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## GRAND MASTER'S PROCLAMATION MAY 2026 IS PUBLIC AWARENESS MONTH

**Whereas** California Masons perform countless acts of charity and volunteerism in the communities they call home, providing much-needed leadership and support for all around us; and

**Whereas** Masonry is at its strongest when it serves as a visible beacon of light for the communities around it; and

**Whereas** the evolution of Freemasonry is predicated on the growth and vitality of our fraternity; therefore,

**As grand master, I proclaim May 2026 to be Public Awareness Month in California.**

Masons are among the most thoughtful, generous, and devoted members of their community. But they are also often the most modest, operating under the belief that calling attention to the good works of the fraternity is inconsistent with the quiet dignity of service to others. The unfortunate result of that is an enduring misconception among the public about what Freemasonry is all about.

It is incumbent upon all of us, as California Masons, to spread the word about the positive impact that Masonry has on the lives of its members and the communities around us. That means talking openly about the fraternity with the people in our lives; countering negative assumptions about Masonry; and ensuring the continued relevance of our organization.

This month, I call on all members and lodges to consider ways that they can raise awareness of Freemasonry in their community—through open houses, tabling opportunities, online and over social media; and especially through simple conversations with friends and family. Our fraternity is not a secret. California Masons have much to be proud of. It's time we share that pride with the communities that we call home.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Grand Master Garrett S. Chan

Attest:

Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou