

# In the



# Daylight

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## Trust and Fidelity

### Foreword ...

**A**s a Mason, each of us is admonished to be “faithful to the trust committed to your care and [to] manifest your fidelity to your principles.” Also, we are charged “to caution the inexperienced against any breach of fidelity” and “to let no motive swerve” us from our duties, violate our vows, or betray our trust.

Why is that? Why are trust and fidelity so important to us as Masons?

I think the answer may be found in the definition and meaning of the word fidelity. Much of the following comes from the helpful web page of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary at <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fidelity>, as follows:

“You can have faith in fidelity, which has existed in English since the 15th century; its etymological path winds back through Middle English and Middle French, eventually arriving at the Latin verb *fidere*, meaning ‘to trust.’ *Fidere* is also an ancestor of other English words associated with trust or faith, such as *fiduciary* (which means ‘of, relating to, or involving a confidence or trust’ and is often used in the context of a monetary trust) and *confide* (meaning ‘to trust’ or ‘to show trust by imparting secrets’). Nowadays fidelity is often used in reference to recording and broadcast devices, conveying the idea that a broadcast or recording is ‘faithful’ to the live sound or picture that it reproduces.”

The above quote makes me think of the “faithful breast” where the mysteries of Masonry are safely lodged.

Here’s another quote from the above dictionary which I think is right on point as we consider our trust in, and our fidelity with, the ideals and principles of Freemasonry:

“[F]idelity, allegiance, fealty, loyalty, devotion, piety [are all synonyms and they] mean faithfulness to something to which one is bound by pledge or duty. Fidelity implies strict and continuing faithfulness to an obligation, trust, or duty.... [A]llegiance suggests an adherence like that of citizens to their country.... [F]ealty implies a fidelity acknowledged by the individual and as compelling as a sworn vow.... [L]oyalty implies a faithfulness that is steadfast in the face of any temptation to renounce, desert, or betray.... [D]evotion stresses zeal and service amounting to self-dedication.... [P]iety stresses fidelity to obligations regarded as natural and fundamental.”

I think that all of these synonyms and meanings describe us. With fidelity to our Craft and to our Lodge, we “march” forward to this month’s edition of “In the Daylight.” I “trust” that you will enjoy it.

Fraternally  
Bro. David I. Karp, Editor.

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## Bro. George Washington, An Embodiment of Trust and Fidelity

If one thinks about it, there is no one Mason better to have our respect as the embodiment of trust and fidelity than Bro. George Washington.

By way of background: On November 4, 1752, Bro. Washington was made a Mason when he received his Entered Apprentice Degree in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 (named as such when the Grand Lodge of Virginia was formed in 1778). In that same Lodge, he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on March 3, 1753, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on August 4, 1753. See,

<https://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/freemasonry/masonic-associations/> .

It is common knowledge that Bro. Washington was a land owner and gentleman farmer, a surveyor in his youth, a military leader, the commanding officer of the Continental Army, the President of the Constitutional Convention, our first President of the United States of America, and so much more. He was even the charter master of Alexandria Lodge No. 39 when it transferred its allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the Grand Lodge of Virginia. See,

<https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/freemasonry/> .

Why? Because in his character and his conduct, people trusted in him and respected his fidelity to whatever it was that he was involved in.

By way of example, this was well expressed, early on, in his Commission from Robert Dinwiddie, 30 October 1753, which reads as follows (see, <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/02-01-02-0028> ) :

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### March Trestle Board

(We meet in person each month on four Saturdays at 10:00 AM at the Van Nuys Masonic Center, except as otherwise noted. Always subject to change. See Masthead, p. 1 for address.)

**March 3, 2022** Executive Comm. Mtg.

**March 5, 2022** Stated Meeting. Tiled.

Dress: Casual

**March 10, 2022, 7PM** Zoom Fellowship, Join Zoom Meeting

**March 12, 2022** Practice or Fellowship

**March 19, 2022** Degree or Special Mtg.

**March 26, 2022** Degree or Special Mtg.

**March 31, 2022** Executive Comm. Mtg.

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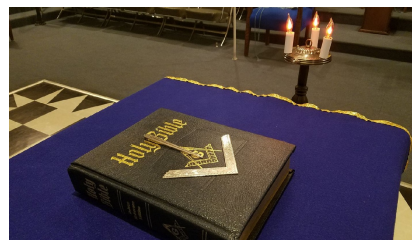
### Lodge Contact Information

Worshipful Master

Wor. Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan

Secretary

Bro. Akram Alawar



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[Williamsburg, 30 October 1753]

"The Honble Robert Dinwiddie Esqr. Governor & Commander in Chief of the Colony & Dominion of Virginia[.] Chancellor & Vice Admiral of the same.

