

In the



Daylight

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Helping

Foreword...

The theme for this March edition (yes, we are back to a monthly publication for now) is “helping,” that is, helping ourselves, our families and friends, and our community. But let’s think about this in reverse order:

Helping our Community:

The Grand Lodge’s 2025 strategic plan calls for us as Masons “to develop partnerships with civic or charitable groups,” “to engage, volunteer and lead in the community” for our charitable contributions, and to “plan visible, community - focused lodge activities” to show our involvement with our community.

In December, we gathered toys and books as our charitable effort for children in the community; in January, we discussed potentially sponsoring a Scout Troop for visibility in the community and to help the Scouting Movement continue to serve young people and their families in the community; and this year, among other things, we will celebrate Public Schools month with an event in the Lodge that is open to the community (see p. 8, *infra*). We have an ongoing clothing collection, also, for the Midnight Mission. We are doing what Masons do!

Also, we must not forget our Masonic support of Widows (February’s Grand Master’s Proclamation) and our Youth Orders too (see the March proclamation, *infra*, p. 2).

Helping our Families and Friends:

We look out for our families and friends, especially but not only when someone is ailing, sometimes with visits, phone calls, texts, and so forth. The promises we make in our degree ceremonies remind us, even compel us, to do so, if without serious injury to ourselves.

Helping Ourselves:

We strive to become better men by following the ethics, principles and tenets of our fraternity, by circumscribing our desires and keeping our passions within due bounds, by acting on the square as upright men and Masons. We do this not by endeavoring to be better than other people, but by working to be better personally than we have been before. Although this is an inward task, we improve ourselves outwardly as well by doing as Masons do: helping the community, and our family and friends.

When we do these things we are role models for everyone around us, and we hope that our own efforts will inspire others to do the same.

Please enjoy this March edition.

Fraternally,

Bro. David I. Karp

Editor.



Grand Master's March Proclamation

MARCH 2023 IS YOUTH ORDERS MONTH

Fulfilling Our Obligations

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;

Therefore, As grand master, I proclaim March 2023 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. Over the past three years, each of the three orders has celebrated its centennial, a truly amazing milestone and evidence of the historic nature of these groups.

Every Bethel, chapter, and assembly 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 for information on ways you can help today and for a growing library of resources related to the Youth Orders that lodges can share with their members through trestleboards, emails, or social media.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Grand Master Randall Brill

Attest:

Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou

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.)

March 2, 2023, 7PM – Exec. Comm. Mtg. on Zoom

March 4, 2023, 11AM – Stated Mtg. Dress: business casual. Lunch donation \$10.

March 11, 2023 – Dark

March 15, 2023, 6PM – CFS Dinner Group at Carnival Restaurant., 4356 Woodman Ave, Sherman Oaks

March 18, 2023 – First Degree (2X?)

March 25, 2023 – Family Day (Picnic)

March 30, 2023, 7PM – Exec. Comm. Mtg. on Zoom

Looking Ahead to April

April 1, 2023, 11AM – Stated Mtg. Dress: business casual. Lunch donation \$10.

April 8, 2023 – Family Weekend at Balboa Park

April 15, 2023 – First Degree

April 18, 2023, 7PM – OSI, Van Nuys 450

April 22, 2023 – Second Degree

April 29, 2023 – Family Day

Not yet determined – CFS Dinner Group at a restaurant – will be announced via Facebook

Helping: Freemasonry and Charity

“The values of Freemasonry are based on integrity, kindness, honesty and fairness. Freemasons are taught to practice charity and to care, not only for their own, but also for the community as a whole through charitable giving and volunteer efforts. We gather together to help each other become better men and to forge a better world.

“From its earliest days, Freemasonry has been concerned with the care of orphans, the sick, and the aged. This work continues today. More than 2.6 million dollars is raised each day to help people in need with large donations given to national and local charities.

“[We are] men of honor and integrity. Of deep caring with a devotion to helping others. Each with a vow to be the best [he] can be.”

Source:

<https://bea.freemason.org/masonic-life> .

