

# In the



# Daylight

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## The Importance of Being Earnest.

### Foreword ...

“*The Importance of Being Earnest*” is a play by Bro. Oscar Wilde (see p. 2), first performed in 1895. “It is a farcical comedy in which the protagonists maintain fictitious personae to escape burdensome social obligations, [marriage being one of them].” See, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Importance\\_of\\_Being\\_Earnest](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Importance_of_Being_Earnest) .

One of the characters, Gwendolen, “is in love with Jack, whom she knows as Ernest... Gwendolen is so caught up in finding a husband named Ernest, whose name, she says, ‘inspires absolute confidence,’ that she can’t even see that the man calling himself Ernest is fooling her with an extensive deception [i.e., that Ernest is not his real name, etc.]” <https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/earnest/character/gwendolen-fairfax/> .

The play ultimately is a critique of “the conventional preoccupations of Victorian respectability – social position, income, and character.” See, <https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/earnest/themes/> .

I remember reading and being genuinely amused by the play in college. I love puns, hence the “Earnest”/“Ernest” joke always struck me as very clever and funny. And, I always questioned whether or not Ernest was being earnest. (He wasn’t.)

By contrast, I do not question whether *Masons* are earnest.

In fact, it is important for Masons to be earnest. Being earnest means being “serious and zealous in intention, purpose, or effort,” also “showing depth and sincerity of feeling.” See, <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/earnest> .

In contrast to the play, we Masons do not shirk our obligations to ourselves or to society. Neither do we deceive. We are not preoccupied, as in the play, with social position or income; instead, we are “on the level” with one another, regardless of age, occupation, wealth, station in life, place of origin, race, creed or custom, etc. And our character is shown by following the three principal tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

It is ironic is that Oscar Wilde, himself a Mason, used the play to poke fun at morality and seriousness. But that was the nature of his wit.

Fraternally,  
Bro. David I. Karp  
Editor



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## Oscar Wilde, the Mason

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from <https://scottishritenmj.org/blog/oscar-wilde-freemason>, the picture above, too.

“Brother Wilde was born in Dublin, Ireland on October 18, 1854. A literary prodigy at a young age, Wilde won the highest honor awarded by receiving the Royal School Scholarship at Trinity College. Soon after enrolling in Trinity College, he was admitted to the Magdalen College in Oxford and moved his life and career to England.

“At Oxford, Wilde was a popular student admired by his peers. It was one of his most privileged friends at the time, Prince Leopold, the sixth son of Queen Victoria, that would incite his interest in Freemasonry. Brother Leopold was already an active Freemason at the time, having held positions such as Junior Grand Warden, Worshipful Master, and Provincial Grand Master, and encouraged Wilde to join the university's prestigious lodge, Apollo University Lodge No. 357. The Apollo Lodge holds the same esteem to this day.

“Brother Wilde's interest in Freemasonry was also likely a result of his father, Sir William Robert Wills Wilde, who had been an active Mason in Ireland.

“Wilde was proposed to the Apollo University Lodge on February 16, 1875 and was initiated soon after on February 23....

...

“Brother Wilde was an active and engaged member during his years in Freemasonry. He received two degrees beyond the blue lodge, the Mark Master Mason degree and the 18th degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. On November 27, 1876, Wilde was perfected into the 18th degree of the Rose Croix at the Oxford University Chapter, No. 401.

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### October 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.)

**October 2, 2021**, 10AM Stated Meeting. Tiled. In person. Dress Casual.

**October 9, 2021** Annual Communication.

**October 14, 2021**, 7PM Zoom Fellowship. Join Zoom Meeting

**October 16, 2021**, 10AM, Poss. 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. Dress Formal

**October 23, 2021**, 10AM, Poss. 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Bros. Gerald & Elvis Alvarez. Dress Formal

#### Looking Ahead to November

**November 4, 2021** Exec. Comm. Mtg.

**November 6, 2021**, 10AM Stated Meeting. Tiled. Dress: Casual. Elections.

**November 11, 2021**, 7PM Zoom Fellowship, see above for login

**November 13, 2021**, 10AM Hiram Award Ceremony for Bro. Barry Mann

**November 20, 2021**, 10AM Poss. 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Conferral for Bro. Nolando Sanchez. Dress: Formal.

**November TBA** - possible golf tournament

[“Wilde, continued from page 2]

“In 1876, Wilde joined a second lodge, the Churchill Lodge No. 478 and became a Junior Deacon in 1877. Unfortunately, his Masonic journey ended following his four years in school where he separated himself from Roman Catholicism and active participation in Freemasonry. He was dropped from Apollo University Lodge in 1878 for “non-payment of dues” (NPD) and was similarly removed from the Churchill Lodge in 1883.

