

In the



Daylight

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It's About Time!

Foreword ...

Time for Freemasonry?

Our rituals refer to time in several respects: waiting a time with patience; dividing our time for different purposes; traveling upon the Level of time; and so forth.

I think about time a lot. I read time travel novels. I plan my day. I keep a calendar for work. I have clocks, usually more than one, in every room of the house. I schedule Zoom fellowship meetings for the lodge. I write for this newsletter which takes nearly a month's time. I look forward to time with family and friends.

But the real question for each Mason in the lodge is: How to make time for Freemasonry?

Under ordinary circumstances (not during the COVID-19 emergency), we are each busy with our lives. We have work, family, and organizational commitments. Time can be difficult to manage, with Masonic meetings, events, dinners, etc., along with everything else.

Now, however, we are not meeting as a lodge, except informally and online due to the pandemic. For some of us, time seems to stand still, as at the Tropic of Cancer on the day of the Summer Solstice.. See, <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/facts-about-june-solstice.html> ; see also Wor. Celso's article in this edition.

So, what do we do these days, with extra time, to be productive in Freemasonry?

We can plan for better times. We can make an effort to be in contact with our Brothers, by phone, email, or video conference.

We can also utilize unstructured time for our own personal betterment: to let our minds wander, to think about our good fortune in having a good life, to read, to imagine, to pray if that's what suits us, to come up with ideas for our own future and the future of the lodge, even to pursue happiness (See July newsletter).

We are all traveling on that level of time which ultimately leads to the Celestial Lodge. So, we must make the best of our time before we get there.

In my view, the best way to make time for Freemasonry, now and always, is to act openly and consistently, in our private and public lives, with honesty, integrity, restraint, and kindness, all of which redounds to the benefit of ourselves, our lodge, our community, and our country. If we so act, all that we do will constitute time productively devoted to Freemasonry and to the ethics and actions of a Mason.

More about time follows in the articles of this edition. Please take the time to enjoy them. Happy reading!

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp
Editor

August Trestle Board appears on page 2.

Freemasonry and Time

“But at my back I always hear / Time’s wingèd chariot hurrying near.”

These are the words of Andrew Marvell (1621-1678) from his famous work, “To His Coy Mistress,” a *carpe diem* poem stressing the concept of not wasting time and of enjoying the here and now. (In actuality, it is a poem of seduction which seems to say “Let’s get on with it before it’s too late.”) See, <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44688/to-his-coy-mistress> .

It is uncertain if Andrew Marvell was a Mason. However, there IS a Masonic Lodge named after him: Andrew Marvell Lodge 5642 in Hull, England. In fact, the Lodge’s website contains a nice biography of Marvell who was a statesman as well as a poet. See, <https://andrewmarvell5642.org.uk/andrew-marvell/> .

If Marvell was preoccupied with the passage of time, so Masonry also seems to be concerned with it and with using time productively: Think of some of the hieroglyphical emblems explained in the Third Degree and in the Monitor.

Moreover, “Time’s wingèd chariot” recalls another image, that of Father Time (with wings) and a Weeping Virgin, depicted sometimes on the gravestones of Freemasons and elsewhere.



Image marked Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio from

<https://gravelyspeaking.com/2011/12/27/father-time-and-the-weeping-virgin/> .

Yet there is a distinction to be noted between Marvell’s wingèd chariot of time and Freemasonry’s consideration of time:

Marvell’s idea is to hurry up and enjoy life, and Freemasonry contrastingly recognizes that with time, patience and perseverance we can accomplish all things in life, and thus improve ourselves in the process.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp

August/September Trestle Board

(When we meet in person, we meet on 1st/3rd Saturdays at 10:00 AM except as otherwise noted.)

The Grand Master of Masons in California is not yet permitting in-person Masonic events. Instead we will continue our Masonic Fellowship meetings via Zoom, Fridays 7PM. Mtg ID and password via email and/or iMember2.0. See, Wor. Celso’s article for newly announced monthly themes.

August Zoom Fellowship meetings, 7PM
August 7, 14, 21, 28

September Zoom Fellowship meetings, 7PM
Sept. 4*, 11, 18**, 25

*Sept. 4 Zoom includes Constitutional Observance presentation by Bro. David I. Karp

**Sept 18 Fellowship will be hosted by Wor. Celso Cardano.

Always check iMember2.0 for changes or updates.