Helping as a Measurement of Personal Wealth

“The true wealth of a person lies in his hidden strength: his desire to help others without recompense. The best exercise for strengthening the heart is to reach down and lift others up.” Morris Mandel from his “Heaven, Man and a Carrot” (1963) as quoted in Kolatch, Alfred J. *Great Jewish Quotations*. New York: Jonathan David Publishers, Inc., 1996, at p. 305.



We Help. We are Masons.

“A helping profession is any profession that nurtures the growth of a person.”
See,

<https://www.coachhub.com/coaching-glossary/helping-profession/> . Our Lodge is loaded with Masons involved in the helping professions.

We have members who are health care workers, lawyers/mediator, real estate brokers/agents, police officer, end-of-life family service/planning adviser, financial adviser, former community service college personnel, etc. I would even include drivers, engineers, chemists, military personnel (active or retired), and so on, in the sense that they help other people live better lives, even if indirectly.

The notable traits of helping professionals are described in full at

<https://socialwork.buffalo.edu/admissions/is-social-work-right-career-for-me/list-of-essential-skills-in-social-work.html> . As one can see from the article, they include: empathy; communication; organization; critical thinking; active listening; self-care; cultural competence; patience; commitment; advocacy.

These traits blend with the three tenets of Freemasonry (Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth) and loom large in the actions and outlook of our Lodge members.

We help. Masonry is a helping profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. David I. Karp

CFS Daylight's Officers for 2023

Worshipful Master
Wor. Fernando ("Jhonny") O. Lebrilla, Jr.
Senior Warden
Bro. Spartak ("Spo") Khachatryan
Junior Warden Bro. Gerald J. Alvarez
Treasurer Bro. Ramiel Malabanan
Secretary Bro. Akram Al-Awar
Asst. Secretary
Bro. Thomas ("Tom") K. Sheehan
Chaplain Bro. Virgilio ("Virgil") A.
Maravillas, Sr.
Senior Deacon
WB Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig., PM
Junior Deacon Bro. Elvis L. Alvarez
Marshal Bro. Hamood Hamood
Senior Steward Bro. Raffi Hovhannisyan
Junior Steward Bro. Joseph R. Chavez
Organist Bro. Mark G. Cano
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

Contact information:

Master: Worshipful, Jhonny Lebrilla

Sec'y: Bro. Akram Al-Awar



More About Helping Others

“Providing charity or relief is one of the three tenets of Freemasonry. It is a chance to help others whether they are Freemasons or not. As a Freemason, you need to understand that you are now of service to fellowmen from any background. When you join the brotherhood and become a freemason you open yourself up to new opportunities to serve others and this is something that you should embrace. Serving others makes you a better person. It is a selfless act and you can help others physically by sharing your skills, time, and experience. Or you could assist financially in terms of fundraising for local good causes, or, creating your own causes within your lodge.”

See,

<https://www.hometownstation.com/news-articles/life-changing-benefits-of-becoming-a-freemason-367571>



A Charitable Irish Mason

“Barnardo, Dr. Thomas John (1845-1905) Founded in 1866 by this Dublin-born doctor to relieve the suffering of homeless starving children in London's East End, by the time of his death in 1905 Dr. Barnardo's Homes cared for 8,500 youngsters in 96 locations. More than 140 years later, this caring Irishman's charity work with children still, sadly, needs to go on.” See,

<https://www.lodgestpatrick.co.nz/famous.php#A>

CFS Daylight's 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)
Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan (2022)

Past Masters by Affiliation

Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig, (2021)
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2012)
Alberto L. Casanova, Jr. (2014)
Omar Cervantes (2021)
Emmanuel D. Espiritu (2014)
Bruce L. Ewald (2004-2006)
Bruce L. Hawley (1984)*
Luc Paul, Jr. (2018)

Past Masters who are "Honorary Members"

Jovito ("Jovi") R. Rivera (2017)
Timoteo ("Tim") Zuniga (2020)

Hiram Award (for dedicated Service)

Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig (2022)
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2022)
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)

* Deceased.



