

# In the



# Daylight

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## Interdependence

### Foreword...

**I**nterdependence is "the state of being dependent upon one another : mutual dependence."

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/interdependence> .

In life, as in Freemasonry, we are interdependent on one another.

In our homes, we depend on our loved ones, and they depend on us, for love and support, for shelter, food, clothing, opportunity, emotional sustenance, and other things.

In our communities, we depend upon the superstructure of our local, state, and national governments for emergency resources, for protection and safety, for health and economic security, and for many other things as well. And these governmental entities depend upon us, as wisely suggested by President John F. Kennedy in his 1961 Inaugural Address: "Ask not what your country can do for you ask what you can do for your country."

<https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/president-john-f-kennedys-inaugural-address> .

In our Lodges, we depend on each other for friendship, fellowship, brotherly love, relief and truth in all our doings. We rely on our Brothers to assist in the work of the Lodge where needed, and our Brothers rely on our Lodge for the thoughtful and safe haven that it is.

In the Monitor, we find these summary words:

"As dependence is one of the strongest bonds of society, mankind were made dependent on each other for protection and security, as they thereby enjoy better opportunities of fulfilling the duties of reciprocal love and friendship. Thus was man formed for social and active life, the noblest part of the work of God; and he that will so demean himself as not to be endeavoring to add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding, may be deemed a drone in the hive of nature, a useless member of society, and unworthy of our protection as Masons."

As you read through this edition of "In the Daylight," recall for yourself the many ways in which we are mutually dependant on one another in our everyday experiences at home, in our communities, in our Lodge, and in life.

Fraternally,

Bro. David I. Karp, Editor



February Trestle Board appears on page 2.

## The Unique Masonic Tie of Mutual Dependence is Based on Love, Acceptance, and Inclusion.

Editor's Note: The following is quoted from an article on "What is Freemasonry?"

(<https://www.amicablelodge.com/blog/whatisfreemasonry>) by Wor. Bro. David L. Riley, 135th Past Master and former Secretary of Amicable Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, the oldest Masonic Lodge in Cambridge, Massachusetts, instituted in 1805.

"Freemasonry happens in a lodge and most particularly during degrees when the candidate kneels at the altar, places his hand on a Volume of Sacred Law, and takes upon himself the responsibilities and rights of a Mason. *Our ties of mutual dependence and affection make Freemasonry unique.* [Emphasis added]. The aims and philosophical teachings of the Order make it absolutely without peer....

"The primary means by which Freemasonry achieves its aims is nothing other than love. It teaches men of a variety of faiths, classes, nationalities, experiences, and opinions to regard one another as Brothers. It encourages men to build relationships over years of attendance at lodge of genuine and deep affection for one another. And because these are good men, Freemasonry places a thumb on each of her sons' moral scales, tilting the balance towards doing the right. No one wants to let down his friends. By broadening our circle of friendship, Freemasonry teaches us tolerance and compassion....

It is essential that lodges, therefore, be careful when admitting men to the Craft. All candidates must be willing to set aside their individual prejudices and preferences in favor of building friendships across the lines the profane world would use to divide us. A man whose

religion, for example, forbids respectful and generous relationships with those of another faith should be gently and kindly turned away from our door. A man who isn't already good and therefore desirous of maintaining the good opinion of his fellows cannot benefit from Freemasonry and our Society cannot admit him. Likewise, a lodge of men who are too much alike may not find themselves brought to a larger compassion."

### February 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.)

**Feb. 3, 2024** Lodge Dark

**Feb. 3-4, 2024**, Sec'y/Treas. Retreat, Irvine

**Feb. 8, 2024**, 7:00PM Executive Committee Mtg. on Zoom

**Feb. 10, 2024** Stated Meeting. Lunch donation \$15. [Please note increased amount.]

**Feb. 13, 2024** 7PM, District School of Instruction (formerly "OSI"), hosted by Van Nuys 450, 1<sup>st</sup> Deg., MM only.

