

In The



Daylight

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No.866, F. & A.M.
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Masonic Tradition Informs Us

Foreword . . .

The phrase, “Masonic Tradition informs us,” is a signal that what comes next in a lecture or recitation may be based upon allegory, or it might denote a fable or fiction to represent some symbolic teaching and not an historical fact. See, <https://genegoldman.wordpress.com/2014/05/19/symbolisminmasonry/> .

By contrast, if a Mason hears the phrase, “The great Jewish Historian Josephus informs us’ or a similar term, the lecturer is about to refer to an item of historical or religious fact. What he is about to describe is the way it was, or what happened.” *Id.*

The reader thus may take the title of this edition as a hint that what follows may or may not be true. It will be for the reader to decide. (Keep in mind that a certain holiday is celebrated annually on April 1.)

In this edition, in addition to the usual inclusions, please find articles about Nicholas Copernicus, certain Bostonians of the Colonial Period, Appomattox at the end of the Civil War, one about Booker T. Washington, plus the influence of baseball in Masonry, and some other items pertinent to our Lodge.

Happy Reading! Also, best wishes to everyone for a happy and meaningful observance of your Spring Holidays.

N.B. Intentionally, this issue does not dwell too much on COVID-19 since that news is available elsewhere and may be too depressing.

David I. Karp, Editor

April Trestle Board

(We meet on 1st/3rd Saturdays at 10:00 AM except as otherwise noted..)

The Grand Master of Masons in California has directed that there be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in this state until further direction is received from him. The following are all off-calendar (note the ~~strikeout~~) and are listed for information purposes only and only so you might know what we would be doing in ordinary circumstances.

~~April 4 — Stated Meeting (Dress Casual);
Teacher recognition~~

~~April 9 — CFS Second Thurs. Fellowship
@ Lulu’s 5:30PM~~

~~April 18 — Second Degree (2) (Dress Formal)~~

~~April 21 — OSI, Van Nuys Masonic Center,
7:30PM (CFS hosts 2nd degree)~~

~~April 24-26 — Master/Wardens Retreat~~

Looking Ahead into May

~~May 2 — Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)
Inspector’s Official Visit~~

~~May 14 — CFS Second Thurs. Fellowship
@ Lulu’s 5:30PM~~

~~May 16 — Degree/Practice TBD~~

Copernicus' Influences on Freemasonry and Masonic Jewelry

Master Masons nearly always wear Masonic rings. Although not well known, the custom is attributable to the influence of Nicholas Copernicus on Freemasonry.

Copernicus developed the idea that the Earth and the planets revolve around the sun. He confirmed this idea with observations from a window atop a winding flight of stairs near the middle of his second floor study at home.

The circular shape of Masonic rings represents Copernicus' planetary orbits and sometimes alludes to Saturn with its own multiple rings around it. (One may notice that some Brethren actually wear multiple Masonic rings at the same time, not only when Saturn is visible in the sky.)

Our Daylight Lodge is heliocentric, after Copernicus, in that we consider the position of the sun when the Lodge opens. Think, too, about the lesser lights and their meaning. Even the globes atop the columns near the SW's station reflect the influence of Copernicus.

Copernicus was a man of the seven liberal arts and sciences, including arithmetic, geometry, and, most importantly, astronomy. He had many talents, interests and occupations according to Wikipedia at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicolaus_Copernicus, He even played the organ which is why many lodge rooms have one. Ultimately, he developed an economic principle that later came to be called Gresham's law (see, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gresham%27s_law) and that is why we have a "G" suspended above the Master's seat.

With all of his influence on the Craft, it is no wonder that we all wear Masonic rings representing Copernicus' planetary paths. Masonic tradition informs us that he is the Great Astronomer of the Universe.



Upcoming Lodge Events *if Activity Resumes*

Here are, hopefully, some of our upcoming events other than our regularly scheduled meetings, assuming our program can resume in due time:

May 14, 2020 CFS Second Thurs. Fellowship, 5:30PM and after, at Lulu's Restaurant, 16900 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys, California 91406. Join the Brothers of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 for fellowship and a happy hour. This is a no-host event for Masons and for non-Masons interested in our lodge and/or the fraternity. Please join us if you can for camaraderie and conversation. [This event repeats monthly even if not shown below.]