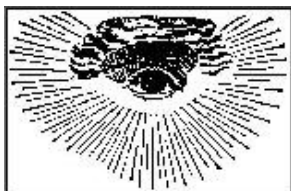
“While his participation in Freemasonry may have been short lived, much of his life’s work and philosophies share similarities with the values and interests of Freemasons.

...

“In the last decade of his life, Oscar Wilde wrote *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *An Ideal Husband*, among many others.

...

“On November 30, 1900 Brother Wilde received his Summons to the Eternal Grand Lodge at the young age of 46....”



Wise words from *Ernest Hemingway*

“It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in the end”. Ernest Hemingway (1899 – 1961); American novelist, Nobel Prize winner, and a Freemason.

<http://www.lodgedevotion.net/devotionnews/donsdiary/life-s-journey> , [Note: this is the only place on the internet that I have found that claims Hemingway was a Mason. He may not have been. Ed. ]

CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2021

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## The Importance of *Ernest* Borgnine, 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from [https://www.scottishriteboston.net/en/article\\_view.php?news\\_id\\_737](https://www.scottishriteboston.net/en/article_view.php?news_id_737), the picture above, too.

“Seldom in modern entertainment is there an actor or actress who transcends the age boundary and is universally known by all generations. One of these rare performers was Ernest Borgnine, who was not only one of the most prolific actors of the past 100 years but was also a 33° Brother from Virginia.

“Brother Borgnine was born to Anna Boselli and Camillo Borgnino, on January 24, 1917 in Hamden, Connecticut.... [After graduating from high school,] Bro. Borgnine enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served aboard the Minesweeper USS Lamberton, from 1935-1941. He re-enlisted in 1942 after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and served aboard the USS Sylph until 1945 when he was Honorably Discharged.

“After returning home from the Navy, Bro. Borgnine decided to enroll at the Randall School for Dramatic Arts, and studied there for six months. After this time he moved to Abingdon, Virginia, where he became a member of the Barter Theater. He served the theater in many capacities, starting as a set designer and moving all the way up to a leading man. During his time at the Barter Theater, Bro. Borgnine joined Abingdon Lodge No. 48. Borgnine took his Entered Apprentice degree on July 7, 1948. Several months later on April 25, 1949, he was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft and after

another week he was raised a Master Mason on May 2, 1949.

“In 1951, he made the decision to move to California and work as a full time actor. Working through several bit roles, he got his big break as Army Sergeant “Fatso” Judson in *From Here to Eternity*. After this role he began getting more work and won his first Oscar in 1955 for his leading role in *Marty*. He continued working assorted Hollywood roles until 1962 when he was cast in his most well known role as Quinton McHale on the T.V. show *McHale's Navy*. Later on in life Bro. Borgnine starred in another famous T.V. role. In 1999 he became the voice of “Mermaid Man” on the children’s show *Spongebob*, a role that some of our younger members may be familiar with. The stability of T.V. allowed Bro. Borgnine to become more active in masonic work. He completed his Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Los Angeles on March 14, 1964. On June 6 of the same year he became a Noble at Al Malaikah Shrine Temple. The next year on February 4, 1965, Borgnine became a dual member at Hollywood Lodge No. 355. In 1979, Bro. Borgnine received the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (K.C.C.H.), the 33° was conferred upon him in 1983, and in 1991 he was awarded the Grand Cross.

“Not content to just be a “celebrity mason” Bro. Borgnine used his stardom to help promote the good work the craft does. He became an active member of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center, and between 1972 and 2002 he marched several times in a Shrine unit as the “Grand Clown” in the Great Circus Parade in Milwaukee. Outside of masonic work Bro. Borgnine worked on behalf of Veterans with the National Salute to Hospitalized veterans, which he was the Chairman of in 1996.

“Brother Borgnine lived a long and fulfilling life, worthy of admiration. He passed away on July 8, 2012, from complications associated with kidney failure....”





## The Earnest Money Deposit (and Liquidated Damages)

**E**ditor's note: According to <https://californiacoastalrealestate.com/legal-deposits-and-liquidated-damages/>, where this was posted, the following is excerpted from a California Association of REALTORS® legal article on Liquidated Damages and Disputes.

