

In the



Daylight

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In Support of Public Education

Foreword...

Masons have championed public education for as long as we have existed in California (since about 1850). According to the website of the California Masonic Foundation:

"In our communities, school children have lost critical access to hands-on learning. Without our help, these youngsters are projected to continue struggling with learning loss for years. Teachers, families and communities rely on the Masons to help them.... [¶] We are helping kids beat the odds every day. Our support for them is vital."

Among other reasons, this is why our Lodge has been collecting children's books to donate to a San Fernando Valley elementary school this month, literacy being of paramount importance to us as we support the youth of our community so they will grow to become competent, inquiring, thoughtful, discerning adults when they mature.

Public education being important to us as men and Masons, this is also why we hope to honor two elementary school teachers this month, on September 9, 2023, in a public ceremony at the Lodge, at which time, among other things, they will receive our collected books for the children of their school.

Also, we must not overlook Masonic Scholarships as a part of the support of education by Masons. See the extensive list of scholarships provided by our Youth Orders and Concordant

Bodies, at

<https://freemason.org/masonic-charities/scholarships/>.

This edition, being devoted to education, will provide much more context for our mission to improve ourselves by improving the community in which we live.

Also, because September has in the past been denoted Constitutional Observance Month, you will find a few Masonic education articles in this edition in support of that tradition.

As always, it is hoped that you will read and enjoy the pages that follow.

Fraternally,

Bro. David I. Karp, Editor



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Grand Master's Proclamation for September

SEPTEMBER 2023 IS PUBLIC
SCHOOLS MONTH
Fulfilling Our Obligations

Whereas California public schools are continuing to face unprecedented challenges related to pandemic recovery, chronic underfunding, and a loss of students, teachers, and staff; and

Whereas California Masons have for more than a century supported public education through the observance of Public Schools Month and its related programs and initiatives; and

Whereas supporting public schools is a bedrock principle of California Masonry; and

Whereas a fair, just, and equitable civil society is predicated on a strong system of public education; therefore,

As grand master, I proclaim September 2023 to be Public Schools Month in California.

As California Masonry celebrates the 103rd anniversary of Public Schools Month, support for our schools, teachers, and students has never been more important. Our schools continue facing incredible challenges as a result of the pandemic and chronic funding gaps. As a result, more of our students are falling behind. The achievement gap in California's schools is widening at an alarming pace. It is up to organizations like the Masons of California to help fill those gaps in funding, technology, and materials that our schools require to ensure that

students have equal access to learning and a safe and healthy environment in which to grow.

Now, as Public Schools Month is being returned to its historic place on the calendar, I call on California Masons to provide aid to their local schools; tutor or mentor students in their community; organize lodge events to improve school grounds and to ensure that students, teachers, and administrators have the equipment they require; and donate to the California Masonic Foundation so that all kids in California have access to the support and materials they need to succeed in school and in life.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Grand Master Randall Brill

Attest: Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou

September 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.)

September 2, 2023 – Dark (holiday weekend)

September 7, 2023 – Exec. Comm. Mtg. Via Zoom

September 9, 2023, 10AM – Stated Meeting, followed by Public Schools Program. Lunch donation \$10.

September 10, 2023 (AM) – Annual review of legislation, Masonic Service Bureau, Pasadena Scottish Rite.

September 13, 2023, 6-8PM – No-host casual Fellowship dinner at Presidente Restaurant, 11451 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills, CA 91345

September 16, 2023 – First Degree

September 20, 2023, 7PM, OSI, Home No. 721

September 23, 2023 – Third Degree

September 30, 2023 – Family Day

Looking Ahead to October

October 5, 2023 – Exec. Comm. Mtg. Via Zoom

October 7, 2023, 11AM – Stated Meeting, Lunch Donation \$10.

October 14, 2023 – OSI at CFS

October 21, 2023 – TBD

October 27-29, 2023 – Annual Communication



Time Line of Masonic Engagement with Public Education

Editor's Note: The following time line is taken verbatim from a document of the Grand Lodge of California entitled *Masonry and Public Schools*: Throughout history, Masons have been connected to education. The time line was first published for this Lodge in the April 2019 edition of this newsletter.

1600s Education was central to the fraternity, as master masons taught new stonemasons apprentices how to safely build castles and cathedrals.