"To George Washington Esqr. One of the Adjutants Genl of the Troops & Forces in the Colony of Virginia.

"I reposing especial Trust & Confidence in the Ability Conduct, & Fidelity, of You the said George Washington[,] have appointed You my express Messenger, And You are hereby authoriz'd & empower'd to proceed hence with all convenient & possible Dispatch, to that Part, or Place, on the River Ohio, where the French have lately erected a Fort, or Forts, or where the Commandant of the French Forces resides, in order to deliver my Letter & Message to Him; & after waiting not exceeding one Week for an Answer, You are to take Your Leave & return immediately back.

"To this Commission I have set my Hand, & caus'd the Great Seal of this Dominion to be affix'd, at the City of Williamsburg, the Seat of my Government. this Thirtieth Day of October in the twenty seventh Year of the Reign of His Majesty George the Second King of Great Britain &ca Annoque Domini 1753."

The trust and fidelity of Bro. Washington was not one-way in his favor. He reciprocated by trusting in the fidelity of those Masons around him. For example, it is common knowledge that he reposed trust and confidence in many of the Masons who were in his inner circle of leaders during the Revolutionary War, including without limitation, the Marquis de Lafayette. See, <https://nymasons.org/site/apron-1813-marquis-de-lafayette/> . In fact, more than half of Bro. George Washington's generals were Freemasons. See,

<https://scottishrite.org/scottish-rite-myths-and-facts/george-washingtons-generals/> .

Today we hold George Washington in the highest regard as a Patriot and as a Mason. As to

the latter, we Masons have images and paintings of him in our Masonic Lodges. And don't forget that Masons even erected the impressive George Washington Masonic National Memorial in his honor. See, <https://gwmemorial.org/> .

Why? Because, truly, Bro. Washington was an exceptional man and Mason.

Respectfully submitted,  
David I. Karp

#### 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. Ibbrahim 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





## Bro. James Monroe: Another Famous Mason of Trust and Fidelity

Our Brother, James Monroe, 5th president of the United States ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James Monroe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Monroe)), was made a Mason on November 9, 1775, in Williamsburg Lodge (now No. 6), A.F. & A.M., Williamsburg, Virginia. See, <https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/us-presidents-freemasons/>. In 1811, President James Madison chose Monroe for Secretary of State. See, <https://www.knightstemplar.org/KnightTemplar/articles/JamesMonroe.htm>.

Here is what Thomas Jefferson wrote to Bro. James Monroe, January 25, 1811 (Note the recognition by Jefferson of our Brother's "fidelity of your principles"):

"Dear Sir [¶] I am just on the wing to Bedford to which place my affairs call me suddenly. I have therefore only time to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21st and to congratulate you on your election to the chair of the state by so honorable a vote. I rejoice too that you have accepted it; for altho' it is not a field on which much genius can be displayed, yet it is a prominent one. but the great thing is that it is the Virginia legislature bearing testimony to the fidelity of your principles before the Republicans of the union generally. those near you & who knew you could never doubt, and if those at a distance were under any alarm, this removes it, and places you on your antient ground which was high. I am sure you will now retain it, & therefore I have only to wish you an easy administration and add the assurances of my constant & affectionate esteem. [¶] Th: Jefferson" DIK.