**Feb. 15, 2024** 6PM, Fellowship Dinner TBD

**Feb. 17, 2024** 2<sup>nd</sup>. Deg. Practice

**Feb. 24, 2024** 2<sup>nd</sup> Deg. Conferral (2X)

**Feb. 29, 2024**, 7:00PM Executive Committee Mtg. on Zoom

For March and subsequent months, check out our calendar at

<https://clarencefsmith.org/events/> .

## The Core Message of Freemasonry includes Interdependence

**E**ditor's Note: The following is quoted from a webpage at <https://combermere.org.au/what-are-masonic-lodges/> of Combermere Lodge No. 752, on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England, located in Ivanhoe, VIC 33079 (Australia).

"[T]he real core of Freemasonry is the ceremonies which involve admitting new masons and teaching them Freemasonry's moral message. [¶] The moral message is not peculiar to Freemasonry, but is common to many systems natural equality, *dependence on others* [emphasis added], benevolence, intellectual truth, inevitable death, fidelity all under God. The method of teaching is Freemasonry's own, a series of ritual dramas, based on ancient mythology and stonemasons' customs and tools, in which the members of the lodge work together to get the message across to each new member."



## Nurturing Interdependence

**E**ditor's note: The following is quoted from an online blog of Ada Gonzalez, Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior, at <https://www.adagonzalez.com/blog/dependence-i-dependence-interdependence/2021-7-1>.

"Interdependence is a dynamic of being mutually and physically responsible to and sharing a common set of principles with others. This concept differs distinctly from 'dependence' in that an interdependent relationship implies

that participants are emotionally, economically, ecologically and or morally 'interdependent.'

'Some people advocate freedom or independence as a sort of ultimate good; others do the same with devotion to one's family, community, or society. Interdependence recognizes the truth in each position and weaves them together. Two [or more] people [who] cooperate with each other are said to be interdependent. It can also be defined as the interconnectedness and the reliance on one another socially, economically, emotionally and environmentally....

"As we mature, life encourages us to bring the healthy individuality (which we developed through our independence) into relationships and networks which involve a lot of healthy interdependence. People use words like mutuality, community and synergy to describe this good kind of interdependence....

"[I] interdependence is social.... Couples [for example] need to find a healthy balance between being an independent healthy "I" that can self-regulate and take personal responsibility and a collaborative "We" which can get household tasks done, child rearing demands met, and share the ups and downs of life.

... "You can experience a near-magical interdependence through good dialogue in your relationships, in your groups and organizations, and in your neighborhoods and communities.

"To nurture interdependence you need to practice putting yourself in the other's shoes, to learn and encourage in yourself empathy and compassion. You need to leave your ego out the door of your home and think of what is good for all...

"In a way, Interdependence is the balance between Dependence and Independence. We need a healthy dose of them too, but not in their extreme forms. Interdependence mediates this and helps couples [or groups, like our Lodge, to] become "we" without losing their individuality."



## The Beehive, Repairing the World, and Interdependence

**E**ditor's Note: The following is excerpted from *The Symbolism of the Beehive* by *Midnight Freemason* Guest Contributor WB Christian Garrett, 32°, K.T. at <http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2023/03/the-symbolism-of-beehive.html>

Among other things “the beehive can ... be related to the concept of *tikkun olam*, which is a central idea in Kabbalah and Jewish thought more broadly.

“*Tikkun olam* refers to the idea of repairing the world or making it a better place. This is accomplished through acts of kindness, justice, compassion, and by working together to create a more just and equitable society. The beehive in a similar manner represents the idea that by working together, individuals can accomplish great things and create positive change in the world.

“In conclusion, the beehive symbol in Freemasonry can be related to Kabbalah through its emphasis on unity, *interdependence* [emphasis added], and the importance of working together for the greater good. By reflecting on the lessons of the beehive, we as Masons can deepen our understanding of the divine structure of the universe, our place within it, as well as our role in repairing the world to create a more just and compassionate society.”

