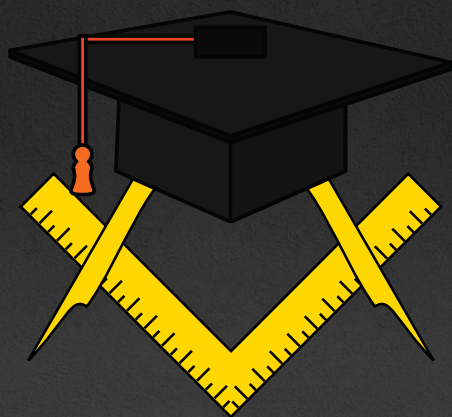


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*Celebrating Public Schools Month!*

**ARMEN KHALAFYAN**

**WORSHIPFUL MASTER**

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**Brethren,**

**April being Public Schools Month, I wanted to speak about the important roll a school places in the developing and maintaining positive mental and social networks.**

**Since the 2020 pandemic, and shutting down of our schools, the rise of negative mental health and antisocial behaviors have overwhelmed the district officials. According to the resent article in the New York Times, there has been a drastic spike with regards to suicidal thoughts, possible self harm, or cries for care.**

**What we are doing now as a lodge, is introducing a small project to engage our youth. We are hoping to attract at least 40-50 students from our, and neighboring communities, to write an essay about various topics that primarily will be focused on current events (media influences, politics, current social situations, etc).**

**We have reached out to five other Lodges in the surrounding communities, and have asked them to do the same, by having as many youth to participate in this project. The goal was to first, give a platform for these young boys and girls to express themselves. Second, give an opportunity to win a scholarship. Third, to have our own sponsored youth groups attract future members and build lasting relationships.**

**Lastly, for all these Lodges to collaborate and have bigger impact in the surrounding communities. I can't think of a better way to make a positive impact in our community than by engaging our local youth more.**

***Armen Khalafyan - Worshipful Master***



**Brethren,**

**Thank you for attending all our virtual gatherings, it keeps everyone motivated. As we get closer and start to see the light in this long tunnel. Keep in touch, we are almost there i cant wait to see everyone. Be well my brothers call me if you need anything. I am here to serve my lodge. I look forward to all the presentations that Worshipful Armen has lined up. Thank you everyone that helps in any way. Many hands make heavy burdens light. (818) 317-0510 let's catch up.**

**Stay safe**

**Fraternally,**

***Nishan Matossian, Senior Warden***



As we continue to look from the South we observe the Spring equinox, when daylight begins to exceed the duration night. Spring is a time of renewal of hope and rebirth of life. All around us, life is being renewed and hope of a return to normal increases each day.

Among our fondest hopes for the Spring are for a return to life as we knew it, with a renewed sense of appreciation for all we had missed and are now regaining.

Among those hopes are that we will soon gather in person in our beloved Lodge to resume our ceremonies and charitable works.

I wish to thank our officers and brethren of Burbank Lodge and all of our Brethren throughout the Masonic world who have so steadfastly maintained hope, continued their work for our Lodges and kept the institution of Masonry alive and active during the long lockdowns we have had to endure.

While we have not entirely overcome the hardships of the pandemic, we are on our way to renewal with a sense of inspiration and anticipation of the resumption of our practice of brotherhood and community service.

*Benjamin Lupu, Junior Warden*



# THE SECRETARY

Public Schools is the foundation of our society, we are pleased to continue this tradition of dedicating April to Public Education.

Did you know? In 1892 Francis Bellamy, a Mason, wrote the Pledge of Allegiance for a celebration honoring patriotism and public schools. In a speech for that same program, Bellamy referred to public schools as the "great American institution that united the nation."

In 1920 Public Schools Month began when Charles Adams, a San Francisco attorney and Grand Master who was passionate about California schools, proclaimed Public Schools Week. During that week, Masonic lodges led community meetings to respond to the state's critical teacher shortage. Each succeeding Grand Master in California has continued the observance of Public Schools Week, now Public Schools Month.

