

# In the



# Daylight

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## Moderation and Morality in Freemasonry

### Foreword ...

This edition delves into the related concepts of moderation and morality, both central to Freemasonry. Let us first look at Moderation from a Masonic standpoint. The article on the next page will focus on Morality and Freemasonry.

Moderation is a dominant theme in Freemasonry. For instance, we are taught to circumscribe our desires and keep our passions within due bounds toward all mankind. In other words, “[t]he compass is a reminder to engage in moderation, and not to get carried away by life's vices.”

<https://www.livescience.com/freemasons.html> .

Moderation has been defined as “[t]he avoidance of excess or extremes, especially in one's behavior or political opinions.” See, <https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/moderation> . Perhaps avoiding politics and religion in our lodges is practicing moderation. We avoid these subjects to keep harmony and peace in our fraternity.

Moderation is also “[t]he action of making something less extreme, intense, or violent.” *Id.* Certainly, that is why we do not bring anything offensive or defensive into our lodge rooms.

Temperance, one of the four cardinal virtues, is an aspect of moderation. As described by Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 Free & Accepted Masons of Florida:

“For Masons, Temperance is that due restraint upon our affections and passions which

renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice. When practiced and perfected, a Mason is able to abstain from actions that may impair his faculties and perceptions. By this self-restraint, he shall not materially err.”

[http://www.hillsborough25.org/masonic\\_noble\\_virtues.html](http://www.hillsborough25.org/masonic_noble_virtues.html) .

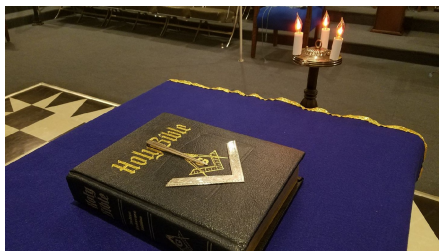
In our Lodge, we are lucky to have a place of moderation, where we can learn to subdue the passions, act upon the Square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy and practice charity. With such moderation, it is a place where we can shelter from the vicissitudes and inclemencies of life, including the anger, dissent and disagreement beyond our walls.

As you thoughtfully practice moderation within the Lodge and without, please also enjoy this edition of “In the Daylight.”

Fraternally,  
David I. Karp, Editor



Trestle Board for March on page 2.



## Morality and Freemasonry

**E**ditor's Note: The following is excerpted from "Morality and Freemasonry" by W.Bro. Dr. K. Jyothindra Kumar, Worshipful Master (2007) of Lodge Ananthapadmanabha.(No.280), Grand Lodge of India, available at [http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/morality\\_freemasonry.html](http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/morality_freemasonry.html) .

"The Masonic system of education teaches morality to its members in an unusual way, in its rituals, and in the course of degree work. This is defined in masonic ritual as a 'peculiar system of morality' which has existed for several hundred years, remains and continues to be the central feature of Freemasonry today. The old Chinese adage states:". a journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step" and so be it for our masonic study of morality. Morality is etymologically derived from the latin word "moralitas" which means manner, character, or proper behavior.

"The word morality refers to the concept of human action pertaining to matters of right and wrong. The latter may be loosely interpreted as "good" and "evil". Thus morality speaks of a system of behavior with reference to right and wrong behavior. At the outset we have to distinguish the meanings of three words "moral", "immoral" and "amoral" which regularly surface in our study of morality. Immorality is flouting the conventions of one's own morality, while amoral is being without morality. A novice

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### March Trestle Board

When we meet in person, but not now, we meet on 1st/3rd Saturdays at 10:00 AM except as otherwise noted. With authority from Grand Lodge, we conduct our Stated Meetings online, see below.

March 4, 2021, 7PM, Executive Comm. Mtg., on Zoom. Wor. Celso will provide link.

March 6, 2021, 10AM, Zoom. Tiled.

