

In The



Daylight

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February 2019-Corrected

“Precedence” and “Presidents”

Foreword to February . . .

February brings together two disparate celebrations: one honoring love, romance, courtship and the like (Valentine’s Day); another honoring past presidents, e.g., Lincoln and Washington (Presidents’ Day).

Since Valentine’s Day and Presidents’ Day have absolutely nothing to do with one another, I thought I would bring them together here homophonically. (A homophone is one of two or more words pronounced alike but different in meaning or derivation or spelling. See, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/homophone> .)

Therefore, the words “precedence” and “presidents” help to focus this introduction.

I thought of “precedence,” meaning “a more important position or status than something or someone else”

(<https://www.macmillandictionary.com/us/dictionary/american/precedence>), in relation to Valentine’s Day because I thought of the phrase, “Ladies first,” a “phrase encouraging perceived polite gentlemanliness, allowing the ladies to go before the men.”

https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/ladies_first .

It seems to me that, as men and Masons, we *do* put our families first (including spouses or significant others). Family often takes precedence over any other obligation we may have.

Certainly family is important to Masons. Our Grand Lodge says the following about family in a

document entitled “Masonic Philosophy and Values”:

“Strong 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.”

With that in mind, Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge will have its “Sweethearts’ Luncheon” on February 16, not only to honor our spouses or significant others, but also to include our families in our Lodge events.

Relatedly, this edition includes the Grand Master’s Proclamation honoring our Masonic Widows. They are a part of our family too.

“Presidents” requires less explanation. This month, we honor our presidents with a discussion about some of them at our Stated Meeting, Feb. 2. Also, in this edition, you will find an

abbreviated Bio of Brother Harry Truman, our 33rd president of the United States.

And to honor both our Brother, George Washington, and our preference as Masons for “gentlemanliness” (see at left) and good conduct, there is a short article to be found below on Washington’s Rules of Civility.

Other components complete the newsletter – Officers’ articles, New Master Masons’ Corner, Member News, Trestleboard, the list of officers, Masonic recognition and a new section for future lodge events. I hope you enjoy reading this edition. It is a pleasure to bring it to you.

Fraternally,

David I. Karp, Editor

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February Trestleboard

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

February 2, 2019 – Stated Meeting (Dress Casual) - Presentation about Presidents

February 16, 2019 – Third Degree (Bro. Jadd Halaby); Sweethearts' Lunch

Looking Ahead into March

March 2, 2019 – Stated Meeting (Dress Casual) - Youth Orders Observance

March 9 - Turnaround Bus/Casino Event (Details on p. 5)

March 16 – Degree TBD

March 30 - OSI (9:30AM-11:00AM)

Some of George Washington's Rules of Civility

According to a history page on the website of Colonial Williamsburg (<http://www.history.org/Almanack/life/manners/rules2.cfm>), "George Washington, sometime before the age of 16, transcribed Rules of Civility & Decent Behaviour In Company and Conversation." On that same web page, all 110 rules have been listed. (Original errors in numbering have been corrected; original spelling is unchanged.) Quoted below are just a few examples that might translate to today's usage in good company, within the Lodge and without:

1st Every Action done in Company, ought to be with Some Sign of Respect, to those that are Present.

6th Sleep not when others Speak, Sit not when others stand, Speak not when you Should hold your Peace, walk not on when others Stop.

18th Read no Letters, Books, or Papers [or cell phones] in Company but when there is a Necessity for the doing of it you must ask leave:

come not near the Books or Writings of Another so as to read them unless desired or give your opinion of them unask'd also look not nigh when another is writing a Letter.

39th In writing or Speaking, give to every Person his due Title According to his Degree & the Custom of the Place.

44th When a man does all he can though it Succeeds not well blame not him that did it.

56th Associate yourself with Men of good Quality if you Esteem your own Reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad Company.

72d Speak not in an unknown Tongue in Company but in your own Language and that as those of Quality do and not as the Vulgar; Sublime matters treat Seriously.

81st Be not Curious to Know the Affairs of Others neither approach those that Speak in Private.

82d undertake not what you cannot perform but be carefull to keep your promise.

89th Speak not Evil of the absent for it is unjust.

