

# GAT Jose Rizal Lodge U.D.



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*"Through Freemasonry, we make true friends, improve ourselves, and have a positive impact on our communities."*

From the desk of the  
Worshipful Master



By: WM J. P Cariaga, PM



## Menu for the Stated Meeting Dinner

No Available Menu

### Stated Meeting Sponsors for July 2022

WB Rick Opina Bro Ray Abayan  
Bro Angelo Alano Bro Jeff Espinosa



Brethren,

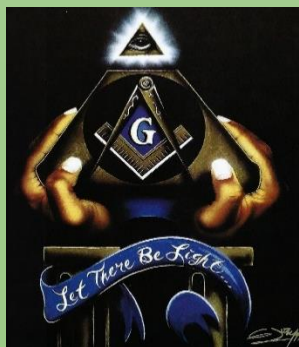
Good day! Hope everyone is safe and healthy. As we are nearing the end of the year, we have been very busy with activities. We just finished the combined Father's Day/Mother's Day and the birthday celebration of Worshie Ernie. It was a great success. All the brothers and sisters had a good time. Our golf tournament is coming up this September and we are asking for everyone's assistance in the success of this tournament. We need sponsors and help in the committee of our Golf tournament. Please contact Bro Vonn and Bro Angelo for more information.

We have upcoming degree work. Thank you for the coaches who took the time to mentor our brothers who wants to achieve improvement and growth in masonry. Please continue to support each other. Please remember that success is achieved by supporting each other as a group.

Stay connected, stay informed and be involved. Remember success is a result by working together to achieve a goal.

S/F,

J.P. Cariaga  
Worshipful Master



## Trestleboard Editors:

Bro. Sammy Gillo  
Bro. Vonn DeGuzman

## STATED MEETING

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the  
Month

27221 McCall Blvd  
Menifee, CA 92586

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Freemasonry promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self.



Brethren,

The journey has been great for us since we received our dispensation. Three brothers have now been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A sincere appreciation to all the brethren who labored to make this happen.

Although I was not able to attend Bro. Chok Ligayo's raising, I know very well that he was in good hands. With the assistance of the brethren, he can now "travel" and see the true beauty of Freemasonry.

We have several men submitted their petition to become a member of GAT José Rizal Lodge and as mentioned during our June Stated Meeting, we must carefully guard the west gate and only allow those who are true and their intentions pure.

The next coming weeks will be busy for us as we gear ourselves towards several first-degree work, our second annual golf fund raising event in September, and our Constitution in November. There will be more information to send once we get closer to these events therefore, I encourage everyone to continue communicating with the brethren.

As always, let us continue to support the lodge and all its endeavors. Always remember that you are a reflection and a representation of GAT José Rizal Lodge UD.

S/F,

Bro. Ernie Pagulayan, PM  
Senior Warden

If you have some important information that needs to be on the Trestleboard, please don't hesitate to contact the Lodge Secretary ([SecretaryGJRL@gmail.com](mailto:SecretaryGJRL@gmail.com))

or Bro. Sammy Gillo  
([sharmaelly@gmail.com](mailto:sharmaelly@gmail.com))

## OSI CORNER

07/15	MVL 289 – Hosted by Gat Jose Rizal UD – 1 <sup>ST</sup> Sec. 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree, O&O Close in long form.
August	Dark Dark
09/20	Hemet San Jacinto Lodge #338, 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree, Master's Lecture
10/20	Menifee Valley Lodge # 289, Balloting, Flag Presentation, and Elections.
11/21	Temecula Catalina Island Lodge #524, Practice Installation of Lodge Officers



Brethren and families

I view the month of July as the beginning of family vacation time. And it is perfectly well. After all, the first 1st half of the year has gone by and many may have made adjustments to their lives, either for convenience or necessity. That New Year's resolution you made at the beginning of the year may not have worked out, or perhaps now that the children are bound for college, you have come to think what is now stored for you until the end of the year, or even more forward thinking into the following year. I may be speaking too far ahead, however, it is perfectly acceptable to plan ahead to give a better perspective of what we want to accomplish down the line. Our lodge is no exception. Our lodge should be developing plans for next year, we should be thinking what has work or has not work for you since our institution. Are your expectations been met so far? If not, what do you want to see in your lodge? What is your vision? What is your desire? We have made strides in many areas of our lodge activities. I know we can do better, but you must share with us your desires. Please feel free to contact us.