We continue our Masonic Fellowship meetings via Zoom, Thursdays, 7PM. Please take note of the following:

Thu., Mar. 11	Fellowship
Thu., Mar. 18	Fellowship
Thu., Mar. 25	Fellowship

Login for Thursday Zoom fellowship meetings, for each occurrence now through 3/25/2021 (except Thursdays preceding a Stated Meeting)



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student should also beware [that] synonyms for morality which may be interchangeably used, in fact are different i.e.; ethics, principles, virtue and goodness. Definitions beautifully describe the depth and scope of a subject for ease of comprehension. The Catholic encyclopedia defines morality as: 'Human conduct in so far as it is freely subordinated to the ideal of what is right and fitting'. The American Heritage dictionary defines morality as the quality of being in accord with standards of right or good conduct.

...

"The morality which Freemasonry inculcates from the mists of time, makes its demand for liberty of conscience, for the freedom of the intellect, and for the right of all men to be equal before G-d and the Law, each respecting the rights of his fellows. It has been asserted that it is not the quantity of life, but its quality, its depth, its purity, its fortitude, and its spiritual refinement. Masonry insists upon the building of character and the practice of righteousness, upon moral culture and spiritual vision. He who achieves the highest degree of moral conduct, towards himself and towards others, in accordance with the philosophical and ethical ideas gains the respect and love of his fellow men and contributes to the formation of a society worth living in."

#### What is Freemasonry?

Freemasonry is a philosophy and practice of morality and ethics imparted to its members through the symbolic use of the tools of ancient stonemasons and by initiation ceremonies based upon rituals that are centuries old. Freemasons uniquely use 18th-century language and rituals to teach 21st-century values.

Source: Oregon Freemasons at

<https://www.masonic-oregon.com/faq/>

#### 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 Ibrahram Hannoun

Marshal Keith S. Cotton

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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

## A Masonic Lodge with “Moderate” Accommodations, Designed by a Mason

Excerpted from "William Wharff:  
Architect, Civil War Vet, and  
Freemason" at

[http://berkeleyheritage.com/eastbay\\_then-now/w\\_harff.html](http://berkeleyheritage.com/eastbay_then-now/w_harff.html) .

"Of all the architects who resided in Berkeley during the first four decades of the 20th century, the one who received the most coverage in the local press was ... William Hatch Wharff....

"Neither a classicist nor an innovator, Wharff was a practical builder who incorporated the prevailing idiom of the day into his designs. [One of his] four designated Berkeley landmarks [was] ... the Masonic Temple (1905-06) at 2105 Bancroft Way and Shattuck Avenue....

"Both Wharff and his wife were high-ranking charter members of the Harmony Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, in San Francisco....

"As the [Masonic] temple neared completion in August 1906, the San Francisco Call provided this description:

"It is four stories high, with facings of cream-colored brick and granite trimmings. The lower floor is to be devoted to stores. On the second floor will be found the supper room, ladies hall, banquet hall and armory of the Masonic lodges. [¶] The main lodgeroom will be on the third floor, 47 x 62 feet, elaborately finished, with Corinthian pilasters and ornamental frieze work extending around the entire room. The ceiling will be 42 feet high. This lodgeroom, with others on the same floor, are to be available Sundays for church purposes or uses of similar character. [¶] On the fourth floor will be a small lodgeroom, which with the anteroom and hall will be used for smaller lodges and societies requiring *moderate accommodations*." [Emphasis added.]



[The Completed Masonic Temple in April 1907.  
Image attribution:

[http://berkeleyheritage.com/eastbay\\_then-now/w\\_harff.html](http://berkeleyheritage.com/eastbay_then-now/w_harff.html) and  
<https://calisphere.org/item/ark:/13030/kt0k40220m/> ] .

### 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.

## Wordplay

Here are some random words that rhyme with “Moderation,” which may also describe our Lodge:

Affirmation. Aspiration. Celebration.  
 Circumspection. Cogitation. Communication.  
 Concentration. Education. Elevation.  
 Emulation. Erudition. Evocation. Exaltation.  
 Exploration. Exposition. Generation.  
 Illustration. Inculcation. Information.  
 Inspiration. Introspection. Invocation.  
 Jubilation. Meditation. Motivation.  
 Nomination. Obligation. Observation.  
 Perambulation. Preparation. Presentation.  
 Proclamation. Publication. Recreation.  
 Recognition. Recollection. Repetition.  
 Revelation. Ruminantion. Toleration.  
 Transformation. Validation. Veneration.  
 Visitation. See,

<https://www.rhymer.com/moderation.html> .

