

# In the



# Daylight

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## Enlightenment and the Light of Masonry

### Foreword ...

Independence Day, July 4, always reminds me of the men who formed our great nation and the societal influences which governed their hearts and minds at the time. Many of the men were Masons, as you know, and the Age of Enlightenment influenced both them and the Craft. See articles inside.

By the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, science and natural law trumped religious explanations for observable phenomena. Isaac Newton explained “the movement of all physical objects in terms of a simple force (‘attraction at a distance’)... [Thus] one no longer searched in the Bible [solely] ... for truth, wisdom, or beauty.” *Course Guidebook: “America’s Founding Fathers,”* by Professor Allen C Guelzo, Ph.D., Gettysburg College, at p. 38.

In the Enlightenment Era, “Europeans began wondering ... whether there [were] natural laws of politics that paralleled natural physical laws.” *Ibid.* John Locke, likely a Mason, “explained the natural laws of politics [wherein] society emerges as an organized whole because people need to look out for their property not because some royal lawgiver imposes divine order.” Guelzo, p. 39. To Adam Smith, trade was what made society happy and prosperous. *Id.*, p. 40. Together, understanding society plus the physical universe equaled “the Enlightenment.” *Id.*, p. 41.

The Enlightenment Era which influenced Freemasonry also affected the language of the Declaration of Independence that we celebrate:

Thomas Jefferson likely influenced by Locke, Adam Smith and others (Guelzo, p. 41) first wrote: “We hold these truths to be sacred & undeniable; that all Men are created equal & independent; that from that equal creation they derive in rights inherent & inalienable among which are the preservation of life, & liberty, & the pursuit of happiness;”

<https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/document/rough.html>.

WB Benjamin Franklin PGM and/or John Adams edited the language (*Ibid*), then Congress tinkered with it finally to read: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness;” <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>

Note the language: “Creator” [rather than God] possibly results from the movement away from religion, toward natural law, as Brothers Locke and Franklin might have thought. “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” are undoubtedly Enlightenment ideals. (See, *post* at p. 2, “*The Eighteenth Century: Freemasonry and the Age of Enlightenment.*” And the idea of separation from royalty or a divine lawgiver aligns with the Enlightenment’s vision of natural or inalienable rights.

I hope this will be enlightening for you.  
Enjoy the edition.

Fraternally,  
Bro. David I. Karp, Editor

## Freemasonry and the Age of Enlightenment

Editor's note: The following text is excerpted from "*The Eighteenth Century: Freemasonry and the Age of Enlightenment*" at <https://sofaithfulaheart.blogspot.com/2010/04/18th-century-freemasonry-age-of.html>

"The early part of the 18th century was known as the Age of Reason, for it was during this period that great advances in science and philosophy began to overcome much of the superstition found in religion. And although people were reluctant to give up their traditional Christian beliefs, they began to come into open conflict with the church over matters of faith vs. reason. By the late 18th century the Age of Enlightenment was in full play with its philosophies of equality, liberty, and justice and out of these radical new ideas and philosophies were born both the American and French Revolutions. Philosophers and poets like Goethe and Rousseau espoused these new philosophies, and playwrights such as Diderot, Beaumarchais, and Voltaire brought us comedies with the lower class servants overcoming the tyranny of the nobility, and outwitting and triumphing over their feudal Lords.

"One of the most prominent and misunderstood movements of the 18th century was the fraternal order of Freemasons. Freemasonry espoused all of the philosophies and ideals of the Enlightenment and encouraged its members to pursue lives filled with integrity, honesty, and love for all humankind. However, because they were a secret society, they were often misunderstood and persecuted, most especially by the Catholic Church, whose theocratic power was slipping as the principles of liberty and equality began to take hold of Europe. Some of the most famous and influential men of the 18th century were Freemasons including Voltaire, John Locke [not certain], Haydn, Mozart, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin,

John Paul Jones, and Paul Revere, to name only a few."

