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Daylight

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M.
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Masonic Relief, Charity, Giving Back.

Foreword ...

As we know, the three principal tenets of Masonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The theme for the Lodge this month, as declared by Wor. Celso Cardano, is "Giving Back" which reminds me of Masonic Relief and/or charitable giving.

Through California's Masonic charities including the Masonic Homes of California and the California Masonic Foundation we give back to our brothers, our families, and our communities. Our Grand Lodge's website is rich with information about Masonic Giving. See, <https://freemason.org/masonic-charities/>.

Masonic relief however takes many forms, some of which are non-monetary.

Our Craft values all of these efforts as well, among others: soothing the unhappy, sympathizing with their misfortunes, compassionating their miseries, and restoring peace to their troubled minds. Or, we might also assist by procuring groceries for a neighbor or even helping someone to cross the street.

In these times of pandemic concern, this may be the least we can do, but there's always more.

I found a website about the National Day of Giving, which is celebrated on the first Tuesday following Thanksgiving.

This year it's December 1, 2020, coinciding with Wor. Celso's theme. See, <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day-of-giving-givingtuesday-usually-follows-cyber-Monday/>.

The website offers suggestions such as collecting non-perishable food for a food pantry, donating gift cards for a shelter, collecting new toys for less-fortunate children, making blankets for cancer patients.

Whatever we do, as a Lodge or individually (see also page 7):

"We should observe the laws of charity more carefully even than all of the other commandments. Charity . . . is the mark of the righteous. . . . One does not become impoverished as a result of practicing charity. No harm or evil can be its outcome. He who has compassion on others is deserving of compassion." (Kolatch, Alfred J. *Great Jewish Quotations*. New York: Jonathan David Publishers, Inc., 1996, at p. 300, quoting Moses Maimonides [1135-1204], a Spanish rabbi, physician, scholar, philosopher, author) .

And to quote another source: [N]ow abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Corinthians 13:13 KJV.

Ultimately, relieving the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons. And this is a good time to do so consistent with this month's theme, our present circumstances vis-a-vis the pandemic, and holiday giving as well.

Fraternally,
David I. Karp
Editor

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Comments from Some Other Grand Lodges on Philanthropy

The Grand Lodge of Washington states: “From its earliest days, charity has been the most visible Masonic activity. Freemasons have always been devoted to caring for disadvantaged children and the sick and the elderly. In fact, Masons in North America give away approximately \$2 million to national and local charities each day. Masons are also actively involved in a great deal of community volunteer work.”

<https://freemason-wa.org/freemasons/membership/why-become-a-freemason/> .

The Grand Lodge of Georgia adds that Freemasonry “is benevolent in that it teaches and exemplifies altruism as a duty.”

<https://glofga.org/masonic-principles/> .

According to the Grand Lodge of Virginia: “Freemasons are taught to practice charity and to care, not only for their own, but also for the community as a whole both by charitable giving, and by voluntary efforts and works as individuals. [¶] From its earliest days, Freemasonry has been concerned with the care of orphans, the sick, and the aged. This work continues today. In addition, large sums are given to national and local charities. [¶] Today, we raise more than 2.6 million dollars a day to help people in need. . . . Be a part of something great by helping out people in need. “

<https://grandlodgeofvirginia.org/charity/>

Truly: “Freemasonry is an order whose leading star is philanthropy, and whose principles inculcate an unceasing devotion to the cause of virtue and morality.” La Fayette as quoted by the Grand Lodge of Washington at

<https://freemason-wa.org/freemasons/membership/why-become-a-freemason/> .

December Trestle Board

When we meet in person, but not now, we meet on 1st/3rd Saturdays at 10:00 AM except as otherwise noted. With authority from Grand Lodge, we will conduct our December Stated Meeting online. Thus:

December 5, 2020, 10AM, Zoom. Tiled.
Register in advance for this meeting:

We continue our Masonic Fellowship meetings via Zoom, Thursdays, 7PM. Please take note of the following:

Thu. 12/10 Hiram Award to Bro. David I. Karp [See p. 6]

Thu. 12/17 Master's Annual Recognition & Awards

Thu. 12/24 Dark (Christmas)

Thu. 12/31 Dark (New Years Eve)

DUES NOTICE

Per our Treasurer, 2021 dues will be \$156.00. To avoid an online processing fee payable by the Lodge, send your dues via Zelle directly to the Lodge bank account. Email address is Cfsjuniorwarden@gmail.com . Or mail a check, payable to Clarence F. Smith Daylight No. 866, directly to the Secretary. His address is in iMember2.0 if you don't have it.



