

# In The



# Daylight

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## Summertime, and the Livin' is Easy\*

Foreword . . .

✿ "Summertime / and the livin' is easy."  
So opens the aria, *Summertime*, in the  
20th Century English language opera,

*Porgy and Bess*, by George Gershwin.

Many websites report that Gershwin was a Mason, although it is not a certainty. I could not find any references to a lodge in which he was a member.

Regardless, Gershwin came to mind for this month's edition in part because he is one of my favorite modern composers, and in part because it IS summertime and I hope everyone has an opportunity to "take it easy" this month.

The lyrics of Summertime can be found here, among other places on the internet:

<https://genius.com/George-gershwin-summertime-lyrics>. It is sung as a lullaby to a baby and speaks of no harm coming to the child with "daddy and mamma standing by." *Id.*

The Grand Lodge of California informs us, and the world, that "[s]trong family relationships are important, and we include our families in many of our activities. Striving to be better husbands, fathers, and family members enhances our fellowship." [Grand Lodge document entitled "Masonic Philosophy and Values"].

Accordingly, as we take it easy this month, undoubtedly it will be a summertime of family to the extent possible. (For those far from family, the members of the lodge are your family here.)

To be sure, as men and Masons we will continue to improve ourselves by embracing our family members, looking out for them, spending

our downtime with them, and seeing to it that, as in Gershwin's *Summertime*, no harm shall come to them (barring the unforeseen exigencies and vicissitudes of life).

And, while we're delighting in our summertime opportunities this month, please enjoy this edition as well. In addition to some of the usual entries, I have included (among other things) an article on Bro. George Washington's historic visit as President to Rhode Island and his communication with the Masons there, as well as a piece on our Brothers, Lewis and Clark, and their famous exploration of the West. Happy reading!

Fraternally,  
David I. Karp, Editor

### August Trestleboard

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

August 3 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)  
August 17 Second Degree Conferral for  
Bros. Majd Fahma and Hamood Hammood  
(Dress formal).  
August 21 CFS Third Wednesday Bkfst.,  
8AM @ Four 'n 20 Rest., Sh. Oaks (casual)

### Looking Ahead into September

Sept. 7 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)  
Sept. 17 Dodger Night  
Sept. 18 CFS Third Wednesday Bkfst.  
Sept. 21 TBD

## Bro. Washington Visits Rhode Island.

**O**n August 17th, 1790, our Brother, President George Washington, arrived in Newport, Rhode Island.

He was accompanied by Governor George Clinton of New York, U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Blair of Virginia [both Masons], Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson, and U.S. Congressman William Loughton Smith of South Carolina. See,

<https://www.tourosynagogue.org/history-learning/gw-letter>; cf. “From Freemasons of King David’s Lodge, Newport, Rhode Island to Washington, 17 August 1790,” on the website of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (“Memorial Website”) at <https://gwmemorial.org/blogs/library-collections/from-freemasons-of-king-david-s-lodge-newport-rhode-island-to-washington-17-august-1790>.

According to the Memorial Website, *supra*:

“Upon landing in Newport, Pres. Washington was welcomed by political, military, religious and civic delegations. Best known among these delegations were members of [The Touro Synagogue of Congregation] Yeshuat Israel, Newport’s first Jewish congregation, which was led by Moses Seixas (1744–1809). ... Washington’s response to their welcome became one of the great statements of American religious liberty. [See the Editor’s Postscript, *infra*].