### 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

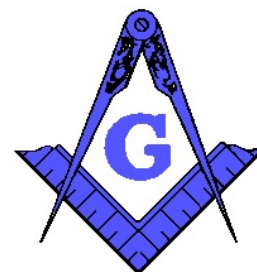
Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr. (2012)  
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2012)  
Alberto L. Casanova, Jr. (2014)  
Emmanuel D. Espiritu (2014)  
Bruce L. Ewald (2004-2006)  
Bruce L. Hawley (1984)\*\*  
Luc Paul, Jr. (2018)

#### 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.





## Grand Master's Proclamation

**M**ARCH 2022 IS YOUTH ORDERS MONTH  
Crafting Leadership

Whereas California Masons seek to craft leadership within our fraternity and in the wider world around us; 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 support our fraternity; and

Whereas members of the Masonic Youth Orders are crafting leadership in themselves and their communities through a commitment to respect, integrity, and compassion; and

Whereas Masons are uniquely positioned to offer positive mentorship, guidance, and support; and

Whereas in 2022 the International Order of Rainbow for Girls will celebrate its 100th anniversary, an historic and important landmark;

As grand master, I therefore proclaim March 2022 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 wider communities. 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. I encourage all

California Masons to engage with the Masonic youth orders in their area and to remind them that the Masons of California stand proudly behind them. Visit [Masons4Youth.org](http://Masons4Youth.org) for information on ways you can help today.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Grand Master Jeffery Wilkins

Attest:  
Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou



[Image of WB Alan Smason, PM, of Louisiana and Bro. David I. Karp at Camp Josepho in Pacific Palisades. Both are Vigil Honor members and wear a sash of the Order of the Arrow.]

## The Order of the Arrow – Another “Masonic” Youth Order

**T**he Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was founded in the USA in 1910. The Order of the Arrow (OA) is BSA's honor society for Scouts and for Scout Leaders (called Scouters) and has a Native-American theme.

“On July 16, 1915, two Scouters named E. Uerner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson founded the Order of the Arrow at Treasure Island, the summer camp of the Philadelphia Council. Edson was a 32° Scottish Rite Mason; Goodman only became a Mason after the OA was founded [continues on next page, see “OA”]

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but also eventually attained the 32°. The writing of the ritual, however, was entrusted to another, unknown 32° Mason....” See, *Freemasonry, Scouting and the Order of the Arrow* by S.M. Adkins at [http://phoenixmasonry.org/freemasonry\\_soucting\\_and\\_the\\_order\\_of\\_the\\_arrow.htm](http://phoenixmasonry.org/freemasonry_soucting_and_the_order_of_the_arrow.htm).

There are remarkable similarities as between the rituals of the OA and those of Freemasonry. Without saying more, in each, one must be elected into membership. In both, there are three degrees; in the OA, they are “Ordeal,” “Brotherhood,” and “Vigil Honor.” The first two are similar to our EA and FC degrees; the Vigil Honor is akin to the 33° in that it is bestowed by merit and service and only a few receive it. (My Vigil Honor name, bestowed by the youth leadership of Malibu Lodge after the Vigil ceremony, is “Etschihillat.” The word supposedly comes from the tribe of the Lenni Lenape. I was amused to learn that the Scouts who declared this to be my name were not so very original, it supposedly means “mediator.”)

Since the readership of this newsletter also consists of non-Masons, other similarities will not be described. But you can read the above-cited article if your interest has been piqued.

Suffice it to say that this youth order the Order of the Arrow, while not directly called a “Masonic Order,” has sufficient overlap that there can be no doubt either of its Masonic origin or its values of self-improvement, leadership, and cheerful service to its own organization and to others as well.

Yours in two Brotherhoods,  
Bro. David I. Karp



## In God We Trust

On every bill and coin of United States currency you will find the motto, “IN GOD WE TRUST.” Have you ever thought about whether or not it is constitutional for the motto to be there?

The First Amendment, for example, declares, among other things, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.”

And there are other laws including the “Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993” (“RFRA”) which might have an impact on the question in that it “ensures that interests in religious freedom are protected’ [fn.]” See, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religious\\_Freedom\\_Restoration\\_Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religious_Freedom_Restoration_Act).

Well, the motto is not unconstitutional on currency! So held the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth District in 2018.

On appeal from a District Court’s dismissal for failure to state a claim upon which relief could be granted, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit affirmed dismissal and rejected the unconstitutionality claims attacking the “In God We Trust” motto on United States Currency. See, *New Doe Child #1, et al. v. Congress of the United States, et al.*, 891 F.3d. 578 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2018), cert. denied 587 U.S. \_\_\_ (2019)

([https://www.supremecourt.gov/orders/courtorders/061019zor\\_3dq4.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/orders/courtorders/061019zor_3dq4.pdf)), opinion at <https://www.opn.ca6.uscourts.gov/opinions.pdf/18a0096p-06.pdf>).

