

# In the



# Daylight

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## Industry, Discovery, Invention

### Foreword...

“The Bee Hive is an emblem of industry.... It teaches us, that as we came into the world rational and intelligent beings, so we should ever be industrious ones; never sitting down contented while our fellow-creatures around us are in want, especially when it is in our powers to relieve them, without inconvenience to ourselves.” See, Grand Lodge of California’s *Monitor and Officers Manual* (1989 edition) pp. 38-39.

In this edition, we look to some of our more industrious and inventive Brethren whose creativity and business acumen recall the ideals of the Masonic Bee Hive.

As entrepreneurs and inventors, they weren’t necessarily the common workers now honored by Labor Day (first Monday in September); nevertheless, they made employment available for their workers and benefitted society by what they did.

Of course, also included in this edition are items of Lodge news and events. Please enjoy the read.

Fraternally, Bro. David I. Karp, Editor



### September Trestle Board

(We meet in person each month on the first and third Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Van Nuys Masonic Center, except as otherwise noted. Always subject to change.)

September 5, 2024 – 7PM, Exec. Bd. Mtg. on Zoom

September 7, 2024 – 11AM, Stated Meeting.  
Lunch donation \$15/person.

September 14, 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, see pp. 7-8

September 19, 2024 – 6-8PM, Fellowship Dinner, TBA

September 21, 2024 – Degree Conferral

September 28, 2024 – District School of Instruction, CFS Hosts.

Please check our online calendar for changes, updates and future events at <https://clarencefsmith.org/events/>.

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**Also see important notice on page 8 about amending our Bylaws re fees and dues.**

### 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  
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Bro. Virgilio ("Virgil") A. Maravillas, Sr.  
Senior Deacon Bro. Lloyd Donasco  
Junior Deacon Bro. Elvis L. Alvarez  
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Bro. Mkhitar ("Mike") Mkrtychyan  
Junior Steward  
WB Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig, PM  
Marshal Bro Marvin De Guzman  
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WB Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig, PM  
Candidates' Coach  
Rogelio ("Roger") L. Soriano, PM  
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Brother Akram Al-Awar



## Some of our More Notable Entrepreneurial Masons

**E**ditor's Note: The following short biographies are quoted from the website of Lodge St. Patrick no. 468, Irish Constitution at

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

**"Chrysler, Walter Percy (1875-1940)** A machinist, railroad mechanic and entrepreneur, Walter Chrysler made his name at Buick (where he became one of the highest paid executive officers in the world) before he founded the Chrysler Corporation."



**"Ford, Henry (1863-1947)** Henry Ford was from Irish and Belgian decent. Following a few false starts, he founded the Ford Motor Company in 1903 and introduced large scale assembly-line production, thereby creating the first widely available, lightweight and affordable motor car, the Model T. This vehicle was introduced on 1 October 1908 and by the end of production in 1927, 15,007,034 had been produced. Of his mass production ethos, Ford wrote in his biography, 'A customer can have the car painted any colour he wants so long as it's black.'"

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“**Lipton, Sir Thomas Johnstone** 1st Baronet (1850-1931) Even in the 21st century, tea is what makes this Freemason a famous name. Thomas Lipton was born in Glasgow of Irish-Scottish parentage. Having worked as young man in America, he returned to Scotland to open a grocery store, and this he grew into a hugely successful chain. During this time he established Lipton’s tea processing factories in England and the U.S.A....”

“**Macy, Rowland Hussey** (1822-1877) Rowland Macy was an American-born Quaker, who started a small dry goods store in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Under his guidance it grew into the famous Macy’s Department Stores of New York.”

“**Olds, Ransom Eli** (1864-1950) Ransom Olds was the American automobile inventor and manufacturer who, in 1899, founded the Olds Motor Vehicle Company that went on to produce the Oldsmobile and, later, he founded the REO brand. Olds claimed to have built a steam car as early as 1894, and his first petrol powered automobile in 1896. He also introduced the ‘assembly line’ for car manufacture (ca.1901-1902), thus pre-dating that of Henry Ford.... Olds attended Capitol Lodge No. 66, Lansing, Michigan.