Masons Help Masons and Their Families

Editor's note: : This is from the website of the Masonic Homes of California at <https://masonichome.org/about/>.

"Masons are driven by a commitment to take care of one another and their communities. This has improved lives in California since before the state was formed: During the gold rush and the severe hardship that followed, Masons in the area provided food and relief to struggling families. When cholera swept through Sacramento in 1850, they helped build a hospital at Sutter's Fort....

"It was in this spirit of charity that California Masons created our Masonic Homes. In 1898, in what is now Union City, the fraternity opened the first California Masonic Home in order to care for Masonic widows and orphans. About 16,000 members donated all funds for the land, materials, and building construction. Eleven years later, the fraternity opened a second home in Southern California. More than a century later, these original two buildings have evolved into our present-day retirement communities in Union City and Covina.

"Over the years, we have also developed outreach and youth programs that are able to reach every community in California. These support services are relied upon by hundreds of families, both with and without Masonic affiliation. They continue to be funded by the donations of California Masons."

He Received Masonic Help

Editor's Note: This remarkable account, edited for space, was first published in the June 2020 Trestle Board. It was submitted by WB Gani R. Hernandez, Jr., PM (Burbank 406) about his father. Here it is again; you will appreciate it, as I do:

I would like to share an historical account about my late father, Isagani T. Hernandez, Sr., a Master Mason and life member of Saragani Lodge no. 50, F. & A. M., Grand Lodge of the Phillippines.

My Dad was a US-Philippine Scout during World War II. He was captured by the Japanese who made him a security guard patrolling the Garrison (concentration camp) at night. After about a month, Dad figured out the sleep patterns of the Japanese officers and he managed to escape. Luckily, he found a Filipino Guerrilla (Civilian Army) camp. He was welcomed by his comrades who even served him dinner. After fellowship, they all went to bed.

When the sun was up the following morning, he was still asleep on the ground when the Guerillas realized he was wearing a Japanese uniform. They hoodwinked him and took him to the Guerrilla's main headquarters in the deepest part of the jungle.

According to my Dad, he knew that he would be shot by a firing squad. During interrogation by the Captain of the Guerrillas, and as a last resort, my Dad thought to give a Masonic distress statement. The Captain responded and challenged him. After strict trial and due examination, the Captain removed my Dad's blindfold and told him to run as fast as he could, for, after an hour and as a ruse, they would fire shots to signify that he had been executed.

He ran for his life, heard the shots, fell and lost consciousness. When he awoke, he found himself at a friend's house.

Freemasonry saved my father's life.

WB Gani R. Hernandez, Jr., PM
Burbank 406



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http://gettysburg.stonesentinels.com/other-monuments/friend-to-friend-masonic-memorial/?fbclid=IwAR25pdLzsDns9XAIJcd3NmOPhb8ePTdSHZLNQr_LReHRJ1g2aXxCXRj2g2k]

Masonic Relief at Gettysburg

Depicted by the statue placed by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania at the Gettysburg National Military Park, where the battle of Gettysburg took place, July 1-3, 1863, are two brother Masons who were engaged in conflict on opposite sides. The fallen soldier is Bro. Lewis Armistead, a Confederate Army [brigadier] general, who was mortally wounded at the Union Line. Assisting him is Union Army officer, Henry Bingham of General Winfield Scott Hancock's staff. Both Bingham and Hancock were Brother Masons. Both Bros. Hancock and Armistead were great friends who were stationed before the war in Los Angeles. *Id.*; see also

<https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2000-jun-18-me-42292-story.html>.

As stated in the *LA Times* article: Before Bro. Armistead "went into battle that day, he had entrusted [Bro.] Gen. Longstreet with his prayer book and instructions to give it to Hancock's wife, whom he had long worshiped from afar. It was inscribed: "Trust in God and fear nothing." [Editor's Note: Sound familiar?] DIK.



Feb. 11 Sweethearts Dinner Was Well Attended. Many helped.

Members of our Lodge and their sweethearts, and other family members, attended and enjoyed an evening together on February 11, in advance of Valentine's Day, and also to honor our Masonic Widows as directed by our Grand Master who proclaimed February to be Masonic Widows Month.