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In *New Doe Child #1*, "Plaintiffs allege that the currency statutes cause them to bear, affirm, and proselytize an objectionable message in a way that, for the Atheist and Humanist Plaintiffs, violates their core religious beliefs, and, for the Jewish Plaintiff, renders him complicit in the sins of superfluously printing God's name and destroying God's printed name. Plaintiffs claim that the statutes violate their rights under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA), the Free Exercise and Free Speech Clauses of the First Amendment, and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, as incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment. *New Doe #1, supra*, opinion at p. 2.

"The district court [the trial court] dismissed the RFRA and First Amendment challenges, saying the plaintiffs did not allege a substantial burden on their religious exercise, and that 'cash-only transactions did not compel Plaintiffs to proselytize a message that violates their religious beliefs,' since they could use checks or credit cards instead of paper money. The court also dismissed the equal protection argument because 'the challenged statutes do not treat different classes of people disparately.' [¶] The court [of appeals] upheld the district court's opinion and emphasized its reasoning, saying the [currency] statutes are neutral or generally applicable, thus it is not enough that they incidentally burden religious freedom. Further, the fact that the plaintiffs may have to carry currency with a government message, does not mean that observers would associate the message with the plaintiffs' views, rather than the government."

<https://www.jurist.org/news/2018/05/federal-app-eals-court-rejects-atheists-argument-to-remove-in-god-we-trust-from-us-currency/> .

So, it is constitutionally permitted for our currency to say "IN GOD WE TRUST."

And, as Masons, this is the Supreme Being in whom we put our trust as well.

Respectfully submitted, Bro. David I. Karp



[Second Degree Conferral, 1/29/2022, upon Bros. Martin Manalo and Joseph Manalo. Congratulations Brethren!]



[First Degree Conferral, 2/5/2022, upon Bro. Steven Tierney. Well done!]



[Some of the Bros., Stated Meeting, 2/12/22]

## High Fidelity or Hi-Fi

In If you were around in the old days, i.e., the 1960s-1970s ( like I was), we listened to recorded music by way of a vinyl record aka an “LP” (as in “long playing record”) on a “hi-fi.”

According to the web page at <https://www.gearpatrol.com/tech/audio/a35407650/what-does-hi-fi-mean-experts-explain/> : “The term ‘hi-fi’ or ‘high fidelity’ dates back to the 1950s when it was used to describe audio equipment that was able to faithfully reproduce music. It meant that the music sounded like you were listening to the band or artist in person....

“In the 1970s, the definition of hi-fi evolved with the introduction of stereo sound. With the addition of a second speaker, or second channel, stereo was able to add another layer of realism to the music. ‘It made such an impact on recorded sound that people started referring to a “Hi-fi” as a “Stereo”, explained Alex Munro, the brand director at Q Acoustics.”

In my parents’ home, we had a stereo hi-fi in its own pricey “walnut” cabinet, containing a built-in record player, stereo radio, and speakers at either end. The cabinet sat against a wall and took up its entire length. Not like today’s iPod, I’d say. DIK.

## New Master Mason’s Corner

Brother Steve Engstrom, 64, was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason on April 20, 2019, just as the pandemic got underway. When we were able to return to in-person meetings and conduct degrees, Bro. Steve was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on August 14, 2021. On December 11, 2021, Bro. Steve was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. All of his degrees were conferred in this Lodge.

Bro. Steve is a professional photographer. As such, Bro. Steve has been extremely generous with his time and talents, often photographing important events at the Lodge.

Bro. Steve has a long association with Scouting in Western Los Angeles County Council (WLACC), which covers much of our local area, and he has also generously provided photography services for the Scouts. He has been an active in WLACC on both the unit and district levels. That is: he has led a Cub Scout Pack, been involved in one or more Boy Scout Troops, and has been the Adviser for a Venturing Crew. He serves on the District Committees of the two WLACC districts that cover that San Fernando Valley.

Bro. Steve has received many important Scouting Awards, which include the Adult Religious Emblem for his Faith (he also has been a Religious Emblems counselor for the Scouts), the District Award of Merit, and the Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Youth, the Silver Beaver being the highest honor granted by a Scout Council.