“**Ringling Brothers** This famous circus family benefitted Freemasonry with the membership of all of its seven sons, and even their father too! Five of the Ringling Brothers started the Ringling Brothers Circus in 1870 with two other brothers, Henry and Augustus joining later. At one time, John Nicholas Ringling had become one of the richest men in the world, with property in Florida and a large collection of art, but the Great Depression (1929-1939) robbed him of most of his fortune.”

[“Entrepreneurs” continues in next column.]



“**Sarnoff, David** (1891-1971) This Russian-born broadcasting executive did much to promote broadcasting around the world. In America Sarnoff started as an office worker with Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, later absorbed by the Radio Corporation of America (RCA). Rising to the top ranks of RCA, he organized the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) as part of RCA, and NBC became the first permanent broadcasting network. It was Sarnoff who first envisioned “broadcasting”, that is, radio for the masses, not individual to individual. He did the same with television, which he also helped to pioneer.”

“**Stanford, Amasa Leland** (1824-1893) A pioneer railroad builder and government official, Stanford was a founder and president of the Central Pacific Railroad (1861- 1893), which made his fortune. Along with his wife, he founded and endowed Leland Stanford, Jr. University (1885) in memory of their only son, who died in 1884 at age 15. Stanford was the man famous for driving in the gold spike linking the United States’ continent’s coast-to-coast railroad lines.”

“**Warner, Jack Leonard** (Given name: Jacob Warner) (1892-1978) Jack Warner was born in the town of London in Canada, the youngest (but certainly the most ambitious) of the four filmmaking Warner brothers. Following the untimely death of his brother Sam, Jack Warner was often at difference with his two surviving brothers, Albert and Harry. In July 1956, he... became president and controller of Warner Brothers’ Entertainment Incorporated.... Like his brothers, Jack attended Mount Olive Lodge No. 506 in California.



## Notable Discoverers & Inventors in the Craft

**E**ditor's note: Note: The following short biographies are also quoted from the website of Lodge St. Patrick no. 468, Irish Constitution at <https://www.lodgestpatrick.co.nz/famous.php> :

### **“Desaguliers, John Theophilus (1683-1744)**

John Desaguliers (Pronounced: day-zagüly-ay) was a French Freemason and natural philosopher. On 29 July 1714, he was elected a member of The Royal Society of London, and progressed to be presented with the Royal Society's highest honour, the Copley Medal, in 1734, 1736 and 1741, with the 1741 award being for his discovery of the properties of electricity. He studied at Oxford, became experimental assistant to Freemason Sir Isaac Newton ... and later popularized Newtonian theories and their practical applications. Amazingly, Desaguliers has been credited as the inventor of the planetarium, on the basis of some plans he published....An ardent Freemason, Desaguliers was elected the third Grand Master in 1719, and was Deputy Grand Master in 1723 and 1725 of the newly formed Premier Grand Lodge of England..., [i]n which capacity he oversaw the publication of the first Masonic Book of Constitutions in the world. It was said of Desaguliers, ‘Of all those who were engaged in the revival of Freemasonry in the beginning of the Eighteenth Century, none performed a more important part than he to whom may be well applied the epithet of “The Father of Modern speculative Freemasonry”, and to whom, perhaps, more than any other person, is the

present Grand Lodge of England indebted for its existence.”

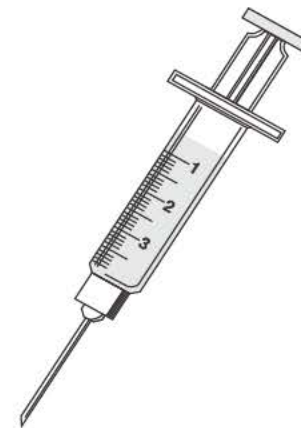
### **“Fleming, Sir Alexander (1881-1955)**

Alexander Fleming was a Scottish-born biologist and pharmacologist. In 1928, he discovered penicillin, a drug which was to save thousands of lives in World War II and millions around the world thereafter. He shared a Nobel Prize, in 1945, for this world health changing achievement. A busy Freemason when time allowed, Fleming was a member of the London Scottish Rifles Lodge No. 2310.”

**“Gillette, King Camp (1855-1932)** A universally famous American businessman, inventor and manufacturer, Gillette is credited with developing the safety razor and founded the Gillette Safety Razor Company in 1902.”