### July 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.)

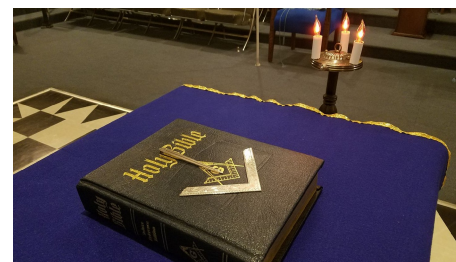
- July 2, 2022** Dark for Holiday Weekend
- July 7, 2022** Executive Comm. Mtg., 7PM, Zoom. Login will be sent via Messenger/Text
- July 9, 2022** Stated Meeting. Tiled. Dress: Casual
- July 14, 2022** Fellowship at Lulu's, 5PM+
- July 16, 2022** Lodge Breakfast and Fellowship
- July 17, 2022** Grand Master's Breakfast
- July 23, 2022** Degree or Special Mtg.

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### Lodge Contact Information

Worshipful Master  
Wor. Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan

Secretary  
Bro. Akram Alawar



## Modern Freemasonry Reflects Enlightenment Values

**E**ditor's Note: The following is excerpted from *Masons Building America: The Masonic Contribution to the Creation of a New Nation* by Esther de Haan, Faculty of Humanities, University of Amsterdam, at p. 5:

“[M]odern freemasonry fits in perfectly with [the] developments and changes of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. ‘Civilized mankind’ was searching for new knowledge and insights during this time, insights that they wanted to share and discuss with others in a confidential atmosphere, without running the risk of punishment from either church or government. The masonic lodge turned out to be the perfect platform for this. As a society closed to outsiders and only opened for those initiated into its secrets, the lodge offered the privacy and familiarity which made it possible for men of all classes and different religious backgrounds to safely congregate. Members could practice themselves in and gain experience with the principles of democracy through the lodge’s internal egalitarian organization. The lodge’s aim for personal growth and development stimulated the discussion of new knowledge and insights aimed at building a better society and world. Its emphasis on improving the welfare of others created a place where brotherhood and solidarity with each other were aspired. Its rituals and symbolism created an appealing mystical atmosphere, with bonds to a deeper past and a Higher Power. The freedom to believe, think, and say whatever you want in a confidential atmosphere, all classified as improving yourself and your society, made freemasonry a great platform for the ideas of that time: freedom, equality, and brotherhood. The masonic body of thought and methods of working were a perfect match for what these seventeenth- and eighteenth-century men were looking for. No wonder that so many men from the higher classes

of society were convinced by this ideology and method of working to join freemasonry and become freemasons themselves.[fn.] Looking back you could almost say that everyone who mattered in those days was a freemason!”

### 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
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Secretary	Bro. Akram Alawar
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Senior Deacon	WB Archimedes (“Kim”) S. Cabanig, PM
Junior Deacon	Bro. Ibrahim Hannoun
Marshal	Bro Hamood Hamood
Senior Steward	Bro. Elvis Alvarez
Junior Steward	Bro. Gerald Alvarez
Organist	Bro. Michael Chavez
Tiler	Bro. William (“Bill”) C. Raddatz
Officers’ Coach	WB Steven (“Steve”) A. Wolvek, PM
Candidates’ Coach	WB Roger L. Soriano, PM
Inspector	WB Leland H. Celestre, PM



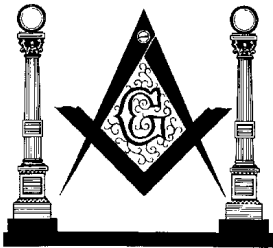
## WB Benjamin Franklin and the Enlightenment

Editor's Note: The following is excerpted from <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/us-history/colonial-america/colonial-north-america/a/the-enlightenment>.

“Ben Franklin, symbol of the Enlightenment.

“The Freemasons were members of a fraternal society that advocated Enlightenment principles of inquiry and tolerance. Freemasonry originated in London coffeehouses in the early 18th century, and Masonic lodges – local units – soon spread throughout Europe and the British colonies. One prominent Freemason, Benjamin Franklin, stands as the embodiment of the Enlightenment in British America....

“Franklin subscribed to deism, an Enlightenment-era belief in a God who created but has no continuing involvement in the world and the events within it. Deists also advanced the belief that personal morality – an individual's moral compass, leading to good works and actions – is more important than strict church doctrines. Franklin's deism guided his many philanthropic projects.... His most famous work, on electricity, exemplified Enlightenment principles....”



### 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)

Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (Imminently)

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)

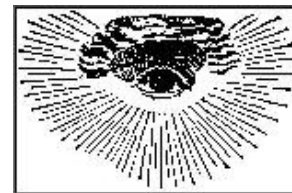
Thomas K. Sheehan (2014)

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.