In addition, he proudly wears the Vigil Honor sash of the Order of the Arrow.

Bro. Steve is married to his lovely wife, Mary, and they have an adult son of whom they are very proud.

Bro. Steve is amusing, congenial, and very good company when one gets to know him. He is an asset to our Lodge and certainly a person of trust and fidelity. DIK.





## Taking the Grand Master's February Proclamation for Masonic Widows Month to the Next Level

The following is excerpted from an online post entitled "Valley Lodge Spruces Up Her Home" by your editor at

<https://patch.com/california/encino/masonic-lodge-e-spruces-valley-home-nodx> .

"VAN NUYS Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, Free and Accepted Masons of California ("CFS Daylight" or "the Lodge"), a little Lodge with a big heart, extended itself once again for a person near and dear to the Lodge.

"At the request of a deceased Brother's wife [her name is omitted for privacy<sup>1</sup>], a group of men from the Lodge came to the rescue.

"On Saturday, February 19, 2022, a number of Masons of CFS Daylight Lodge went to her home, at her request, spruced up her front and back yards, and did some plumbing repair inside.

"These are tasks which she could not handle alone, certainly not without her husband, a 29 year Master Mason and a member of CFS Daylight Lodge, who 'laid down his working tools and entered the Eternal Lodge Above' at the age of 97.

"Masons trace their roots back to the Craft Guilds of the Middle Ages that formed "Lodges" to take care of the stonemasons who were members, their widows and orphans. Later, Masonry transmuted from a Craft Guild to a fraternal organization as men, who were not stonemasons, became interested in the philosophical underpinnings of the Craft. In 1717, the United Grand Lodge of England formed, and Freemasonry soon spread throughout the world, carrying with it the priorities of caring for member Masons, their widows and orphans

"Such remains the case to this day. This is the reason the men of CFS Daylight Lodge were eager to help one of their own on February 19, 2022....

"[The Masons of CFS Daylight] believe they have a responsibility to improve themselves and to help make the world a better place...."



## More Masonic Philanthropy by our Lodge

Our Lodge's Children's Book Drive is now underway. Please help. Please bring to the Lodge a new or gently used book for a school-age child (K-12) for donation to worthy recipients. Or contact the Book Drive's Coordinator, Bro. David I. Karp via email to [davidikarp@karpmediation.com](mailto:davidikarp@karpmediation.com) to arrange your donation.

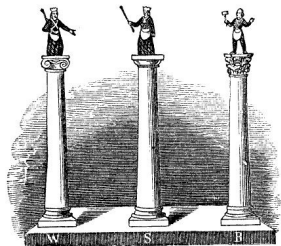
One target recipient, but not the only one (see p. 12, *post*), is Los Angeles Unified School District's Homeless Education Program. LAUSD has scheduled a pick-up on March 14, 2022, from the home of Bro. David.

This book drive is important for these reasons: It fulfills several objectives of Freemasonry in general and CFS Daylight Lodge in particular, i.e.: to realize the fraternity's charitable goals; to encourage literacy and Masonry's support of public education; and to raise the public's awareness of the fraternity and the good work Masons do.

Please help out to the extent you can. One idea is to order one or more new books from Amazon or elsewhere, have it/them shipped to yourself and bring it to the Lodge. Or ship to Bro. David (address in iMember2.0).

A needy child will be thankful. DIK.

<sup>1</sup>No picture, also, for privacy.



## From the East

**G**reetings Brethren,  
Our 2022 installation of officers (January) and first stated meeting thereafter (February) are behind us. As we look forward, we think about our principles in Freemasonry as our guide. Above all, Masonry is a body of knowledge and system of ethics based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to improve himself within his family, faith, country and fraternity.

Notwithstanding, sometimes strangers do not understand or trust us as Masons. It becomes our duty therefore, with our actions, our kindness and our knowledge, to show our trustworthiness to them and to the world.

To do that, we Masons first must trust each other, to be clean and pure in our thoughts and actions towards one another, and to be “on the level” with each Brother. It does not matter what he looks like, what he does for a living, what he wears, or where he lives. Also, with Brotherly Love, we extend ourselves to a needy Brother, with extra food if necessary (as an example), and we do not hurt a brother in his good name or person. In our trust of one another, we build our fraternity.

