wolvek, PM

Candidates' Coach Roger L. Soriano, PM

Inspector Leland H. Celestre, PM

## It Happened in June (1775).

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from <https://www.loc.gov/collections/george-washington-papers/articles-and-essays/timeline/the-american-revolution/>.

“June 14, 1775 Debate begins in Congress on the appointment of a commander in chief of Continental forces. [Brother] John Hancock<sup>1</sup> expects to be nominated but is disappointed when his fellow Massachusetts delegate, John Adams, suggests [Brother] George Washington<sup>2</sup> instead as a commander around whom all the colonies might unite. June 15, Washington is appointed commander in chief of the Continental Army. The forces from several colonies gathered in Cambridge and Boston become the founding core of that army.

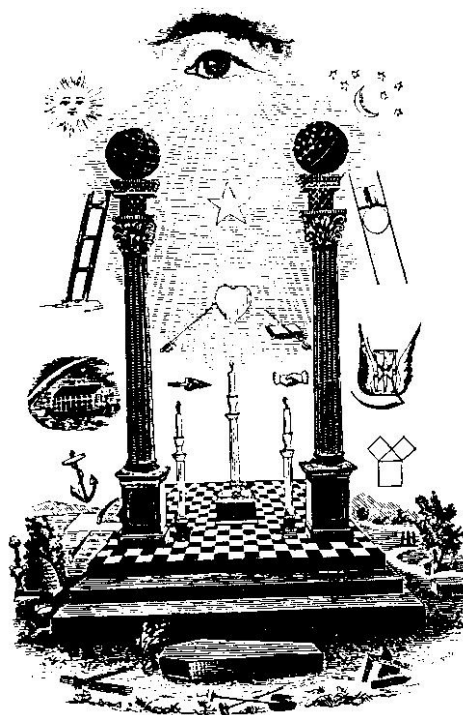
“June 16, 1775 Washington makes his acceptance speech in Congress. As a gesture of civic virtue, he declines a salary but requests that Congress pay his expenses at the close of the war. On July 1, 1783, Washington submits to the Continental Board of Treasury his expense account.

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<sup>1</sup>“During a trip to Quebec in 1762, Hancock was first made a Freemason in the Marchants Lodge No. 277. Upon his return to the colonies later that year, he became a devoted Brother to the Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston.” See, <https://scottishritenmj.org/blog/freemasons-of-the-independence>.

<sup>2</sup>In 1752, George Washington became a Master Mason at the age of 20 in Fredericksburg, Virginia (for only 2 pounds and 3 shillings!). The following year, Washington was raised to the second and third degrees at the Lodge of Fredericksburg, Virginia and visited regularly over the next few years. See, <https://scottishritenmj.org/blog/george-washington-president-and-freemason-1>.

“June 17, 1775 The battle of Bunker or Breeds Hill [takes place<sup>3</sup>].”




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<sup>3</sup>Dr. Joseph Warren (June 11, 1741 June 17, 1775) “served in the battle as a private soldier, and was killed in combat when British troops stormed the redoubt atop Breed’s Hill.... [Some years earlier, w]hile practicing medicine and surgery in Boston, he joined the Masonic Lodge of St. Andrew, which had received a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1756. He was Master of the Lodge in 1769 at the same time that Paul Revere was its Secretary. Warren was appointed Grand Master of the newly established Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in that same year. (Upon his death, John Hancock became Grand Master.) See, <https://nymasons.org/site/joseph-warren/>

## Member News

**B**ros. Spo Khachatryan, SD, and Ibrahim Hannoun, JD, are now both engaged to be married (not to each other but to their respective fiancées). We wish them happiness and fulfillment as they begin to transition to married life.

Worshipful Celso Cardano celebrated the conferral of his Masters' Degree from USC. Congratulations.

Our Treasurer, Bro. Barry Mann has had back pain but is improving. Nevertheless, he will retire as Treasurer at the end of this year and we thank him for his excellent service for many years.

Bro. Tom Sheehan, Assistant Secretary, has been giving his time, energy, and support for his elderly mother which is no easy task. We empathize with you, Brother, and wish her well.

Bro. Michael McQuaig recently relocated to Glendale. We hope the move went well.

Bro. Steve Engstrom is still "Doing His Best" to help out as a volunteer in Scouting. He gives his time and talents generously. We are proud of all his efforts for the benefit of the Scouts.

