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Venerable Master's Message

Hello everyone, I am hoping that you are all well, healthy and thriving. The past few months have been a series of tests against humanity. First we were placed in our homes to see how long we can stay without having to see our family and friends. We are still in this time of trials, and while we are able to adjust by using the technologies we have handy for our use, we are able to adapt and maintain our connections virtually, though we don't see each other physically. It is almost like a Sci-Fi Movie, but it is happening for real.

Recently, we have experienced the threat of Civil unrest which is now causing tension in our country. I hope and pray that our Great Creator would guide us all through this process of healing our country. We as a Masonic Fraternity do not talk Politics in our Medium/Forum and/or Lodges. However, I believe that it is also upon us to be the medium of Peace, Justice, Equality and most importantly Humanity. We are taught to regard the whole human species as One Family, the High and the Low, the Rich and the Poor, and we should Love and Protect each other as we are created by one Great Architect. I call upon you to be a catalyst for Peace and Order.

I would like to thank those of you that have supported the Lodge of Perfection "Perfect Donor Program". Although we

have not seen each other for a few months, you continue to support our goals. Our San Diego RiteCare Childhood Language Center, even during this pandemic situation, continues to serve her Clients - the children that are enrolled in our clinic. We ask that you continue to support our fundraising efforts for our children. Please write your check payable to "Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite". Please write "For Perfect Donor Program" in the Memo Line. There have been a few of you that have sent in your donations and I would like to thank those of you for doing so. But wait there's more! Those of you that would give \$365.00 or more would be appreciated at our very next meeting. Again, Thank you so much for your support.

At the time of this writing, I cannot tell you when we will be able to see each other physically. I am praying for all of you to stay healthy and safe, and I hope that we will see each other at the very soonest opportunity possible. Hoping that you all have a great Independence Day celebration and a wonderful Summer time!

I miss you all, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

The year is 2020, what came you here to do?

Hon. Nathaniel "Chino" Torres, KCCH
Venerable Master

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San Diego Scottish Rite Covid-19 Update

Brethren,

Once again we need to ask for your patience as we navigate the unknown waters of a pandemic. Each month we think, "Just another month..."

If you follow the local, state, and national news, you know that the pandemic is not winding down. It is escalating.

We cannot, in good conscience, open our doors to our resident lodges, affiliated men and ladies groups, and even to normal commercial event business. If one person brings the virus in, or unknowingly contracts it under our roof, there is no justification for the consequences.

The Grand Master and the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California both consider the health and well-being of Masons and their families to be the highest priority. Our RiteCare Childhood Language Center clients are being served by virtual (online) meetings with their speech pathologist to protect their health.

Each of us must follow the CDC guidelines to ensure we preserve our good health. Opening the Scottish Rite Masonic Center will happen only when the governor, health officials, and our leadership announce that we can safely do so. Therefore, we must remain closed at least for the month of July. We have to reevaluate where we are each month. Hopefully, we can reopen in August.

Until we see you again, watch out for one another, read your monthly bulletin or visit our website for the latest news.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask me via email or voicemail.

Thank you for all that you do for Scottish Rite, Valley of San Diego!

Sincerely and fraternally,

JoJo Quimpo, 33°
General Secretary
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San Diego RiteCare Childhood Language Center

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News From the Center

From Tina Burns, M.A., CCC-SLP

Adapting to Teletherapy

The children and the families of the Language Center have settled into teletherapy quite nicely. Just like the in-person sessions we previously had, each week we have a theme. Themes range from dinosaurs to body parts to transportation. This provides opportunities for exposure to many new vocabulary words and keeps the children engaged, as we are always doing something new. Through teletherapy, I have had to get creative. I email the parents in advance with information about the theme for the week, a homework activity, and a list of toys or materials they can have ready during their child's teletherapy session. The children are then able to follow directions, say specific words, and follow play routines as we use the toys and materials that we both have. A couple weeks ago, we did "birthday party" as our theme. We read a birthday party book, decorated cupcakes through an online activity, then made toy cupcakes and opened presents. A mother of one of my clients sent this picture of her two year old as they were preparing for our session. As you can see, they get excited for her speech-therapy sessions and the little girl is really progressing!

On behalf of myself, the clients, and their families, thank you for your continued support of the RiteCare Language Center!



FRATERNITY

by
Carlos M. Rudametkin, 32°
Scottish Rite, Valley of San Diego

"The perfect form of friendship is that between the good, and those who resemble each other in virtue. For these friends wish each alike the other's good in respect of their goodness, and they are good in themselves; but it is those who wish the good of their friends for their friends' sake who are friends in the fullest sense, since they love each other for themselves and not accidentally..."

Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics

One of the pillars on which freemasonry is based is the fraternity and fellowship of their brothers, making us a very different group from other associations or groups, that although they practice a friendship, fraternity and brotherhood, they do so for purposes very different from those of freemasonry; since our initiation into the mysteries of the craft, we hear the word brother, or we refer to each other as brothers, so in this article, I will like to explain the meaning of fraternity, brotherhood and friendship, waiting for the light of knowledge spreads among all of us to understand this very important matter.

Fraternity is a term derived from the Latin *frater*, which means brother. For this reason, fraternity means kinship between brothers or brotherhood. The universal fraternity designates the good relationship between men, where the feelings of affection of the blood brothers, union and good correspondence develop.