105th Be not Angry at Table whatever happens & if you have reason to be so, Shew it not but on a Chearfull Countenance especially if there be Strangers for Good Humour makes one Dish of Meat a Feast.

108th When you Speak of God or his Attributes, let it be Seriously & wt. Reverence. Honour & Obey your Natural Parents altho they be Poor.

110th Labour to keep alive in your Breast that Little Spark of Celestial fire Called Conscience.

Although only a teenager when Washington penned these thoughts, perhaps they foreshadowed for him some of those elements of Freemasonry he took to heart later in life and which we still honor and respect today. Think, for instance, of the instructive language of the Charges in each Degree. You might see other similarities as well.

Just some food for thought on the occasion of Washington's Birthday month. DIK.

From the East

Brethren:
Our Installation was a great experience and a humbling one at the same time. The outpouring of support of the Brethren from within our lodge as well as from other lodges was very heartwarming. Thank you all once again for all the support.

Now that we have begun our year, we had our executive meeting on the third Saturday of January. Our year looks pretty full, exciting, and *very* promising. Remember that our lodge is unique considering that the executive committee is comprised of all the members of the lodge. This gives all members the opportunity to voice comments, concerns and also suggestions. This gives you a chance to get really hands-on with the operation of the lodge. So please come and join us for these executive committee meetings, but more importantly please come and support our activities.

More details about our upcoming events will be announced soon. Keep an eye out on all our social media and lodge app for announcements of these activities. Upcoming, we will have turnaround casino bus trips, a golf tournament, as well as a family picnic in conjunction with the Shriners 5K walk/run event at Woodley Park. These events are things we need to do, among other reasons, to strengthen our friendships and establish our connections. When we work as one with a common goal, we grow as men and as Masons together.

It is the act of working together that will build our lodge to become the envy of all around us. So, please let us know if you have any special skill or talent that you can share with us, for it is our individual talents that collectively make our lodge a strong and well rounded group.

With all this in mind, please make it a point to support all our activities this coming year.

See you all in lodge soon.

Fraternally from the East,
Wor. Roger Soriano
Worshipful Master

From the West

Brethren:
This year the lodge will increase our activities in order to grow our membership and remain financially balanced, all while providing a great membership experience.

We will follow the Grand Lodge's calendar of events and holidays, attend the leadership retreats and Annual Communication in San Francisco. We will also continue to confer the degrees of Masonry in order that our new members learn and are rooted in the teachings of Freemasonry. While doing this our Officers will also progress forward in their new respective offices.

As we are a new lodge, we need to grow our lodge finances by balancing the budget. We will also help increase our income by providing several fund raisers throughout the year.

Lastly, with all of these events, we will provide a meaningful Masonic experience to our members. This will help increase our membership and allow each of us to grow as Masons.

We look forward to these exciting events and all the challenges each will bring.

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



From the South

Brethren,
As the Junior Warden who sits in the South (symbolic of the position of the sun at midday), I am responsible for the Brethren while the Lodge is at ease or refreshment. The column at my station signals when the Lodge is at refreshment; at refreshment, the Junior Warden's column is in an upright position while the Senior Warden's is down. (The reverse is true when the Lodge is at Labor.) Because the Junior Warden is in charge of the Lodge during refreshment, it is my privilege to arrange the meals for the lodge with the assistance of the Senior and Junior Stewards.*

Brethren, if you want a great meal and fellowship, please join us at our upcoming Stated Meeting, and afterwards, this coming Saturday, February 2, 2019, at 10:00 AM. Save that date for my first special (lunch) meal. Also, donations to defray the cost of the meal may be made at each Stated Meeting for the meal at the next month's Stated Meeting.

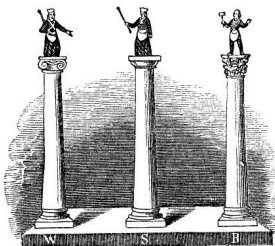
In all your endeavors and undertakings, be humble always! That's what Masons are known for, as we believe in the Brotherhood of Man.

Fraternally from the South
Bro. Roland L. Cortel
Junior Warden

*[Editor's Note: For more information on the Junior Warden's Duties and the column at his station, see these two internet articles:

<https://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/junior-warden.html> ;

http://freemasonry.bcy.ca/texts/globes_pillars_columnns.html .]