## The En-LIGHT-enment of Freemasonry

“All Freemasons know or ought to know that “light” is one of the cardinal words that form the main fabric of Speculative Freemasonry. It is not only the first symbol that is ceremonially introduced to the initiate, but continues all through his progress in the Craft. Truth and Wisdom constitute part of light, which pervades the whole basis of Freemasonry to the extent that Freemasons are even called the Sons of Light. In the First Degree alone the word is introduced to the candidate in three different perspectives. Those perspectives being, the material light, or the lesser lights, the emblematic light or the Volume of the Sacred Law, and the spiritual light or the creative will of the Supreme Being. These concepts and others that follow after the First Degree are amply enshrouded in illuminating phraseology remembered by every Freemason. Their full import may not be perceived by all but they are constantly there in the rituals of our ceremonies. There are other references to light that are still worthy of note. “To bring to light” or “to see the light” technically means initiation. From the foregoing it is obvious that to the Mason light has a deeper meaning which is darkness to the uninitiated or possibly even the newly made Mason, but visible to the taught Mason.”

Source: *Masonic Light* by Ken Hall, Jan. 30, 2017, at <https://washington46.org/2017/01/30/masonic-light/>

## This Year is 6022 A.L.

“Although there have been a number of Masonic dating systems, the most familiar to Craft Freemasons will be Anno Lucis (A.L.), which is the system that appears on certificates. Anno Lucis (the year of light) is based on a chronology that puts the year

of creation as 4,004 B.C. and is traditionally derived by adding 4,000 to the year in question. For example 1717 A.D. the year Grand Lodge was formed would become 5717 A.L., and 2003 would become 6003 A.L. The system was not exclusive to Freemasons having been designed by an Irish cleric James Ussher (1581-1656) many years before the formation of Grand Lodge in 1717. (MC, April 2003)”

Source: The Library and Museum of Freemasonry (Freemasons’ Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ, UK).

“The *lights* of a Lodge are three, situated in the East, West, and South. As you may observe, there is none in the North, because King Solomon’s Temple, of which every Lodge is a representation, was situated so far north of the ecliptic that neither the sun nor moon, at meridian height, could dart its rays into the north part of the building. The North, therefore, among Masons, has always been termed a place of darkness.”

Source: Monitor and Officers Manual

## A Mason of Light

“Michelson, Albert Abraham (1852-1931) Born in Prussia, Albert Michelson moved with his parents to North America where he became a pioneering physicist and, in 1882, successfully measured the speed of light. For this, and other work in optical instrumentation, in 1907 he became the first American scientist to win a Nobel Prize. Michelson attended Washington Lodge No. 21 in New York City.”

Source:

<https://www.lodgestpatrick.co.nz/famous2.php#M>



## Grand Master's July Proclamation

**J**ULY 2022 IS SUPPORT OUR VETERANS MONTH  
Crafting Leadership

Whereas California is home to more than 1.5 million veterans of military service, the most of any state in the nation; and

Whereas veterans face increased challenges upon returning to civilian life, including heightened rates of physical and emotional health problems, homelessness, and substance abuse; and

Whereas California Masonry has long counted among its members an enormous number of military veterans; and

Whereas California Masons recognize the service and sacrifice that our military veterans have made for our country;

As grand master I therefore proclaim July 2022 to be Support Our Veterans Month.

As California Masons, we honor those who have served our country as members of our military during both peace and wartime. This month, during which we celebrate our nation's independence, I call on our Masonic lodges to recognize the veterans in their communities and to salute them through volunteerism, donations, or lodge events.

Thank you to our veterans for your service to the country.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Grand Master Jeffery Wilkins

Attest:

Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou

## Our Golf Tournament is Next Month!

**H**ave you made your arrangements for next month, either to play or to donate to the cause? If not, don't delay.

As the flyer indicates (affixed at the end of this newsletter), Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 presents its Second Annual Golf Tournament on August 20, 2022, at Knollwood Country Club, 12040 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344, starting at noon.

A portion of the proceeds will go towards supporting the Rainbow for Girls, Van Nuys Chapter (a separate Masonic organization for youth character and leadership development) and also supporting our Lodge's projects and activities.