**“Jenner, Edward Anthony (1749-1823)** A pioneer English scientist and physician, Edward Jenner really studied his natural surroundings in

Berkeley, Gloucestershire, England, from a scientist's perspective. Jenner is widely credited as the creator of the vaccine for smallpox. He is sometimes referred to as the ‘Father of Immunology’; his works have been said to have ‘saved more lives than the work of any other man’. Having studied under surgeon and anatomist, John Hunter, from the age of 21 at St. George's (Teaching) Hospital in London, Jenner developed a talent for observation that later led him to notice that milkmaids, who had had cowpox, were immune from smallpox. On the 14 May 1796, Jenner tested his theory on 8 year old James Phipps (the son of his gardener) and proved it to be correct....”



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**“Lindbergh, Charles Augustus**

(1902-1974) Emerging from the virtual obscurity of being a U.S. Air Mail pilot 25-year old Charles Lindbergh became the most famous of all American aviators when he completed the first solo, non-stop transatlantic flight from New York to Paris in 1927. Having travelled the then staggering distance of 3,625 miles (5,836km) in a single engined, petrol-powered monoplane (A Ryan NYP called ‘Spirit of St. Louis’. ) and, as a U.S. Army reserve officer, Lindbergh was awarded the Medal of Honor for his historic exploit. In his later years, Lindbergh became a prolific prize-winning author, international explorer, inventor and environmentalist. His Masonic lodge was Keystone Lodge No.243, St. Louis, Missouri, USA.”

**“McAdam, John Loudon (1756-1836) - A** Scottish engineer and road-builder, John McAdam invented a new process, “macadamisation”, for building roads with a smooth hard surface that would be more durable and less muddy than soil-based tracks. Modern road construction still reflects McAdam’s influence. Of subsequent improvements, the most significant was the introduction of tar (originally coal tar) to bind the road surface’s stones together “tarmac” (for Tar McAdam) followed later by the use of hot-laid tarred aggregate or tar-sprayed chippings to create better road metalling. More recently, oil-based asphalt laid on reinforced concrete has become a major road surface, but its use of granite or limestone chippings still recalls McAdam’s innovation.”

**“Montgolfier, Jacque-Étienne (1745-1799)**

Jacque-Étienne along with his brother, Joseph-Michel, was co-inventor of the hot-air balloon which caused a sensation, bordering on a miraculous event, when it flew over Paris in 1783. Montgolfier was initiated into Loge des Neuf Sœurs in Paris in 1784.”

**“Naismith, James A. (1861-1939)** James Naismith was the Canadian-born sports educator who, while working in the U.S.A., invented the game of basketball.”

**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)  
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)  
Akram Al-Awar (2024)  
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2022)  
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.



## Grand Master's Proclamation

### SEPTEMBER 2024 IS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH

Shining the Light of Freemasonry

Whereas California public schools continue to face acute 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;

As grand master, I therefore proclaim September 2024 to be Public Schools Month in California.

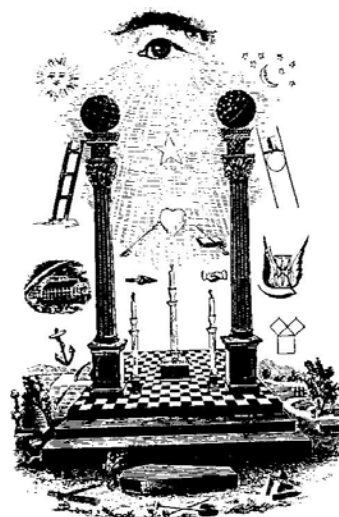
As California Masonry celebrates more than 100 years of Public Schools Month, support for our schools, teachers, and students has never been more important. Even with the return to in-person learning, our schools are facing challenges related to funding, staffing, and support. The result is that students are falling behind. In many cases, the achievement gap in California's schools is widening at an extraordinary pace. It is up to organizations like the Masons of California to help close 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.