From Our Secretary

Brethren,
Our lodge has been marching forward with strength of character and firmness of purpose. We had a very successful event in January with our officers' Installation and the luncheon that followed.

As all of you know, our Lodge's strength is in its members and their commitment to its continuous success. Our Lodge membership has decreased slightly recently which will put some strain on our financial situation. We need all brothers to pay their dues for 2018 and 2019. We need all of our brothers to be creative, and to bring new ideas to the Lodge, to increase our revenues. Participate in our Lodge's fund raising events be it fun games or charitable events.

We also need good attendance to be able to perform our rituals and ceremonies. We are obligated to our EAs and FCs to move them up in a timely manner and to support them with a good turnout.

Fraternally,
Bro. Akram Alawar,
Secretary

From Our Treasurer

Brothers,
As stated last month, your annual dues need to be paid as soon as you can. Make sure you pay by check to Brother Akram, our Secretary, rather than to Grand Lodge so we don't have to pay service charges! The annual amount is \$150.75. Make out the check to Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866.

Fraternally,
Bro Barry Mann
Treasurer

Future Lodge Events

Saturday, **March 9, 2019** – CFS Daylight Lodge's First Annual **Turn Around Bus/Pechanga Casino Resort Event**. Depart 7:00AM (sharp) from Van Nuys Masonic Center, 14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91405. Return Time 4:00PM (Sharp) \$25.00/person. Shuttle bus has Wifi and Apple TV, First Class Seating & Snacks with water. Contacts: Bro. Brigs Mandia (818-419-8366), Bro. Ibrahim Hannoun (818-723-0919), Bro. Roland Cortel, JW (818-203-0919). Proceeds benefit the lodge.

Friday, **April 19, 2019** – CFS Daylight Lodge's First Annual **Golf Tournament** - Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge # 866 at Sand Canyon Club, 27734 Sand Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, \$95.00/player, proceeds benefit the lodge. Contacts: Bro. Brig Mandia (818-419-8366), Bro. Ramiel Malabanan (661-755-8094), Bro. Roland Cortel, JW (818-203-5161).

Sunday, **April 28, 2019** – CFS Daylight Lodge **Family Picnic and Shriners Walk/Run Event**. Woodley Park, 6350 Woodley Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91406. Per Wor. Roger, here's the link to the Shriners event on April 28th. For those who will do the walk/run the registration link is listed below, Everyone else will be supporting in the sidelines and water station. More details to come.

https://www.active.com/van-nuys-ca/running/distance-running-races/walk-and-run-2-heal-kids-5k-10k-2019?int=&fbclid=IwAR07-vaZFqwfORgoYAnqAUo7g_PETd7KyWPvO96iEO62OH-pK1Mqhh_PHM



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

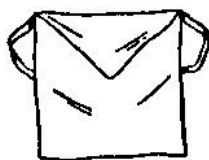
Officers’ Coach – Wor. Bruce L. Hawley, PM

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

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

New Master Masons' Corner

We spotlight Bro. Allan Mandia, 43, in this edition of our newsletter.



Bro. Allan was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 13, 2018, with his father, Bro. Brigido Mandia, also a member of our Lodge, in attendance.

Enthusiastic about Freemasonry, Bro. Allan is now the Tiler of this Lodge. (We hope to see him advance through the chairs in due time.)

Bro. Allan was born in Manila, the capital of the Philippines. He and his family now all reside in California.

The sciences and education have always been important to the Mandia family, his father working in health care and his mother a retired professor of Chemistry. Bro. Allan himself has two B.S. degrees, one in Electronics and Communications Engineering from University of the East, Manila, and one in Network Systems Engineering from Devry University, Sherman Oaks, California. Bro. Allan now works in client technical support for "Fiserv," a provider of financial services technology.

On the family front, Bro. Allan is married to Ranylyn Mandia, a Clinical Laboratory Scientist for Quest Diagnostics. They have two daughters, Arlynn Marie Mandia, 18, and Ailanie Mae Mandia, 8.

Bro. Allan is self described as ambitious, generous and thoughtful, and active yet pleasantly calm. He believes in vigorously pursuing his goals, although they may not be easy, and that "everything is possible" because of his faith in the Great Architect of the Universe.