June 20, 2020 Father's Day Degree at the Masonic Homes in Covina.

June 20, 2020 (evening) "Mason of the Year" dinner and ceremony at Pasadena Scottish Rite.

June 27, 2020 CFS Golf Tournament. A portion of net proceeds will go toward the lodge's programming and its commitments to supporting Masonic philanthropic opportunities.

July 24-26, 2020 Lodge Campout



Booker T. Washington as Influencer

Booker T. Washington (April 5th 1856 November 14th 1915) was an “American educator, author, orator, and advisor to presidents of the United States. Between 1890 and 1915, Washington was the dominant leader in the African-American community.”

<https://eb1870.org/project/booker-washington/>

He “was born a slave at Hale’s Ford, Virginia. In 1881 he became the head of an institution at Tuskegee, Alabama, since incorporated as the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, of which he was president until his death on November 14, 1915.

Author of *Up from Slavery* in 1901, he was viewed as a spokesman for USA blacks in the latter 19th century.”

https://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/washington_b/washington_b.html

He was made a Mason “at sight” by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts. *Id.*



Being made a Mason “at sight” “is a technical term, which may be defined to be the power to initiate, pass and raise candidates, by the Grand Master, in a Lodge of Emergency, or as it is called

in the Book of Constitutions, 'an Occasional Lodge,' specially convened by him, and consisting of such Master Masons as he may call together for that purpose only; the Lodge ceasing to exist as soon as the initiation, passing, or raising has been accomplished, and the Brethren have been dismissed by the Grand Master.”

<http://www.masonicdictionary.com/sight.html> .



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Junior Steward Raffi Hovhannisyan

Organist Majd Fahma

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Member News

April Birthdays: Allan Mandia, Ryan R. Zubia. Happy Birthday!!

Third Degree Anniversaries:
Archimedes S. Cabanig. Congratulations!

Congrats to Bros. Donald Graham, Jr., and Michael McQuaig on becoming our newest EAs.

WB Bruce L. Ewald hurt his shoulder and is on the mend. We wish him well.

Bro. Jay Allen is doing well and recovering after surgery. He is looking forward to visiting the lodge at some point.

Wor. Roger Soriano, PM, suggested and Wor. Celso Cardano, PM, consented, that our Lodge should sponsor an essay contest as a part of Public Schools month, for the students of our honoree, English teacher, Lindsay Humphrey from Birmingham High. The essay will be about any of the Founding Fathers of our country who were also Masons. Tentatively, essays are due by April 15. It is unclear when we will meet to celebrate the student contest winner and Ms. Humphrey.



Member Spotlight – Bro. Barry Mann, Our Lodge Treasurer

After earning his MBA from the University of Wisconsin, Brother Barry entered the army reserve to spend 6 months of active duty in Missouri.

He spent 7 years working at Colgate-Palmolive in Berkeley. He was head of the production control department.

Brother Barry always had a dream of becoming a professional bowler, so in 1974 he quit his lucrative job at Colgate and joined the Professional Bowlers Tour. He spent 2 years on

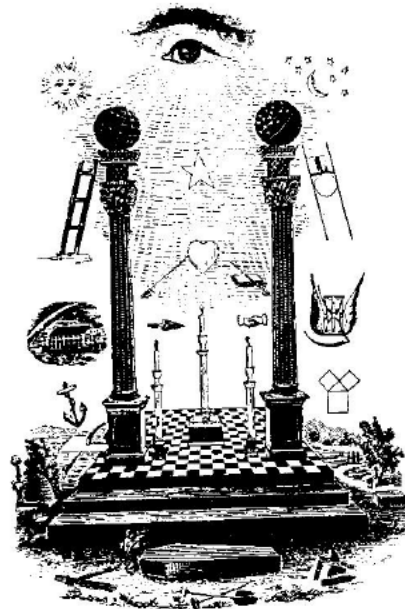
tour, making the finals twice and appearing on television. His greatest achievement was to bowl a perfect 300 game at a professional tournament in Miami in 1975.

He and his wife, Andy, married in 1980. Together they built an importing company and were able to travel the world for 23 years.

