



# THE GAVEL

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*From The Southern California Research Lodge*

## **THE LESSER LIGHTS**

Sun-worship played a prominent part in the religion of the ancients and was introduced into the mysteries, says [Bro. Albert] Mackey, not as a material idolatry, but as a means of expressing an idea of restoration to life from death, drawn from the daily reappearance in the East of the solar orb after its nightly disappearance in the West. The Gnostics derived many of their symbols from the Mithraic initiations, in which sun-worship played an important part. These again exercised their influence upon the medieval Freemasons. Thus it is that the sun has become so prominent in the Masonic system; not as an object of worship, but purely as a symbol, the interpretation of which is presented in many different ways. As the source of material light the sun reminds the Mason of that intellectual light of which he is in constant search. But it is especially as the ruler of the day, giving to it a beginning and end, and a regular course of hours, that the sun is presented as a Masonic symbol. Hence, of the three lesser lights, we are told that one represents or symbolizes the sun, one the moon, and one the Master of the lodge, because as the sun rules the day and the moon governs the night, so should the Worshipful Master rule and govern his lodge with equal regularity. And this is in strict analogy with other Masonic symbolism. For if the lodge is a symbol of the world, which is thus governed in its changes of times and seasons by the sun, it is evident that the Master who governs the lodge, controlling its time of opening and closing, and the work which it should do, must be symbolized by the sun.

[Bro. Wildey E. Atchison, "The Symbolic Lights," *The Builder*, September, Vol. IV, No. 9, 1918, 269–70.]

### **2019 DUES**

Brethren: Please take note that 2018 dues are now due and payable.

### **2019 DUES**

Please note that Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Election of Officers

# Regular Meetings

**RECURRENCE**

First Monday  
 Fourth Wednesday  
 Second Tuesday  
 Third Tuesday  
 Second Wednesday  
 First and Third Thursday

**EVENT**

Regular Communication at 7:30 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM  
 Property Management Board at 6:00 PM  
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**ORGANIZATION**

Montezuma Lodge No. 1  
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 York Rite Bodies  
 Santa Fez Shrine Club  
 Cerrillos Lodge No. 19  
 Santa Fe No. 19 Eastern Star

*We have been holding our Quest meetings every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. Quest Club is a forum for everyone. Mason and non-Mason alike can voice ideas and discuss any topic.*



## *Special Notices And Events*

### *Property Management Board*

The next meeting of the Property Management Board is scheduled for **Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 PM in the library.

### *Election of Officers*

The annual Election of Officers will be on Monday, November 5, 2018.

### *Installation of Officers*

The Installation of Officers for 2019 will be on Monday, December 8, 2018. It will be followed by a catered dinner.

### *Ritual Sections*

The Grand Lecturer, MWB Jeff Johnson presented RWB Robert Sherman with a card for the completion of the ritual section - Opening and Closing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

### *Grand Lodge Budget Meeting*

The Annual Grand Lodge Budget Meeting will be Saturday, November 17, 2018 at the Continuing Education Building next to Grand Lodge.