The Father's Day get together which took place last June 18th in my book was a success. And again, we would like to appreciate Wbro Ernie for hosting this event at this mansion. What an amazing event organized by out lodge sisters. The entertainment was superb and refreshments were adequate and sumptuous. We had a wonderful time.

I welcome our newly raised brothers and new petitioners. We have increased membership since inception. But let us all remember the lesson we are taught "not to recommend anyone to a participation in our privileges, unless we have strong reasons to believe that by similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our ancient Institution."

Lastly, summer has arrived. Expect warm to hot temperatures. Extreme heat can be dangerous for everyone, but it may be especially dangerous for people with chronic medical conditions. Stay safe, stay cool, stay hydrated and stay informed.

OTL,

S/F,

Rick Opina, PM

Junior Warden

#### Stated Meeting Sponsors for Aug 2022

WB Joanathan Elona Bro Ron Hernandez

Bro Sammy Gillo

Bro Chok Ligayo



#### Stated Meeting Sponsors for Sep 2022

WB Carl Black

WB JP Cariaga

Bro Jess Salabao

Bro Dex Donor





Fraternal greetings!

Fraternal greetings from behind the desk. I am proud to announce that our numbers are steadily growing. We have added three new Master Masons to our ranks and have added three more eager petitioners that we will vote in the near future.

I want to personally thank the Brothers who are able to volunteer their time and put in a lot of effort in supporting the degree works and other lodge endeavors. Please continue to lend your hospitality and support as much lodge functions as you can.

Conversely, I want to ask everyone not to forget self-dare to prevent burning out. It is OK and sometimes better to say NO, than over extend ones-self resulting in less than desirable performance.

Lastly, a heads up on administrative work for the lodge. A handful of you will be selected to perform the interview for the petitioners, please reach out to the officers if you have not performed this task before or require assistance.

Fraternally Yours,

Bro Vonn DeGuzman  
GJRL Lodge Secretary

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Sister Birthday		Wedding Anniversary	
Miah Lesigues	July 4	Natasha DeGuzman	July 13
Jennifer Villegas	July 5	Jennifer Villegas	July 18
Pearl Salabao	July 18		





# FUND RAISING SECTION

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**Welcome to Meniffee Lakes Country Club**

29875 Meniffee Lakes Drive  
Meniffee, CA 92584

Hole Sponsorship: \$100.00

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When: **Saturday, September 10, 2011**

Check-in Time: 6:00 am

Shotgun: 7:30 am

Registration: \$ 100.00/per (advanced reservation recommended)

**POC:**  
**Bro. Vonn Deguzman**  
**Tel: 561-827-5027**  
**Email: secretarygirl@gmail.com**  
**Bro. Angelo Alano**  
**Tel: 949-887-7023**  
**Email: angelo.alano73@gmail.com**

**Mode of payment:**

Cash

Check

Card (\$5.30 extra charge)

Zelle – secretarygirl@gmail.com

Paypal – secretarygirl@gmail.com

**PRIZES**

Chances of HOLE-IN-ONE in ALL PAR 3s

Grand Prize: \$ 8,000.00 (Hole in One Par 3)

Prize giveaways

Registration includes:  
Green fee with cart, & range balls

**Trophies for:**

- Lowest Net
- Lowest gross
- Closest to the Pin on all par 3's
- Most Honest player

**GAT Jose Rizal Lodge U.D.**

2nd Annual Golf Tournament Fundraising

Proceeds: Gat Jose Rizal Lodge UD Operations and Purpose



*"Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols by Hemming."*

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID

The Masons of California believe that a person who strives to improve himself can also improve his community and the world at large. To help future generations achieve this goal, the California Masonic Foundation and other Masonic-affiliated organizations award more than \$1 million in scholarships to students every year. Scholarships awarded by the California Masonic Foundation have enabled thousands of students to attend college.