Brother Barry completed courses and became a financial advisor, mostly helping friends and family, but earning some steady income.

Brother Barry joined the Masons in 2008 and has served his various Lodges as chaplain and head of the Temple Board. He now works one day a week at Knollwood Country Club as a marshal and enjoys playing golf along with many other activities.

[Editor's Note: This is the first in an occasional series highlighting the members of our Lodge. It's a great way to get to know one another better and is Bro. Barry's idea. It would be great to line up a Bio such as this for each month. Any Brother who wishes to provide a similar spotlight for subsequent editions should send a draft article, by Monday after the third Saturday of the month, to davidikarp@karpmediation.com for inclusion in our newsletter. They will be published in the order received.]



Mini Photo Gallery

Please enjoy these images from recent events:



[Members and guests assemble following the First Degree conferrals on 2/29/2020. Congrats to Bros. Graham and McQuaig, seated.]



[Pictured above: CFS Daylight Lodge celebrates Youth Orders Month with the Rainbow Girls on March 7, 2020. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG) is a Masonic youth service organization which teaches leadership training through community service.]

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Colonial Bostonians Influence the Craft

Trudy Lee, whose parents called her “True,” married a Freemason from London named Dooley in the early Eighteenth Century.

Shortly before the war of Independence, they emigrated to Boston, Massachusetts, and took up residence in the town.

Dooley was a tailor by trade. His wife, True, worked in his shop as a seamstress. She helped during the time when colonists wanted locally made clothing because of taxes on imported English goods including cloth.

Dooley affiliated with St. Andrews Lodge, of which Paul Revere was Master. One might recall that St. Andrews Lodge owned the Green Dragon Tavern where the Lodge conducted its business, and where, incidentally, the Boston Tea Party was planned. See, e.g., <http://www.boston-tea-party.org/mystery.html> .

Dooley and his wife received a commission to prepare costumes, Native American regalia, and they worked diligently on the project. After the Tea Party, some of the costumes were left at the Lodge.

One evening during an EA degree which happened to take place on Halloween, the SD was startled by the candidate’s attire one of those leftover Mohawk costumes.

Flabbergasted the SD demanded to know if he was ‘Dooley and True Lee’ prepared?”

Apparently he was.



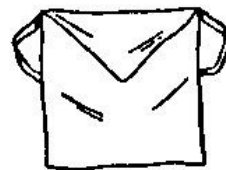
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Masons at Appomattox Influence Peaceful Accord

The following material comes to us from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. See, <https://pagrandlodge.org/freemasons-connect-with-civil-war/> .

“[N]ot insignificantly, three days following Lee’s surrender to Grant on April 9, 1865, Union and Confederate armies convened again at Appomattox Courthouse, under the respective charges of Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain (United Lodge No. 8 A.F. & A.M., Brunswick, Maine) and Gen. John B. Gordon (Gate City Lodge No. 2 F. & A.M., Atlanta, Georgia) for a formal surrender ceremony effectively ending the war in Virginia. In what was one of the most dramatic and memorable moments of the Civil War, Chamberlain ordered his Union soldiers to salute Gordon’s defeated Confederate soldiers as they passed through the Union line. Gordon, surprised and stirred by similar emotion, immediately responded and ordered his men to return the salute. Described later by Chamberlain as ‘honor answering honor’, these commands by Masons were acts of brotherly love which set the stage for reconciliation, and would be the first to heal the wounds of a nation that had spent four years and more than 618,000 lives in civil war.”





Grand Master's Proclamation

APRIL 2020 IS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH

California Masonry: Rooted in the Gold Country, Forged in Ideals

Whereas California Masons have for 100 years supported statewide programs to support public education initiatives through the observance of Public Schools Month; and

Whereas furthering the cause of public education through generous scholarships and children's literacy programs are bedrock principles of the California Masonic Foundation; and

Whereas California Masons have distinguished themselves in state history as fervent champions of public education and endeavor to build on that proud history;

As grand master, I therefore proclaim April 2020 to be Public Schools Month in California.