When buying or selling a home, you will want a basic understanding of the Earnest Money Deposit and Liquidated Damages sections of a purchase agreement, prior to negotiating an offer. Once an offer has been accepted by both parties, the Buyer's deposit is to be paid into escrow (a neutral 3rd party who holds the funds) within 3 Business Days and is made in good faith to show the buyer is serious about purchasing the property. The deposit amount is typically 1-3% of the purchase price and the deposit will go toward the Buyer's downpayment or closing costs upon a successful close of escrow. If a Buyer backs out of the transaction prior to removing all of their contingencies, their deposit funds are returned to them. However, if a Buyer removes all of their contingencies and thereafter defaults on the contract, the Seller may be entitled to damages. How much will typically depend on whether the liquidated damages provision was initialed and thereby made part of the contract. If it was, then the Seller will likely be entitled to the amount of the deposit. If not, then the seller will have to prove their losses.

What are liquidated damages?

A liquidated damages provision in a purchase agreement provides that a buyer will owe a specified amount of money to a seller in the event the buyer breaches the contract. For

example, if a deposit of \$5,000 is placed in escrow, and the liquidated damages provision is initialed by both buyer and seller, and the buyer breaches the contract, the seller will be entitled to the \$5,000 as liquidated damages. It does not matter whether the seller has incurred an actual loss that is more or less than \$5,000. The purpose of the provision is to set the amount of damages in advance so that proof of actual loss is not necessary.

Does a liquidated damages provision automatically entitle the seller to the buyer's deposit if a transaction does not close?

Generally, no. A liquidated damages provision only determines the amount of money a seller can recover from a buyer, and only if the seller can prove the buyer breached the contract. A buyer may fail to close a transaction for a variety of acceptable reasons such as when there is a financing contingency and the buyer could not reasonably obtain financing. To recover liquidated damages, the seller generally must prove in court or arbitration that the buyer's failure to close the transaction was a breach of contract.

What is the advantage of a liquidated damages provision to the buyer?

For the buyer, the main advantage of the liquidated damages provision is certainty. If the clause is part of the contract, the buyer knows in advance the maximum amount of money that he or she will owe to the seller in the event of a breach. If the amount of the deposit is \$5,000 then that is the maximum the buyer will owe. A low deposit amount will, therefore, usually work to the advantage of the buyer.

What is the advantage of a liquidated damages provision to the seller?

As for the seller, the advantage is similar in that it provides the seller with certainty as to what the buyer's liability will be in case of breaching the contract. If the deposit is \$5,000, the seller is, in most circumstances, assured of being legally entitled to the full deposit of \$5,000

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["Earnest Money," continued from p. 5] in the event of a buyer breach. Another important advantage is that the seller need not prove damages in court because the amount of the damages has been agreed to in advance. Proving the seller's actual loss can be fairly complicated, but with the liquidated damages provision in place, the seller need only show that the buyer was in breach of contract.

Could a seller collect monetary damages from a buyer for breaching a real property purchase contract that did not contain a liquidated damages clause?

Yes. The fact that a purchase agreement does not contain a liquidated damages clause does not mean that a buyer could escape liability for failing to perform. It simply means that the amount of damages the seller could recover would not have been pre-negotiated, and therefore the seller will have to establish, in court or arbitration, the amount of his or her actual monetary injury. Establishing the financial loss resulting from a breach of contract can be a complex and expensive process, and it may require the presentation of evidence in court or arbitration. Generally, a seller will need the assistance of an attorney to properly calculate the actual damages he or she has sustained in a failed real estate transaction.

The decision to agree or not agree to a liquidated damages provision may depend on a combination of legal and economic factors, along with a client's own personal concerns. Though many REALTOR® clients decide to agree to liquidated damages clauses, a client with questions regarding such a clause should consider discussing the matter with an attorney if needed.

### 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)  
Barry Mann (imminently in 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.



## Masons are Earnest, Sincere and True

Sincerity is a synonym for earnestness (see, <https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/earnestness> ) and sincerity is one of those important traits of a Mason:

According to Rosenberg Masonic Lodge No. 881 (GL TX) "To become a Freemason you must [among other traits] "have a sincere determination to conduct yourself in a manner that will earn the respect and trust of others...." <http://www.rml881.org/become-a-mason.html> .

Other synonyms for "sincere" include "genuine," "trustworthy," "serious" and "true."

In discussing Truth, one of the leading principles of Freemasonry, Fairfax Lodge No. 556 (GL CA) says this:

"[H]ypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us; sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us...."; [Moreover,] [s]incerity and plain dealing complete the harmony of a Lodge, and render us acceptable in the sight of Him unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid."