The Green Fee is \$100.00 and there are other opportunities for paid sponsorships. Awards and fellowship will follow at our Lodge location.

You can contact any of the Brothers listed on the flyer for additional information and/or to make arrangements.

Be sure also to advertise this to your friends and family, your business colleagues, your social connections, and other members of the Craft. It should be a great experience for all involved.

See, e.g,

<https://patch.com/california/encino/masonic-lodge-plans-golf-tournament-nodx> . DIK

## Some Future Events for your Consideration

**J**uly 7, 2022, 7:10pm Filipino Heritage Night at Dodger Stadium. Contact WB Roger Soriano for info.

July 16, 2022, CFS Breakfast at the Lodge. Contact Bro. Jhonny Lebrilla, SW, for info.

July 17, 2022, Grand Master's Breakfast, See details at right.

August 20, 2022, Golf. See flyer.

August 27, 2022(?), Hiram Award Ceremony for WB Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM.

Sept. 22, 2022, 7:10pm Masons Night at Dodger Stadium. See

<https://masonicfoundation.org/masons4mitts/> .

Contact Bro. Barry Mann for info.

Oct. 8 CFS Table Lodge

Please put these dates on your calendar. DIK



[Third Degree Conferral upon Bros. Nestor Maloles and Axle De Villa, 5/21/2022]



## Details re Grand Master's Breakfast, July 17, 2022

**H**osted By: Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau

Invited: Grand Lodge Officers, Masons, By Invitation or Registration

Dress: Grand Lodge Officers - Daytime Attire / Others - Business Suits

Itinerary Details:

7:00 - 7:45 am -- Grand Family, Past Grand Officers, Other Invited Dignitaries "Meet and Greet" with Attendees in Foyer of International Ballroom

8:00AM Must be seated at your table by this time for processional

8:15 - 10:15 am -- Complete American Breakfast Served in International Ballroom - Grand Master Message

Prepaid reservations required; seating at numbered tables

NOTE: Applicable Los Angeles County COVID restrictions will apply. As a precaution, please bring your mask in case it might be needed.

Hotel Information

Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel

5711 W Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045, (310) 410-4000

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/laxahhh-hilton-los-angeles-airport/>

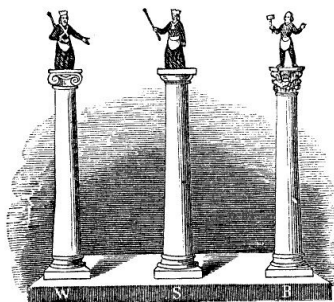




[Above: Stated Meeting, 6/4/2022]



[Above: First Degree Conferral, 6/18/2022,  
upon Bro. Mikhitar ("Mike") Mkrтчhyan.  
Congrats!]



## From the East

Greetings Brethren.

Recently I was asked what is a Masonic Lewis and what is a Lewis Jewel (honestly I had no idea what either is). This is what I learned from my research. I hope it will be *enlightening*:

A Lewis is the son of a Mason. A Lewis Jewel honors the familial and Masonic connection between father and son.

"A LEWIS is a simple but ingenious device employed by operative Masons to raise heavy blocks of dressed stone into place. [¶] The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Mason, if at the time of his Initiation, his father was a Mason in good standing (the initiate of a deceased father in good standing at the time of his demise would also qualify). [¶] The Lewis Jewel consists of two bars connected by chains: [¶] The upper bar contains the name of the father and date of his Initiation. [¶] The lower bar, the name of the son and date of his Initiation." See, [https://www.masonicsupplyshop.com/lewis-jewel/?sort\\_featured&page\\_1](https://www.masonicsupplyshop.com/lewis-jewel/?sort_featured&page_1). Here is an example provided from the cited web page:



According to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut: "A paragraph in a version of the Junior Warden's Lecture used in the United Grand Lodge of England dating from 1801 gives this instructive explanation: 'The word Lewis denotes strength, and is ... depicted by certain pieces of metal dovetailed into a stone, which forms a cramp, and enables the operative Mason to raise great weights to certain heights with little encumbrance, and to fix them in their proper places. Lewis, likewise denotes the son of



a Mason; his duty is to bear the heat and burden of the day, from which his parents, by reason of their age, ought to be exempt; to help them in time of need, and thereby render the close of their days happy and comfortable; his privilege for so doing is to be made a Mason before any other person however dignified."