In Freemasonry, fraternity is the bond between men based on respect for the dignity, equal rights of all human beings and solidarity for one another; when we practice fraternity, we learn our own nature, which leads us to know ourselves, by the knowledge of our fellow men and at the same time with the fellowship of our brethren, in order to achieve our ideals and practice our virtues.



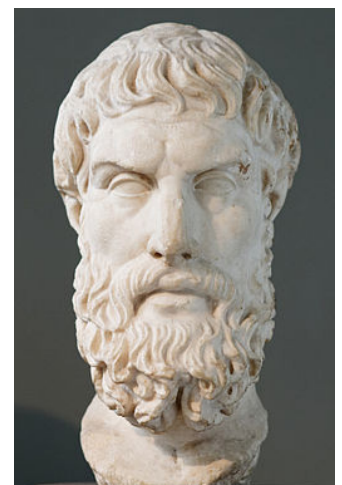
The following quote is from a brother Eduardo Ramírez Garza, "...true fraternity knows neither hatred nor envy. Fraternity is a word, an eternal and universal concept, powerful impulse generating love between men, love and good correspondence between brothers, living in perfect harmony. Fraternity is the embrace of man with man, of time with time, of the earth with heaven, of the spirit with the G.:A.:O.:U.:..."

The term brotherhood is the one that is used to designate that bond that is established between brothers and that is normally characterized by feelings such as affection, empathy, compassion, accompaniment, etc. Brotherhood is one of the deepest relationships that a person can develop throughout his life. The brotherhood, based on this idea, is also understood as any union of people that is based on similar feelings and that involves complete commitment to others.

Friendship (from Latin *amicītas*, from *amicus*, friend) is an affective relationship between two or more people. Friendship is one of the most common interpersonal relationships that most people have in life, friendship is born when people encounter common concerns and feelings as well as mutual trust.

Pythagoras, tells us that Cicero, maintained that: "Friendship is equal to equality." Through friendship, it is possible for men to feel bonded and in the same way, what make one happy will make the other the same. From here derives the fraternity, this cause, psychic phenomenon, engenders the union, equality of feelings and wills between diverse beings. This is how common feelings are born and formed, which, crystallizing in common wills, are presented in society as a real phenomenon.

The philosopher Epicurus (341 to 270 BC), states: *"Of all the means of which wisdom is armed to achieve happiness in life, the most important by far is friendship."*



As well Aristotle mentions 3 types of friendships:

1

The first is called "useful friendship": In this type of friendship, people are involved not because of affection but because they receive some benefit. This friendship is not permanent, it usually falls apart when the benefits are exhausted, this friendship is superficial, "it is easily dissolved", this type of friendship is broken and is based on something that brings the relationship with the other person easily. Aristotle uses the example of commerce and explains that useful friendships are often among the opposite people, in order to make the most of their trade.

2

The second type of accidental friendship is "pleasure-based friendship". It usually occurs among friends who participate in similar activities such as sports, or meetings that seek pleasure together. It usually ends when the satisfaction changes or when a person matures and stops frequenting these types of activities. Both accidental friendships are limited and do not fully embody the word friend, which comes from the same root as love, where both people are attracted to each other's cleverness or wit, looks, or other pleasant qualities. Aristotle says that the friendship of pleasure is normally built among young people, passions and pleasures are great influences in their life. This type of relationship is characterized by feelings such as passion among lovers, or the feeling of belonging among a group of like-minded ideas of friends, where they are looking for something that is pleasant for them today.

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The third type of friendship is called the "friendship of the good". In this friendship, an appreciation of the good and virtuous of life is shared and there is no reason to profit. These relationships usually last a lifetime, as long as the person has a certain level of kindness, we can have friends, but there are only a few who really have friendships in the true

sense of the word. People who lack empathy cannot have this type of relationship since it is necessary to give ourselves, serve and give our time to the other person. These are truly intimate and deep friendships; They are usually pleasant and beneficial, but that's the least. These friendships do not really have a reason, as everything that is truly good and valuable exists for themselves, without further purposes. People involved in the friendship of good must be able to value lovingly about being loved and, as such, their relationship is based more on loving the other person and wanting what is good for them. Goodness is a lasting quality, so goodness-based friendships tend to be long lasting.

In short, friendship is a universal value, as valid in the past as in the present, and the possibility of an ethical fraternity is founded on it. Having friends is a necessity and a joy, especially in times where, as today, human relationships are marked by fluency and where nothing seems to be forever.

In conclusion, dear Brethren, we must ask some questions. Do we act in fraternity in front of our brothers? What kind of friendship do we profess in our Masonic life or outside lodge in accordance to Aristotle? It is true that we come to share knowledge and be in harmony with our brothers or it is only a vision of the ego that makes us proud to mention that we are friends. Fraternity, brotherhood and friendship of the good, must always be linked, the first would be like the cinder block, the second the glue that ties it, and the third the virtuous hand of Master Mason, I leave this article for your consideration and hope it will make us reflect that as Freemasons, one for all and all for one.



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Amen.

Hon Davis Winesett, KCCH

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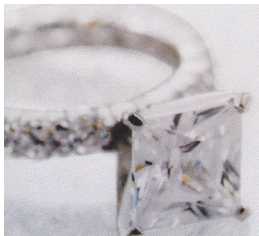
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