1700s Many of the men who founded this country's system of government were Masons, who drew upon fraternal values such as equality, knowledge, truth, and service to the community. They set a precedent for equal access to education, and paved the way for public schools.

1740-50 Grand Master Benjamin Franklin urged the adoption of a public school system in Pennsylvania and helped organize the University of Pennsylvania.

1793 A group of Masons laid the cornerstone for the University of North Carolina, the first state-funded college in the country. They were presided over by William Davie, a state legislator and grand master of North Carolina, today remembered as the father of the University of North Carolina.

1800-10 Grand Master DeWitt Clinton, governor of New York from 1817 to 1822,

helped found a system of free education before the establishment of public schools in New York City. He became known as the father of public schools in New York.

1840-60 United States grand lodges founded 88 public colleges in 11 states, often offering free tuition to deserving students. They were among the first universities to accept students regardless of religious affiliation.

1862 John Swett, Mason and San Francisco school principal, was elected California superintendent of public instruction. He went on to organize teachers' institutes, established a teacher certification system, won support for school taxes, wrote a revised school law, and provided for textbooks for California public schools. Swett is now referred to as the father of the California public school system.

1892 Francis Bellamy, a Mason, wrote the Pledge of Allegiance for a celebration honoring patriotism and public schools. In a speech for that same program, Bellamy referred to public schools as the "great American institution that united the nation."

1920 Public Schools Month began when Charles Adams, a San Francisco attorney and grand master who was passionate about California schools, proclaimed Public Schools Week. During that week, Masonic lodges led community meetings to respond to the state's critical teacher shortage. Each succeeding grand master in California has continued the observance of Public Schools Week, now Public Schools Month.

1969 The California Masonic Foundation was established to further the education of young people, from kindergarten through college. Today, more than \$1 million in scholarships is awarded by the Foundation every year, and lodges and other Masonic organizations contribute additional hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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2011 The California Masonic Foundation launches a statewide initiative to support public education in three critical areas: school-based programs for elementary-age literacy; support for advancing instruction in middle school algebra; and expanding the Foundation scholarship program to include students for whom a college education has not been a choice. The strategic objective is to make a profound difference for California public schools.

Quips on Education

For your amusement:

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance. Derek Bok

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education. Mark Twain

Grammar school never taught me anything about grammar. Isaac Goldberg

The ill-tempered cannot teach. Hillel

Education is the best provision for old age.

Aristotle

You ain't learnin' nothin' when you're talkin'. Lyndon B. Johnson

God said: You must teach, as I taught, without a fee. Talmud

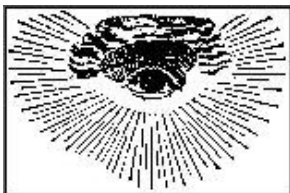
All men by nature desire to know.

Aristotle

The world itself rests upon the breath of the children in our schools. Talmud

The aim of education should be to teach the child to think, not what to think. John Dewey

Source: Rosten, Leo. *Leo Rosten's Carnival of Wit*. New York: A Dutton Book, 1994. Print. pp. 160-166



CFS Daylight's Officers for 2023

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An Educational Piece for our Constitutional Observance: Bro. Chief Justice John Marshall and *Marbury v. Madison*

Editor's note: In the past, September had been declared by our Grand Master as Constitutional Observance Month because, on September 17, 1787, the Constitutional Convention concluded its work and the Constitution came into existence. This article is submitted in honor of that tradition.

Our Brother, John Marshall, fourth Chief Justice of the United States, who served from 1801 until his death in 1835 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Marshall), was a member of the Craft:

“It is believed he became a Freemason while in the Revolutionary Army, perhaps while serving that winter at Valley Forge with George Washington. Although we cannot find the specifics, we know he was a Master Mason, a member of Richmond No. 10. He was also a member of Richmond Randolph No. 19. Richmond Royal Arch Chapter records indicate he became a Royal Arch Mason in the period 1792-1794.” See, <https://www.masonicworld.com/education/article/s/THE-GREATEST-AND-BEST-BROTHER-JOHN-MARSHALL.htm>.

“On Oct. 27, 1786, at age 31, John Marshall was appointed Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Virginia by Most Worshipful Edmund Randolph. Marshall and Randolph were members of No. 10, No. 19 and Richmond Royal

Arch Chapter No. 3.... At Grand Lodge in 1793, John Marshall was elected Grand Master at the age of 38.” *Id.*

In 1801, President John Adams appointed Marshall to the Supreme Court.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Marshall.

