

# In The



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## The Fellowship and Fidelity of the Craft.

### In this Issue ...

Sometimes known as the “December Dilemma,” educators, writers and others often do know what to say or write respecting the myriad religious observances that are due to take place in December. (see, <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/religion-in-public-schools/religious-holidays> . See also, <http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/2018.htm> . )

However, we, as Free and Accepted Masons, know how best to work and best agree. We do so, in the words of the ADL, *supra*, by “not endorsing or promoting any religious perspective or point of view” except perhaps allegorically.

As editor, I have chosen for the December issue – instead of religious references – to focus on the continuity of fellowship and fidelity among Masons over time, including those from this time of year. I continue to be fascinated by the intersection of Freemasonry and U.S. History, and so you will find two articles, historical in nature, that exhibit these qualities from Decembers past.

Also our Brothers – Steven Wolvek, WM; Roger Soriano, JW; Akram Alawar, Secy. – share their recent experiences of fellowship and fidelity, and other things, in their contributions to this edition.

Below, too, you will also find important tidings of a financial nature from the Grand Lodge of California. Additionally, please find our Trestleboard for December, the usual list of 2018

officers, Masonic recognitions, some member news, etc.

Due to space limitations, I have abbreviated the “New Master Masons Corner,” with more to come in subsequent editions.

Lastly, inasmuch as this December edition actually publishes in November, please allow me to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and of course, best wishes for all of the December observances.

Fraternally,  
David I. Karp, Editor

### December Trestleboard

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

December 1, 2018 – Stated Meeting (Dress Casual) Any Cookie

December 15, 2018 – Degree TBD - Holiday Party

### Looking Ahead into January

January 5, 2019 – Installation of Officers (Tuxedo for officers and business suit for other members)

January 19, 2019 – Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)

## How Some Brothers Joined Together at Christmastime ... in 1776 .

**H**is name was George Washington, a Brother Mason from Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, A.F. & A.M., in the Commonwealth of Virginia. See, <https://www.masoniclodge4.org/> .



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He was also the commander of the Continental Army in 1776. (See, <https://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/the-revolutionary-war/ten-facts-about-the-revolutionary-war/> ).

“After the loss of New York ... when all seemed lost, Washington executed the boldest stroke of the Revolution. On Christmas night, in the face of a roaring wintry storm, he crossed the Delaware river, obstructed by masses of floating ice, and landed his army in two divisions, one above and the other below Trenton [NJ]. About daybreak, says Brother Knox, who was in charge of the American artillery, the American forces rushed into Trenton ‘pell-mell.’ The Hessians, under Col. Rahl, were sleeping heavily after their Christmas Day celebration and their surprise was complete. Rahl was wounded and forced to surrender his command to the number of about 1200. On receiving the news, Lord Germaine, the British Colonial Secretary, reported to the King, ‘Our hopes are blasted by that unhappy

affair at Trenton.” Morse, Sidney. *Freemasonry in the American Revolution*. Kila: Kessinger Publishing Company. No publication date, preface dated 1924, pp. 84-85.

Washington was not the only Brother Mason involved in the Battle of Trenton. According to George F. Harrington, 32°, K.C.C.H. these Masons were too: Bro. Samuel Nicholas; Bro. John Glover; Bro. General Hugh Mercer; Bro. Charles Wilson Peale. See, [http://www.themasonictrowel.com/Articles/General/about\\_individual\\_files/masonic\\_heroes\\_american\\_revolution/masonic\\_heroes\\_american\\_revolution.htm](http://www.themasonictrowel.com/Articles/General/about_individual_files/masonic_heroes_american_revolution/masonic_heroes_american_revolution.htm) .

Some details from Bro. Harrington’s article follow about each of them.