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# *Step Up Night*

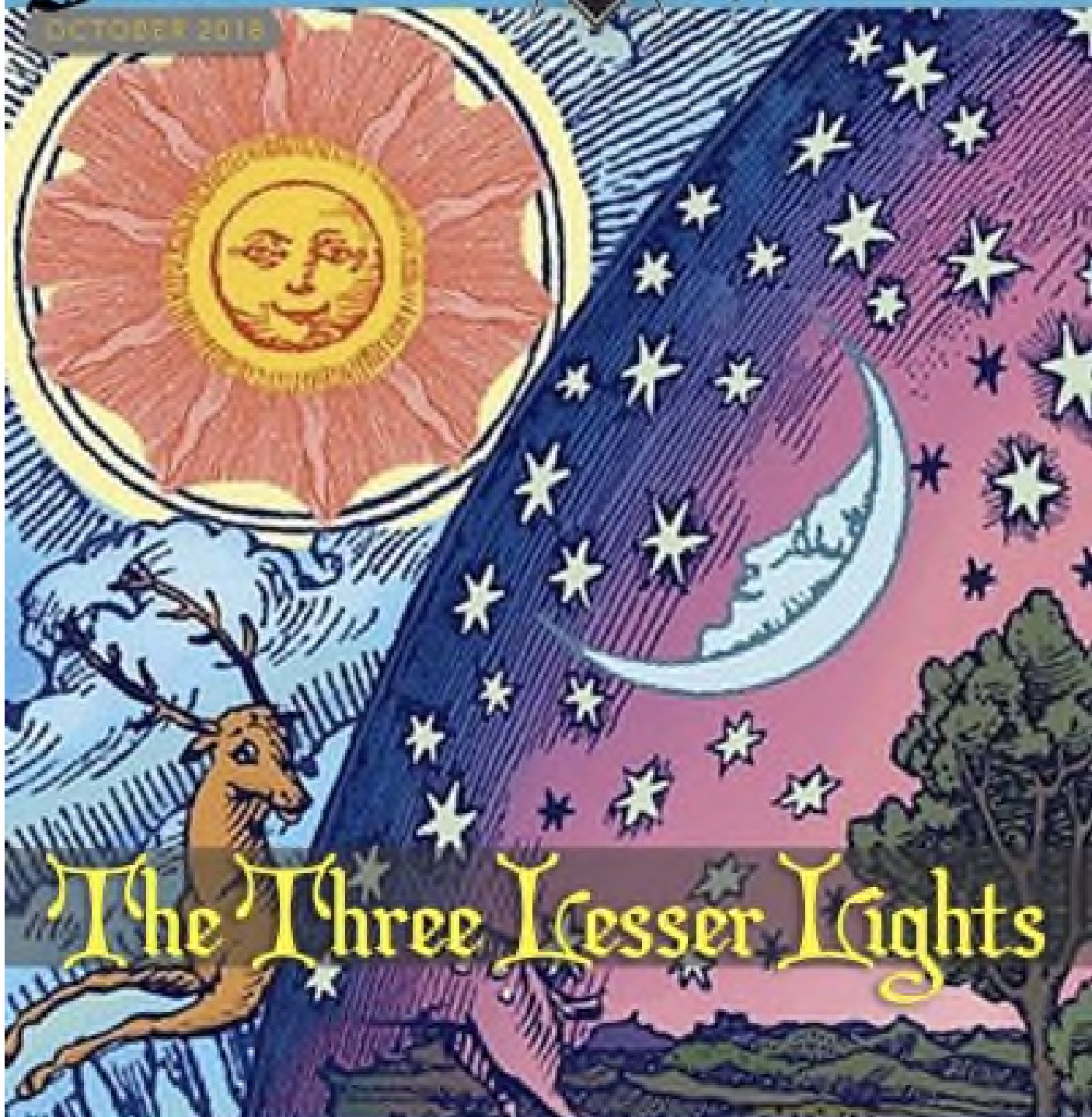


Brethren present for the Annual Step Up Night communication, Monday, October 1, 2018.

50th Anniversary California Festival 2016

# Fraternal Review

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## The Three Lesser Lights

WHAT EXACTLY DO THEY ILLUMINATE?



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*November Dinner  
 Menu*



Join us on November 5<sup>th</sup> for dinner at 6:00 PM before the stated meeting. The entire family is invited. Our chefs have planned an excellent menu. If you have any dietary restrictions please contact the secretary so that we may arrange suitable alternatives.

- Green Chili Cheese Enchiladas
- Pinto Beans
- Vegetables
- Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Deserts and Ice Cream
- Lemonade, Coffee, and Ice Tea



**2018 Officers**

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***What is the purpose of Freemasonry?***

“To admit, make and pass Freemasons according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. To advance the moral and social interests of its membership; to foster good citizenship, honest industry and upright living; to cultivate the exercise of charity in its best and broadest sense; to assist the widows and orphans of its deceased members; to stimulate friendship, harmony and Brotherly love and generally to promote, in its own way, the happiness of mankind — it is a fraternity of good men, linked together by honorable and indissoluble bonds, to accomplish these noble purposes, eschewing all interests in factional politics and sectarian religion and free from the dictation of both.”

***For more information about Masonry:***

- Call the Lodge at 982-0971
- Stop by the Lodge
- Visit our website @ [www.montezumalodge.org](http://www.montezumalodge.org)
- Ask any Mason