There might be more. What would you add?  
 DIK.

## Morals/Morality Quotes

The problem is how to construct a world in which immoral people can do the least harm; not how to enable moral people to do the most good. Milton Friedman.

We must distinguish morality from moralizing. Henry Kissinger.

What is moral is what you feel good after, and what is immoral is what you feel bad after. Ernest Hemingway.

The hottest places in Hell are reserved for those who, in a time of great moral crisis, maintain their neutrality. Dante.

The difference between a moral man and a man of honor is that the latter regrets a discreditable act even when it has worked. H.L. Mencken.

Source: Rosten, Leo. *Leo Rosten's Carnival of Wit*. New York: A Dutton Book, 1994. Print. pp. 318-320.



[Albert Pike as photographed by Matthew Brady, source:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert\\_Pike](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_Pike) .]

## Morals and Dogma

Morals and Dogma "is Albert Pike's 861 page volume of 'lectures' on the esoteric roots of Freemasonry, specifically the 32-degree Scottish Rite. Until 1964, this book was given to every Mason completing the 14th degree in the Southern jurisdiction of the US Scottish Rite Freemasons." <https://www.amazon.com/Morals-Dogma-Albert-Pike/dp/1592328156> .

"[First published in 1871,] *Morals and Dogma* has been described as ‘a collection of thirty-two essays which provide a philosophical rationale for the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The lectures provided a backdrop for the degrees by giving lessons in comparative religion, history and philosophy.’" [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morals\\_and\\_Dogma\\_of\\_the\\_Ancient\\_and\\_Accepted\\_Scottish\\_Rite\\_of\\_Freemasonry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morals_and_Dogma_of_the_Ancient_and_Accepted_Scottish_Rite_of_Freemasonry).

For some of us, it is difficult to reconcile Albert Pike, the individual, with moderation and morality in the 21st Century. Here's why:

"[Although] Albert Pike (December 29, 1809 April 2, 1891) was an American author, poet, orator, jurist and prominent member of the Freemasons[,] [h]e was also a senior officer of the Confederate States Army who commanded [continues on next page, see “Pike”]

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the District of Indian Territory in the Trans-Mississippi Theater of the American Civil War. "[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert\\_Pike](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_Pike) .

Moreover, his views on race are inconsistent with the ideals of diversity now held by 21st Century Freemasons and this Lodge:

"In the aftermath of the Civil War, as former Confederates found themselves barred from the ballot box, Pike remained deeply opposed to black suffrage, insisting that 'the white race, and that race alone, shall govern this country. It is the only one that is fit to govern, and it is the only one that shall.' [fn.] Regarding membership in the Freemasons, Pike is quoted as saying, 'I took my obligation to White men, not to Negroes. When I have to accept Negroes as brothers or leave Masonry, I shall leave it!'" [fn.]" *Id.*

Nevertheless, "[i]n the United States, Pike is still considered an eminent [fn.] and influential [fn.] Freemason, primarily in the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction. [fn.]" *Id.* - David I. Karp.



## Grand Master's Proclamation for March

**M**ARCH 2021 IS YOUTH ORDERS MONTH  
Embracing the Next Evolution

**Whereas** California Masons seek to embrace the next evolution of our fraternity; and

**Whereas** the young men and women who participate in DeMolay International, Job's Daughters International, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls represent the next

generation of California Masonry and embody the Masonic values that undergird our fraternity; and

**Whereas** members of the Masonic Youth Orders are improving their communities through a commitment to respect, integrity, and compassion; and Whereas Masons are uniquely positioned to offer positive mentorship, guidance, and support;

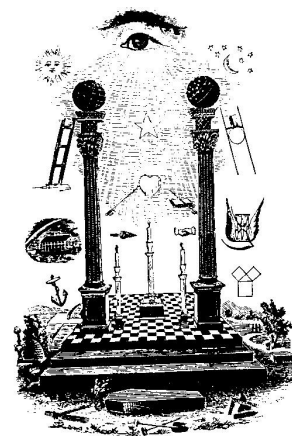
As grand master, I therefore **proclaim** March 2021 to be Youth Orders Month in California.