## Masonic scholarships

Below are links to scholarships provided by our Youth Orders and Concordant Bodies. Most offer preference to applicants that have Masonic ties. We also encourage you to reach out directly to your local Masonic lodge as some offer their own lodge-based award. To locate a lodge near you, please visit the lodge locator.

### DeMolay

[norcaldemolay.com/2018-demolay-foundation-scholarship-application-now-available/demolay.org/Scholarship/demolay.org/scholarships/affiliated-scholarships/](http://norcaldemolay.com/2018-demolay-foundation-scholarship-application-now-available/demolay.org/Scholarship/demolay.org/scholarships/affiliated-scholarships/)

### Order of the Eastern Star

[oescal.org/?q=scholarships](http://oescal.org/?q=scholarships)

### Job's Daughters

[cajdfoundation.org/Scholarships.html](http://cajdfoundation.org/Scholarships.html)

### Rainbow Girls

[gocarainbow.org/all-about-ca-rainbow/scholarships/](http://gocarainbow.org/all-about-ca-rainbow/scholarships/)

### High Twelve International

[wolcottfoundation.com/fellowships.html](http://wolcottfoundation.com/fellowships.html)

### California Scottish Rite

[casr-foundation.org/](http://casr-foundation.org/)

### Santa Barbara Scottish Rite

[santabarbarascottishrite.org/philanthropic/](http://santabarbarascottishrite.org/philanthropic/)

## Investment in Success

The Investment in Success scholarship program gives high school seniors who demonstrate an active pursuit of education in spite of hardships an opportunity to attain a higher education.

Although these students may not fit the traditional profile of a high academic performer, they have overcome significant obstacles to achieve their goals, demonstrating extraordinary potential and strength of character. To be eligible for an Investment in Success scholarship, students must be nominated through one of the California Masonic Foundation's educational partnerships; no direct applications are accepted.

Learn more about Investment in Success on the California Masonic Foundation website.

## Support Public Education Initiatives

From scholarships to elementary school literacy, California Masons are making a profound difference for public schools and students in need. Your gift to the Annual Fund supports public schools statewide.

# MASONIC EDUCATION

## Senior Warden

Duties of the Masonic



Lodge's Senior Warden

The Senior Warden sits in the West and represents the column of strength which is representative of Jachin, the right-hand pillar which stood at door to King Solomon's Temple.



**Jewel of Office:** His jewel of office is a Level, a symbol of the equality which exists among the Craft while at labor in the Lodge.

The term Warden is derived from the Middle English word "Wardein" and from the Anglo-French word, circa the 13th Century, "Gardein", meaning guard or guardian.

The definition of the word Warden has many different meanings in today's world; however its basic meaning is one having care of or being in charge of something with supervisory duties or with the enforcement of specified laws or regulations.

In Masonic terminology, he is the second Officer within the Masonic Blue Lodge. He presides over the Craft during the hours of labor.

The Senior Warden's primary duty is to assist the Worshipful Master in opening and closing the Lodge. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden presides over the Lodge.

### Senior Warden's Duties:

1.

Assist the Worshipful Master in the performance of his duties.

2. To discharge all those duties which ancient usage has assigned to his position.

3. During the absence of the Master, succeed to and be in charge with all the powers of the Master.

4. To be responsible for the mentoring of all new candidates by selecting competent [Masonic Education Mentors](#).

5. To ensure that all candidates are progressing at a reasonable rate.

6. To serve as Committee Chairman or member of the Lodge's principle committees.

7. To prepare the calendar for his own year as Master and set goals,

create a well-thought-out list of members to head up each of the [Masonic Lodge's committees](#), during his tenure as Master.

8. To consider Officer appointments for his year as Master and ask members to serve in these positions.

9. To consider membership goals for the next year.

10. To attend the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

11. To attend all Lodge functions and communications.

12. To attend the District Schools of Instruction.

13. After receiving the Lodge's Audit, which is prepared by the Audit Committee, it is his duty to request that the Budget Committee prepare an estimated budget for his own year as Master.

14. To prepare the Trestleboard items as required by the Master.

As in all positions, there are many unwritten duties that will occur depending upon the Lodge and the Master.

However, the early efforts that you put into your position as Senior Warden will make your tenure in the East much easier and go much more smoothly.

