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## FROM THE EAST

### Rudyard Kipling, the Master Mason

Greetings, Brethren!

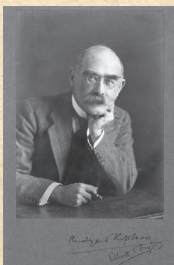
Be please to know that our Worshipful Master is recovering well from his eye surgery. Since his vision has been limited, due to post surgery requirements, he has asked that I place as his article for the Trestleboard, the famous poem, "If," by Brother Rudyard Kipling. Be please, therefore, to enjoy the following, as the Master's sentiments for the month of May:

IF BY BROTHER RUDYARD KIPLING

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you



Except the Will which says to them:  
"Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,

Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,

If all men count with you, but none too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's

in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son.

Joseph Rudyard Kipling, 30 December 1865 – 18 January 1936[1] was an English short-story writer, poet, novelist and Nobel laureate. He wrote tales and poems of British soldiers in India and stories for children. He was born in Bombay, and moved to England when he was five years old. Brother Kipling was initiated in Freemasonry at the age of twenty and a half, by special dispensation obtained for the purpose, in the Hope and Perseverance Lodge, No. 782, at Lahore. In 1888 joined the Independence and Philanthropy Lodge, No. 391, meeting at Allahabad, Bengal. Brother Kipling recognized a universality of Freemasonry by his own experience, which, in his own writings he felt significant enough to make mention. He was Entered for membership by a Hindu, Passed by a Mohammedan, and Raised by an Englishman. The Tyler was an Indian Jew.

Fraternally,  
Merrick R. Hamer, PM, for Adam Wolf, Master





## FROM THE WEST



### **"Taking What We Have Learned to Build the Premier Lodge"**

Greetings, Brethren!

Recently, I had the opportunity of attending the Warden's Retreat. It was a rewarding experience and I highly recommend attendance by those officers planning on advancing to the East. The three day conference covered several topics that are crucial for the operations and development of a successful lodge. The topics that interested me most were event planning and budgeting. By participating in the retreat, I've gained valuable insights that I can put to use during my year as Master. I left the retreat feeling confident that with the proper plan, our lodge will thrive for years to come.

I have begun already the steps necessary to formulate a concise and rational budget that will allow for a sustained fraternal interaction via social events and progressive committee implementation. This includes selecting a theme and motto for the year, as well as vetting potential committee chairmen. It will be my intention in 2016, to foster a renewed vigor for Masonry and our lodge in particular, by promoting full participation from our brothers. That being said, I would like to invite any brother who has ideas or suggestions to approach me with them.

By working together for the betterment of our lodge we can strengthen our bonds and maintain Culver City-Foshay Lodge's emerging reputation as the Premier Los Angeles lodge of Freemasons.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Sam House,  
Senior Warden







## FROM THE SOUTH



### **"The Master & Wardens Retreat"**

I have just returned from the Master & Wardens Retreat and I thought this would be a good opportunity to enlighten my brethren to the purpose and content of these gatherings. Master & Wardens Retreat is an annual event held by the Grand Lodge of California as a training session for lodge officers. The same program is scheduled in four regional locations on different dates to encourage the greatest possible attendance. Our session was held at the Marriott Hotel in Irvine and was attended primarily by brothers from San Diego, Orange and Los Angeles counties.

The program runs from Friday evening through Sunday morning and consists of general sessions, breakout groups and planning workshops. The general sessions were mostly conducted by Grand Lodge officials and are used to update local lodges on Grand Lodge business, services and initiatives. The breakout sessions divided the attendees into six smaller discussion groups where ideas were exchanged on topics such as strategic planning, civility, and creating an annual plan. Each participant was also able to attend three elective workshops covering: program planning and events, lodge budgets, dues suspension and remission procedures, reaching out to members and widows, masonic education, lodge life as a past master, hall association management, managing the prospect experience, and "my story, my lodge."

The general sessions were a great opportunity to become familiar with all the officers in the Grand Lodge line, including the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge managers. They made presentations concerning developmental issues such as leadership, lodge identity, planning, and civility. There was also discussion of the upcoming annual communication and the world conference, the proposed Grand Lodge budget and per capita, Masonic relief efforts, and updates on key programs and initiatives.

There were a number of opportunities for fellowship before and after the scheduled program. I encountered many old friends and had a number of interesting conversations with brothers I had just met. Our brothers from Al Malaikah Shrine graciously hosted a welcome reception before the start of the official activities. After the evening sessions, many of our brothers found the hotel's outdoor terrace and fire pit areas to be great meeting areas for late night gathering and conversation. I do recommend to all brothers when they become eligible, to attend at least one of these retreats. The knowledge and fellowship they will acquire and bring back to our lodge will greatly benefit us all.

Fraternally,  
Mike Miller, Junior Warden





## FROM THE CHAPLAIN



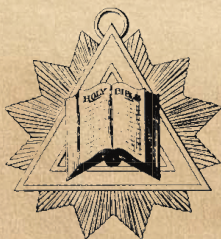
### "Near and Dear"

Great God and Ruler:  
We have family and we have friends.  
Family must be nurtured.  
And friends must be cultivated.

To those we meet along the way,  
May we give welcome with open arms and lend an ear!  
May we cherish those close to our hearts!  
May our lives be enriched, by those we love!