The Masonic Youth Orders are one of the most important parts of our fraternal family; they represent the future of our organization and graduate to become leaders not only of Freemasonry but of our communities. Nearly every bethel, chapter, and assembly of these organizations benefits when Masons give back, whether as volunteers, donors, or as an audience. The benefits run both ways: What Masons give back to the youth orders, these impressive young people give back to us in energy and inspiration. This month show our youth that Masons live by the values we instill in them. Visit [Masons4Youth.org](http://Masons4Youth.org) for information on ways you can help today.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Grand Master Arthur H. Weiss

Attest: Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou





## Member Spotlight: WB Archimedes S. Cabanig, Our Chaplain

**W**B Archimedes S. Cabanig, Master Mason, serves as Chaplain in Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge 866. His Mother Lodge is Atwater Larchmont Tila Pass 614 in Los Angeles. He was initiated on January 22, 2013, as an Entered Apprentice Mason, Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on March 14, 2013, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 09, 2013. He has served his Mother Lodge as Tiler, Junior/Senior Steward, Marshal, Junior/Senior Deacon, and as a member of Atwater Larchmont Tila Pass 614's Ritual Team and Chairman for Public School Observance Month. He serves other Lodges as well to hone his skills in Masonic work wherever and whenever he can be of help. On December 11, 2020, our Brother was installed as Worshipful Master of Southern California Lodge 529, Playa del Rey, CA.

Before becoming a Master Mason, our Brother was a Merchant Marine with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation majoring in Nautical Science and Seamanship. He has had sea experience in domestic (Philippine waters) and overseas (International) with a mixed crew of Filipino, Greek, Polish, Romanian and Bangladesh seamen.

WB Archimedes has been living with his family in the United States half of his life. His wife Grace is in the Medical field and they have three young adult children namely: Marc Josef, Jan Michael and daughter Sean Joy. Presently,

WB Archimedes works as an Avionics (aviation electronics) technician in a private company located in Long Beach, CA, with main headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

Our Brother Archimedes thanks you for reading his Bio and hopes to meet you some day. We thank him for being a valuable member of our Lodge.



## Looking Ahead to April

**P**lease mark your calendars to be sure to join us on Zoom on April 22, 2021, for our annual Public Schools Night. The Lodge has extended an invitation to Mr. Alex Arellano, an English teacher at Birmingham Community Charter High School, to join us and be recognized for his contributions to public education. He was nominated by our honoree from last year who informed us that “students love him, he's an amazing collaborator, and he's currently participating in the Hollyhock Teaching Fellowship through Stanford University.”

The Lodge has also requested that Mr. Arellano coordinate a student essay contest, like last year, so that we can honor the first place winner as we did before. We have asked that students research and write a five paragraph essay about “any US government figure, past or present, who was/is also a Mason (whether president, senator, congressman, or jurist).”

We await further responses, as all arrangements are still tentative.

Bro. David I. Karp, Public Schools Liaison

## Member News

Here are some items of note:

Our Junior Deacon, Bro. Ibrahim Hannoun, has, at long last, been granted U.S. Citizenship. We send him our heartiest congratulations on this auspicious occasion.

Bro. Barry Mann, our Treasurer, is home recovering from some debilitating back pain. Bros. Michael McQuaig and Virgilio Maravillas had COVID and are doing well now. Our Secretary, Bro. Akram Alawar, has been in isolation for you-know-what. We wish him an easy recovery from any symptoms.

Editor's Note: *Please* correspond with me if you have any news you would like me to share, including but not limited to health, wellness, job, family, birthdays, anniversaries, whatever. DIK.



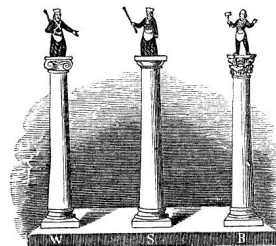
### **DISTRESSED & WORTHY BROTHER RELIEF FUND**

#### **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



## From the East

Brethren,

As we reflect, it has now been a year since we were all on full alert and the news broke that we as a nation would go into lock down due to the coronavirus pandemic. Much has changed since then, as we have become more aware on how to keep safe, by keeping 6-feet of social distances, washing hands often and by wearing masks to prevent the spread. This has been a challenge to us all as it has affected our everyday lives, from working in a public setting to working from home, to many schools that are now 100% online. Even now our lodge meetings are held virtually as well.

