

In The



Daylight

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Looking Back and Looking Ahead

In this Issue ...

January starts the new year, 2019, on the civil calendar. Happy New Year! In Masonry, January also begins the year 6019 A.L. The A.L. refers to Anno Lucis meaning the “Year of Light.” (See, http://grandlodgeofiowa.org/docs/Masonic_History/AnnoLucis.pdf.)

For Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M., January marks the beginning of new leadership and an exciting future for the Lodge.

On January 5, we have our Installation of Officers. RW Art Weiss will be the installing Master with Wor. Alberto Casanova as Master of Ceremonies. (Invitation, p 2).

In this edition, we look ahead as our new Pillar Officers (WM, SW, JW) make their debut in their new roles with interesting and informative articles (pp. 3-4). Wor. Roger gives us his theme for the year (p. 3). He also details the rules for the Traveling Gavel, a new idea he brings from back East (p. 6). You will also find a list of the Grand Master’s Proclamations for 2019 and January’s Proclamation. (pp.7-8).

We look back to our recent Ceremony of Constitution, to ask the question: “Why Corn, Wine and Oil?” (p. 2).

And we look way back in an interesting short biography of our Brother Teddy Roosevelt who was made a Mason in the month of January (p.7).

Looking even further back, we simply acknowledge here the birthday of Clarence F. Smith, January 18, 1883. He would be 136!

Other regular components complete the newsletter – Member News, Trestleboard, the list of officers, Masonic recognition. The New Master Mason’s Corner is deferred for now.

As a Lodge, we are ever grateful to all who have brought us to this moment, especially but not only our first Past Master of CFS Daylight Lodge, Wor. Steven Wolvek, whose article appears on page 5.

And we thank our new line of officers for their dedication and commitment to lead us into a productive and rewarding New Year of Masonry.

Fraternally,
David I. Karp, Editor

January Trestleboard

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

January 5, 2019 – Installation of Officers (Tuxedo for officers and business suit for others) - Invitation Shown on p. 2

January 12, 2019 – Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)

January 19, 2019 - Degree TBD

Looking Ahead into February

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

February 16, 2019 – Degree TBD;
Sweethearts’ Lunch

Why Corn, Wine & Oil?

Editor's note: In a look back to the impressive Ceremony of Constitution in November, wherein we received our Charter, below the picture is an article that I hope you will enjoy about corn, wine and oil, quoted verbatim from

<http://www.masonicdictionary.com/corn.html> :

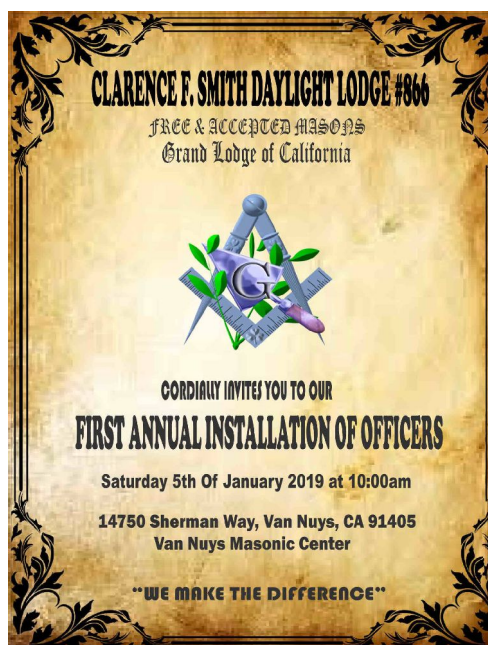


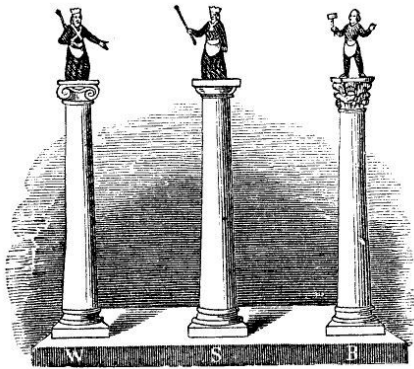
Corn, wine, and oil are the Masonic elements of consecration. The adoption of these symbols is supported by the highest antiquity. Corn, wine, and oil were the most important productions of Eastern countries; they constituted the wealth of the people, and were esteemed as the supports of life and the means of refreshment. David enumerates them among the greatest blessings that we enjoy, and speaks of them as 'wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart' [Psalms 104:15]. In devoting anything to religious purposes, the anointing with oil was considered as a necessary part of the ceremony, a rite which has descended to Christian nations. The tabernacle in the wilderness, and all its holy vessels, were, by God's express command, anointed with oil; Aaron and his two sons were set apart for the priesthood with the same ceremony; and the prophets and kings of Israel were consecrated to their offices by the same rite.