### CFS Daylight's Officers for 2024

Worshipful Master  
Bro. Spartak (“Spo”) Khachatryan  
Senior Warden Bro. Gerald J. Alvarez  
Junior Warden Bro. Joseph R. Chavez  
Treasurer Bro. Ely Ayao  
Secretary Bro. Akram Al-Awar  
Asst. Secretary  
Bro. Thomas (“Tom”) K. Sheehan  
Chaplain  
Bro. Virgilio (“Virgil”) A. Maravillas, Sr.  
Senior Deacon Bro. Lloyd Donasco  
Junior Deacon Bro. Elvis L. Alvarez  
Senior Steward  
Bro. Mkhitar (“Mike”) Mkrtchyan  
Junior Steward  
WB Archimedes (“Kim”) S. Cabanig, PM  
Marshal Bro Marvin De Guzman  
Organist Bro. Mark G. Cano  
Tiler Bro. William (“Bill”) C. Raddatz  
Officers' Coach  
WB Archimedes (“Kim”) S. Cabanig, PM

Candidates' Coach  
Rogelio (“Roger”) L. Soriano, PM  
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Brother Akram Al-Awar

## Interdependence Throughout the Ages

Here are just a few collected quotes in  
chronological order:

Hillel (~First Century C.E.):

“If I am not for myself, who will be for me?

If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not  
now, when?”

<https://www.hillel.org/if-i-am-not-for-myself-who-will-be-for-me-a-discussion-for-developing-a-practice-of-self-care/>

John Donne (1572-1631):

“No man is an island,/ Entire of itself,/ Every  
man is a piece of the continent,/ A part of the  
main.”

<https://discoverpoetry.com/poems/john-donne/no-man-is-an-island/>

Blanche in *A Streetcar Named Desire* (1951)  
by Tennessee Williams: “Whoever you are I  
have always depended on the kindness of  
strangers.”

<https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/streetcar/quotes/page/5/>

(Bro. \*) Justice Potter Stewart in *Lynch v.  
Household Finance Corp.*, 405 U.S. 538, at 552  
(1972):

“Property does not have rights. People have  
rights.... In fact, a fundamental interdependence  
exists between the personal right to liberty and  
the personal right in property. Neither could have  
meaning without the other.

<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/405/538/>

[\*Bro. Stewart was raised in Lafayette Lodge  
No. 81, Cincinnati Ohio in 1951.

[https://www.srkc.org/history/famous/supremes/stewart\\_potter/](https://www.srkc.org/history/famous/supremes/stewart_potter/) ]

### Masonic Recognition

#### Past Masters of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M.

Steven A. Wolvek (2017-2018)  
Rogelio (“Roger”) L. Soriano (2019)  
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2020-2021)  
Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan (2022)  
Fernando (“Jhonny”) O. Lebrilla, Jr. (2023)

#### 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.



## And Now, A Few Words about President Lincoln

“Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States, was born in a single-room log cabin on Sinking Spring Farm in LaRue County, Kentucky on February 12, 1809.”

<https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/february-12/> . Here are a few words about him as quoted in a Masonic Address after his death:

“From Masonic Monthly, May, 1865, p. 351.

“Office of the C. M. of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.

“City of Washington, April 21, 1865.

“R. W. Rob't. D. Holmes, D. G. Master, G. L. of N. Y.

“MY DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER:

“Yours of the 19th is just received. President Lincoln was not a Freemason. He once told me in the presence of M. W. Bro. J. W. Simons, that he had at one time made up his mind to apply for admission to our Fraternity but that he feared he was too lazy to attend to his duty as a Mason, as he should like to do, and that he had not carried out his intentions. [¶] I told him that it was not too late now. ‘Well,’ said he, ‘as likely as not I shall apply to you some day to let me in.’ [¶] He was the most pure hearted, honest, upright man I ever knew, and ought to have been a Mason. Had he been my own father I could not have lamented his death more sincerely than I do.

“Very truly and Fraternally yours,

“B. B. FRENCH.”