“Moses Seixas was also the presiding Master of Newport’s King David’s Lodge. On behalf of his lodge he delivered to Brother Washington a written masonic address:

“We the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, of King David’s Lodge, in Newport, Rhode Island with Joyful hearts embrace this Opportunity, to greet you as a Brother and to hail you welcome to Rhode Island. We exult in the thought that as Masonry has always been patronised by the wise, the good, and the great; so hath it stood and ever will stand as its fixtures are on the immutable

pillars of faith, hope, and Charity. With unspeakable pleasure we Gratulate you as filling the Presidential Chair with the applause of a numerous and enlightened people, whilst, at the same time, we felicitate ourselves in the honour done the Brotherhood by your many exemplary Virtues and emanations of Goodness proceeding from a heart worthy of possessing the Antient Mysteries of our craft; being persuaded that the wisdom and Grace with which heaven has endowed you, will ever square all your thoughts, words, and actions by the eternal Laws of honour, equity, and truth, so as to promote the advancement of all good works; your own happiness, and that of mankind. Permit us then Illustrious Brother cordially to Salute you with Three times Three and to add your fervent supplications that the Sovereign Architect of the Universe may always encompass you with his holy protection.’

...

“Pressed by many important matters it would not be until August 22nd that Pres. Washington would reply to the brothers of King David’s Lodge.”

<https://gwmemorial.org/blogs/library-collections/from-freemasons-of-king-david-s-lodge-newport-rhode-island-to-washington-17-august-1790>.

Among all of the addresses to President Washington in Rhode Island that day, and his replies thereto, as published in The Providence Gazette and Country Journal (No. 38, of Vol XXVII), Saturday, September 18, 1790, Bro. Washington’s reply to the Masonic address said this, not in his presidential voice but as a Brother Mason:

“To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of King David’s Lodge, in Newport, Rhode Island. [¶] “Gentlemen, [¶] I receive the welcome which you give me to Rhode Island with pleasure and I acknowledge my obligations for the flattering expressions of regard contained in your address  
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with grateful sincerity. [¶] Being persuaded, that a just application of the principles on which the masonic fraternity is founded, must be promotive of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interest of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving Brother. My best wishes, Gentlemen, are offered for your individual happiness. [¶] G. Washington.”

See, Schoner, Allon. *The American Jewish Album: 1654 to the Present*. New York: Rizzoli International Publications, Inc., 1983, p. 41; see, also,

<https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/05-06-02-0136>

Thus was our Brother, George Washington, acknowledged by, and his answer given to, our Brethren of Rhode Island on that august occasion [so to speak].

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[Editor’s Postscript: The impact on American life of President Washington’s contemporaneous response to the address by the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island is memorable in its own right as promoting religious liberty, that is, in reassuring “those who had fled religious tyranny that life in their new nation would be different, that religious ‘toleration’ would give way to religious liberty, and that the government would not interfere with individuals in matters of conscience and belief... [George Washington wrote:] ‘It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights, for, happily, the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.’”

<https://www.tourosynagogue.org/history-learning/gw-letter> .]

#### CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2019

Worshipful Master Rogelio (“Roger”) L. Soriano

Senior Warden Celso V. Cardano, Jr., P.M.

Junior Warden Rolando (“Roland”) L. Cortel

Treasurer Barry Mann

Secretary Akram Alawar

Asst. Secretary Thomas (“Tom”) K. Sheehan

Chaplain Virgilio (“Virgil”) A. Maravillas, Sr.

Senior Deacon Archimedes S. Cabanig

Junior Deacon Keith S. Cotton

Marshal Spartak (“Spo”) Khachatryan

Senior Steward  
Fernando (“Jhonny”) O. Lebrilla, Jr.

Junior Steward Ibrahim Hannoun

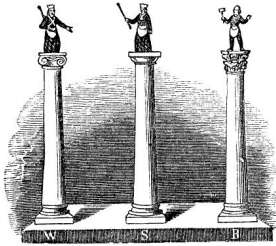
Tiler Allan Mandia/Tony Nader

Organist William (“Bill”) C. Raddatz

Officers’ Coach Wor. Bruce L. Hawley, PM

Candidates’ Coach Steven (“Steve”) A. Wolvek, PM

Inspector 705 Masonic District  
Wor. Alberto Casanova, Jr., P.M.