Wor. Fernando ("Jhonny") O. Lebrilla, Jr., as emcee, started off the evening with his welcome remarks; Bro. Barry Mann gave an inspirational invocation; members and guests enjoyed the potluck dinner selections supervised by Bro. Ely Ayao; Bro. David Karp presented two Broken Column pins¹ and certificates of appreciation to two "Special Sweethearts" whose husbands are now members of the "Celestial Lodge Above;" and all of the sweethearts received red roses to top off the occasion.

The library was cleared and tables and chairs were set up in advance under the direction of Bro. Ryan Lim with the help of several of our applicants.

Thanks go to all who helped to make the evening a success. All in all, it was a delightful event.

Following are pictures of our Special Sweethearts, who were honored with the Broken

¹The Masonic Widows Pin depicts a broken column, memorializing the end of a Brother's earthly life, surrounded by acacia leaves symbolic of one's eternal life. It is an emblem of honor both for the woman who wears it and for her departed husband who lived the life of a Mason.

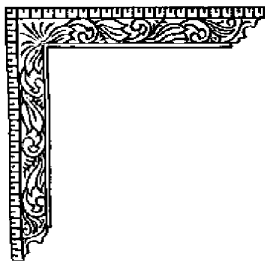
Column pin, a certificate of appreciation and a bouquet of roses. We were all so pleased to include them in the festivities.

Fraternally, Bro. David I. Karp



PS Here are pictures of ALL of our sweethearts and Masons in attendance:





From the East

Brethren,
This month's newsletter theme is "helping." I want personally to thank each and every Brother (and applicant) who helps to make the Lodge the success it is, from helping in the dining room, to helping in our programming, to helping in our ritual, and beyond in the community. Each person who helps benefits not only the Lodge but himself as each of us feels a sense of satisfaction from extending ourselves to others. Thank you Brethren for all you do and will do for the Craft this year.

Fraternally,

Wor. Fernando ("Jhonny") O. Lebrilla, Jr.
Master

From a Sideliner – Advance Planning – Open House, Children's Book Drive, Public Schools Program

As you know, I am not an officer, just your everyday Sideliner. Even so, I like to do a few things around and for the Lodge, particularly but not only for public awareness and community involvement.

Wor. Jhonny, our sitting Master, has asked that I take on three projects this year in the upcoming months. I have agreed and will ask your help below and from time to time.

One such project is an **Open House** (for non-members) with all officers and Sideliners in attendance. It will be on **June 10, 2023**, starting at 11:00AM, with doors opening at 10:30AM (or before). In March I will circulate a flyer via our Facebook Group chat and elsewhere online and ask your help in sharing it among friends, family, business contacts, etc., so maybe this year we can fill up the Lodge room with visitors.

Another is a **children's book drive**, which will culminate with our Public Schools Program (see below). This year we will collect **new books** for elementary school age children (K-5th). I will bring some collection boxes to the Lodge, and you can start filling them at our Stated Meetings between April and August. Alternatively at any time up through the end of August, you can order from Amazon or any other source and have the order shipped to my business mailing address (David I. Karp, 6311 Van Nuys Blvd. 409, Van Nuys, CA 91401) or to my home (address is in iMember2.0). Two books each from each member should suffice. I would like to receive all books by the end of August so I can apply labels inside designating that the books are donated by our Lodge. Donations of cash or cash equivalent, if any, for book purchases, should be presented to the Lodge secretary, not to me, for proper handling through the Lodge's account.

Lastly, our **Public Schools Program** will take place immediately following our September Stated Meeting on **September 9, 2023**. The target school this year is Noble Avenue Elementary School in North Hills. We will probably recognize one of the teachers from that school, who will be able to invite friends, family and colleagues to the event. Also, the plan will be to give/deliver the collected books at this time to the teacher or the school. Lunch will be served after the program.

It will be my pleasure to lead the above efforts for the Lodge with the help of our members. Helping is the theme of this month's newsletter. I look forward to your participation.

Fraternally, Bro. David I. Karp