<https://ctfreemasons.net/lewis-jewel/> .

From this quote, we see that a Masonic son has a duty to lift up and honor his Masonic *parent*. Masonic duty goes further, however. According to the following quote of Albert Pike, as cited by the Philanthropic Lodge F&AM of Massachusetts, there is a reciprocal duty of Masons to look out for the *sons* of Masons:

"It is one of the duties of Brotherhood, arising out of that holy relationship, to guide and guard, and rear and educate, if need be, a Brother's children. Let us recognize this duty, and add to its obligation our solemn pledge to watch incessantly over this youth, to avert from him pestilential influences, warn him against ill examples, and rescue him from perils. Let us, according to our ancient custom, and by the ancient and symbolic name, receive him as our Ward in the hope that he will in due time become our Brother."

In our Lodge we have fathers of Masons and we have sons of Masons. It is great to behold such enduring familial and Masonic connections.

I ask the Brethren of CFS 866 and Brethren from other Lodges, to visit the Lodge when they are able and to bring their families and friends, *including their sons and/or fathers*, when appropriate. The Brethren who show up today are the foundation of our culture, the future caretakers of our history, and the inspiration perhaps to their sons for the next generation of Freemasons.

As always, I hope you are doing well. Please contact the Lodge if there is anything we can do to provide you with support or relief.

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

## From the West

Brethren,  
2022 is shaping up to be a very busy year for our Lodge. Please be sure to support our social and charitable events (in addition to our stated and degree meetings). They include a forthcoming Masonic Breakfast on July 16, our Golf Tournament on August 20, and our informal fellowship gatherings at Lulu's usually on the second Thursday of every month.

Also congratulations to Brother Mike for becoming an EA in our Lodge.

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

## From the South

Greetings Brethren, from Venezia, Italy.  
Hope all is well! I am currently on my honeymoon traveling across Spain, France, and finally Italy.

Thank you everybody for your congratulations and well wishes on my marriage.

I would like to congratulate our newest initiated brother, Mike Mkrtychyan. I'm delighted to finally welcome you into our ancient and honorable fraternity and I am excited to have you join us in the lodge.

I look forward to returning to the lodge and I will see you all at the July stated meeting.

Take care everyone!

Fraternally,  
Bro. Spartak ("Spo") Khachatryan  
Junior Warden

## From our Secretary

Brethren,  
While searching for information to write about for this month's article "Enlightenment and the Light of Masonry", I came across an interesting article written by Sir Knight Darryl Chapman that I thought is very

enlightening so I selected portions of this article hoping that you will find it informative and interesting to read.

“Freemasonry is a medium in which a Master Mason navigates the natural laws of perceptible and veiled obstacles on a path to Light. The amount of light that is achieved directly correlates to the distance traveled, the manner and vehicle in which he arrived, and what he wanted to discover, coupled together with additional unforeseeable unveiling and unraveling along the way. As the traveler becomes more enlightened, his definition of light can and will change. Therefore, we must seek more enlightenment, and failure to do so is a hindrance to Light.

“A simple response can be that Masonic light can be defined as knowledge, experience, or comprehension. This light can be defined as common ritualistic functions of the Fraternity. Further light on this path can be viewed as merely the facts of the preceding, current, or next degree, whether it is one in the Craft, York and Scottish Rites, or Allied Degrees.

“As the newest Entered Apprentice Mason, one should remember where he was placed and why. It is also the beginning of illumination, one stone at a time. The inculcations within the Blue Lodge are instruments for building an internal spiritual temple. Its completion is a vast and sublime accomplishment. However, there begins the next degree of light.

“Masonry does not give a concise road map to the ultimate light as this is not its design. It does clearly put one on the correct path that leads to it, because in order to end, you must start with the aid of the Great Architect of the Universe. The correct direction is the Holy Bible, and God is the ultimate light. This is a higher meaning of light.

“The higher meaning reveals that God is ultimate light. However, Freemasonry is full of symbolism that has dual meaning. Masonic light can have multiple specific meaning”.

The author continues:

“Questioning whether or not the Fraternity teaches more than basic knowledge is simply skimming the surface of the ultimate light. We should not be so presumptuous as to believe that all of the ‘Hidden Mysteries of Freemasonry’ are so easily obtainable. One should remember the second sentence told to him when the door opened the second time as an Entered Apprentice candidate.