“John Maxwell says that when you respect people and you spend enough time with them to develop shared experiences, you are in a position to develop trust. On the other hand, as Masons, we are taught to trust one another in the first instance: If you recall your condition when you first entered a lodge of EAs, you will also remember that you were told that, since you were in no condition to foresee or avoid danger, that

you were in the hands of a true and trusty friend, in whose fidelity you might safely confide. Masonry is trust and trust is Masonry; When you lead with trust, you lead with Masonry.”

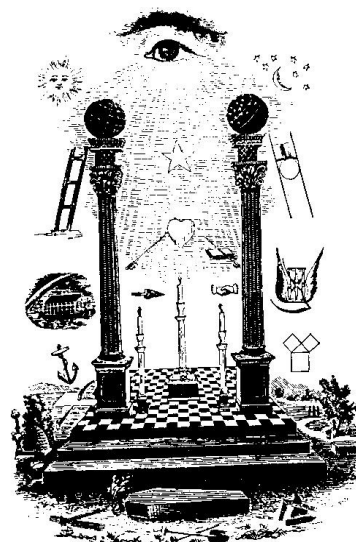
<https://masonsleadbetter.com/how-to-lead-with-masonic-values-brotherly-love/> .

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

## From the West

**B**rethren,  
As I have done before on behalf of all of us, I want to acknowledge and thank the applicants and new members for their assistance with our meals and other tasks around the lodge. You have been a great help and the lodge appreciates what you do. We are all the more successful because of you.

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





## From our Secretary

Brethren,  
 There are six characteristics we should look for in our relationships, the first five of which are pointed out on the web page found at

<https://masonsleadbetter.com/how-to-lead-with-masonic-values-brotherly-love/>, ©2021

Becoming Masonry LLC:

“Trust [When we] respect people and ... spend enough time with them to develop shared experiences, [we] are in a position to develop trust. However, as Masons, we were taught to trust one another without question. [As I recall and remember when I entered a lodge of EAs, I was] told that since [I] am in no condition to foresee or avoid danger that [I] am in the hands of a true and trusty friend, in whose fidelity [I] might safely confide. Masonry is trust and trust is Masonry; when you lead with trust, you lead with Masonry.” *Id.* Trust is something to be cultivated and valued in a relationship. Trust takes time to develop because you open yourselves to each other and expose the most secret parts of your hearts over a period of time. Trust takes a long time to build, but it can be destroyed in mere moments.

“Respect [Y]ou should show it to others even before they have done anything to warrant it simply because they are human beings. Our ritual says it this way: ‘to regard the whole human species as one family,’ So as Masonic leaders leading other Masons, we should lead with

respect because following Masonic values, those we lead are the same as we are.” *Id.*

“Shared experiences [We] can’t rely on respect alone to develop strong relationships; [we] must have shared experiences over time. [Masonic education says] that Brotherly Love allows us to spend time with our fellow Masons, gives us the privilege to work by their side, and grants us opportunities in a position to develop trust.” *Id.*

“Reciprocity Team relationships only survive when there is give and take so that everyone benefits as well as gives. As Masons, we are taught to ‘be ready to give as well as receive good counsel from a brother.’ [We must understand that] reciprocity is an element of good relationships. *Id.*

“Mutual enjoyment When relationships grow, the people involved begin to enjoy one another’s company. The Masonic concept of Brotherly love contemplates mutual enjoyment. So to lead with Masonic values, we should lead in a way to establish and maintain mutual enjoyment.” *Id.* So, leading with Masonic values first starts with refreshing our minds and assuming an attitude of Brotherly Love, one of our basic Masonic tenets.

Fidelity Fidelity, the added sixth characteristic, not from the preceding source, implies the unfailing fulfillment of one’s obligations and strict adherence to vows, promises, truth, and accuracy in reporting detail. It is devotion to duties, obligations, etc. It also implies loyalty or devotion, as to a person or cause. Fidelity implies faithfulness to one’s spouse, lover, and true heartedness. It is an indicator of the value and trust both partners place in the relationship. Fidelity, however, might mean different things to different people. There is no right or wrong definition, as long as both people in the relationship agree on the terms and then honor those terms. See, <https://www.thefreedictionary.com/fidelities> .

Fraternally,  
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 Secretary



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