May the lord above watch over, protect, and sustain us!  
And may He see the good in us all,  
And may that goodness, shine forever!  
Amen.

Edward Calzaretto,  
Chaplain





## FROM THE ESOTHERICA GROUP



### **"Let There Be Three!"**

It's no secret that the number three is oft associated with the Masonic mysteries. Three knocks, 3 degrees, 33 degrees, triangles, even the most outside of outsiders make the connection. But, why three? What can we openly discuss in regard to this number's esoteric significance to both Freemasonry and other traditions?

Let us go back towards the older traditions and mystery schools to find some of the roots of this number and its importance. Aristotle remarked that the number three contained within itself a beginning, a middle and an end. The thunderbolt of Jove was three pronged, Neptune's sceptre a trident, while Cerebus was a three headed dog. There are also the three Fates, the three Furies, and the list of threes goes on. The Druids found the number three most reverential, and their sacred poetry was composed in triads. Indeed many, or even most, mysteries had special consideration for the number three.

Further, we find the concept of three intrinsically interlinked with many interpretations of the divine. In the Mithraic tradition we find Ormuzd, Mithra and Mithras. In Hinduism we see Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva; in the Old Testament, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the three pillars of the Kabalistic Tree of Life; the Three Pure Ones of the Tao; and of course the Christian trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Even in the most esoteric and mundane ways we find three to be pervasive; Past, present, future. Birth, life, death. In design we find the "rule of thirds" to compose paintings, photographs and movies. The golden ratio divides space into ever increasing (or decreasing) sections of three. In mathematics, three is the closest number to Pi, It is both the first Fermat prime ( $2^{2^n} + 1$ ) and the first Mersenne prime ( $2^n - 1$ ), and it is the only number that is both. It is the first lucky prime, and the first super-prime. Most importantly, it is the least number of points required to create a polygon or shape... a triangle, triangles being the most stable physical construct.

For this reason the number three is widely utilized in construction, engineering and design. This geometric support, and the need for the number three to create balance is intrinsic to Masonic philosophy. In all of our Masonic pursuits, we seek balance, temperance, level thought and action. We cannot create a level structure without a minimum of three pillars, legs or supports. Our earliest Operative Masonic Brethren knew this intrinsically.

All of these concepts, traditions, and equations point to the most fundamental descriptor of our experience and existence; we live in a world of three dimensions. Is it really any secret that this number would be pervasive in not only the design but perception of our world and faith, when three is the cornerstone of our reality?

Fraternally,  
Bryan Godwin





## FROM A BROTHER

### "Earth Day for Freemasons"

When April showers may come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom this month! Talk of flowers affords a wonderful opportunity to discuss our stewardship of the planet. Earth Day rolls around every April 22 to remind us of a great many things. Maybe we'll spend some time in the garden or make a symbolic gesture such as commuting for the day on a bicycle instead of a car. Maybe we'll spend the day thinking about ways we can improve the planet. Maybe we'll just ignore it. Please don't ignore it!

As Freemasons we are charged to attend to our society, our families, and ourselves. Per the lessons of the 24-inch gauge, we try consciously to balance the needs of mind (refreshment) and body (repose) with the discharge of our vocational duties and "the service of God and a distressed worthy brother."

Where does stewardship of the Earth fit? To a gardener, perhaps in vocation; to a hiker, in body and mind; to a spiritual leader, in the service of God. To a Freemason, all of the above reasons apply, since we never know what our neighbors or our children want out of the environment!

We needn't live inside a shell, either, to promote a healthier environment. Turning out the lights when we leave a room, not running the faucet for the two minutes while we brush our teeth, and bringing our own bags to the grocery store go a long way to saving money and to helping the environment. It's win-win!

While Earth Day has passed, our commitment as Freemasons to the betterment of society, and to our planet, continues as strong as ever.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Merenbach





IN PRAISE OF THE MYSTICAL LIGHT





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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### Sunday, May 3:

Meet The Masters  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
9:00am - 12:00pm

### Wednesday, May 6:

Dinner & Stated Meeting  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
6:30pm - 11:30pm

Degree Practice

Foshay Masonic Lodge  
7pm - 11:30pm

### Thursday, May 7:

Temple Board  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
7:30pm - 9:30pm

### Sunday, May 10:

Meet The Masters  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
9:00am - 12:00pm

Esotherica Group  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
1:00am - 3:00pm

### Wednesday, May 13:

Degree Practice  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
7:00pm - 11:30pm

### Sunday, May 17:

Meet The Masters  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
9:00am - 12:00pm

### Wednesday, May 20:

Degree Practice  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
7:00pm - 11:30pm

### Sunday, May 24:

Meet The Masters  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
9:00am - 12:00pm

### Wednesday, May 27:

Degree Practice  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
7pm - 11:30pm

### Thursday, May 28:

Social Night  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
7pm - 11:55pm

### Sunday, May 31:

Meet The Masters  
Foshay Masonic Lodge  
9:00am - 12:00pm



### Bethel No. 2 Semi Annual Installation of Bethel Officers

"We are the music makers and we are the dreamers of dreams." -Willy Wonka

Kumary Vasquez incoming Honored Queen

### Saturday, May 16:

Culver City Foshay Masonic Lodge  
7:30am - 9:00pm



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