As Chief Justice, Bro. Marshall delivered the opinion of the Court in *Marbury v. Madison*, 5 US 137 (1803), perhaps one of the Court's most powerful and important decisions because it established the concept of Judicial Review, that is, where a court can strike down a law that it finds inconsistent with the Constitution.

In simple terms, *Marbury* was the result of political maneuvering. Just before President John Adams left office, he tried to fill certain judicial positions with men friendly to his political views pursuant to authority granted by the Judiciary Act of 1801, which, among other things, actually expanded federal jurisdiction beyond that granted by the Constitution (see, <https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/artifact/judiciary-act-1801-april-8-1800>).

William Marbury was appointed Justice of the Peace in the District of Columbia but his commission, although approved by the legislature, was not delivered to him. He brought suit in the Supreme Court against James Madison, as Secretary of State in Thomas Jefferson's administration. Marbury asked the Supreme Court to compel delivery of his commission as a Justice of the Peace with the issuance of a writ of mandamus. (Mandamus is a trial court remedy today.) Ultimately, the Supreme Court denied the writ. See, <https://www.oyez.org/cases/1789-1850/5us137>.

Important concepts were before the Court, including acknowledgment of the difference between political issues vs. legal issues, recognition of the separation of powers among the three branches of government, and the question of original jurisdiction vs. appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

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Among other things, our Brother, Justice Marshall, found that the Court did not have original jurisdiction to hear this case. (In almost all cases the Supreme Court is a court of review of lower court decisions, i.e. has appellate jurisdiction. In *Marbury*, the Supreme Court was asked to act as a trial court, i.e. to exercise original jurisdiction, but it did not have the authority under the Constitution to do so.)

Most importantly, in the opinion, Justice Marshall declared: that the Judiciary Act, which was the springboard of the dispute, was itself inconsistent with the Constitution, that the Constitution was paramount, and that the Court had the ultimate power to strike down an unconstitutional law.

This is perhaps the most famous language from the decision; Justice Marshall wrote:

“It is emphatically the province and duty of the Judicial Department to say what the law is.... If ... the Courts are to regard the Constitution, and the Constitution is superior to any ordinary act of the Legislature, the Constitution, and not such ordinary act, must govern the case to which they both apply.” *Marbury v. Madison, supra*, 5 US at p. 177-178.

And thus was the concept of Judicial Review established by Bro. John Marshall, perhaps the greatest of the Chief Justices of the Supreme Court.

What a wonderful legacy Marshall left both as a Jurist and as a Mason.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. David I. Karp, Ed.

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)

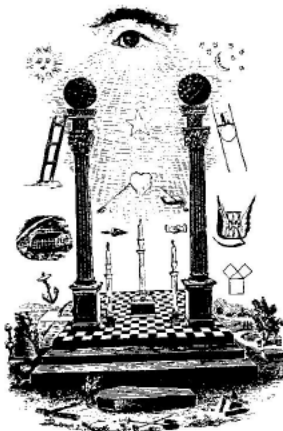
* Deceased.

An Interesting Quote from John Adams to the Masons of Maryland about the Constitution

Editor's note: The following is a paragraph from the words of John Adams to the Freemasons of the State of Maryland, July 1798, quoted from <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Adams/99-02-02-2774> :

“Persevere, gentlemen, in revering the Constitution which secures your liberties, in loving your country, in practising the social as well as the moral duties, in presenting your lives, with those of your fellow citizens, a barrier to defend your independence, and may the architect all powerful surround you with walls impregnable, and receive you, finally (your country happy, prosperous, and glorious), to mansions eternal in the Heavens!”

[John Adams, Second President of the United States, was not a Mason. See, <https://scottishritenmj.org/blog/freemasons-of-the-independence> .]



On September 9, 2023, We Hope to Honor Teachers and Public Education in a Public Ceremony

Immediately following our September Stated Meeting, which will start at 10AM, we hope to honor two outstanding teachers from Noble Avenue Elementary School, at which time, or thereafter, we will present the school with the children's books we have been collecting this year. If the foregoing takes place (as of the date of publication, I still have not heard from them directly despite several reminders), we will also host the teachers and their families at lunch immediately after the presentation.