WB Bruce Ewald, PM, has been an enthusiastic participant, among others, in our Thursday Zoom Fellowship Meetings and is always happy to see and speak with his Brothers. Bros. Jhonny Lebrilla, Tom Sheehan, Michael Chavez, and Akram Alawar, also nearly always show up to contribute to the discussion. Masons from other Lodges join us too. Thank you, Brothers, for being there. *Please note new Zoom dates, see next page.*

Your editor, Bro. David I. Karp, is happy to publish any news you will provide to him, including lifetime events, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, work or personal successes, job changes, family milestones, trivia, whatever. Just let him know. Otherwise, he has to depend on Facebook for your news. Also, to learn more about your Brothers, join us on Zoom on Thursday nights. See the Trestle Board on p. 2 for more information.

### Masonic Recognition

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

Steven A. Wolvek (2017-2018)  
Rogelio L. Soriano (2019)

#### Past Masters by Affiliation

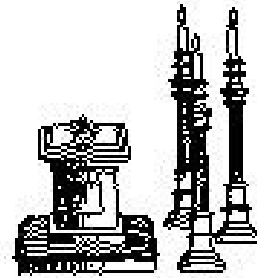
Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr. (2012)  
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2012)  
Alberto L. Casanova, Jr. (2014)  
Emmanuel D. Espiritu (2014)  
Bruce L. Ewald (2004-2006)  
Bruce L. Hawley (1984)\*\*  
Luc Paul, Jr. (2018)

#### 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)  
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.



## Update re Zoom (Fellowship) Meetings

**N**ow that we are returning to in-person meetings at the Lodge, the frequency of Zoom Fellowship meetings will decrease to once per month, on the second Thursday of the month (except for July 8) at 7PM PT. Our Executive Committee meetings will continue on Zoom as well, but that's another story.

Also, starting on June 10, there will be a new Zoom login for our Fellowships. You will find it below for the following dates: Jun 10, 2021; Aug 12, 2021; Sept 9, 2021; Oct 14, 2021; Nov 11, 2021; Dec 9, 2021. Please mark your calendars for these dates.

Fraternally,  
Bro. David I. Karp  
Zoom Maven



## Grand Master's Proclamation

**J**UNE 2021 IS MASONIC HOMES MONTH  
Embracing the Next Evolution

Whereas Masons have taken a pledge to support all brothers and their wives, widows, and children in their hour of need; and

Whereas for more than 100 years, the Masonic Homes of California has provided compassionate, relevant, and critical services to Masons and their families; and

Whereas residents of the Masonic Homes represent one of the most at-risk groups during

the Coronavirus pandemic, who now more than ever require the support of our fraternity; and

Whereas Masonic Outreach Services plays a crucial role in connecting vulnerable Masons and their family members to local and immediate forms of relief; and

Whereas the Masonic Center for Youth and Families provides children, teens, and adults important counseling services and tools for maintaining mental health and emotional wellness; and

Whereas the Masonic Homes, MOS, and MCYAF have provided Masons from around the state with important services during the Coronavirus pandemic and subsequent shutdown;

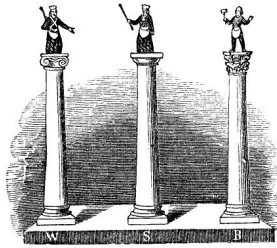
As grand master, I therefore proclaim June 2021 to be Masonic Homes Month in California.

Since 1898, California Masons have fulfilled their obligation to care for fellow members and their families through their support of the Masonic Homes. More than a century later, the fraternity remains committed to delivering on that promise by offering crucial services to those in need through retirement homes in Union City and Covina, through Masonic Outreach Services throughout the state, and through MCYAF in San Francisco and Covina. This month, I call on Masons to support these important programs and to make sure that all members are aware of the benefits they are entitled to as Masons and widows. Share the Masonic Assistance Line (888-466-3642) with members in need; visit the Masonic Homes online to learn about the services being offered; and of course make a gift to the Masonic Homes to ensure that this proud legacy endures into the future.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Grand Master Arthur H. Weiss  
Attest:  
Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou

Happy Father's Day and Happy Summer  
June 20.





## From the East

Brethren,  
 In June we will have our first in-person lodge meeting our Stated Meeting of Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> since the lockdown which started over 15 months ago. As we try to restart the lodge and restart going back to normal we will take all precautions and follow the guidelines, both as set by the Grand Master of California and the Van Nuys Hall association's site-specific plan, to ensure that we adhere to Masonic decrees and CDC/ LA County health and safety guidelines. In doing so each member will need to show a vaccination card proving that more than 14 days has elapsed from his second shot (or 14 days after the J&J one-shot) or, alternatively, proof of a COVID-19 test with negative results within 72 hours before the meeting. In addition we will create a seating chart in order to keep safe distance within the lodge and we will also still need to wear masks.