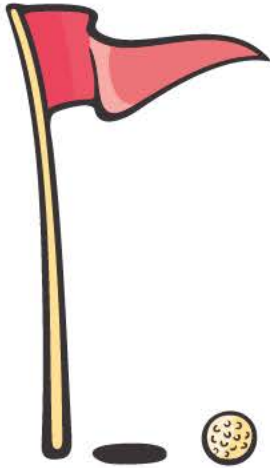
For more than a century, California Masons have been vocal and active supporters of our public schools, donating their time, money, and energy to provide the resources and support they need to fulfill their potential. In that spirit, I call on California Masons to take this opportunity to work together as individuals, lodges, and as a statewide fraternity 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 G. Sean Metroka

Attest: Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou





## Golf Tournament Rescheduled to September 14

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 will hold its Fourth Annual Golf Tournament on September 14, 2024, at Knollwood Country Club, 12040 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91355. Registration at 9AM, Tee time at 10AM. Green Fees are \$120, Hole Sponsorships \$100. Portions of the proceeds support Rainbow for Girls Van Nuys Chapter and Lodge projects and activities. For more information, sponsorship and any payment, contact Bros. Darren Hojjati (818-554-7938) or Ely Ayao (818-335-5919). Zelle payments go to [cfsjuniorwarden@gmail.com](mailto:cfsjuniorwarden@gmail.com). Awarding and fellowship to follow at Van Nuys Masonic Center (the address is above). The awards include: "Closest to Pin," "Longest Drive," "\$10K hole in one," trophies for Class A, B, C (format System 36), prizes and giveaways.

The flyer for this event is posted on our website at <https://clarencefsmith.org/>. Also, see the letter from the Tournament Chair, next. DIK.

## A Letter from our Golf Tournament Chair

Hello Brethren,  
We are excited to announce our 4th Annual Clarence F Smith Daylight Lodge #866 Golf Tournament taking place on Saturday September 14th, 2024, at Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills, CA.

The golf tournament is one of our major fundraisers for the year and proceeds go towards support of the Rainbow for Girls Van Nuys chapter and keeping our lodge in good financial standing so we can continue support lodge projects and activities.

Hole sponsorships for the golf tournament are \$100 (major sponsorships are \$300+). Sponsorship payments can be made by Zelle to [cfsjuniorwarden@gmail.com](mailto:cfsjuniorwarden@gmail.com). If you would like to pay by check or cash please speak to Bro Darren Hojjati directly, phone is (818) 554-7938 or Bro Ely Ayao (818) 335-5919.

We understand that not every brother can just sponsor \$100. For those brothers who cannot sponsor (and/or if you like to sponsor and volunteer), you can help our lodge by volunteering to support the golf tournament. We need help with the following:

- Preparing tournament player's lunch goodie bag.

- Working the registration booth.

- Starter (making sure every group starts on time)/scorecard collector.

- Preparing the awards ceremony dinner.

- Displaying and collecting signage for hole sponsors, closest to the pin.

- Replenishers (making sure players are being supplied with hydration and other goodies during the tournament).

- Verifying the closest to the pin contests.

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You are also invited to play in the tournament. Green fee is \$125 per player and includes tournament entry, eligibility for hole-in-one prizes, and lunch goodie bag. Details on tournament format are [on the preceding page.]

Last ask, if you can kindly reach out to other lodges to get the news out about our gold tournament, that would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call me directly on my cell phone (818) 554-7938.

Fraternally,  
Bro Darren Hojjati,  
Tournament Chair



## Second Notice Re Amending Bylaws. Voting at October Stated Meeting

**C**larence F. Smith Daylight Lodge, No.  
866 F&AM of California.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AS  
FOLLOWS:

At the July 6, 2024, Stated Meeting of this Lodge, two Resolutions were presented to amend the Bylaws (1) as to FEES (Uniform Code of By-Laws of Lodges, Article III, Section 1), and (2) as to DUES (Uniform Code, etc., *supra*, Article III, Section 2). Said Resolutions, and each of them, were presented in writing, read in lodge to the Brethren, and lodged with the Secretary to be noted upon the minutes of the Lodge.

AS TO FEES:

"Resolved, The table of fees for this Lodge shall be as follows:

"A. For the degrees, the sum of \$600.00.

"B. For the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, when the Entered Apprentice degree has been received in another Lodge, the sum of \$400.00.

"C. For the degree of Master Mason, when the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees have been received in another Lodge, the sum of \$200.00.

"D. For affiliation, the sum of \$100. There are no exceptions."

AS TO DUES:

"Resolved, Section 2. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$150.00 plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, with the total thus determined rounded up to the next higher whole multiple of \$10.00, per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January."