More importantly this virus has caused many to become ill and hundreds of thousands have lost their lives due to it. If you know any brothers who have suffered due to this and have financially gone through some hardship, the Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund is a Masonic outreach service there to help bring relief to those brothers in need of assistance. See the insert at left for more information.

Here is our schedule for March:

Thursday, 3/4/2021 - Executive Mtg

Saturday, 3/6/2021 - Stated Meeting

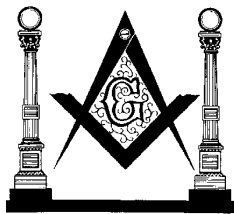
Thursday, 3/11/2021 - Zoom Fellowship

Thursday, 3/18/2021 - Zoom Fellowship

Thursday, 3/25/2021 - Zoom Fellowship.

Fraternally,  
Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM  
Master





## From the South

Brethren,  
February 12, 2021, marked the Lunar New Year, a holiday celebrated by many east Asians from countries like China, South Korea, Vietnam and more. The holiday usually consists of quality time spent with family, honoring elders and ancestors while indulging in their favorite traditional foods.

Recently, not unlike other minority groups who are targeted for various reasons, the Asian descent community has been faced with, and continues to experience, backlash and fallout of COVID-19 being unfairly blamed for the pandemic and becoming the target of discrimination and violence. Between March and December 2020, more than 2,800 reports of anti-Asian hate incidents related to COVID-19 have been recorded nationally. In New York, for instance, NYPD data showed that there has been a 1,900 percent increase in anti-Asian hate crimes in the past year. Put together with hateful incidents on the increase against others, the numbers stagger the mind.

What has shocked the Asian community recently is the string of violent hate crimes that are now coming to light in San Francisco and New York targeting vulnerable elderly Asians and resulting in death and serious injury. This has created an outpouring from many who refuse to let these senseless acts of violence continue and who are calling on government officials, law enforcement, community organizations and allies to unite against this rising tide of hate.

Hate is antithetical to Masonic values. I have a few requests as we navigate this challenging time:

--Please support your friends, colleagues and neighbors in this time of need. They need your help to advocate for protection against all hateful acts. Speak up, if you feel comfortable doing so, and/or alert the authorities that someone needs help.

--Listen to the stories and experiences of the Asian descent community and others the history, experiences and unique challenges faced so we can encourage more cross-cultural understanding. Let us build bridges and work in solidarity together towards peace and mutual understanding.

--Engage with and support organizations that are working to fight racism against all communities, which include, as to Asians, organizations like Stop AAPI Hate and Asian Americans Advancing Justice.<sup>1</sup>

In our Lodge, our members represent many minority cultural, religious and other interest groups who are or were targeted by hateful people here and around the world. As Masons, we owe an obligation to all people to embrace diversity, to act with kindness, and to live a good and moral life, with moderation, so as to be an example to others and to help diminish the racism that has erupted and continues to grow in our society.

"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." - Marie Curie, Polish scientist (1867-1934).

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

[Bro. Jhonny advises that the preceding entry is adapted from "Asian/American Report," of which he is a member.]

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<sup>1</sup>[Editor's Note: The ADL is another organization to consider and which has launched an initiative for stronger hate crime laws.]



## From our Secretary

**B**rethren,  
I, too would like to talk about  
Moderation and Morality in Masonry.

Our Country is built upon the foundation of hard work, dedication to family, morals, and values. Yet we are caught in a race seeking out the bigger and better things believing that it leads us to Happiness.

We spend most of our time trying to acquire wealth and materialistic things to show off rather than for the need of them. We indulge ourselves with what we acquire rather than enjoy living our lives, or appreciating what life is all about. In reality these habits lead to the disintegration of family, morals, and values; even the concept of the Great Architect of the Universe has become taboo in social circles.