This is an exciting and nerve-racking time as we balance reopening as against taking all the precautionary measures to ensure that our members are safe. For those of you that can attend please let us know as we need a list of members who will participate and join in the in-person lodge meetings. RSVPs by email will help.

Fraternally from the East,  
 Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM  
 Master

## From the South

My Brethren,  
 As every day goes by, progress continues to move in the right direction allowing our Lodges to more fully open and for various Masonic activities to resume. This month, the Governor of California will be relaxing the restrictions even further. We all can expect more communication soon from the CDC, relaxing and adjusting the protocols we have in place. All of this will be a significant step toward more normal operations all the while still taking some basic steps to keep health and safety at the forefront.

Our steadfast and unwavering commitment as members of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge is to be part of the larger inclusive society of Free and Accepted Masons at all times but especially now. During a crisis such as the world is now facing, we urgently need the most extraordinary efforts and perspectives to innovate and implement new, critical, life-saving ideas. We have delivered exactly that with compassion over the last few months, but we must do more.

In the larger sense, our communities around the world are grieving deep losses and struggling day-to-day especially but not only in India. I am also aware how change of this magnitude creates fear, fear which can result in racist behaviors, anger, and prejudice. I can only imagine the additional stress this must cause during a time already riddled with uncertainty and loss.

As a global organization and community, we must stand in solidarity and lead with empathy and compassion, and denounce these negative behaviors wherever they occur. Inclusion, diversity, and respect are deeply embedded in our Mission and our fraternal vision. These values guide the way we work, the way we interact with each other, and the way we deliver on our commitments to others and our members. This will never change.

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We as Free and Accepted Masons firmly believe that inclusion and diversity compel us to be a more innovative and creative organization. And we believe in the value of all members. You and I have a personal commitment to ourselves, our community and this country. I believe that our commitment goes beyond our borders too.

Let us all walk together as Brethren and cast our influence meaningfully among all who dwell under the canopy of heaven. In improving the lives of others, we improve our own lives as well.

This is the altruism of the Craft as I see it.

Thanks for your patience and all you have done to advance Freemasonry during this challenging time.

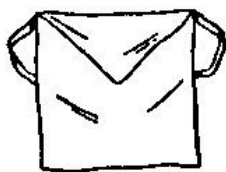
"One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time." - Andre Gide, French novelist (1860 - 1951).

Fraternally from the South,  
Fernando ("Jhonny") O. Lebrilla, Jr.  
Junior Warden

## From our Treasurer

**B**rethren,  
As many of you know, I have experienced medical challenges recently. Because of this, I have decided not to continue as Lodge treasurer beyond the end of this year. Please consider selecting a new Lodge treasurer for the ensuing Masonic year. I will always be available to offer assistance to you.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Barry Mann, Treasurer



## From our Secretary

**B**rethren,  
Altruism is "regard for or devotion to the interests of others". We Masons use a shorter term: Brotherly Love. This condition is not only the task of the Mason, it is the ultimate task of our time. Without widespread moral transformation, in altruistic terms, wars cannot be prevented, nor can a better and nobler social order be built on this earth.

Nowadays, there a desperate need for organizations such as ours dedicated to the rights of man to foster altruistic endeavors. We Masons have a destiny which involves all men everywhere and it is a destiny beyond ritual. "We must help light the torch of altruism in the hearts and minds of the people." Without this it is impossible to build an harmonious social and cultural order.

Freemasonry has always taught the remedy: "the enlightenment of the human spirit, development of man's ability to have a perceptive rather than an exploitative relationship with his fellow creatures, encouragement to secure reward by one's own efforts, and daily practice of Masonic tenets."

God is love, and love is God. We can't have a genuine brotherhood among men without mutual regard, mutual charity and mutual allowance for faults and failings.

To promote the spirit of altruism in man has never been a popular task, because it is a wearisome labor whose reward is difficult to ascertain.

The ancient tenets of the Order include Love, Relief, and Truth; and the strengthening of a man's character is the intent.

Opportunities for "fellowship, charity, education, and leadership" are available inside a Masonic Lodge. They are the obvious goals and rewards of being a brother.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Akram Alawar,  
Secretary