A higher meaning can be quite simple. An example is that the sun simply rises in the East every day. It is one of the simple functions of our lives that are taken for granted. The sun rules and maintains all life forms on earth. It governs our solar system; therefore, it is not so simple. The sun is both simple and complex depending on what we are seeking to understand. It is relevant to one's perception within time and space. Therefore, I must believe that Masonic light is as simple as wisdom and intelligence, knowledge and understanding of our Fraternity, and moral science. I also must believe that Masonic light is God and His word contained in the Volume of Sacred Law bound together with spiritual embodiment to live in harmony within our temple built in the three degrees. Then comes additional light for a Mason to seek”.

The author goes on:

“I just simply believe that Masonic light can be defined as two separate entities, one plain fare and one complex of God. Masonic light illuminates differently from wherever one stands gazing upon it at a specific time and space with a certain degree of understanding. The everlasting search for more light and the reception of it places one closer and closer to God. I believe that light's highest meaning of all is closeness to God.”

Reference: Knight Templar magazine, October/November 2010, "Masonry: A Hindrance to Light?" By Lindgren, Carl Edwin, "The way of the Rose Cross; A Historical Perception," 1614-1620. Journal of Religion and Psychological Research, Volume 18, Number 3:141-48. 1995.

Fraternally, Akram Al-Awar, Secretary



## Supporting The Educational Goals of our Fraternity – An Opinion Piece

William S. Burroughs reportedly said: “The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values.” See, <https://www.canva.com/learn/25-quotes-show-education-important/> . Perhaps this is why education is at the center of the Masonic experience.

Certainly, Masonic education is important. According to our Grand Lodge: “Masonic education is the study of Masonic values, history, symbols and myths. It also encompasses lessons in leadership, self-improvement and community building.” See, <https://freemason.org/masonic-education/> . This is why the Grand Lodge devotes its attention to the same. *Id.*

It is also why Masonic education can be a part of our stated meetings, as it makes them more interesting. Note that Masonic education is stressed in the Grand Lodge’s 2025 Strategic plan. Among other things it says: “Discussing what we value about Masonry can be an educational and meaningful use of stated meetings.”

As important as Masonic education may be, so is the attention given by California Masons to public education:

“As a fraternity, we have championed many great causes - but perhaps none so personal, or so affecting, as that of public education. From helping to establish the nation’s first public school systems to helping bring California’s

public schools out of crisis in 1920, Masons have been on the forefront. [¶] We continue to be leaders in statewide support of public schools through early literacy skills for kindergarteners [*sic*] at high risk for educational failure; scholarships for deserving - but often overlooked - high school seniors who might not otherwise have the ability to obtain a higher education; and a number of other critically needed programs benefiting [*sic*] underserved youth.”

<https://freemason.org/discover-masonry/what-we-do/> .

This, of course, is why each Grand Master proclaims a certain month to be “Public Schools Month.” This year it is in September.

As a Lodge we have given attention to, and our enthusiastic support of, public school teachers and some students, in at least the past three years. We have also supplied new and gently used children’s books to the LAUSD’s Homeless Students program. As the Grand Master suggests in September’s proclamation (see, <https://member.freemason.org/resources/95>) , we can do more. All it needs is foresight, advance planning, leadership, and our continuing commitment to improve ourselves and the lives of others.<sup>1</sup>

If we act in accordance with the Grand Masters’ wishes, and in consonance with our ideals, we will have yet another opportunity to enlighten the community further about Freemasonry’s values.

Let there be light from our Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Bro. David I. Karp, Editor

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<sup>1</sup>In the past three years or so, it has been my privilege to chair the Lodge’s Public Schools efforts. With so many new, enthusiastic members, I am stepping aside this year to allow another Brother or Brothers an opportunity to sharpen his/their leadership skills and to create such an event for the Lodge. Please let the Master know if you will volunteer and for when. DIK

Our Flyer for the Golf Tournament:

**CLARENCE F SMITH DAYLIGHT  
LODGE #866  
2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
KNOLLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**

**AUG 20, 2022**      12040 BALBOA BLVD, GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344

**TEE TIME: 12:00**  
**GREEN FEE: \$100**

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