Turn, Turn, Turn

To Everything (Turn, Turn, Turn)
 There is a season (Turn, Turn,
 Turn)
 And a time for every purpose, under Heaven

A time to be born, a time to die
 A time to plant, a time to reap
 A time to kill, a time to heal
 A time to laugh, a time to weep

[Refrain: To Everything (Turn, Turn,
 Turn)...]

A time to build up, a time to break down
 A time to dance, a time to mourn
 A time to cast away stones, a time to gather
 stones together

[Refrain: To Everything (Turn, Turn,
 Turn)...]

A time of love, a time of hate
 A time of war, a time of peace
 A time you may embrace, a time to refrain
 from embracing

[Refrain: To Everything (Turn, Turn,
 Turn)...]

A time to gain, a time to lose
 A time to rend, a time to sew
 A time to love, a time to hate
 A time for peace, I swear it's not too late

Pete Seeger, from the album "The Bitter
 and the Sweet" (1962), see
<https://genius.com/Pete-seeger-turn-turn-turn-lyrics>
 (Based upon Kohelet - Ecclesiastes - Chapter
 3, see
https://www.chabad.org/library/bible_cdo/aid/16464/jewish/Chapter-3.htm)

CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2020

Worshipful Master Celso V. Cardano, Jr., P.M.

Senior Warden Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan

Junior Warden
 Fernando ("Jhonny") O. Lebrilla, Jr.

Treasurer Barry Mann

Secretary Akram Alawar

Asst. Secretary Thomas ("Tom") K. Sheehan

Chaplain Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig

Senior Deacon Spartak ("Spo") Khachatryan

Junior Deacon Ihrahim Hannoun

Marshal Keith S. Cotton

Senior Steward Michael ("Mike") J. Chavez

Junior Steward Raffi Hovhannisyan

Organist Majd Fahma

Tiler William ("Bill") C. Raddatz

Officers' Coach Steven ("Steve") A. Wolvek, PM

Candidates' Coach Roger L. Soriano, PM

Inspector Leland H. Celestre, PM

Time for Member News:

August Birthdays: Manuel T. Abarabar,
Larry A. Alderson, Kyle E. Cotton,
Jadd Halaby

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

Wedding Anniversaries: Celso & Crisandra
Cardano; David & Geri Karp

Congratulations to all!

[Editor's note: At the moment, the birthday and third degree anniversary reports, previously in freemason.org, have disappeared. If no longer available, they will disappear from future editions of this newsletter as well. DIK.]

Member Spotlight: Bro. Michael J. Chavez, Senior Steward

Brother Michael J. Chavez, 57, came to Freemasonry in 2015 and first affiliated with Granada Hills 378, where he was initiated, passed and raised a Master Mason (2016-2018). He affiliated with Clarence F. Smith Daylight 866 in 2018, and has become an active participant as Senior Steward.

As a part of his journey to becoming a better man, Bro. Mike is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason (Valley of Pasadena) and a member of York Rite Knights Templar Commandary #9.

He works for Spectrum and joins us regularly in our Zoom Fellowship meetings. He always has a smile and a warm greeting for each of us and anticipates continuing his journey in Freemasonry for deeper meaning, fulfillment, and enjoyment.

Be sure to say hi to Bro. Mike when you see him at lodge, virtually or in-person. He's a pleasure to be with and we are proud that he is our Brother.



Time Immemorial Lodges

“As is well known, on 24 June 1717, four London lodges came together and elected a Grand Master. They agreed to revive the annual feast and to hold quarterly communications, in effect bringing the first Grand Lodge into existence. While much has been said of this now-momentous event, little has been said of the lodges that brought Grand Lodge into being.

“According to James Anderson in the 1738 Constitutions of the Free-Masons, the four lodges were at the Goose and Gridiron Ale House in St Paul’s Churchyard; the Crown Ale House in Parker’s Lane, near Drury Lane; the Apple Tree Tavern in Charles Street, Covent Garden; and the Rummer and Grapes Tavern in Channel Row, Westminster.

“Of those lodges, the Crown Ale House ceased meeting circa 1736 but the other three still meet today. Because their dates of origin are unknown, and they predate the formation of Grand Lodge itself, they have the status of being ‘time immemorial’.