Hence, Freemasons' Lodges, which are but temples to the Most High, are consecrated to the sacred purposes for which they were built by strewing corn, wine, and oil upon the Lodge, the emblem of the Holy Ark. Thus does this mystic ceremony instruct us to be nourished with the hidden manna of righteousness, to be refreshed with the Word of the Lord, and to rejoice with joy unspeakable in the riches of divine grace. 'Wherefore, my brethren,' says the venerable Harris (Discourse iv, 81), 'wherefore do you carry corn, wine, and oil in your processions, but to remind you that in the pilgrimage of human life you are to impart a portion of your bread to feed the hungry, to send a cup of your wine to cheer the sorrowful, and to pour the healing oil of your consolation into the wounds which sickness hath made in the bodies, or afflictions rent in the heart, of your fellow-travelers?'

In processions, the corn alone is carried in a golden pitcher, the wine and oil are placed in silver vessels, and this is to remind us that the first, as a necessity and the 'staff of life,' is of more importance and more worthy of honor than the others, which are but comforts.

- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry.





From the East

Brethren:
We are about to embark on a new year. Our theme for this year will be *Discover, Build, and Grow*. These are pretty lofty goals, but I am confident that, with everyone on board, we can achieve all of these and more. After our installation, we will be faced with the tasks we have set forth on ourselves.

Definitions:

First to Discover: As a young lodge, we have the initial task to discover ourselves, discover our identity, and discover our strengths and our weaknesses, and only by getting to know all these can we move forward to our second objective.

Next to Build: We have done many great things over the past 18 months to get our charter. All that hard work cannot be put to waste. Armed with the knowledge from our self discovery, we can build on the success we have and supplement on the things on which we fall short. I can see that we are equipped with all the necessary tools to make this happen.

Lastly to Grow: To grow, not only our young lodge, but also as men and Masons. Growing in the lodge means that we progress and aim for higher stations in the lodge. With that in mind, we need to start with proficiencies for everyone who needs help with them. Please approach any of our officers for help on your proficiencies. During that process, I can assure you that your growth as a man and as a Mason will soon follow.

I will end with this quote from our very own Brother Chaplain: “The biggest thing I discovered with Masonry is that you must put it in your heart. Men are made Masons in the lodge, and our ceremonies and buildings hold value. But we truly become Masons inside, in our own hearts. If you develop your moral compass and live by the square, you are living a good life. And, you will be happy.”

Fraternally from the East,
Wor. Roger Soriano
2019 Worshipful Master

From the West

Brethren:
I am humbled and excited that you have elected me as the 2019 Senor Warden. I will do my best to uphold the duties of this position and fulfill my obligations to the lodge.

As we embark on the new year, we take this time to look back at the Lodge’s many accomplishments. From forming the Lodge, to receiving our charter number #866 at the Annual Communications, to the Ceremony of Constitution.

We also take this time to look at our present state, to ensure we are in line with the Grand Lodge’s strategic plan, that we have a healthy growing membership, and that we are financially sound.

Lastly, we take this time to plan for the future. We will continue to plant the necessary seeds in hopes that we will be able to pick the fruits of our labor. We do this by making the Masonic degrees’ teachings into daily habits. This ensures that we give our new members the proper education and tools, one day, to lead the lodge and to become examples worthy of all imitation.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!!

On the Level,
Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM
2019 Senior Warden

From the South

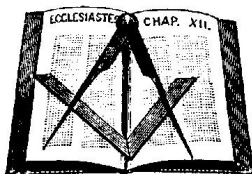
Brethren,
 There are three great principles of Freemasonry that have endured throughout time. Although they may seem old fashioned, they are still as relevant today as they were when first established. They are: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Freemasons believe that through the daily practice of these principles, men may achieve self improvement and higher standards in life. They instill in us a moral and ethical approach to everything we say and do. Our values are based on integrity, kindness, honesty and fairness. They teach us to be concerned for other people, to care for the less fortunate, and to help those in need.

For some, Freemasonry is only about having an enjoyable pastime, making new friends and having fun. For most, it is also about being able to help deserving causes and to contribute the greater good to family and to a wider society.