<https://fairfaxmasoniclodge556.com/what-is-free-masonry/masonic-principles.html> .

"Freemasonry provides opportunities for sincere, honest, forthright men who believe in God and desire to contribute to the improvement of their communities and themselves. Through our Masonic Fraternalism, we reaffirm our dedication and unity to become involved citizens who have a strong desire to preserve the values that have made and continue to make America great."

<http://www.ivanhoe446.org/what-is-freemasonry.html> .

It is no secret: Masons are earnest, sincere and true in their dealings with other people, within and without the Lodge, for their own benefit and for the benefit of the communities in which they live. DIK.



## Upcoming Lodge Events

October 8-10, 2021, San Francisco -- Grand Lodge's 172<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication "It's a homecoming with extra meaning this year at the 172nd Annual Communication. Join your fellow California Masons to mark this most unforgettable year, and help us push the fraternity into the future. Whether it's your first year or your 50th, Annual Communication is a weekend of important business and serious fun, where members make connections to brothers from around the state and gain a new perspective on what we are capable of achieving, together again." See, <https://freemason.org/anncomm21/>

November 13, 2021, 10AM Van Nuys Masonic Center or online (TBD) Hiram Award Ceremony for Bro. Barry Mann "The 'Hiram Award Program' is the official recognition of a Brother by his own Lodge for his devoted service to that Lodge and to Masonic principles in general. It is intended for the Brother who, year after year, displays his devotion without receiving special recognition or special honor. Every Lodge has many such members. They are the living cement that binds our Fraternity into a true Brotherhood. You will find them at labor in kitchens, the coaching rooms, the committees, their churches and communities anywhere that a true and steady hand of assistance is needed." Quoted from a document entitled "Planning and Procedures for the Hiram Award by the Grand Lodge of California and the Lodges of California."

November ?? Possible Golf Tournament.



[First Degree Conferral, September 11, 2021, for Bros. Mikael Chan and Ian Orquiola. Congratulations.]

## Our Open House: A Very Satisfying Experience.

In my view, our Open House/Information Meeting on September 18, and the lead-up to it, were very satisfying experiences. Here's why: More than anything, our efforts resulted in bringing the public's attention to the Craft and to our Lodge in a very positive way.

Our first-time-ever ad campaign via Facebook over the 90 days preceding the event allowed us to "reach" 11,438 men within a five mile radius from the Lodge, mostly in the age range of 35-44 years. Facebook defines "Reach" as "the number of people who saw your ads at least once. Reach is different from impressions, which may include multiple views of your ads by the same people."

We had 227 "link clicks" over 90 days, which is "the number of clicks on links within the ad that led to advertiser-specified destinations, on or off Facebook."

Finally, from our Facebook event page we had 32 "event responses" which represented "the number of people who responded Interested or Going to your Facebook event, attributed to your ads." (Not everyone showed up, but we had a nice group nevertheless.)

We also published several articles about our Lodge at <http://patch.com>. And, *The Los Angeles*

*Daily News* included us in its calendar of local weekly events.

Even before our open house event, we had visits from two individuals drawn to us from our Facebook presence, one of whom has already become an Entered Apprentice, initiated on September 11, 2021, even before our open house.

The open house event, itself, brought more attention to us.

Among our attendees, we also had four Scouts and their adult leaders join us from Scouts BSA Troop 10 in Reseda, CA, to present the Colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterwards, the Color Guard received a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Association of Masonic Scouters "for their cheerful service and able assistance," in our program.

Our existing group of applicants, members of our Lodge, and other Masons from other Lodges who were present, enjoyed (I hope) the Masonic Education presentation.

Many members of our Lodge enthusiastically participated, including our officers, presenters, and the whole support team of applicants and new members. They deserve a special thank-you. So, "thank you."

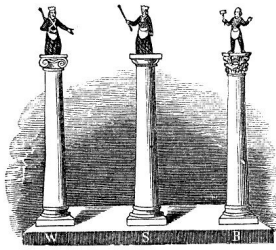
Consistent with the Grand Lodge's 2025 Strategic Plan, we focused on, among other things, the true friendships that come from belonging to our Lodge, as well as the Craft's ideals of diversity, inclusiveness and harmony. Importantly, we shared our Masonic experiences so that the public understands our contributions and connections to the community.

Lastly, each of our non-mason visitors received an information packet and an invitation to join us again. In time, applications for the Degrees may be requested. These men may ask if they believe, as we do, that Freemasonry is right for them. Then, if they meet the qualifications, they may join us as Brothers.