“Today, the lodge at the Goose and Gridiron is now Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2....

“The lodge at the Apple Tree Tavern is now Lodge of Fortitude & Old Cumberland, No. 12....

“The lodge at the Rummer and Grapes in Channel Row is now Royal Somerset House & Inverness Lodge, No. 4.”

Source: “Freemason Today: John Hamill clocks the time immemorial lodges.” 13 June 2017 at

<https://www.freemasonrytoday.com/features/john-hamill-clocks-the-time-immemorial-lodges>



Nichols Goddard, Clockmaker and Mason

The following is quoted from the Library of Clockmakers at <http://www.delaneyantiqueclocks.com/products/category/8/Library-of-Clockmakers> :

“Nichols Goddard was born the son of Nathan and Martha (Nichols) Goddard in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts on October 4, 1773. It is thought that he learned clockmaking from his second cousin Luther Goddard who was also in Shrewsbury. Luther was trained by his cousin, our country’s most famous clockmaker, Simon Willard of Grafton in 1778. Luther is often credited with making the first watch in America. Nichols is listed as working in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1794 through 1797. A diary entry from 1795 states that as a journeyman, Nichols made movements for his father Luther Goddard, Gardner Parker of Westborough, Isaac Gere of Northampton, MA and for a man identified as “Ingalls” who is also in Northampton. In June of 1797, Goddard moves north to Rutland, Vermont. At this time, the period of 1770 through about 1825, the state of Vermont enjoyed unprecedented population growth. It is in Rutland that Goddard formed a partnership with a silversmith who was originally from Norwich, Connecticut and more recently Pittsfield, Massachusetts. His name was Benjamin Lord. In September of 1798, Nichols returned to Northampton to marry Charity White. She was the daughter of Job White and Charity Chapin. They returned to Rutland and had seven children together. After their partnership ended,

Nichols continued to make clocks under his own name until he died in 1823.

“Nichols involves himself in public affairs. In 1800 he is appointed Town Clerk of Rutland. He also serves as Town Treasurer from 1805-1807. He received the commission of Captain in the militia. He was also very active in the Masonic lodge. In 1802 he was elected Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Vermont and in 1804 through 1810 he served as Grand Senior Warden.

“Nichols died in Rutland on September 23, 1823.”

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.



Minutes of the Lodge

The following comes from <https://scottishrite.org/blog/about/media-publications/journal/article/freemasonry-q-a-why-are-masons-so-concerned-about-minutes/>, and is quoted verbatim.

Freemasonry Q & A: Why are Masons so concerned about minutes?

This can probably be traced back to William Schaw of Scotland, the “King’s Master of Works and Warden-General” or also “Chief Master of Masons.” On December 28, 1598, Schaw issued rules for governing the craft of freemasonry which are now known as the “Schaw Statutes.” One of the statutes gives clear rules about keeping records.

“Item: That no master shall receive any apprentice without signifying the same to the wardens of the lodge where he lives, to the end that the said apprentice’s name and the day of his reception may be orderly entered in the books.”

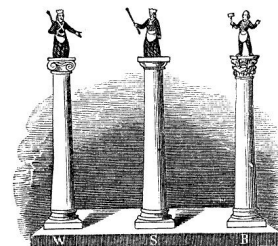
Here is clear evidence that Scottish lodges were instructed in 1598 by the Chief Master of Masons to enter new members in “the books.” The earliest extant minutes of any lodge are those of Aitchison’s Haven Lodge of January 9, 1598, a few months before Schaw formally issued his rules.

“The IX day of Januerie the Zeir of God upon ye quihilk day Robert Widderspone was maid fellow of Craft ... he chois George Aytone Johne Pedded to be his intenders and instructouris and also ye said Robert hes payit his xx sh. And his gluffis to everie Maister as efferis.”

From this simple minute of the meeting we can see one custom that has carried forth to today: newly advanced brothers have intenders

and instructors to teach them Masonry. In 1598 Robert Widderspone chose George Aytone and Johne Pedded rather than have them assigned by the master as would be done now, but what is important here is that the newly advanced brother had senior members assigned to help him advance.

Without Schaw’s guidance the lodges may not have kept records (for who really enjoys hearing and approving minutes), and without the records we wouldn’t be able to trace back our earliest customs.