Bro. Samuel Nicholas – “On November 10, 1775, Congress commissioned him to organize and train five companies of marine forces, skilled in the use of small and large firearms, to protect America’s ships at sea.... During the winter of 1776–77, they provided reinforcements for Washington’s small army, helped with the boats for crossing the Delaware River at Trenton, and fought in the Battle of Princeton.” *Ibid*.

Bro. John Glover – “Commissioned to head the Marblehead Regiment after the Battle of Lexington, he joined General Washington at Cambridge where his men were trained for naval operations.... Bro. Glover and his forces were ... called upon to ferry Washington’s forces across the Delaware River on the famous Christmas Eve raid. Not only were they successful in moving Washington’s troops to Trenton, they also carried back 950 prisoners to the Pennsylvania shore.” *Ibid*.

Bro. General Hugh Mercer – “[A] Mason in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 ... [,] the Continental Congress appointed him a Brigadier General. He took part in the crossing of the Delaware, and his troops were in the lead into Trenton on that historic December 26, 1776.” *Ibid*.

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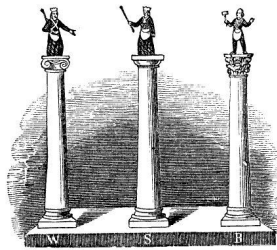
["Christmastime," ctd. from p. 2]

Bro. Charles Wilson Peale – "[A] portrait painter [who] volunteered for service in the Revolutionary War, [he served] as a Captain in the Battle of Trenton and Germantown." *Ibid.*

As you can see from the above descriptions, these Brother Masons, and others, spent a cold wintry Christmas night together, joining in a common cause and participating in the heroic pursuit of liberty.

Such was the fellowship and fidelity of the Craft then. The articles that follow (from the East, South and our Secretary) highlight these same values now although in a very different context.

Fraternally,  
David I. Karp, Editor



## From the East

The Annual Communication was one I will never forget. I would like to share my experience and our accomplishments on getting to that point.

On Friday, October 19th I arrived at my hotel at 8:30 AM after visiting my daughter the day before in Petaluma. I could not check into my hotel as yet but was all ready for Annual Communication. I decided to walk the 1.9 miles to Grand Lodge, clad in my black suit, cowboy boots and of course, my blue tie. At California Street I stared straight up the biggest hill I have ever seen. That is when I discovered Uber!

I made it to Grand Lodge and walked around the exhibit hall getting stopped my many I did not know - but they knew us. I think the blue tie was a giveaway.

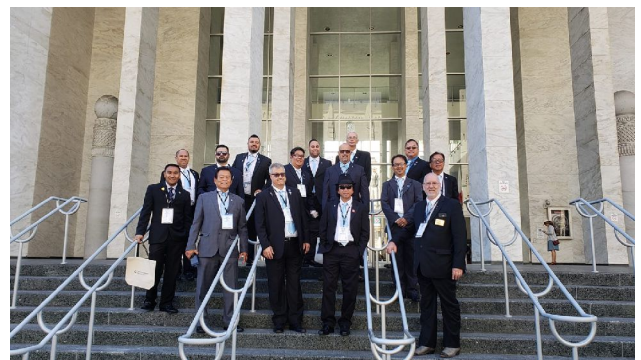
Speaking of blue ties, I had the pleasure of giving one to Worshipful David Shampay who was our Inspector at Large when we qualified for our dispensation. I handed out several more before getting lunch including a special blue bow-tie to Matthew Sebastian, our New Lodge Representative at Grant Lodge.

Waiting for our Brothers to arrive I saw Brother Bill standing in line to register along with the rest of our group. It was a wonderful feeling like when your family arrives at the house for that special event. I loved seeing the excitement in the eyes of our newly raised Brothers as they experienced seeing our Grand Lodge and participating in this once-in-a-lifetime event.

On Saturday (October 20), we all met for the Grand Master's breakfast. The sea of blue ties from our members lit up the room. Afterward, we walked to Grand Lodge and sat through the morning session. At lunch, we all walked several blocks to get something to eat. I am sure we were a sight to behold – 15 men in suits and blue ties walking into a little sandwich shop to eat.