Source: *ABRAHAM LINCOLN*

*FREEMASON: AN ADDRESS*

Delivered before Harmony Lodge No. 17, F.A.A.M., Washington, D. C., January 28, 1914, BY DR. L. D. CARMAN, P.M. available online at

<https://scholarsjunction.msstate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1951&context=fvw-pamphlets>



## WB George Washington, Born February 22, 1732

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from an online article at <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/freemasonry/> :

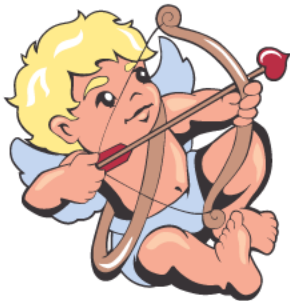
“Washington joined Freemasonry in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia. He was 20 years old when he received the first degree of Entered Apprentice on November 4, 1752. He paid the lodge two pounds and three shillings to join. Ten days after turning 21, on March 3, 1753, he was passed to the second degree of Fellowcraft. On August 4, 1753, he was raised to the third degree of Master Mason. The lodge's surviving minute book records Washington attending only two more meetings: September 1, 1753, and January 4, 1755....

“Beginning in 1778 and through the remainder of his life, Washington was a frequent participant in Masonic ceremonies. On June 24, 1779, for example, Washington attended American Union Lodge's celebration of the Feast of St. John the Baptist. That lodge comprised officers and enlisted men within the Connecticut regiments. He also visited King Solomon's Lodge in Poughkeepsie, New York, on December 27, 1783.

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“After the war, in 1784, Washington accepted the invitation of his friends and neighbors to attend a June banquet at Alexandria Lodge No. 39, where he was elected an honorary member. Four years later he agreed to be charter master of the lodge when it transferred its allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the Grand Lodge of Virginia. In 1794, the lodge commissioned William Williams to paint Washington dressed in Masonic regalia. After Washington’s death the lodge changed its name to Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22.”



“One is very crazy when in love.”

Sigmund Freud.

Source: Rosten, Leo. *Leo Rosten's Carnival of Wit*. New York: A Dutton Book, 1994. Print. pp. 287-290.



[Stated Meeting, January 6, 2024]

## We Can't Leave Out Some Things for Valentine's Day

Here are some quips on “love” as collected in *Leo Rosten's Carnival of Wit*:

“First love is only a little foolishness and a lot of curiosity” George Bernard Shaw

“Love is like the measles: We all have to go through it” Jerome K. Jerome

“Love: A temporary insanity curable by marriage.” Ambrose Pierce

“The love game is never called off on account of darkness.” Anonymous

“Where love is, no room is too small.” Folk Saying

“Love: The only fire for which there is no insurance.” Anonymous

“Love is a serious mental disease.” Plato



[Circumambulation of our newly installed Worshipful Master, Spartak Khachatryan (left), escorted by Master of Ceremonies, Worshipful Celso Cardano, Past Master (right), at the January 13, 2024, Installation of Lodge Officers.]



## Announcing Our “Write On” Campaign for Certain School Supplies

**B**y order of our Worshipful Master, Clarence F. Smith Daylight No. 866 begins in February collecting *unopened boxes of new* Blue/Black Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Erasers, Spiral Notebooks, Filler Paper, and Composition Books, for students to use for their writing assignments.

This effort benefits LAUSD’s Homeless Education Program and supports the Lodge’s charitable goals, its care for public education and literacy, its commitment to public awareness of the fraternity and its endeavors to improve the world.

Drop-off collection will take place at the Lodge (upstairs dining room) on the following Saturdays in the A.M.: **February 10, March 2, April 13, and May 4**. Alternatively, if you purchase online, you may choose direct delivery to our Campaign Coordinator, at his business address: David I. Karp, 6311 Van Nuys Bl. No. 409, Van Nuys, CA 91401.

Whatever you can donate will help. Thank you.