<sup>1</sup>. <https://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/senior-warden.html>

*"There is a kinship, a kind of freemasonry, between all persons of intelligence, however antagonistic their moral outlook by Norman Douglas."*



# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					Third Degree Conferral Bro. Chok Ligayo at MVL 289  Dinner: 6:00 pm Time: 7:00 pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					O S I MVL 289 - Hosted by GAT Jose Rizal Lodge U.D. - First Degree - First section	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					GJRL STATED MEETING  DINNER: 6:00 PM MEETING: 7:30 PM	
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30


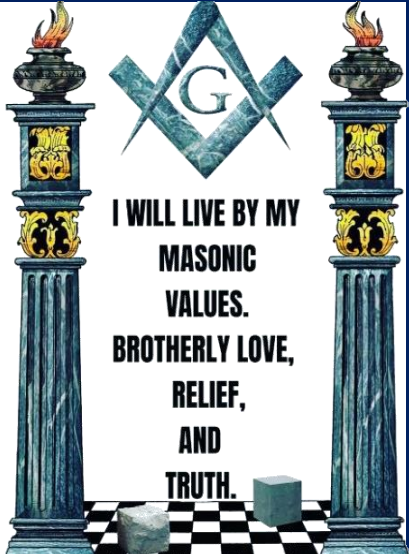
*"There is the same difference between talent and genius that there is between a stone mason and a sculptor by  
Robert Green Ingersoll."*



# Committee

<b>Audit Committee</b>  Bro. Alvin Nillasca Bro. Ian Mercurio Bro. Dexter Donor	<b>Rusty Trowel</b>  WB Ernie Pagulayan Bro. Carlito Gabi WB Allan Solis	<b>Charity &amp; Relief Committee</b>  Current Master & PM	<b>Social &amp; Civic Committee</b>  Bro. Ricky Villegas Bro. Amor Ledina Bro. Joe Quimson	<b>Outreach Committee</b>  WM J.P. Cariaga WB Ernie Pagulayan Bro. Sammy Larraquel
	<b>Scholarship Committee</b>  Bro. Audie Musngi Bro. Nicanor Nono Bro. Cesar Catamisan	<b>Investigating Committee</b>  To be appointed by the WM		

# APPOINTED

<b>Fraternal Support Ambassador</b>	<b>Masonic Education</b>	<b>Masonic History</b>	<b>Member Retention</b>	<b>Photographer</b>
<b>Candidate's Coach</b>  Primarily the Bro. who recommended the applicant.  <b>Secondary:</b> Bro. Ray Abayan Bro. Vic Sardilla Bro. Sam Gillo Bro. Sal Reyes Jr.	<b>Officer's Coach</b>  Current Master & PM  <b>Petitioner's Coach</b>  Primarily the Bro. who recommended the applicant			

*"Machinery may make for efficiency and a standardization of life, but horse love is a bond of freemasonry which unites the entire race by William Fawcett."*



# OFFICERS

Position	Name	Phone No.	Email Address
Worshipful Master	Saturnino Cariaga, Jr, PM		
Senior Warden	Ernesto Pagulayan, PM		
Junior Warden	Rick Opina, PM		
Treasurer	Ricky Villegas		
Secretary	Vonn Deguzman		
Chaplain	Daniel Macaraeg, PM		
Assistant Secretary	Sammy Gillo		
Senior Deacon	Amor Ledina		
Junior Deacon	Joe Quimson		
Marshal	Dexter Donor		
Senior Steward	Joanathan Elona		
Junior Steward	Angelo Alano		
Tiler	Ferdinand Dar		
Organist	Alvin Nillasca		
Officer's Coach	Allan Solis		

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Birthday		Masonic Birthday	
Bro. Vonn DeGuzman	July 13	Bro. Rizal Ligayo	July 8
Bro. Joe Quimson	July 28	Bro. Ferdinand Dar	July 27
		Bro. Allan Solis	July 31

Living Past Masters			
Ernesto M. Pagulayan III	2006		
Daniel Macaraeg	2013		
Allan V. Solis	2013		
Recuerdo N. Opina	2017,2018		
Carlton F. Black	2019, 2016		
J P Cariaga	2019, 2020, 2021		