We arrived back at Grand Lodge early so we could get seats up front. Then came the announcement. At around 1:30 PM we received our Charter and number. It was an overwhelming feeling of joy. I had to leave afterward to get home to help my wife pack as we were moving and my time to help was limited by an upcoming surgery.

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["East,' ctd. from p. 3]

So how did we get to this point? With love and hard work. We had 10 degree days in 2018 in which we were able to do 16 degrees including the Father's Day degree at the Masonic Homes which I hope will be a regular event. We had 7 applications for degrees and 3 affiliation requests and we continue to receive calls from others who want to join.

How else? From placing second in a ritual contest to participating in the "Let's Write the Future" Campaign. From participating in charity events to doing a BBQ for residents of the Masonic Homes. From Lodge events to fellowship. From all these things I can honestly say I have never experienced the love and brotherhood at any other time as I have from the honor and privilege of being with each one of you.

But the work is not over. It is just beginning. With our November events – elections, followed by the official visit of the new Grand Master and presentation of our Charter, and our "Stuff-A-Truck" event to help the homeless at the Midnight Mission – the stage is set for our new leadership to move us into the future. I am confident we will be in excellent hands.

It has been a joy and so fulfilling to serve as the Master of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M. What a time we have had together!

Fraternally from the East,  
Wor. Steven A. Wolvek

## From the West

**Y**our true and faithful Senior Warden has not been feeling as well as he would like. We will wait a time with patience for any further report from the West.

Fraternally from the West,  
Bruce Hawley, PM,  
Senior Warden

(By his friend, Brother, and editor)

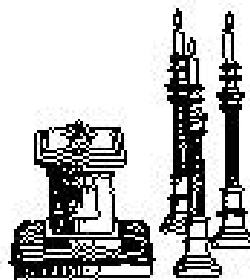
## From the South

**B**rethren,

The past few weeks have been quite hectic and fun-filled. The adventures of the trip to San Francisco were for the books. We left Friday early morning arriving in the city by noon. Two rooms were reserved, with three beds each holding all 10 brothers, one room being designated as the snoring room and the other the non-snoring room.

Then we experienced Grand Lodge ... Wow! Everything was great! Just listening to all the proceedings and legislation that will affect our Craft was very interesting. Also, I think everyone is looking forward to next year when our Lodge can fully participate in all of this.

We then moved on to the Ceremony of Constitution. What an impressive event! For those who missed it, you may want to attend the other Constitution events in other UD lodges.



Thanks to everyone who helped prepare the downstairs lodge room beforehand and clean up afterwards. You did a great job.

Our Stuff-a-Truck event was a huge success as well. We were able to fill up the van for the Midnight Mission. Great effort and coordination. Great Result.

We are an amazing example of Brothers that can best work and best agree. Let us not stop here. As we move forward, we will need everyone on deck to help make this Lodge grow and be the shining example of Masonry in the San Fernando Valley, if not the whole state!

To top it all off, we had our elections in the Lodge, and it is my distinct privilege and pleasure to announce our Officer's Line for 2019.

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[“South, ctd. from p. 4]

(Please mark your calendars for our installation of Officers on January 5th at 10am, Tuxedos for officers; business suits for other members. The Right Worshipful Art Weiss will be the installing Master for our event.)

Worshipful Master: Roger Soriano

Senior Warden: Celso Cardano, PM

Junior Warden: Roland Cortel

Treasurer: Barry Mann

Secretary: Akram Alawar

Chaplain: Virgil Maravillas

Asst. Secretary: Tom Sheehan

Senior Deacon: Archimedes Cabanig

Junior Deacon: Keith Cotton

Marshal: Spartak Khatchatryan

Senior Steward: Fernando (Jhonny) Lebrilla

Junior Steward: Ibrahim Hannoun

Organist: William (Bill) Raddatz

Tyler: Tony Nader

This is a great group of men. The lodge and I thank you for your service and commitment.