The Lasting Legacy of Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, and Freemason Dave Thomas

The following is quoted verbatim from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, at <https://www.freemason.com/the-last-in-g-legacy-of-entrepreneur-philanthropist-and-free-mason-dave-thomas/>

“I think the harder you work, the more luck you have.”

This phrase depicts the essence of Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy’s fast food restaurant, and sheds light on his difficult past and the hard work that molded his story into one of fame and success.

Also a Freemason and active philanthropist, Dave’s original mission of generosity to bring “a good hamburger” to Columbus, Ohio turned into another type of generous mission altogether: promoting the adoption of foster children. His legacy is one of drive and determination, creating groundbreaking initiatives in the food industry as well as the lives of foster children in the United States. Here is Brother Dave Thomas’s story of beating the odds.

Early Life: Dave Thomas was born Rex David Thomas in Atlantic City, New Jersey on July 2, 1932. He was adopted at 6 months old by a couple from Kalamazoo, Michigan and at age 5 his mother passed away. By the age of 12, Dave had lost two stepmothers and his father moved the family to Fort Wayne, Indiana. In Fort Wayne, Dave worked many odd jobs such as paperboy, golf caddy, and drugstore soda fountain counter attendant. At 15, he got his first steady job at a The Hobby House restaurant and

when his father decided to move the family again, Dave refused, dropped out of high school and started full time work.

Career: One might think that it all started with a hamburger but, actually, it started with Kentucky Fried Chicken. Yes, that’s right! Colonel Sanders’s Kentucky Fried Chicken was the catalyst for Wendy’s.

Through connections in the U.S army and at The Hobby House, Thomas was given the opportunity to move to Columbus, OH to improve some of the first KFC restaurants, which were failing at the time. In just a few years, Thomas sold the franchises back to the headquarters for \$1.5 million.

With this money, Thomas opened up his own hamburger restaurant in Ohio in 1969, named Wendy’s after his young daughter’s nickname. This small venture became a large scale operation in less than a decade and ten years after its start, had 1,000 stores to its name. He was also the first to successfully implement a drive-through pick up, now a staple in fast food restaurants throughout the world.

Freemasonry: Dave Thomas was a member of Sol. D. Bayless Lodge #359. He was initiated at the age of 27 on April 13, 1959, passed on April 20, 1959 and raised on May 25, 1959 at The Masonic Temple in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Thomas was also a 33° Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner.

Legacy: Dave Thomas beat the odds and he knew it. Many children that grow up in foster care and are adopted do not have an easy life or clear path to success. That is why Thomas decided to dedicate his life to giving funds and training resources to adoption agencies across the United States. He created the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, the only public nonprofit charity in the United States that is focused solely on foster care adoption. They work closely with child welfare advocates and policymakers, provide free resources about foster care adoption, and raise awareness through multiple communication efforts.

More About Giving Back

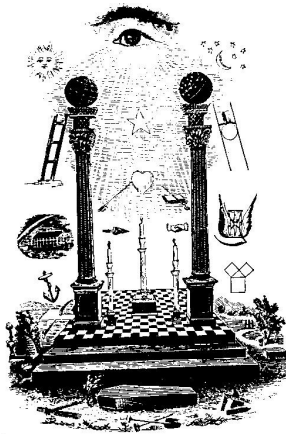
As we have been discussing, Wor. Celso's theme for December is "Giving Back." That phrase assumes that the member is giving back because he received some benefit from being a Freemason.

You will recall from our Open House in September 2019 that we discussed the benefits of being a Mason. They include:

1. Building deep and lasting friendships through the fraternity;
2. Having a community of brothers who share your morals and values;
3. Having the opportunity to build friendships with men of diverse backgrounds;
4. Feeling satisfaction from giving back within the fraternity and without;
5. Finding a means for personal growth and for making a difference in the lives of others ; and ultimately,
6. Having a great time on a regular basis with a great group of men.

These are all great benefits of belonging to the Craft and they grant us both the privilege and the obligation to reciprocate, as item no. 4, above, suggests.

It's great to be a Mason for all of these reasons! Fraternally, David I. Karp.