From the East

Brethren,
As the Governor of the State of California begins a second round of Stay-at-Home Orders this month, due to the rising cases of the Coronavirus, it is safe to say that this will be the new normal for quite some time until there is a vaccine for the virus or it miraculously disappears.

With there being more uncertainty of our lodge reopening and allowing the lodge to conduct our regular business meetings, degrees, and fellowships, we have shifted our focus for the year and we have changed our goals so that we can remain active, although at a distance, but still make an impact in our communities.

Our new goal is to have a minimum of one special event on our weekly Zoom.com lodge meetings to keep up with the Grand Lodge’s monthly proclamations or we can make our own monthly themes.

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For now, we have this:

August - Summer Solstice

September - Constitution Observance

(Masonic Education)

October - Recognizing First Responders

November - Giving Thanks

December - Giving Back

Our next new goal is to have a minimum of one charitable event each month. Our Secretary Brother Akram Alawar is leading the clothes donations drive to the Midnight Mission this month. If you have any used clothes that simply do not fit or any extra clothes that you don't use or want anymore, please contact Brother Akram at (818) 631-19888 to donate to this worthy cause.

In addition, the lodge would like to treat the front-line workers to breakfast or lunch. If anybody knows any police officers, firefighters, medical workers, or any worthy front line workers, please let us know so we can collect funds and/or food to treat them to lunch as a way of saying thank you for all the hard work that they do during this pandemic.

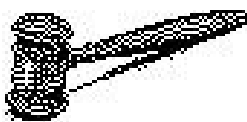
Lastly, I finally received the materials with Masonic symbols printed on it so that we can start to make masks. This will be a small lodge fund raiser in selling these masks. We will also donate them to other appendant Masonic bodies.

I hope you all are doing well and I look forward to seeing you all at our weekly Zoom.com meetings.

Fraternally from the East,

Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM

Master



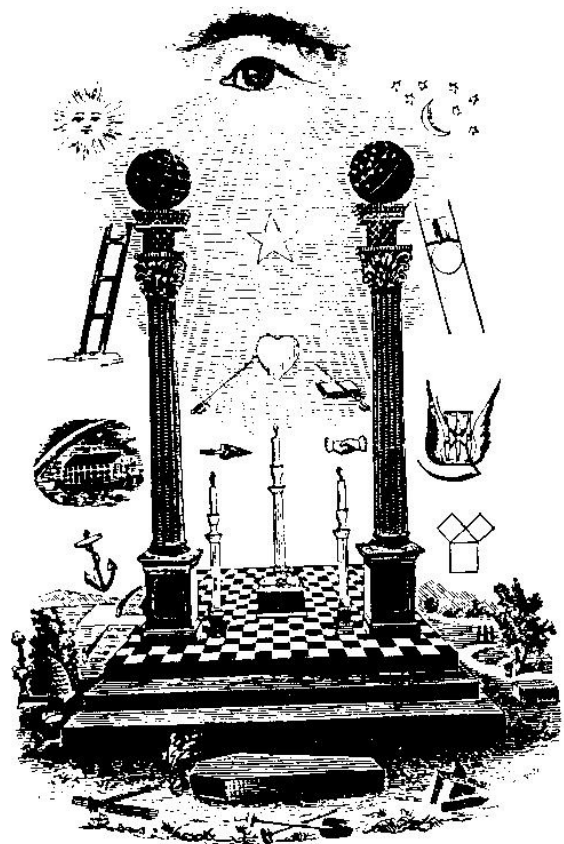
From the West

Brethren,

Since we are all facing the global pandemic and living in these unprecedented times, I would like to reiterate, although with a heavy heart, Wor. Casanova's comments in our Zoom meeting about lodges being closed possibly until the end of the year if not longer. Also the annual Communications may be postponed if not canceled. Therefore, since the Inspectors are trying to figure out a solution for proficiencies, etc., I recommend that the officers get ready:

To all who want to advance please let me or WB Celso Cardano know. Thank you. I hope you and your families stay well.

Fraternally from the West,
Bro. Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan
Senior Warden



From the South

Brethren,
This pandemic has opened my eyes to what's really important, and that's simplicity.