# June 2022 Stated Meeting



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*"The poor man is not he who is without a cent, but he who is without a dream by Harry Kemp."*

# 30/60/90 - day Schedule

Jun 2022	Jul 2022	Aug 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 JUN @ 6:00 pm Stated Meeting and Golf Tournament Update at MVL. GJRL Barong or Dark Suit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 JUL @ 6:00 pm 3° Practice MVL. Casual attire.</li> <li>04 JUL Independence Day</li> <li>08 JUL @ 6:00 pm 3° conferral MVL. GJRL Barong or Dark suit.</li> <li>15 JUL @ 6:00 pm OSI (GJRL Hosting) 1<sup>st</sup> Section of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 3° Obligation. MVL. GJRL Shirt/Polo Shirt. Master Masons only on the 3° portion.</li> <li>22 JUL @ 6:00 pm Stated Meeting and Golf Tournament Update at MVL. GJRL Barong or Dark Suit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 AUG @ 6:00 pm. 1° proficiency return. MVL. Casual attire.</li> <li>19 AUG @ 6:00 pm Stated Meeting and Golf Tournament Update at MVL. GJRL Barong or Dark Suit</li> <li>OSI Dark</li> </ul>



# Freemasonry in Mexico and California: Looking North, Looking South

This July, a group of Masons in Mexico and California will attempt to do just that. Representatives from the Masonic grand lodges of California, Baja California, and Baja del Sur will meet in San Diego for the yearly Conference of Three Californias, which has taken place every year since 1979.

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about  
Masonry?**

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a California Lodge  
at [freemason.org](http://freemason.org)



The conference is an opportunity to share new developments and best practices, says Arturo Sevilla, the grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Baja California. It's also a way to celebrate an important Masonic partnership that transcends borders. The highlight of the event is a degree presentation put on by the host lodge. For those in attendance, being able to sit together in that setting is a powerful reminder of the global bonds tying members together. "It's good to know how Masonry operates outside our borders," Sevilla says. "It makes our Freemasonry more cosmopolitan."

As lodges begin to envision a post-pandemic future, the conference is also serving as a sneak preview of the next iteration of Masonry in Mexico and California. "Moving forward, as we're talking about ways to adapt to improve diversity and inclusion in California, I see this as an important step," says Arthur Salazar. As junior grand warden, Salazar is on track to become California's first Latino grand master. "We can build so much more when we welcome other cultures within our communities," he says. "I see this as a challenge and an opportunity."

An important step in meeting that challenge is saluting the deep Masonic legacy found within those members' cultures, he says. For many Masons, that's a real point of pride.

<sup>1</sup> <https://californiafreemason.org/2022/06/27/neighbors-friends-hermanos/>

# HEALTH TIPS



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## 3 ways to stay healthy this summer

- Find ways to get active. Take advantage of the warm weather by going for a jog, taking your dog for a walk, or gardening. Making time for physical activity can be fun and is crucial to good health.
- Get preventive care. Getting the preventive services that are right for you, like cancer screenings and shots, are key steps to maintaining your health and well-being. Preventive services are free when given by a doctor or other provider in your plan's network.
- Find a doctor you can trust. Choosing the right provider is one of the most important decisions you'll make about your health care. Learn about finding a doctor and getting regular medical care.

[Get more information on using your health insurance plan to improve your health.](#)

*"The truth is like a balloon and a lie is like a pin, once you pierce the balloon with the pin the balloon, like the truth, becomes worthless by WRF."*

Sis Desiree Musngi  
Sis Sheryll Larraquel

Happy Birthday  
WB Ernesto Pagulayan III



Bro. Rizal Ligayo

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"There are few who have courage enough to admit their faults or resolution enough to mend them by Author Unknown."



## Assisted Living and Memory Care, Elevated



### **The** **PAVILION** AT THE MASONIC HOMES

**Welcome home!** The Masonic Home at Union City is pleased to announce the grand opening of its new Pavilion, where those who need memory care and assistance with day-to-day living can enjoy comfortable living quarters in a beautiful, community-minded atmosphere.