## From the East

**B**rethren,  
As we look at the second half of the year, we now focus on how the lodge moves forward and progresses for the next year. We will be busy practicing and putting together our upcoming degree ceremonies to get qualified for the next year's lineup. I would like to call on our officers and members to start working on your proficiencies for the next level of your travels.

As we have discussed before, we call ourselves travelers, and as we travel upon this level of time, we learn how to become better men towards each other and to the whole world. We do not become better men simply by going through the three degrees; we become better men by learning along our way, that is, by learning our proficiencies and putting them to heart as we travel along. This is why all of us need to come to the lodge as often as possible: for the benefit of the lodge, as well as for the benefit of learning.

When we say that we are to "receive and have a part of the rights and benefits", to me, this means to have the right to be in the lodge, and to receive the benefit of learning to become better men. So, with this in mind, I encourage everyone to work on your own ashlar for your own perfection. (It is not a solitary effort however; reach out to our Candidates' Coach or any officer or Master Mason in the lodge. We are here to help.)

I would like to end by congratulating two esteemed Masons that we recognized this past month, Worshipful Steve Wolvek for receiving the Hiram Award on the 13th of July and

Worshipful Celso Cardano as Master Mason of the Year also on July 13th. Both are truly deserving brothers. This is not to minimize all the rest of us who, every week, toil and work hard in making our lodge prosper and helping it grow. We all play our part, and I would like to thank each and every one of you all for your support.

Looking at the rest of the summer, we will be having a double Second Degree conferral on Aug 17th. Please support our new Brothers on their upcoming degrees.

Fraternally from the East,  
Wor. Roger L. Soriano,  
Master



[Shown above is our Hiram Award recipient, Wor. Steven Wolvek, PM, with Masons and Guests. Shown below are some of our Hiram Awardees in attendance that day.]





## From the West

Brotheren,  
 July was a month to honor our lodge members for their outstanding work for the lodge and Masonry as a whole. First and foremost, congratulations to WB Steve Wolvek for receiving the Hiram Award. His Masonic journey was over a rough and rugged road and any lesser of a man would have quit Masonry completely. But like a true man of integrity, he overcame all adversity and Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge #866 exists because of his vision and leadership. It was under his guidance and help that our lodge obtained its Constitution. He is truly a deserving brother and an example worthy of all imitation.

I would also like to thank the lodge of honoring me with the Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge #866 Master Mason of the Year Award which was presented at the Pasadena Scottish Rite with Most Worshipful Stuart A. Wright, Grand Master of Masons in California. I am truly honored.

Fraternally from the West,  
 Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM  
 Senior Warden



[Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM receiving his Master Mason of the Year Award from MW Stuart A. Wright, Grand Master of Masons in California.]

## From our Secretary

Brotheren,  
 Our lodge has been marching forward strongly. We have been approached by a several people who are interested in joining our lodge and some have already joined and are Brothers.

Even so, as we all know, our lodge's strength is in its members and in their commitment to our continuing success. For us to continue with this momentum, we need the participation of all of our Brothers in our meetings and practices so that we can: perfect the rituals, have enough Brothers ready to fill in required officer positions; and share the friendship and camaraderie of the Craft with one another..

When you joined, YOU made a commitment both to attend and to pay your dues to this lodge. Also you made a commitment to the growth and success of the lodge. Growth and success can be accomplished only by attendance, participation and innovative and creative ideas that you can bring to the lodge.

We are obligated to our EAs and FCs to move them up in a timely manner. Please reach out to those Brothers, encourage and motivate them to continue their Masonic journey, explain to them the benefits of becoming a Master Mason.

If you are an EA or FC needing encouragement or assistance, please call upon any of us as well, as we want you to be an active participant in our vibrant and successful lodge and to have the fullest and most rewarding experience being a Mason.

Lastly, as a reminder, we need all Brothers to pay their dues for 2018 and 2019 because we will be paying the per capita to Grand Lodge soon.

Fraternally,  
 Bro. Akram Alawar, Secretary

Editor's Note: Our Junior Warden and Treasurer are each taking a break from writing this month. It's summertime after all.