This centennial celebration of Public Schools Month offers California Masons an important milestone on which to reflect on the fraternity's deep commitment to public education and the opportunities to build on that legacy. Since 1920, California Masons have made public education and access to lifelong learning a priority. This month, as we celebrate 100 years of Public Schools Month, let's renew that commitment to students, teachers, and schools. Volunteer to tutor or mentor school kids in your community; organize lodge events to improve school grounds; and donate to the landmark Let's Write the Future campaign so that all kids in California have access to the support and materials they need to succeed in school and in life.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John E. Trauner, Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou, Grand Secretary

Masonic Recognition

Past Masters of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M.

Steven A. Wolvek (2017-2018)

Rogelio L. Soriano (2019)

Past Masters by Affiliation

Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr. (2012)

Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2012)

Alberto L. Casanova, Jr. (2014)

Emmanuel D. Espiritu (2014)

Bruce L. Ewald (2004-2006)

Bruce L. Hawley (1984)**

Luc Paul, Jr. (2018)

Hiram Award*

Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr., PM (2013)

Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., PM (2016)

Keith S. Cotton (2017)

Bruce L. Ewald, PM (2011)

Bruce L. Hawley, PM (2000)**

John T. Seletos (2017)

Thomas K. Sheehan (2014)

Rogelio L. Soriano (2018)

Steven A. Wolvek, PM (2019)

*A high honor presented to a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary.

** Deceased.





Baseball's Influences in Freemasonry

One might think that it was Bro. Cy Young, a member of Mystic Tie Lodge #194, Uhrichsvile, Ohio (see, <https://eb1870.org/project/cy-young/>) who influenced the use of baseball lingo in Freemasonry (i.e., “first base,” “second base,” “third base”).

After all, “[d]uring his 22-season baseball career (1890–1911), [Young] pitched for five different teams” and “was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1937.” *Id.*

But it was not Bro. Young.

No, the influencer of baseball terminology in Freemasonry was Bro. Bud Abbott of Daylight Lodge No. 525, Michigan. (See, <https://eb1870.org/project/bud-abbott/>).

Borrowing from his comedy skit with his partner Lou Costello, Bro. Abbott came to a Degree meeting one night, not having read his Lodge's Trestle Board, and was the first to ask “Who's on First” and so forth.

The tradition stuck due to the many questions asked of various candidates during Masonic Degree conferrals.



From the East

Brethren, I hope you are well and adapting to these unprecedented times.

As you are fully aware, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Masonic functions are suspended until further notice from the Grand Master of California. This includes our upcoming stated meeting and all subsequent special meetings.

In addition, the Governor of California placed a "Stay at Home Order", which requires all to stay home except for essentials. We highly recommend that you follow and support these rules to help prevent the spread of this rapidly growing virus. As simple as it sounds, staying at home and adhering to the social distancing rules really can make a huge difference in keeping the outbreak curve down.

And yes, we understand that we all have jobs and need to go to the groceries to provide for our families. Therefore, we may need to leave our homes to do so. In doing so, please be aware of your surroundings and be equipped to wear any personal protective equipment you deem necessary.

Although we are temporarily confined in our homes, let us remain productive and use this time to hone our craft and come back stronger when time allows. Below are some simple steps to do:

1. Maintain your health! Make sure your mind, body and spirit are whole. Take this time to work on yourself, eat healthy, exercise, read and/or meditate to align your inner being.

2. Make sure your family and loved ones are safe and progressing too. My kids are home and have no school till May 1st. Stay in contact with their school and make sure they have all the tools to perform school work via online programs.

3. Make sure your personal finances are in place. No one knows how long our economy will remain in shut down. I would imagine that we will all feel some financial difficulties

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because of it. Take this time to examine your personal budgets. See where you can cut expenses. If possible, see where you can find additional sources of income.

If you are able to manage all of these, the lodge needs your support as well and here are some things that we can do during this time.

1. Reach out to your lodge brothers and family to see if they need any assistance. Even the little conversations can uplift someone's spirits during these troubling times. Make the conscious effort to be a source of guidance.

2. Officers: we are still progressing to our 2021 stations. I know a handful of officers that are ready to move up, please make sure that you are ready as well. If you need assistance, please contact our Officer's Coach, WB Steve Wolvek (818) 227-3379 wolveklaw@sbcglobal.net .