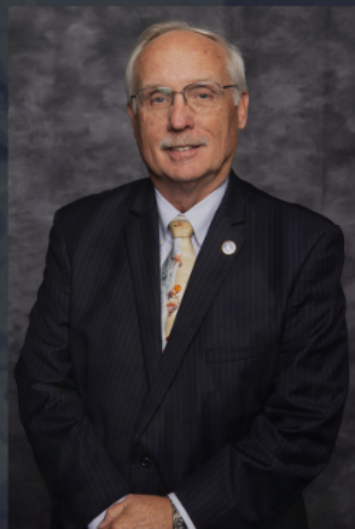
Hope everyone is doing well, reach out if you need assistance.

*Jhairo Echevarria, PM Secretary*

**Please Note the best way to reach me is Via Text and Email. Calls are welcome (however slower response.)**

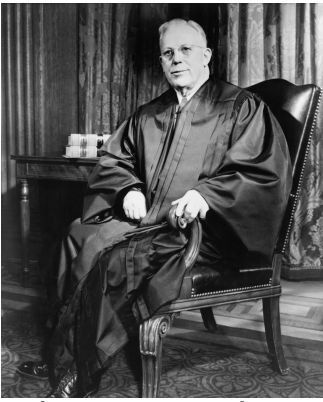
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Past Grand Master*



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**Earl Warren Past Grand Master**

*Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* remains one of the most significant Supreme Court cases in the history of American education—and indeed of the country. As chief justice, Earl Warren delivered the unanimous opinion that effectively desegregated schools and represented a major turning point in the civil rights movement. A lifetime had prepared him for the moment: Nearly two decades earlier, as

grand master of Masons in California, Warren, a member of Sequoia Lodge No. 349 in Oakland, expressed many of the same views in his address to the Annual Communication of 1936. At the time, he wrote, “I am convinced that the hope of the future lies in the education of our youth, not of some children but of all children—not according to so-called classes of society.”

Eighteen years later, presiding over his first case on the Supreme Court, he echoed that language: “Such an opportunity, where the state has undertaken to provide it,” he wrote of public education, “is a right which must be made available to all on equal terms.”

His choice of words in both cases stands out. To the court, he referred to education as “the foundation of good citizenship,” and to his fellow Masons, “the foundation of a liberty-loving people—the greatest blessing this or any nation has ever had.”

Mostly, though, it’s the values that undergird those words that comes through in both texts. In addressing the Masons in 1936, Warren invoked the stonemason’s level. In the second degree, the level is described with the reminder, “For he who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortune’s wheel is entitled to our regard.” Warren wrote of public education, “It offers the strongest proof to the world that he who is on the lowest spoke of fortune’s wheel may be entitled to our regard.”

Warren was always able to call on the lessons he’d learned—and taken to heart—back at lodge.

# ESSAY CONTEST

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# TO ENTER

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MUST BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 21  
MUST GET A FRIEND TO ENTER THE CONTEST  
500 WORDS - MAXIMUM ONE PAGE

**CHOOSE ONE TOPIC FROM BELOW:**

*WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE THE GOVERNOR DURING PENDEMIC?*

*SHOULD SOCIAL MEDIA BE REGULATED?  
YES OR NO AND WHY?*

*WHAT IS THE MEDIAS RESPONSIBILITY IN  
THE AGE OF "FAKE NEWS"?*

*WHY IS CIVIL DISCOURSE IMPORTANT IN  
OUR CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE?*

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Submit to [info@burbankmasons.org](mailto:info@burbankmasons.org)

**DEADLINE MAY 17TH, 2021**

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**Past Grand Master Charles A. Adams, who in 1920 launched Public Schools Week, speaks at a September 25th 1957 ceremony in Portsmouth Square, San Francisco to Commemorate the site of the state's first public school. Seated behind Adams is then Grand Master L. Harold Anderson.**

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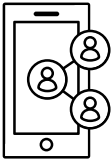
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