I am both honored and pleased to be your Junior Warden for the ensuing Masonic year. I will strive to live up to these principles and values of Freemasonry in the Lodge and everywhere. I plan to have fun too with my Brothers in Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 while we do the good work of the Craft. Otherwise, it would not be as enjoyable as it has been already. Let's have a great 2019 together!

Fraternally from the South,
 Bro. Roland L. Cortel
 2019 Junior Warden



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

Tyler – Allan Mandia/Tony Nader

Organist – William (“Bill”) C. Raddatz

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

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

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

From Our Secretary

Brethren,
We are on the cusp of a new year. I encourage everyone to reflect on all our accomplishments and plan to build up on these successes. A Lodge is as good as its members and we have proven how good we are. We have to keep marching on to be best of the best. In order for us to continue, we need to achieve:

- 100% attendance in our stated meeting and participation in degrees;
- Pay our dues. Our financial strength and stability depends on those dues;
- Be creative and bring new ideas to the Lodge;
- Participate in our Lodge's fund raising events be it fun games or charitable events.
- Have Pride in belonging to CFS No. 866.

Brethren with the holiday season upon us, please remember the unfortunates and the needy and give whatever you can.

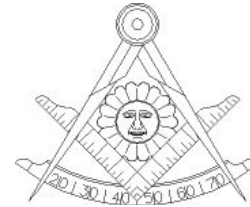
I hope you have/had safe and happy holidays.

Fraternally,
Bro. Akram Alawar,
Secretary

From Our Treasurer

Brothers,
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



From Our First Past Master

Life takes you to unexpected places,
Love brings you home - Melissa McClone.

This statement is so true. I thought I was destined to be somewhere else. Life took me by the hand and led to elsewhere. The love my Brothers brought me home.

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge started out as only an idea. All of you blew life into that idea and created our Lodge. Because of you, our inspector, our inspector at large, and Grand Lodge, I had the honor and privilege to sit in the East these last 20 months.

The symbol I initially chose to represent the Lodge was the trowel because of its meaning. The true symbol of the Lodge, however, is the heart of each of its members. There is a saying that "it takes a village to raise a child." I am convinced that for us, it takes a Lodge of loving and dedicated Brothers to create and grow a Lodge.

I feel so blessed to have played a small part in our creation but could have never done what we were able to do without each and every one of you. So, I want to take this opportunity to thank all my Brothers. For your love, support and dedication to our purpose. For the memories that I will keep, treasure, and hold safely deposited in my heart for the rest of my life. I know the Lodge will be in great hands with our 2019 officers and incoming Master Brother Roger.

So here's to you, my Brothers. May the GAOTU continue to look favorably down upon us, our families and on Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge #866.

Fraternally,
Wor. Steve Wolvek, PM



The Traveling Gavel: Its Purpose and Rules

Editor's Note: The following information is provided by our 2019 WM, Roger Soriano, who brings this idea for the benefit of our Masonic community in general and this Lodge in particular:

Traveling Gavel Purpose and Rules

The Traveling Gavel Program aims to foster visitation and brotherhood within our District. The rules which govern its use are listed below. The gavel is never to be without a copy of the rules and the ledger of its history and travel. The Lodge that holds the gavel will continue to do so until a group of Masons fitting within the requirements of the rules visits that Lodge and requests that it be relinquished to them.

Traveling Gavel – Rules of Use

1. This gavel is for the use of the Masonic Lodges within the 7th District of Masons of California only.
2. In order for a visiting Lodge to capture the Traveling Gavel, at least two (2) members of the same Lodge must attend a posted regular or emergent meeting of the Lodge in possession of it. Of the visiting: At least one (1) must be the Master or a Warden.
3. The gavel can be obtained at any legal meeting.
4. The gavel must be asked for by the visiting brethren during the meeting to obtain it.
5. The gavel is to be presented by the Worshipful Master of the possessing Lodge to

the Worshipful Master or Senior Representative of the obtaining Lodge.

6. Should more than one Lodge be present to challenge the gavel, the Lodge with the most members present will be successful in obtaining it. If each Lodge has an equal amount of members, the Lodge traveling the greater distance will obtain it. If both Lodges are from the same city and have the same amount of members present, a tie will be declared and the gavel will stay at the current Lodge unless one Lodge wishes to forfeit it.