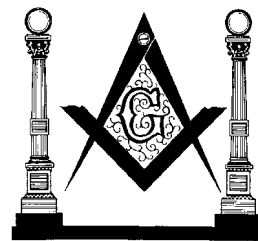
3. Entered Apprentices; we strongly encourage you to work on your proficiency. If you need assistance, please contact our Candidates Coach, WB Roger Soriano (818) 687-8348 rsoriano@gmail.com .

4. 3rd Degree Proficiency; for all our newly raised Master Masons and also Brothers Mike Chavez & Tom Sheehan, get this done and out of the way. Please see WB Roger for help if you need it.

As you can see, we have plenty to do. Please help where you can, be safe and we wish you much prosperity during these uncertain times...

California Governor- Stay Home Order, <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/19/governor-gavin-newsom-issues-stay-at-home-order/> ; Los Angeles County - Public Health, <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/> .

Fraternally from the East,
Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM,
Master



From the South

Brethren,
We know COVID-19 is a rapidly changing situation, and we are committed to keeping informed by government agencies and the media. In addition to monitoring updates from a variety of sources, including the WHO, the U.S. CDC and other health authorities, we're also listening to feedback and concerns from the Grand Lodge of California and some other brethren. First and foremost, family safety and wellness come first. It's as simple as that.

It's also important to note that the government and other agencies are taking action based upon a variety of factors, including the public health expertise.

I want to share some updates/ steps to prevent illness based on new precautionary measures to keep our brethren and family safe while continuing to support others.

The following advice is from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

- **Clean your hands often.**
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that

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contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Avoid close contact**
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.
- **Take steps to protect others, as follows:**
- **Stay home if you’re sick**
 - Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes**
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
 - Throw used tissues in the trash.
 - Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- **Wear a facemask if you are sick**
 - If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider’s office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.

- If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.

- **Clean and disinfect**

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

These suggestions should be the rules and guides of our actions for the foreseeable future. Brothers, please take care of yourselves and your families so that our lives can return to normal soon.

Fraternally from the South,
Bro. Fernando (“Jhonny”) Lebrilla
Junior Warden



From the Treasurer

Brethren, My monthly reminder: Annual dues for 2020 are \$153.00. If not already paid, please plan on bringing your check to our next stated meeting or mail it to our Secretary.. Please DO NOT pay your dues online. The Grand Lodge will take a portion of your dues as a processing fee. We will accept cash, but check is preferred.

Fraternally,
Bro Barry Mann,
Treasurer

From the Secretary

Brethren,
In this difficult time when many people are scrambling to buy everything on the shelves for the long “house arrest,”we Masons should be looking after each other. It is important to keep communicating with each other. Call and ask to make sure that all is good. Please follow the recommendations of the medical community and the campaign to STAY HOME. Some of us have to work due to the type of work we do, so please keep Human Distance that is recommended by Health Organizations.

Keep the Faith, We will get through this epidemic.

Fraternally,
Brother Akram Alawar,
Secretary



April Fools Day

The following is quoted from <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/days-2/april-fools-day-april-1/> :

“April Fools’ Day on April 1st has long been a day when practical jokes and tricks are played on the unaware. It’s a time when children convince their parents they’ve broken a bone. Parents get in on the planning, too. Classic April Fools’ jokes include caramel covered onions or fake doggy doo-doo in inconvenient places. Businesses launch impractical or unbelievable products for the fun of the day and newspapers print incredible headlines catching readers off guard.”

...

“Newspapers, television, radio and social media have had their fun on April Fools’ Day. Check out all this April 1 foolishness:

--Times of London reported in 1992 that Belgium was negotiating to join Holland.

--The Evening Star of Islington advertised in 1864 a display of donkeys at the Agricultural Hall the next day. Those who arrived early soon realized who the donkeys on display really were.

--In 1950, The Progress in Clearfield Pennsylvania published a picture of a UFO flying over the town. Claiming to have “scooped” larger publications of the first-ever published picture of a real flying saucer.

-- In 2008, the BBC presented a documentary on flying penguins.

I hope you have enjoyed sharing April Fools Day with me and I hope to see you soon. Stay away from others and stay well in these troubled times.

Sincerely,
David I. Karp
Editor