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 Open

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

Masonic Relief on the Battlefield

“The day after the battle of Antietam [September 17, 1862], the 5th New Hampshire formed the picket line along the edge of the cornfield where Richardson’s Division fought. . . . Early in the morning one of the wounded rebels who lay just outside the pickets called one of the N. H. men and handed him a little slip of paper, on which he had evidently with great difficulty, succeeded in making some mystic sign with a bit of stick wet with blood. The soldier was begged to hand the paper to some Freemason, as soon as possible, and he took it to Col. E.E. Cross of his regiment. The Colonel was a Master Mason. He sent for Capt. J. B. Perry, and several Brother Masons in the regiment, told the story, and in a few moments four ‘Brothers of the mystic tye’ were crawling stealthily through the corn to find the Brother in distress. He was found, placed on a blanket, and at great risk drawn out of the range of the rebel rifles, and then carried to the 5th N.H. hospital. He proved to be First Lieutenant Edon of the Alabama volunteers, badly wounded in the thigh and breast. A few hours and he would have perished. Lieut. Edon informed his Brethren of another wounded Mason, who, when brought out, proved to be a Lieutenant Colonel of a Georgia regiment. These two wounded rebel officers received the same attention as the wounded officers of the 5th and a warm friendship was established between men who a few hours before were in mortal combat.”

Roberts, Allen E. *House Undivided: The Story of Freemasonry and the Civil War*. Richmond: Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., Inc., 1990-1991 at pp. 125-126 quoting *The Freemasons’ Magazine*.

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, PM (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.



What a Relief to Meet Together – Another Masonic Vignette from American History

The following is excerpted from http://www.themasonictrowel.com/Articles/History/other_files/masonic_event_history.htm.

“On Saint Johns Day, December 27th, [1779,] in Arnolds Tavern, Morristown, New Jersey, the American Union Lodge No. 1 of Marietta, Ohio met with representatives of all the Lodges then encamped at Jockey Hollow. The Masons had big problems, not only were they fighting for their actual lives, but also their Masonic life. As rebels they had cut the tie with the Grand Lodge of England. They were now irregular!

“At this meeting was General Washington and most of his staff who were Masons. General Mordecai Gist was in the East and presented a petition calling for the formation of a General Grand Lodge for all the United States. It was agreed and was copied and dispatched to all the other known lodges in the Colonies.

“However due to transit time, before it could be fully circulated thru the colonies several of them decided to form their own Grand Lodge within their respective states, and the General Grand Lodge died.”

[Editor’s note: As an elementary school student in New Jersey, I visited Jockey Hollow on a class trip there. It is near Morristown NJ. As an adult, I took my children there as well. Jockey Hollow was the winter encampment of the Continental Army in 1779-80, a fascinating site. Here is the link to the National Park’s page about it:

<https://www.nps.gov/morr/learn/historyculture/jockey-hollow.htm> . See also, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jockey_Hollow .]



Hiram Award Presentation December 10, 2020

The Lodge has chosen Brother David I. Karp to receive its 2020 Hiram Award on December 10, 2020, 7PM, via Zoom. The Zoom login is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89782267826?pwd=SU5hNkhVOTRUSDQxeFZlIaHF1ZUVkQT09> . Meeting ID: 897 8226 7826. Passcode: 126614.

This ceremony is open to the public and Masons, friends, family, and so forth, are all welcome. Our own WB Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., PM, GSwdB, will be Master of Ceremonies.

Because the event is not in-person, there cannot be a celebratory meal at the Lodge. In lieu thereof, Bro. David has made two donations in honor of the Lodge (see next page). He hopes also to co-host a luncheon next year with the Lodge’s 2021 Hiram recipient.

The anticipated program follows:

Call to Order by Master of Ceremonies (MC)
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Formal Introduction of MC by Master
Introduction of GL Officers, committeemen,
Inspectors, Past Masters and other dignitaries by
MC

Hiram Award Explanation
Biographical Sketch of recipient
Presentation of Hiram Award to recipient
Acknowledgment of other Hiram Recipients
Comments by Bro. David
Benediction
Dismissal

Thank You.

On ZOOM, we have occasionally discussed how we might reach out and help JFS SOVA's local food pantry in Van Nuys. In thinking about how I could reciprocate for the honor being bestowed upon me by the Lodge, I discovered that SOVA has an online virtual food drive. See, the page at https://support.jfsla.org/site/Ecommerce?store_id_1221.