Bro. Allan's favorite sports are basketball and darts.

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 once again congratulates Bro. Allan Mandia as one of our newest Master Masons. We send him our encouragement and best wishes towards his Masonic and personal goals in life.

More Member News

Here are some member celebrations and other items for February:

Birthdays: Michael Jose Chavez; Ibrahim Hannoun; Jocip De Guzman Sarmiento.

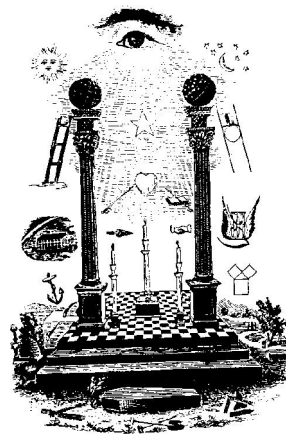
Third Degree Anniversaries: Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM; Keith S. Cotton; Emmanuel D. Espiritu, PM.

Bro. Akram Alawar was in the hospital in January and hopefully is feeling better. We wish him a full and complete recovery.

Wor. Steven Wolvek, PM, has offered to collect recipes, many recipes, for a Masonic Cookbook that he might like to arrange as a fund raiser for the lodge. Send him a few of your family's favorites. This fund raiser has been successful for other organizations.

Editor's Note re Member News

News items from members are welcome for subsequent editions of this newsletter. Submit your news to David I. Karp, Editor, at davidikarp@karpmediation.com or 818-515-9361, by the 3rd Monday of the Month for inclusion in the following month's edition.



33rd President Become a Mason in February

Harry S. Truman received his 1st degree in Belton Lodge #450, Missouri on February 9, 1909. See, <http://bessel.org/datemas.htm>. He quickly rose through the ranks, becoming a part of the Fellowcraft on March 9, 1909 and then a Master Mason on March 18, 1909. He finally became Junior Warden in 1910, which was the last position he held until he left the Belton Lodge and organized a new Masonic Lodge (No. 618) in Grandview, Missouri in 1911. See, <https://www.trumanlibrary.org/hstpape/beltonlodg.html>. There, he served as its first Worshipful Master. See, <http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2012/05/brother-truman-lifetime-in-craft-30.html>.

“[Bro. Truman] served the Grand Lodge of Missouri as District Deputy Grand Master and District Lecturer from 1925 to 1930, and as Grand Master from 1940 to 1941. A great student of history all his life, he signed the Charter for the Missouri Lodge of Research in 1941, and served as its Master from 1950-1951. He was an active member of just about every Masonic organization, including the York Rite, Knights Templar, Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, Allied Masonic Degrees, and the Order of the Eastern Star (Roberts provides a complete list, with dates, in an appendix). During that time he was a farmer, Captain of Artillery during World War I and Colonel in the Army Reserves, County Judge, Chief County Judge, United States Senator, Vice President, and President of the United States. While serving as Grand Master, he was also working as a very busy Senator and running for reelection. One is left with the impression that Harry Truman was the hardest-working man in both Masonry and politics.” *Ibid.*

Truman Received his 32nd Degree, Western Consistory 1917 and his 33rd Degree in 1945.

He is the only President to be a 33rd Degree Mason. Jordan, John T. *Our Thirteen Masonic Presidents and Their Masonic Records*. Whittier: Stockton-Doty Trade Press, Inc., 1970.

Bro. Truman was Bro. Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Vice President and became president on April 12, 1945, the day FDR died. During his term of office, World War II ended. Truman was reelected for a full term of office in 1948 and retired to his home in Independence, Missouri, in January 1953. *Ibid.*

Editor’s Note: From personal experience, I can tell you that you can find a display-case full of Masonic Memorabilia of Truman’s at his Presidential Library, which is very worthwhile to visit. DIK.



Grand Master’s Proclamation – February 2019 is Masonic Widows Month

Freemasonry: The Difference Is You! **Whereas**, upon our obligation to each other, we pledge to keep our brothers’ families close to our hearts, treating their loved ones with the same respect we would afford to our own; and

Whereas, the partners and spouses of our lodges hold a vital and esteemed role in our Masonic family; and

Whereas, we endear that Masonic widows’ connection to their husband’s lodges will be a lifelong source of friendship, comfort, and support; now,

Therefore, as grand master, I proclaim February 2019 as Masonic Widows Month in California. I urge all California Masons to pledge to recognize the widows in our Masonic family throughout the month of February 2019. Reach

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out to those widows in your lodge whom you have not heard from in some time to pledge your friendship and extend an invitation to lodge.