In the meantime, our doors will remain open for anyone interested in learning about our ancient and honorable fraternity.

Fraternally, Bro. David I. Karp, Event Chair.





## From the East

**B**rethren,  
 Grand Lodge will host the Annual Communications this October 9th through October 11th in San Francisco. If any members would like to attend please let us know as we are booking our hotel and transportation for that weekend. The business session is open to Master Masons only but all other members can participate in the fellowship and events that surround Grand Lodge.

For the 2022 officers we will be practicing every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Van Nuys Masonic Center. We will also be qualifying in the First degree on Saturday October 16th 2021. We will then qualify for the Second degree the following Saturday on October 23rd 2021. Please be sure to practice your stations and be ready to qualify as a lodge.

In September we initiated Brothers **Mikael Nikolae Chan** and **Ian Manaril Orquiola** into the Craft. Congratulations to you both and if you need any help with your proficiencies please feel free to reach out to any of the officers for help. We look forward to you both advancing in the Fellowcraft degree.

Also in September we hosted our Masonic Open House. It was well attended and also served as a Masonic Education event for the lodge. A special thank you to Brother David Karp for being the chairman of this event. Thank you to Brothers Berry Mann, Ibrahim Hannoun and Mike Chavez for being presenters. And also a big special thank you to Brother Donald Graham for gathering the Scouts of Troop 10 to do the flag presentation. Thank you to all the

Brothers for attending and setting up the lodge. It was truly a success with all of your help.

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

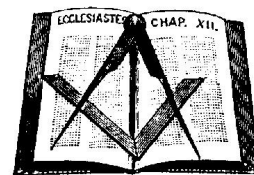
## From the South

**B**rethren,  
 Here are three things in Freemasonry that are special to me:  
 1) Freemasonry instills trust: Our consistent, shared moral code and ethical reliability allow us to trust any other Mason almost instantly. This lets us jump start the collaborative process, making all kinds of things possible.

2) Freemasonry motivates: I have forsaken a lot of different organizations because they don't feed my soul like Freemasonry does. Our work through the California Masonic Foundations, and other charitable efforts by our Lodge, transforms me and other people's lives. If you've been as fortunate as I've been to be a Mason, you will want to give back to those around you.

3) I value participation in the lodge: The lodge is our launchpad. Go there, be there. It's where all good things begin for you, for me, and for our Brothers.

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





## From our Secretary

**B**rethren,  
 About Sincerity.  
 Sincerity means being honest and straightforward, without any pretense, misrepresentation, or deceit. Being a more sincere person can refer to how you interact with others, but ultimately sincerity must begin within yourself. A loose synonym of earnestness (see, Foreword, p.1), sincerity has a slightly different meaning. Sincerity is the absence of deceit. In other words, honesty.

Sincerity isn't just about telling the truth, it's also about being trustworthy. It is about earning people's trust in you as a person that keeps his confidences and avoids deceit.

Worshipful Benjamin Franklin felt that honesty and integrity were the marks of true character.

The three elements that Wor. Franklin uses in defining sincerity are: "Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly; speak accordingly." <https://benfranklincircles.org/sincerity/remembering-sincerity> .

Sincerity is the virtue of being honest and soothing our thoughts through pure intent. Sincerity requires and implies the admonishment to "[u]se no hurtful deceit..." Inasmuch as we are Freemasons and must "act upon the square" in our dealings with others, we cannot be hurtful in any shape or form. In exercising our obligation as a Freemason i.e., to be honest and have integrity in all of our dealings we achieve the first element.

To "think innocently and justly..." does not mean to be naive. This means not to make hasty and harsh judgments of another person's actions, intent, or dealings until you have done a due and just investigation.

The third element is to "speak accordingly." It means to speak of those things that you know as a certainty only and not to make claims based on assumption and/or hearsay. It is to refrain from being loose of tongue and for a good reason.

As we know, Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true, is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate, and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct. Hence, while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us; sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us; and with heart and the tongue, we join in promoting each other's welfare, and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.

Moreover, sincerity and plain dealing complete the harmony of a Lodge, and render us acceptable in the sight of Him unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden.

Fraternally,  
 Bro. Akram Alawar, Secretary

"The ability to inspire achievement in others hinges on trust; ... the key to building that trust is leadership that is genuine, sincere and, ultimately, earnest." From "The Importance of Being an Earnest Executive" at <https://thriveglobal.com/stories/the-importance-of-being-an-earnest-executive/> .