## Upcoming Lodge Events

Here are some upcoming events other than our regularly scheduled meetings:

**August 21, 2019 (8AM)** CFS Third Wednesday Breakfast. Our new tradition!

Monthly informal get-together (no-host, and whoever wants to come can just show up), on the third Wednesday of each month at 8AM, at Four 'n 20 Restaurant, 5530 Van Nuys Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91401. It's another opportunity for fellowship among Masons and it's a place where we can include non-members having expressed an interest in our lodge or the Craft. RSVP to [davidikarp@karpmediation.com](mailto:davidikarp@karpmediation.com) if you can or just show up. [This event probably does not preclude other similar social gatherings if others want to arrange additional or alternative informal get-togethers over a meal or drinks, but run it by the WM first.]

## Member News

August Birthdays: Larry A. Alderson; Manual T. Abarabar; Kyle E. Cotton; Jadd N Halaby. Happy Birthday Brothers.

August Wedding Anniversaries: Celso Cardano, Jr., PM (Crisandra); David I. Karp (Geri); last month: Steven A. Wolvek, PM (Shari). Happy Anniversary.

August Third Degree Anniversaries: Demetrio C. Cahapisan, PM; Sergio D. Lopez.

Congratulations to Wor. Steve Wolvek, PM, and Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM, who were honored in July with the Hiram Award and Mason of the Year Award respectively.

Wor. Steve Wolvek is still collecting recipes for a fund-raising book. Be sure to send him some of your family favorites.

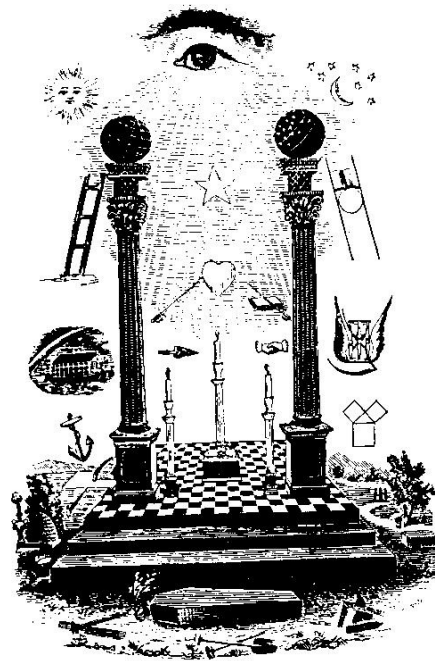
Bro. Bill Raddatz reports the following event for the Van Nuys Chapter 338 Order of the Eastern Star: Aug. 12th - Paint Night \$45. Contact Bro. Bill for further information if interested.

Come Back, Bro.  
By David I. Karp

An Entered Apprentice named Smee  
Left after his First Degree  
We do not know why  
He's such a good guy  
Come back, Bro.; we'd like to see thee.

Inertia is hard to get past  
We hope that your EA's not last  
There's Fellowcraft next  
And we'll help with the text  
So you get to the Third Degree fast.

Return for the fellowship too  
Make time to make this for you  
It's such a blast, Smee,  
It's Freemasonry  
And worthwhile for us and for you.



## Freemasonry and Exploration: The Lewis and Clark Expedition

According to the website at [http://www.masonicsourcebook.com/masonic\\_education\\_research\\_craft\\_lo\\_dge.htm](http://www.masonicsourcebook.com/masonic_education_research_craft_lo_dge.htm): “Masonic education is the continuing exploration of [our rites and degrees, symbols and jewels, history and people] as a way of increasing a Mason's enjoyment of the brotherhood and heritage around him today.”

The Southern California Research Lodge, F. & A.M., among others, is one of many valuable sources for Masonic education and information. See, <https://www.theresearchlodge.com/>. Humbly, our little publication, “In the Daylight,” is another opportunity for learning, at least for me.

In this edition, the esoteric exploration of Freemasonry gives way to the brief acknowledgment of a more physical exploration, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, which took place at the turn of the 19th Century led by two Masons.