Organize a service project to give back to the widows in your lodge through grocery delivery, home improvements, or rides to medical appointments. Organize a special program in honor of sweethearts at your lodge, and arrange transportation for widows who live alone. Write or call members of your lodge who reside at our Masonic Homes in Union City and Covina.

Remember your pledge to your brothers, and to their families in kind. Treat their widows with the respect, devotion, and care you would bestow on the honored women in your life.

Sincerely and Fraternally

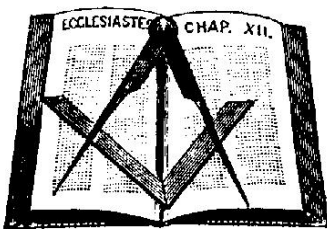
/s/

Stuart A. Wright
Grand Master

Attest:

/s/

Allan L. Casalou
Grand Secretary



Masonic Recognition

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

Steven A. Wolvek (2017-2018)

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. (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)

*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 to Freemasons who practice the ideals of Freemasonry as volunteers in the Boy Scouts of America. It is named in memory of Bro. Daniel Carter Beard, BSA's first National Commissioner.

Diversity, Fellowship, Integrity and Ethics in My New Masonic Lodge

My son once told me about TLAs. I learned from him that TLAs are “three letter acronyms.” When I think of “TLAs,” I am still reminded of my son ... and am still amused.

Here’s an FLA, a four letter acronym, DFIE. We can pronounce it like “defy.” DFIE stands for Diversity, Fellowship, Integrity and Ethics.

These are values that I have found prevalent in the new Masonic Lodge with which I affiliated this past year. And I “defy” you to say otherwise. <Grin>

Freemasonry is not for everyone, but I have always been a joiner: scouting as a boy (and much later as an adult), fraternity in college, Bar associations and professional groups after law school, and freemasonry for the past 27 years.

So let me tell you about my new Masonic lodge:

I learned of this new lodge from another Mason. I was first attracted to it because this lodge meets on Saturdays during the day nearby.

That was a good fit for my schedule and lifestyle rather than on weekday nights after work. With this so-called “daylight lodge,” I could attend Saturday morning meetings and enjoy unhurried lunches with my Brothers thereafter.

My new lodge is called Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge, No. 866, F. & A. M. (Clarence F. Smith was a prominent businessman, community leader and Mason in Los Angeles and a Captain in the US Army who fought and died in France in WWI. “F. & A.M.” stands for Free and Accepted Masons.) The lodge really is new; it only recently received its Charter from the Grand Lodge of California.

So, the timing was attractive to me. Then I met the members and I was instantly impressed.

It is a small group of men, as contrasted to the large lodge of which I was a long time

member, and so diverse.

Diversity. The lodge is diverse in so many ways: national origin, culture, ethnicity, language, religious affiliation, age, education, background, experience, profession, occupation. It is a true cross-section of Los Angeles, and these are men I might never have met in any other setting. And they are terrific.

Fellowship. This being a small group of men, there is a much better opportunity to form friendships and to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie that comes from familiarity, frequency and congeniality. And families are included, even some of the members little children.

Integrity and Ethics. This is my shorthand for the values of Freemasonry in general and this lodge in particular. Freemasonry is not a religion but it is based upon such values as would allow us to better ourselves consistent with the teachings of our faiths, in the promotion of good character and in our contributions to our families and our communities. In the words of the Grand Lodge of California, “[our] fraternity transcends religious, ethnic, cultural, social, and educational differences. We respect others’ opinions and strive to grow and develop as human beings.” Having gotten to know my Brothers in Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge, I can say that they have incorporated these virtues in the ways they conduct their lives generally and in the ways they speak and act in and out of the lodge.

So, why am I telling you all of this?

Candidly, because I am proud of my affiliation with this lodge and very happy to participate in it. And because I like to share with others the things that are fulfilling to me.

Fraternally,

David I. Karp

Master Mason since 1991

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