Fraternally,  
Bro. David I. Karp  
“Write On” Campaign Coordinator

## From the East

**B**rethren,  
I would like to thank everyone who helped make our 2024 Installation of Officers a special and successful event. It will be one that I will never forget. Thank you to WB Celso Cardano, WB Roger Soriano, and WB Jovi Rivera for taking on the roles of Installing Officers and being exemplary brothers like always. Thank you to the Grottoes for the beautifully conducted flag presentation, to everyone who helped behind the scenes, and to Bro. Steve Engstrom for the great photography work.

Please note that the Stated Meeting for the month of February has been postponed to February 10th, where I will propose our annual budget and appoint committees.

We have a 2nd degree practice scheduled for February 17th and two 2nd degree conferrals on the 24th. I hope to see you all there.

Fraternally,  
Wor. Spartak (“Spo”) Khachatryan  
Master

## From the West

**B**rethren,  
I hope everyone is well. Last January 13, 2024, we celebrated our annual installation of officers.

First of all, congratulations to the installed Worshipful Master Spartak " Spo " Khachatryan and to all installed officers of Clarence F Smith DAYLIGHT Lodge 866. I hope that this year finds us all with wisdom and harmony from the new line of officers. New offices, duties, and challenges for all. We will overcome all of those challenges with your help and support. I am encouraging everyone to support our newly installed Worshipful Master and his Pillars as to their views and plans for their calendar year.

As a Senior Warden this year, I will do my best to support the Master and his goals for the



benefit of the Lodge. I will do my best with my knowledge to teach and guide the candidates in their journey in Masonry. Let the brotherly love, relief, and truth harmonize us through the year.

Thank you to Worshipful Fernando "Jhonny" Lebrilla for serving us. We greatly appreciate your hard work and dedication to our fraternity.

To all brethren who helped us to set up the Lodge, and helped us to prepare the food for our installation, thank you very much. That's the duty of every one of us whenever there is need. For this next year, we hope you tirelessly support and guide us as well.

I hope to see you all in our monthly stated meetings and at other times. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us all.

Fraternally and Respectfully Yours,  
Gerald Alvarez  
Senior Warden

## From the South

**H**ello Brethren.  
I would like to take the time to thank every single one of you who were able to attend our Officers Installation; for those who could not be there in person but were there in spirit, thank you as well.

I encourage all the brethren to make time or any necessary adjustments in their schedule in an effort to attend our February stated meeting on February 10. February is "The month of New Beginnings, Love and Self-Love."

Brethren, our initial plan of action is to create a list detailing any food or medication allergies anyone might have. This may seem unnecessary, but could help accommodate those who may need it, and help prevent unwanted emergencies. As a precaution, I plan to create a medical kit with a few necessary items including, among other things, Tylenol and Benadryl (in case it is needed).

We currently find ourselves getting lunch from the same 3-4 places, however, I am open to

any suggestions or recommendations anyone may have.

Per the order of the Master of our Lodge. Lunch donations are increased beginning this month from \$10/person to \$15/person. This will help us manage our lunch expenditures better.

To all of our sisters, friends and family I wish you a Happy Valentine's Day. Also, Best birthday wishes to all our Brethren born in February: Bros. Michael, Axle, Ibrahim, Edward, John .

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,  
Brother Joseph Chavez  
Junior Warden

## Where is Everyone? (A Short Op-Ed Piece)

**S**uppose this: Only a few Masons have been gathering for meetings to which ALL Brothers have been invited. Maybe it's a Stated Meeting, a Degree Meeting, or some other informal get-together. Among the few attendees, one asks, "Where is everyone?" Another questions, "Why can't we get more participation?" A third queries, "What can we do to change this?" What if the answer is: personal contact? Active officers and members could be paired-up with a missing Brother, to reach out by telephone to him find out why we don't see him, to invite him to come, to offer a ride if needed, and/or to suggest a way for him to help with something meaningful in/for the lodge. E-mail, social media, even this op-ed piece, are inadequate substitutes for the personal call. Nevertheless, not to miss an opportunity... If we are not seeing you regularly, please come to Lodge on February 10 and let us help you re-engage with the Lodge. After all, we are interdependent on one another.

Fraternaly, Bro. David I. Karp, Editor