Consequently, I decided that I would, and I did, use the "donate now" button on that page to make a donation in honor of the Lodge and to show my gratitude for being a part of Clarence F. Smith Daylight No. 866. I have also made a donation to the Lodge itself.

Thank you for including me in this great group of Masons and for the honor of the Hiram Award. Fraternaly, Bro. David.



Updated Zoom Information for Weekly Fellowship Meetings

Inasmuch as we are beginning to return to some semblance of normalcy, with Stated Meetings beginning to resume monthly (virtually), some updating of the Zoom fellowship schedule has become necessary.

This is so because the Lodge's Executive Committee Meetings will resume on the Thursday before the Stated Meeting, in place and instead of the Fellowship events. The zoom fellowship schedule has been updated

accordingly and has been extended through March (unless changed again).

Below is the new Zoom fellowship schedule which excludes the Thursdays on which the Executive Committee Meetings will take place and also some holidays. *The login information for the Zoom Fellowships is different from the Zoom Stated Meetings, which are tiled. (See the Trestle Board, p.2).* The Fellowship meetings are open to the public. Add these to your respective calendars and join us weekly for fellowship.

Of course, the fellowship meeting schedule is always subject to change. So make sure to check iMember2.0 for any changes.

Please also note that on Thursday, December 10, the usual fellowship slot will be filled with the Lodge's Hiram Award Presentation for 2020. See the preceding article. Because it is open to the public, the login remains the same as all other Fellowship meetings.

Here is the revised information:

Topic: Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge, No. 866, F. & A.M

Time: 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Thursday

Dec 10, 2020 07:00 PM

Dec 17, 2020 07:00 PM

Jan 07, 2021 07:00 PM

Jan 14, 2021 07:00 PM

Jan 21, 2021 07:00 PM

Jan 28, 2021 07:00 PM

Feb 11, 2021 07:00 PM

Feb 18, 2021 07:00 PM

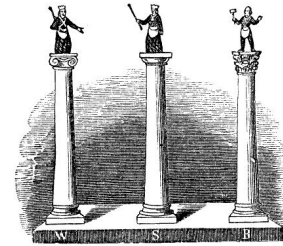
Feb 25, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 11, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 18, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 25, 2021 07:00 PM

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp



Memorial Notices from Allan L. Casalou, Grand Secretary

In Memoriam : Leo Bon Mark, Grand Master 1987-88, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California. Born May 6, 1922. Entered into rest July 8, 2020. The family has requested donations in lieu of flowers be made to: The Leo Mark Scholarship Fund, San Jose Scottish Rite, 2455 Masonic Drive, San Jose, California 95125

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In Memoriam: Stanley Eugene Jacobs, Grand Marshal 1999-2000, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of California. Born December 16, 1930. Entered into rest November 4, 2020, The family has requested donations in lieu of flowers be made to: The California Masonic Foundation - Scholarships, 1111 California Street, San Francisco, California 94108. Cards of Condolence may be sent to: Mrs. Virginia Jacobs, 3400 Wagner Heights Rd, Apt 128, Stockton, California 95209 .

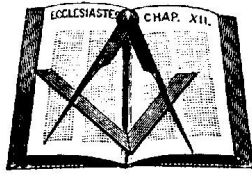
From the East

Brethren,
With the holidays around the corner, December is a time for giving back. There have been many obstacles this year but we continue to adjust and have an abundance of growth with these new challenges. Let us take this time to reflect on this year and get back to those who have made it possible and have helped make a difference in our own lives. Let us also take this time to give thanks to the many Frontline workers and First Responders who have continued to provide service to people and have put their own lives in danger under the nationwide health pandemic.

Congratulations to the 2021 officers as we had our election of officers in our November stated meeting. Many of the officers are ready to qualify for their respective positions, but given the circumstances that we all faced this year, they elected to remain in their current position so that they get to truly learn their stations well.

Lastly, Please join us on Thursday December 10th @ 7pm on Zoom.com, as we honor Brother David Karp with the 2020 Hiram award. Bro David has been a Master Mason for 29 years and has been a pillar to the Clarence F. Smith Lodge since affiliating. He has been a mentor to many and has devoted his time in building relationships with our applicants and candidates. He has also flourished as the editor of our monthly Trestle Board Newsletter. Congratulations Brother David, you are an inspiration and worthy of all imitation...