Many of us have found in Freemasonry the path to balance between family, morals, and values, on the one hand, and the love of the materialistic world on the other hand. Freemasonry taught us about Moderation through the three Principles:

Temperance. "Temperance is that due restraint upon our affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice." This is how it is defined by Masonry. We were taught that Temperance should be the constant practice to avoid excess in all things. In a general sense it means that one must exercise a self-restraint and self-control at all times, in everything one does in his life. This is Moderation.

Fortitude. In Freemasonry Fortitude is defined "as that noble and steady purpose of the mind whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril or danger, when prudentially deemed expedient." Fortitude is the quality of character which gives a person strength to withstand temptation. It creates strength to withstand intemperance and to build a fort against our desires.

Prudence. Freemasonry defines Prudence as "that principle which teaches us to regulate our lives and actions agreeably to the dictates of reason, and is that habit by which we wisely judge, and prudently determine, the effect of all things relative to our present as well as our future happiness." It is the yardstick which is used in determining what constitutes Temperance in a specific situation and to what extent Fortitude should be applied. The application of Prudence to our everyday life means that we will use discretion in our acts and words, good judgment in what we say and do, and self-control above all else.

Voltaire, a Mason, said it best: "The richest endowments of the mind are temperance, prudence, and fortitude. Prudence is a universal virtue, which enters into the composition of all the rest; and where she is not, fortitude loses its name and nature."

Finally, practice social distancing ("6 feet apart is better than 6 feet under"). Avoid getting your loved ones infected.

Keep the Faith, We will get through this pandemic.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Akram Alawar,  
Secretary

## Bonus Article – St. Patrick's Day and Freemasonry

Editor's Note: Excerpted from an article by Steve Harrison, 33° KCCH, Midnight Freemason Contributor, posted on the website of Annawon Lodge #115 A.F. & A.M., West Haven, CT, at <https://lodge115.ctfreemasons.net/2019/03/15/st-patricks-day-and-freemasonry/>

"[D]uring the French-Indian War, a young Masonic Colonel recognized the morale among his troops was low and decided they needed what today we would call some "downtime." It was March, at the end of a long, brutal winter and many of the troops were Irish. It didn't take the Colonel long to figure out the best day to declare a general holiday would be St. Patrick's day.

"Several years later, that same Freemason, now a general in the American Revolution, faced a very similar problem. Billeted at Morristown, New Jersey, his troops were discouraged after a long winter of devastating fighting and losses. On top of that, the preceding winter of 1779-80 was brutally cold. That General, George Washington, again had many Irish troops under his command and once again he saw the opportunity of celebrating St. Patrick's Day to boost morale. With that, [WB] Washington issued the order giving his troops their first day off in over two years, 'The General directs that all fatigue and working parties cease for to-morrow the SEVENTEENTH instant, a day held in particular regard by the people of [Ireland].'

"The respite from the ravages of war and winter went over well with the troops, some of whom were said to celebrate with a 'hogshead of rum.' Washington is credited with establishing the first instances of a secular celebration of St. Patrick's day, a tradition which caught on and has grown to become a major event today, with the hogshead of rum long replaced by freely flowing green beer."

## Some Fun for Your Children, Grandchildren or Anyone

Tom: What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy?  
Pee Wee: I don't know.

Tom: A rash of good luck on St. Patrick's Day.

Seth: What do you call a fake Irish stone?

Spencer: What?

Seth: A shamrock!

David: Mom, I met an Irish boy on St. Patrick's Day.

Mom: Oh, really?

David: No, O'Reilly!

Joe: Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?

Bob: Tell me.

Joe: You might press your luck!

Danni: Knock. Knock.

Izzy: Who's there?

Danni: Warren.

Izzy: Warren who?

Danni: Warren any green today?

Tim: How can you tell if a leprechaun likes your joke?

Rob: How?

Tim: He's Dublin over with laughter!

Peyton: What did the leprechaun say on March 17?

Cody: I dunno.

Peyton: "Irish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!"

Source:

<https://scoutlife.org/features/140330/10-funny-st-patricks-day-jokes/>. Attributions for each joke will be found on the website page itself.