The members of this Lodge are notified hereby and herein, that the foregoing Amendments, and each of them, will be voted upon at the October Stated Meeting to be held on the 5th day of October, 2024, and that each said Amendment requires a vote of approval by two-thirds of the members in good standing present on that date.

If the Lodge approves the Amendment re fees, the Amendment shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master.

If the Lodge approves the Amendment re dues, the Amendment shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master and the increase shall become effective upon the start of the fiscal year of the Lodge following the Grand Master's approval of the increase.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE  
FOREGOING AND GOVERN YOURSELVES  
ACCORDINGLY.



## Bro. Akram Lauded at July Hiram Award Ceremony

As shown by the images below, Bro. Akram Al-Awar, our Secretary of many years, was singled out and celebrated for his dedicated service by the assembled Lodge Officers, Brothers, other Hiram Recipients, family, friends, colleagues and other interested parties, when he was presented with the Lodge's 2024 Hiram Award on July 24, 2024. We were treated thereafter to delicious authentic Lebanese cuisine at a local restaurant, all supplied lavishly in his honor. Congratulations once again to our newest Hiram Awardee. DIK.



## Our New Service Project: Hygiene Kits for Unhoused Children

In celebration of Public Schools month (see p. 6, *ante*), we have a new project. This time it's collecting assembled hygiene kits for the children served by the LAUSD Homeless Education Program, all as more particularly described in the patch.com article, at <https://patch.com/california/encino/valley-masonic-lodge-will-collect-hygiene-kits-homeless-children-nodx>, as quoted below in pertinent part.

“Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, Free and Accepted Masons of California, which meets in Van Nuys, has begun collecting Hygiene Kits for the benefit of children served by the Los Angeles Unified School District's Homeless Education Program.

“This effort supports the Lodge's charitable goals, its care for public education, its commitment to public awareness of the fraternity, and its endeavors to improve the world.

“Masons and the public may contribute by making and dropping-off, at the Lodge, assembled hygiene kits consisting of travel-size shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, dental floss, body soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, brush/comb, preferably in a large zip lock bag for a student in need.

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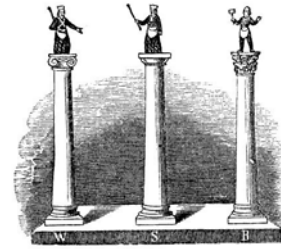


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“Drop-off collection will take place at the Lodge (upstairs dining room, address is below) on the following Saturdays in the A.M.: August 3, 2024, September 7, 2024, October 5, 2024; or contact Bro. David I. Karp, Campaign Coordinator, at 818-515-9361 or [davidikarp@karpmediation.com](mailto:davidikarp@karpmediation.com) to make other arrangements.

“The Grand Master of Masons in California proclaimed September 2024 to be "Public Schools Month," which is the genesis of the Lodge's efforts as described.”

[Editor’s note: If you have younger children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, then assembling a kit with them to bring to the Lodge might be a good at-home learning opportunity so to teach or remind them about homelessness, hygiene and humanitarianism. Just a thought. DIK.]



## From the East

Brethren,  
I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Our schedule is packed this month, with our Stated meeting scheduled for the 7th, our golf tournament on the 14th, a degree conferral on the 21st, and an OSI on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you haven't volunteered yet but want to contribute to the success of our golf tournament, please contact Brother Darren or Brother Ely to find out where we may need additional assistance.

The success of our lodge's fundraising events depends on our members working together and each member contributing, rather than only a few taking on all of the work. Your hard work and dedication to our lodge and Masonry are noticed and greatly appreciated.

Officers, please make sure to attend the OSI on the 28th, as our lodge will be hosting the OSI and exemplifying the 2nd section of the third degree. Open to all Master Masons. Officer's attendance is required.

To next year's officers, please work on qualifying for your respective stations and reach out if you need any help.

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



[Stated Meeting, August 3, 2024]

Our Assistant Secretary, Bro. Tom, would like to remind you that the California Grand Lodge's 174th Annual Communication is upcoming, October 25-27, 2024, and that your arrangements for it should be well beforehand if you are planning to attend. For more details, see <https://freemason.org/anncomm24/>.