7. The Secretary of the obtaining Lodge must notify the District Deputy Grand Master and all Lodge Secretaries within the District as soon as possible.

8. The Date, Lodge Name & Number, and the member information must be recorded in the accompanying ledger.

9. The gavel must be displayed in full view in the Lodge room of the possessing Lodge at all open Lodge meetings.

Member News

Here are some member celebrations and other items for January:

Birthdays: Amin M. Ballout; Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., PM; Spartak Khachatryan; Ramiel R. Malabanan.

Third Degree Anniversary: Joselito (“Joel”) A. Coronel; Fernando (“Jhonny”) O. Lebrilla, Jr. Congratulations Brothers!

Congratulations to Wor. Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., PM, on his imminent elevation to Secretary of the Masonic Service Bureau.

Everyone was thrilled to see Wor. Bruce Hawley, P.M., in attendance at our December Stated Meeting as his health improves. We wish for him a complete recovery soon.

Bro. Keith Cotton has not been feeling well; we hope he can return to Lodge soon. Feel better Brother.

Condolences to Bro. Allan Mandia and his family as they mourn the loss of a family member.

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 davidkarp@karpmediation.com or 818-515-9361, by the 3rd Monday of the Month for inclusion in the following month's edition.

26th President Becomes a Mason in January

On January 2, 1901, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt received his First Degree in Matinecock Lodge #806, Oyster Bay, New York. See, <http://bessel.org/datemas.htm>. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 24, 1901. See, <https://www.facebook.com/matinecock806/>.

The following excellent biography illuminates our Brother's life. It is from <http://mdmasons.org/about-md-masons/famous-masons/theodore-roosevelt/>

“Perhaps no individual in history better displayed the uniquely American outlook than Theodore Roosevelt, who was truly a man for all seasons. He was, of course, our 26th president – but he was so much more. In fact, when one considers the scope of his life it is almost unfathomable just how much Roosevelt managed to accomplish in only one lifetime.

“A Harvard-educated scholar, a North Dakota cattle rancher, a politician and civil servant on the state and national level, leader of the famed “Rough Riders” in the Spanish-American War, Governor of New York, noted conservationist who advocated the creation of the National Park System, Nobel Peace Prize winner, an adventurer who always sought new challenges and, of course, President of the United States.

“Theodore Roosevelt was also a Freemason. He joined the Fraternity as an already-established man at the age of forty-two in 1901, the year he began his service as President of the United States. As President he was known to visit Masonic Lodges during his travels across the country and the world. He broke ground for a Masonic Temple in Spokane, Washington in 1903 and attended the Masonic cornerstone laying of the House of Representatives building in 1906.

“Theodore Roosevelt died in his sleep in 1919 at the age of 60. Thomas R. Marshall, U.S. Vice-President at the time said, ‘Death had to take Roosevelt sleeping, for if he had been awake, there would have been a fight.’”



Grand Master Wright's 2019 Proclamations

Grand Master Wright has issued these proclamations below for 2019 and requests that these proclamations be read at the Stated Meetings for the months shown:

January – Pledge to Make a Difference Every Month

February – Masonic Widows Month

March – Youth Orders Month

April – Public Schools Month

June – Masonic Homes Month

July – Support Our Masonic Veterans Month

September – Constitutional Observance

Month & Masonic Lodge Open House Month

Grand Master's Proclamation for January – "We Will Make a Difference this Year"

Freemasonry: The Difference Is You!
Whereas, the Masonic tenets of brotherly love and relief inspire us to continuously make a difference in our lodges, in our communities, and across the world; and

Whereas, for more than 300 years, our brothers have committed themselves to bettering the world around them; and

Whereas, we continue to give back to our families, our communities, and our society, therefore our ongoing mission to become better, wiser, more honorable men; and

Whereas, when Masons work side by side with our brothers, there is no end to the good work that can be achieved together; now,

Therefore, as grand master, I call upon all California Masons to pledge to make a difference in our communities and fraternity this year. Reach out to elder brothers and widows who are in need of support. Give to our fraternal charities. Seek opportunities to improve the lives of those around you. Act in a manner that allows others to be inspired by the values and actions of our beloved brotherhood.

Let us be a force of positive change in the world. Let us remember that each of us can, and should, make a difference.

Sincerely and Fraternally

/s/

Stuart A. Wright
Grand Master

Attest:

/s/

Alan S. 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

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*

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)

**Administered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and presented by the Grand Lodge of California, this nominated award is conferred upon 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.

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