Inasmuch as this will be a public event, I invite each of you to consider inviting someone, a friend, business colleague, or family member, to whom you would like to introduce our Lodge and what we do as Masons. This will support our connection to the community at large.

Fraternally,

Bro. David I. Karp

2023 Public Schools Liaison



Ill. Bro. Thurgood Marshall Pursued Justice and Integration in Education

Editor's Note: The following material is quoted from a web page of The Grand Lodge of Ohio, at

<https://www.freemason.com/thurgood-marshall-freemason/>.

“If ever there was a man who represented the core tenets of Freemasonry Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth it was Thurgood Marshall. Marshall is famous for being the first African American justice of the Supreme Court, but his legacy and influence on our culture are so much greater than that. Brother Marshall had an astute legal mind and ardently voiced his support for civil rights and the policies needed to achieve them.... [¶] He was an attorney of much renown, a Supreme Court justice of 24-years, an activist, and a Prince Hall Freemason, belonging to Coal Creek Lodge #88 in Tulsa, Oklahoma....

“[Bro. Marshall] attended law school at Howard University, graduating first in his class in 1933....” [¶] Soon, the young man affiliated with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In 1935, still his first year as an attorney, Marshall represented the NAACP in the pivotal law school discrimination suit *Murray v. Pearson*. This lawsuit brought by the local NAACP challenged the University of Maryland Law School over its segregation policy, accusing the school of violating the Fourteenth Amendment's guarantee of equal protection of the laws by denying an African American applicant admission to its law

school solely on the basis of race. Marshall and NAACP won the lawsuit, paving the way for his battle to end racial segregation in America.

“He soon brought lawsuits that integrated other state universities and in 1936 he became the NAACP's chief legal counsel, challenging the board to pursue cases that would strike at the heart of segregation. In 1938, Marshall took the helm of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund (LDEF), arguing for pivotal cases such as *Sweatt v. Painter* and *McLaurin v. Oklahoma Board of Regents of Higher Education*. Thurgood won these cases, which were instrumental in starting to dismantle Jim Crow laws in higher education. Ultimately, Marshall argued one of the most critical cases in our nation's history in *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954. Winning this case in the Supreme Court resulted in the declaration that segregating public schools is unconstitutional.

“In 1967, [President] Johnson appointed Brother Marshall to the U.S. Supreme Court, where he served for 24 years until his retirement in 1991. President Johnson said nominating Marshall was, ‘the right thing to do, the right time to do it, the right man and the right place.’ Ever the liberal mind, Justice Marshall spent his many years on the court fighting for societal and political progress. He staunchly supported upholding individual rights, expanding civil rights, and limiting the scope of criminal punishment.

“Although many of the details of his time as a Freemason are limited, we do know that Brother Thurgood Marshall was a member of Coal Creek Lodge No. 88 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. He was director and counselor of the Prince Hall Grand Master's Conference and was a 33° AASR Prince Hall.”



Special Invitation Published at a Brother's Request

Brethren,
January 19th, 2024 and January 20th, 2024 will mark two very special days for Freemasonry in Windsor, Essex (Canada), and beyond.

On January 19th, 2024 Windsor Lodge No. 403 will hold its installation, preceded by a banquet. On January 20th, 2024 the Windsor Masonic Temple will hold a public unveiling/celebration, where we will celebrate all of the amazing work done on the Windsor Masonic Temple, to ensure it remains a place of friendship, community, and heritage "For The Next 100 Years."

While I understand it is (quite) a far trip from California to Windsor, Ontario (especially in Windsor), I hope you will consider it. It will be an amazing two days, and well-worth it. It is a quick trip from Detroit to Windsor, and I have information re: hotel reservations from the 19th to the 20th. Feel free to contact me about these days via email to

adamson_cameron@hotmail.com .

Fraternally,

W. Bro. Cameron Adamson, Secretary
Harmony Lodge No. 579, A.F. & A.M.
Grand Lodge of Canada
In the Province of Ontario
(Essex County District)



[Stated Meeting, August 5, 2023 with Hawaiian Shirts! Bro. Ryan stands out in front!]



[The Lodge "at refreshment:" Fellowship Dinner, August 16, 2023 with: WM Jhonny, taking the Selfie; Bro. Spo, SW; WBs Steve, Roger, Celso, all PMs; Bro. Akram, Sec'y; Bro. Ely, Asst. Treas.; Bros. Barry and David, Sideliners. In the background, WM Jhonny's lovely wife and their adorable son.]