Prior to January my family was busy traveling, attending in-party, indoor outdoor activities, and of course, focusing on daily happenings every single day. All good, but this period of slowing down has been good, too. It's allowed us to refocus on the smaller, yet equally significant things in life.

With my family, our meals were more about the venue and food than meaningful conversation. Staying fit required a gym, equipment, and headphones. Time with friends and family was measured by quantity, not quality. What truly matters most was blurred by what I now realize was not as important.

Over the last few months, my wife Jane, our kids and I have stayed connected by returning to simplicity. We enjoy dinner together at our dining room table—no television, no distractions. We listen intently to each other. The gym has been replaced with daily walks, which allow us to talk about the day ahead and enjoy the California sunrise and the birds' beautiful ballads. That's not to suggest we've been immune to the challenges. However, we remind each other: things won't be like this forever and to refocus on the "silver lining."

I've taken the same approach with other Brethren. It's important to me that they know I appreciate them and how they've led through this new normal. It's as simple as sending a heartfelt text that reads, "No need to reply. I hope you and your family enjoy your time away and together," or a handwritten note to acknowledge our successful Friday Zoom calls with the Brothers.

Since this edition is about time, one could say, "we have been given the time to learn what's most important in life, and that's simplicity."

Fraternally from the South,
Fernando ("Jhonny") O. Lebrilla, Jr.
Junior Warden

From the Secretary

Brethren,
It seems to me that this pandemic is going to last a long time, for several reasons. At least one of these reasons is a lack of seriousness by some in dealing with it; another involves the decisions being made at all levels of government.

That lack of seriousness applies to people who refuse to take the necessary precautions, either because it offends their sense of freedom of choice or because they believe that the whole thing is a conspiracy.

The Great Architect of the Universe bestowed on us both Reason and Logic and we are expected to practice those virtues.

Stay Home and isolate yourself if you suspect that you are infected. Practice social distancing ("6 feet apart is better than 6 feet under"). Avoid getting your loved ones infected.

I write this because the pandemic has affected my family: a distant cousin of mine tested positive upon arrival to our home town in Lebanon (came from North Carolina). Unfortunately it took two days for the results. In these two days 33 people were in direct contact with him. Now the municipality has imposed complete isolation of our town.

Keep the Faith, We will get through this epidemic.

Fraternally,
Bro. Akram Alawar
Secretary



The Timelessness (Timeliness?) Of Dickens' Words

Charles Dickens was not a Mason, but he had connections to Freemasonry, including members of his family (brothers and some of his sons) who were Masons. Also, [t]here are lodges today that have in their names links to the history of Dickens. Moreover, many of his writings include references to the Craft. See, <http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2013/12/wa-s-charles-dickens-freemason.html> .

Although not a reference to Freemasonry, Dickens wrote this in *A Tale of Two Cities* (which ties in to the theme of this edition):

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.”

See, <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/341391-it-was-the-best-of-times-it-was-the-worst> .

Here's the ultimate question: are his words timeless or timely, or both? What do you think?

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp

Bonus: Never too Late

It's never too late to add one more item to fill out the last page. So here is a reference to time, except it is about *being late*. It is from *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll¹:

“Suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her. [¶] There was nothing so VERY

remarkable in that; nor did Alice think it so VERY much out of the way to hear the Rabbit say to itself, ‘Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!’ (when she thought it over afterwards, it occurred to her that she ought to have wondered at this, but at the time it all seemed quite natural); but when the Rabbit actually TOOK A WATCH OUT OF ITS WAISTCOAT-POCKET, and looked at it, and then hurried on, Alice started to her feet, for it flashed across her mind that she had never before seen a rabbit with either a waistcoat-pocket, or a watch to take out of it, and burning with curiosity, she ran across the field after it, and fortunately was just in time to see it pop down a large rabbit-hole under the hedge.”

[From <https://www.alice-in-wonderland.net/resources/chapters-script/alices-adventures-in-wonderland/chapter-1/>]

You see, it's never too late to entertain my Brothers with a tidbit like this, and I was not out of time to include it! I hope you enjoyed reading this edition; I enjoyed writing and editing it.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp
Editor



¹Reportedly, Bro. Charles Dodgson, also known by the pen name, Lewis Carroll, was a Mason. See, <http://www.bluelodge-wa.org/burl93/Pages/Trestleboard201509.pdf> .