Fraternally from the South,  
Bro. Roger Soriano,  
Junior Warden

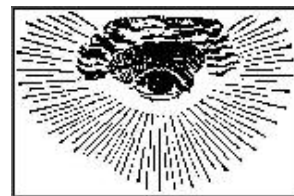


## From Our Secretary

Brethren,  
October was a hectic month as we had a double third degree so that our newly raised Brethren could attend the Grand Lodge Annual Communication later in the month. Thereafter, some of us attended that big event and had a blast. It was the first time for a few of us. It was very impressive because of the site, ceremonies, and the number of attendees. The feeling of being among over 1,500 brothers is beyond description. Also we were ecstatic when it was announced that our Lodge was voted to receive its charter. I recommend that everyone attend the Annual Communication at least once to have that experience. To top all of this we had our Ceremony of Constitution on November 4th, which was also impressive followed by a lunch at the Carnival Restaurant. We had 57 attendees who had a wonderful time enjoying the food and one another's company. There was good reason to celebrate: our hard work and diligent efforts paid off and now we are officially members of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, Free and Accepted Masons.

Thanks to all the Brothers for this achievement.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Akram Alawar,  
Secretary



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## Important Tidings From Grand Lodge

**E**ditors Note: The following Communication from Grand Lodge is published at the request of our Inspector and by Order of our Worshipful Master:

### REPORT OF THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN – 2018-2019 PER CAPITA PROPOSAL– September 4, 2018

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of California,  
I am pleased to present this proposal for the per capita assessment that will be collected in 2019 to fund the fiscal year operations of Grand Lodge for the period of November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020.

I have worked for the last two years in preparing a draft budget for the 2020 fiscal year. Earlier this year, I shared these plans with the masters and wardens who attended our spring leadership retreats. I appreciate your input. In preparing a draft budget for the FY2019, I have considered the factors that will increase per capita, as well as those that will reduce any increase.

The major factors that will increase the per capita are:

1. Membership decline. We project a total loss of 1,504 billable members. This represents a loss in revenue of \$73,320 or \$1.76 in per capita.
2. Expenses. I have been careful to keep expenses to a necessary minimum. Total expenses are only 2% over the previous year. The total impact on increased expenses represents an increase in per capita of \$1.61.

These factors together would require an increase in per capita of \$3.37. However, a

number of factors will reduce per capita. These include an increased dividend from the Nob Hill Masonic Center of \$20,000 and increases in revenue from investments and all other sources of \$22,692. With these factors, the necessary per capita increase can be lowered by \$1.37 to \$2.00.

Therefore, the per capita I am proposing for FY2020 is \$50.75.

At this per capita rate, we are projecting the total amount of per capita collected will be \$2,104,806, which is less than one half of one percent more than in the previous year.

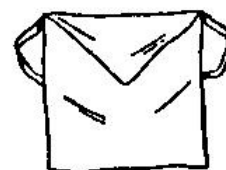
I believe Freemasonry provides us with a golden opportunity. With your support of this proposal, we can continue the programs and services that make it possible to take advantage of these opportunities. Whether it is the masonic education or leadership training programs, the technology and data services, or the important financial services to lodges and halls, we are all working together today more than ever to provide a bright future for our fraternity. I appreciate your support for this proposal and I look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Sincerely and fraternally,

/s/

JOHN E. TRAUNER  
Senior Grand Warden

Per MW Stuart A. Wright, Grand Master, if a brother or widow in the lodge needs wildfire relief, please call Masonic Assistance at (888) 466-3642. The brother or widow should be present for the call.



## New Master Masons' Corner

We congratulate Bros. Tony Nader and Allan Mandia. Both were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 13, 2018, in advance of Grand Lodge's Annual Communication so that each could attend, and they did.. As time passes, each one is becoming an integral part of our Lodge. We send them our encouragement and best wishes on their Masonic journey.