Fraternally,
Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM
Master



From the West

Brethren,
As you all know we are still in the midst of a pandemic. It has been very tough trying to arrange meetings of any kind while being safe. Therefore all officers will remain in their current positions until our meetings can continue in person. I know it's not an ideal situation.

I would like to personally wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and best wishes for all of the December holidays., We can all be thankful for our health and a fruitful productive new year.

Fraternally,
Bro. Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,
Our Stated Meetings have resumed, but online, and we had our election of officers in November. I will continue as Junior Warden and it is my pleasure to do so. The installation will also be by video conference when scheduled. If you have not had an opportunity to join us on Zoom for fellowship on Thursdays, I hope you will do so. I would also enjoy seeing all of my Brethren at our next and subsequent Stated Meetings. Your attendance will be a nice change of pace if you have been home with not much to do or if you need a change in your routine.. The pandemic is acting up again so please be careful. Enjoy the holidays and stay safe.

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

From our Treasurer

Brethren,
This year, due to the pandemic, the Federal Government is allowing a charitable donation of \$300 per taxpayer even if you do not itemize. The deduction is an "above the line" item, which means that it is fully deductible on your taxes whether or not you itemize. If you file jointly, you can make a donation of \$600. See, <https://www.journalofaccountancy.com/issues/2020/sep/cares-act-charitable-deduction-for-nonitemizers.html>.

Consequently, you might consider making your donation to the Lodge this year. Clarence F. Smith Lodge might be considered a "charitable" organization, but you should check with your tax adviser first to be sure about the deduction. The Lodge is a 501(c)(10) fraternal organization.

As a separate matter, Lodge dues for this coming year will be \$156.00. Please make your payment directly to the Lodge and DO NOT pay through the Grand Lodge portal.

Fraternally,
Bro. Barry Mann,
Treasurer



From our Secretary

Brethren,
 The situation is getting worse and Coronavirus cases are on the rise. This is forcing the State and Local governments to take strict actions that will affect more people and hence the need to help rises. The holidays are here and there are a lot of people who are in need of any help that we can provide be it financial (money, clothes, or food) or moral support by reaching out, standing by them or consoling as the need may be. I am still collecting clothes for the Midnight Mission if you want donate any clothes, please call me so we will make arrangement to pick it up from you.

Since we are allowed to have our Stated meeting over Zoom, I would encourage all members and especially the officers to join us every first Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM. Also make sure to join us on Dec 10th to honor our brother David Karp with his Hiram award. The Zoom login information for both is in the Trestle Board on page 2.

Finally, practice social distancing ("6 feet apart is better than 6 feet under"). Avoid getting your loved ones infected.

Keep the Faith, We will get through this epidemic.

Fraternally,
 Bro. Akram Alawar
 Secretary



Late Breaking News – Online Interview

W. Bro. Cameron Adamson, PM, whose online project is called “Square and Compass Promotions,” reached out to our Lodge on November 16, 2020, with a request to interview a Brother (or Brethren) from Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge, having learned on Facebook about of our Lodge and it’s upcoming Hiram Award presentation on December 10. He plans to attend.

According to his website at <https://squareandcompass.ca/>, “Our podcasts include interviews with prominent Masons (from within and without Windsor/Essex), interviews with individuals who have knowledge on topics of interest to Masonry, unique and exciting content of interest to Masons and anybody interested in this amazing Fraternity!”

In response to his inquiry, an interview was arranged on short notice and took place on November 23, 2020, in which Wor. Alberto Casanova, PM, GSwdB, and our 2020 Hiram recipient, Bro. David I. Karp, participated.

The discussion included an explanation of the Hiram Award, of which W. Bro. Adamson previously was unaware, and also focused on our Lodge in particular and California Freemasonry in general.

Short snippets of the interview, and later the full interview, will be posted online soon and we will be informed of these publications. One can also find the fruits of the W. Bro’s labor at <https://www.youtube.com/c/squarecompasspromotions>. Moreover, we have been granted permission also to use/promote them in our own social media efforts being planned by Wor. Celso as they get underway in 2021.

W. Bro. Cameron Adamson is the Secretary of Harmony Lodge No. 579 and a Past Master of Windsor Lodge No. 403, both of which meet at the beautiful Windsor Masonic Temple (Windsor, ON, Canada).