Our person-centered philosophy of care offers residents the opportunity to live their best life safely, with a helping hand when needed. From a rousing card game, an event in our communal living spaces, or just relaxing in their beautiful new apartments, residents find that the Pavilion offers a haven for their body, mind, and soul.

**Call to schedule a tour today:**  
**(888) 466-3642**

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of California**

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

### RELIEF FOR CALIFORNIA MASONS AND THEIR FAMILIES

- Information and referrals
- Senior communities in Covina and Union City
- Statewide Masonic Outreach Services for members of all ages and their families
- Transitions short-term care for neurological and post-surgical rehabilitation (Union City)
- The Masonic Center for Youth and Families in San Francisco and Covina—with telehealth services now available everywhere
- **NEW!** Shared housing for seniors in Covina

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mcyaf.org  
(877) 488-6293 (San Francisco)  
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## Our Mission and Values

We are devoted to helping our communities and families live well and achieve meaningful and rewarding lives. This vision is embodied by our residents and clients, as well as our volunteers, partners, and staff.

Our core customer service pillars guide us to value the safety of our residents and clients, our strong personal connections, provide meaningful life experiences, and to efficiently find new ways to constantly improve our services.

In all of our work, the Masonic Homes of California is guided by the charitable mission and values of the [Masons of California](#), a nonprofit fraternal organization with more than 50,000 members.

*“All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action by James Russell Lowell.”*



# TODAY IN MASONIC HISTORY

## The Struggle for Freedom

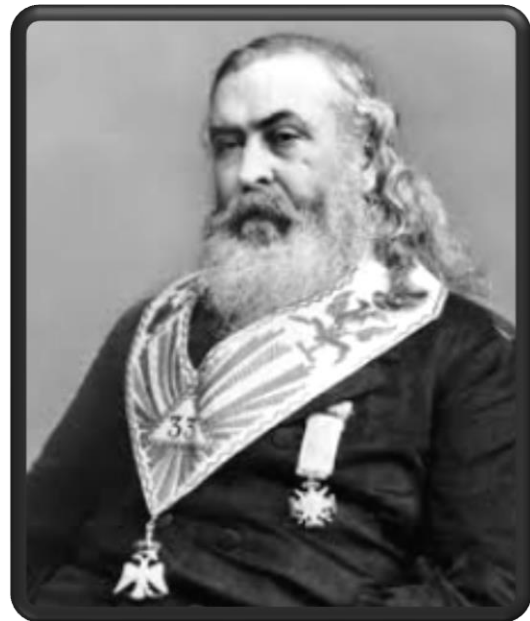
by Albert Pike.

The Ancient Wrong rules many a land, whose groans  
Rise swarming to the stars by day and night,  
Thranging with mournful clamour round the thrones  
Where the Archangels sit in God's great light,  
And, pitying, mourn to see that Wrong still reigns,  
And tortured Nations writhe in galling chains.  
From Hungary and France fierce cries go up  
And beat against the portals of the skies;  
Lashed Italy still drinks the bitter cup,  
And Germany in abject stupor lies;  
The knout on Poland's bloody shoulders rings,  
And Time is all one jubilee of kings.

It will not be so always. Through the night

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The suffering multitudes with joy descry  
Beyond the ocean a great beacon-light,  
Flashing its rays into their starless sky,  
And teaching them to struggle and be free, --  
The Light of Order, Law, and Liberty.  
Take heart, ye bleeding Nations; and your chains  
Shall shiver like thin glass. The dawn is near,  
When Earth shall feel, through all her aged veins  
The new blood pouring; and her drowsy ear  
Hear Freedom's trumpet ringing in the sky,  
Calling her braves to conquer or to die.  
Arm and revolt, and let the hunted stags  
Against the lordly lions stand at bay! --  
Each pass, Thermopylae, and all the crags,  
Young Freedom's fortresses! -- and soon the day  
Shall come when Right shall rule, and round the thrones  
that gird God's feet shall eddy no more groans.



1. [https://www.masonrytoday.com/index.php?new\\_month=07&new\\_day=17&new\\_year=2022](https://www.masonrytoday.com/index.php?new_month=07&new_day=17&new_year=2022)



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