## More Fellowship and Fidelity at this Time of Year but from another Era

This is from another Masonic resource in the library of the editor:

““Richmond, Dec. 14th, 1864

“W.H. HARMAN [Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia]:

*“Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:* Just after the battle of the Wilderness – fought last spring – it was my fortune to meet at a Federal field hospital a Federal surgeon, named (I think) McDermot – who represented himself to be the Deputy Grand Master of Pennsylvania – who informed me that he had in his possession the Jewels, Charter, Holy Writings, &c, belonging to the Lodge at Centreville, Va., which he would be pleased to forward to any one I would name, authorized to receive them. I thanked him, and requested him to forward them to your Most Worshipful Grand body, or to Most Worshipful James Evans, or Worshipful John Dove, Grand Secretary. [¶] I visited the hospital in the capacity of surgeon, for the purpose of removing the wounded Confederates held by the Federals.”

“Very respectfully,

“Yours fraternally,

“C.W.P. BROCK”

From: Roberts, Allen E. *House Undivided: The Story of Freemasonry and the Civil War.* Richmond: Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., Inc., 1990, pp. 232-233 [Italics in original].

### CFS Daylight Lodge Officers

**Worshipful Master** – Steven (“Steve”) A. Wolvek

**Senior Warden** – Wor. Bruce L. Hawley, P.M.

**Junior Warden** – Rogelio (“Roger”) L. Soriano

**Treasurer** – Barry Mann

**Secretary** – Akram Al-Awar

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

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

**Senior Deacon** – Rolando (“Roland”) L. Cortel

**Junior Deacon** – Keith S. Cotton

**Marshal** – Spartak (“Spo”) Khachatryan

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

**Tyler** – Joselito (“Joel”) A. Coronel

**Organist** – William (“Bill”) C. Raddatz

**Officer's Coach** – Wor. Bruce L. Hawley, P.M.

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

## More Member News

**H**ere are some member celebrations and other items for December:  
 Birthdays: Jorge E. Baldarrago; Emmanuel DeGuzman Espiritu; Bruce L. Ewald, PM; Luc Paul; Thomas Kevin Sheehan. Happy Birthday to each of you.

Third Degree Anniversary: Christopher E. Robles (4 yrs). Congratulations Brother!

Get well wishes for Wor. Bruce Hawley, P.M. We hope you get well soon.

Wor. Steve Wolvek is on the mend from shoulder surgery and a move with his wife to a new home.. Best wishes to you, too.

### Editor's Note re Member News

Additional member news is welcome in subsequent editions of this newsletter, including but not limited to personal or business announcements: births, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, personal or business achievements (even your children's), illnesses (so we can offer get well wishes), recoveries, deaths in the family (so we can offer condolences), moves to a new location, whatever you would like others to know – within the bounds of propriety. Submit your news to David I. Karp, Editor, at [davidikarp@karpmediation.com](mailto:davidikarp@karpmediation.com) or 818-515-9361, by the 10th of the Month for inclusion in the following month's edition.



### Masonic Recognition

#### Past Masters by Affiliation

Celso V. Cardano (2012)  
 Alberto L. Casanova, Jr. (2014)  
 Emmanuel D. Espiritu (2014)  
 Bruce L. Ewald (2004-2006)  
 Bruce L. Hawley (1984)  
 Luc Paul, Jr. (current, 2018)

#### Hiram Award\*

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)

\*The Hiram Award is an award 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.

#### Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award\*\*

David I. Karp (2007)

\*\*Presented by the Grand Lodge of California, this nominated award is conferred upon Freemasons who practice the ideals of Freemasonry as volunteers in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Named in memory of Bro. Daniel Carter Beard, BSA's first National Commissioner, this award program is administered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as a service to all other Grand Lodges.