“Over the duration of the trip, from May 14, 1804, to September 23, 1806, from St. Louis, Missouri, to the Pacific Ocean and back, the Corps of Discovery, as the expedition company was called, traveled nearly 8,000 miles (13,000 km). The entourage, number[ed] about four dozen men.”

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Lewis-and-Clark-Expedition>. It was a geographical, sociological, and scientific expedition, as to which “President [Thomas] Jefferson had instructed Lewis to make observations of latitude and longitude and to take detailed notes about the soil, climate, animals, plants, and native peoples.” *Ibid.*

Earlier, in January 1803, President Jefferson had asked Congress to authorize and pay for an expedition such as this, (“to explore the Missouri River, make diplomatic contact with Indians, expand the American fur trade, and locate the Northwest Passage[,] the much-sought-after

hypothetical northwestern water route to the Pacific Ocean”). The idea took on more importance in May of that year “when the United States agreed to the Louisiana Purchase Napoleon’s sale of 828,000 square miles (2,100,000 square km) of French territory for \$27 million.” *Ibid.*

Once the mission was approved, Jefferson asked his personal secretary, Meriwether Lewis, to lead the expedition. “As his co-commander he selected William Clark, who had been his military superior during the government’s battles with the Northwest Indian Federation in the early 1790s.” *Ibid.*

Both Lewis and Clark were Masons. Coincidentally, both were born in August, which is why this article is published this month, Lewis on August 18, 1774, and Clark on August 1, 1770.

Brother Meriwether Lewis was a member of Door to Virtue Masonic Lodge #44, Albemarle, Virginia. Brother William Clark was a member of St. Louis Lodge #111 St. Louis, Missouri. See, <https://eb1870.org/project/william-clark/> and <https://eb1870.org/project/meriwether-lewis/>.

Cleverly, Lewis and Clark took with them Sacagawea, the daughter of a Shoshone chieftain, primarily for her skills as a translator, whose presence, with an infant child, indicated to the Native American tribes they encountered that their intentions were peaceful. See, United States Mint Official Commemorative Coin Cover © 2000. (On January 1, 2000, the United States Mint issued the golden Sacagawea Dollar coin.) Postal stamps commemorating the Lewis and Clark Expedition, from 1954 and 2004, can be seen on this web page:

<https://franceshunter.wordpress.com/2011/10/06/lewis-and-clark-on-u-s-postage-stamps/>

And now you know just a little more about our Brethren, Lewis and Clark, and their historic expedition to the Northwest.

Respectfully submitted,  
David I. Karp

## Summertime Jokes to Share with the Kids in your Family

The following are quoted from *Boys' Life* at <https://boyslife.org/features/142568/21-funny-summer-vacation-jokes/> [Attributions to the boys submitting them are available on the website.]

Brendan: Where do sharks go on summer vacation?

Jordan: Where?

Brendan: Finland!

A book never written: "Where to Stay on Vacation" by Moe Tell.

Erik: Why did the robot go on summer vacation?

Sarah: I haven't a clue.

Erik: He needed to recharge his batteries.

Mike: Why don't mummies go on summer vacation?

Hank: I don't know.

Mike: They're afraid to relax and unwind!

Elaine: Where do eggs go on summer vacation?

Peter: I don't know.

Elaine: New York City!

First woman: My son came to visit for summer vacation.

Second woman: How nice! Did you meet him at the airport?

First woman: Oh, no. I've known him for years!

Ben: Where do goldfish go on vacation?

Bob: Where?

Ben: Around the globe!

A book never written: "Vacations Are So Expensive" by Seymour Foreles.

### Masonic Recognition

Past Masters of Clarence F. Smith  
Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M.  
Steven A. Wolvek (2017-2018)

### 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)

\*Presented to a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary. It is the highest honor (other than being Master of the Lodge) that can be bestowed on a member of a Masonic Lodge.