## From the West

Brethren,  
I would like to thank all the Brothers who supported, donated for, and otherwise helped at our annual breakfast fundraising event, especially Bro Ely who obtained all the groceries and organized the food preparation. Thanks also to all the chefs who came as early as 5am and helped us cook: WB Archimedes " Kim " Cabanig, Bros. Elvis Alvarez, Bro Jerron, "Jay" Laurente, Earl Austria, Aldrin Perez, Ely Ayao, Darren Hojjati and our two Applicants Adam Santiago and Harlem Ruiz. Breakfast was delicious and successful and we greatly appreciated your help and contributions. Also, thank you to WB Jhonny Lebrilla for donating drinks and some breakfast items. To our Junior Warden Bro Joseph Chavez thank you for your time in assisting, writing down the visitors' names, and being our cashier.

To all brothers of Clarence F Smith Daylight Lodge 866, we are asking again for your generosity in donating and supporting our upcoming golf tournament/fundraising event. It will be held on September 14, 2024. Support from each of us will make a big difference. We encourage everyone, if possible, to sponsor a hole or bring one sponsor from your families, friends and at work.

Reminder, we encourage all our Brethren to attend our September and October Stated Meetings to discuss the proposed increases in our annual dues and application fees. We need to hear your opinions and feedback about the proposal. We will vote on the proposals at the October Stated Meeting, before Annual Communication.

HAPPY LABOR DAY... TO ALL...

Respectfully and Fraternaly,  
Gerald Alvarez  
Senior Warden



## From the South

Hello Brethren,  
First and foremost, I would like to remind the newly raised Master Masons to travel whenever you are free. It's a nice feeling when you are greeted by other Brothers and share special moments with them. It's also a great time to meet the incoming officers as well as the current ones.

I would also like to remind the Brethren of the importance of helping out with our September 14, 2024, Golf tournament (Knollwood course) in Granada hills. Your participation makes it a lot smoother in filling designated areas during the tournament.

Another Reminder: As I have written before, for those brothers who would like to Donate Blood, Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center(1515 N. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles 90027) has a blood drive going on. These are the last 2 dates if you would like to help out: August 23, 2024 & December 20, 2024. To schedule an appointment please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: KAISERSUNSET. Helping others helps us to improve ourselves and our communities.

Lastly, our thoughts and prayers go out to the family members of Worshipful Master Ed Medina Past Master of Pacific Rim Lodge #567. Also, Happy Birthday Brothers: WM Celso C, WM Edgar Y, Bro. Barry M.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Bro. Joseph Chavez, Junior Warden



## BONUS ARTICLE: Freemasonry and Civility

**D**escribing an incident of political disagreement between strangers, R.:W.: Andre H. Faria, Jr., Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, cites to the work of our own Past Grand Master, M.:W.: Russ Charvonja, an ardent proponent of civility.

In Faria's online article entitled *The Role of Freemasonry in Civility*, R.:W.: Faria initially summarizes M.:W.: Charvonja's five steps to cultivate civility, as follows:

"[First,] to acknowledge that we may have differences and that this is OK. Just because someone thinks differently than we do does not necessarily make them our enemy.

"[Second,] - and this takes courage and grit to really try and understand why someone else believes what they believe and thinks what they think.

"[Third,] to genuinely tolerate someone else, even if you don't agree with them (M.:W.: Charvonja believes that it is at this point that a person begins the path to enlightenment.)

"[Fourth,] to recognize that the goal is not to change another person, but rather to live with them and live with their perspectives.

"[Fifth,] to appreciate the unique qualities in someone else so as to improve their situation, and he believes that this is true enlightenment."

<https://www.rimasons.org/freemasonry-community-rhode-island/masonic-news/14-within-the-craft/384-the-role-of-freemasonry-in-civility> .

Faria adds that M.:W.: Charvonja "believes that we as Freemasons have the unique opportunity to become beacons of civility in our world. We have the tools that are needed to live civilly in our society and to teach our society how to be civil." *Id.*

Ultimately, Faria writes, Freemasons -- with the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth so deeply ingrained -- become living examples of civility "to others, no matter [their] stations[s] in life anywhere on the planet," [*Id.*]

. . .and especially in these days of national and international discord.

Fraternally,  
Bro. David I. Karp