Socializing with our Brothers

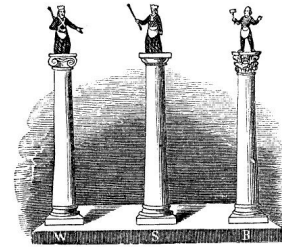
Grand Lodge's pamphlet, "Opening the Door," suggests:
"While the official stuff happens inside the lodge, most Masons will tell you that the most meaningful connections they make come outside those four walls."

This is why, among other things we do, we get together for an informal fellowship dinner at a restaurant monthly or so. Socializing with a mix of multicultural Brother Masons provides an enriching enjoyable experience for everyone. As the image (preceding page) shows, nine of us met for dinner on August 16, 2023, and had excellent conversation and camaraderie. They included our sitting Master and Senior Warden, three Past Masters, our Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, our former Treasurer and Yours Truly.

On September 13, 2023, 6-8PM, we will again meet for another no-host casual Fellowship dinner at Presidente Restaurant, 11451 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills, CA 91345.

A few words to the wise: If you don't attend, you miss the opportunity to tap into a wealth of knowledge, experience, and friendship. You can even arrive late, many do, but RSVP if possible.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp, Ed.



From the East

Brethren,
"To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons..." (*Monitor and Officers' Manual*).

There have been terrible wild fires in Hawaii and the Masonic Service Association of North America (MSA) is collecting relief money. You may send a check to Masonic Service Association, 813 1st Ave SE, Suite 357, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. MSA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Make your check payable to MSA Disaster Relief Appeal, clearly mark that you wish the funds to go to "Maui Wild Fires, Hawaii Disaster Relief Appeal." Or, donate from this site: <https://msana.com/current-appeals/> .

Or help in some way to relieve the distress of others recently impacted by the tropical storm, *Hilary*, that we experienced in August. Perhaps you might make "a gift to Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. Visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) , call 1-800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767), or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation." See,

<https://www.redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/2023/hurricane-hilary-threatens-southern-california-get-ready-now.html>

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

From the West

Brethren,
As we head into the last quarter of the year, it would be great for our 2024 officers to get qualified as soon as possible. If all goes as planned, we will be conferring a First Degree and a Third Degree this month. We can use these days to our advantage to qualify our 2024 lineup. Please reach out if you need any help or want to practice.

To the Brethren of our Lodge who are not in the officer line up, please try to attend all of our meetings and support our Lodge. I understand that we are all busy with our personal and professional lives but each member's attendance is critical to the growth and prosperity of our lodge. "The strength of the team is each member. The strength of each member is the team." Phil Jackson.

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

Our Multi-Cultural Lodge – An Op-Ed Piece

One of the unique attributes of our Lodge is its multi-cultural composition. We have members who trace their roots to the Phillippines, to Armenia, Syria, Lebanon, El Salvador, Belize, Mexico, and perhaps elsewhere, and some whose families have been in the United States for generations from other places across the globe. We are of different religious faiths, cultural backgrounds, interests, affinities, ages and stages in life. It is a treasure to experience and we must protect our unity, our spirit, our common goals, our harmony, and our respect for one another.

Sometimes we falter and misunderstand one another. That is human nature and excusable; and our teachings allow for correction. For instance,

we are instructed as follows: "As a Master Mason, you are authorized to correct the irregularities of your less informed brethren... To your inferiors in rank or office you are to recommend obedience and submission; to your equals, courtesy and affability; and to your superiors, kindness and condescension. Universal benevolence you are zealously to inculcate...." (*Monitor and Officers' Manual.*)

Also, we have this: "By the exercise of Brotherly Love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, the high and the low, the rich and the poor, who, as created by one Almighty Parent, and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support and protect each other. On this principle Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and causes true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance." *Id.*

So, we must endeavor, within and without the Lodge, to choose our words and actions carefully and with conscious regard for our differences so as to avoid attitudes or experiences unique to our personal backgrounds unintentionally disrespecting others, making them uncomfortable, or interfering with the harmony and peace of our ancient institution. Be self-aware, of your situation and that of others, so to give due respect to one another and to protect the valuable Masonic ties that bind us together. These words I take to heart for myself as I hope every one of us does for himself too.

"Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Fraternally, Bro. David I. Karp, Ed.