

In The



Daylight

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The Strongest Ties of Fidelity and Honor

Foreword . . .

Masonry teaches us to be better men by giving us certain ideals of morality and ethics to govern our actions in our homes, our places of business, our communities, and most especially in our lodges. We are reminded that we are bound by the strongest ties of fidelity and honor to the principles of Freemasonry.

Fidelity has been defined as the quality of being faithful or loyal. See, e.g., <https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fidelity> .

We can be loyal to the Craft without ignoring those duties we owe to our faiths, our country, our neighbors, or ourselves.

Louis Brandeis, a former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court (but not a Mason so far as I can discern), put it this way in 1915:

“Multiple loyalties are objectionable only if they are inconsistent. A man is a better citizen of the United States for being also a loyal citizen of his state, and of his city; for being loyal to his family, and to his profession or trade; for being loyal to his college or his lodge.” See, Kolatch, Alfred J. *Great Jewish Quotations*. New York: Jonathan David Publishers, Inc., 1996 at p. 65.

There is no inconsistency in how we should conduct ourselves as men and as Masons within the lodge and without, and we are the better for it.

Some of the ways to exhibit the strongest ties of fidelity and honor include attending Lodge and its activities regularly, supporting our

Worshipful Master and his line of officers, mingling with our Brothers, and sharing fellowship and our good nature with one another, even as we manage our home, community and work lives.

In this New Year, let us behold how good and pleasant it is for us to be together. We will have many occasions to do so with fidelity and honor.

As you consider the foregoing, please find in this issue, in addition to the usual inclusions, a recitation of Bro. Paul Revere’s Charge, a piece about Bro. Arthur Conan Doyle, and a note about January 18, a special day. Happy New Year and happy reading!

Fraternally,
David I. Karp, Editor

January Trestleboard

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

Jan 4 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)

Jan 9 CFS Second Thurs. Fellowship @ Lulu’s 5:30PM

Jan 18 Installation of Officers (10AM), Dress: Formal. Open to the Public.

Looking Ahead into February

Feb 1 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)

Feb 13 CFS Second Thurs. Fellowship @ Lulu’s 5:30PM

Feb 15 Degree Mtg TBD

MW Paul Revere's Masters' Charge Inspires Fidelity and Honor

The following comes from "Freemasons for Dummies," at <http://freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com/2019/04/paul-revere-freemason.html> :

While serving as Grand Master, MW Paul Revere chartered 23 new lodges during his tenure, and installed many Worshipful Masters. In that capacity, he wrote a unique charge for Masters that he delivered at those installations. It is every bit as applicable today as it was more than 200 years ago:

"Worshipful Master:

"This W. Lodge, having chosen you for their Master and Representative, it is now incumbent upon you, diligently and upon every proper occasion, to enquire into the knowledge of your fellows, and to find them dayly employment, that the Art which they profess may not be forgotten or neglected: you must avoid partiality, giving praise where it is due, and employing those in the most honorable part of the work who have made the greatest advancement, for the encouragement of the Art. You must preserve union, and judge in all causes amicably and mildly, preferring peace.

"That the Society may prosper, you must preserve the dignity of your office, requiring submission from the perverse and refractory, always acting and being guided by the principles on which your authority is founded. You must, to the extent of your power, pay a constant attendance on your Lodge, that you may see how your work flourishes, and your instructions are obeyed: You must take care that neither your words or actions shall render your authority to be less regarded, but that your prudent and careful behavior may set an example, and give a sanction to your power.

"And as brotherly love is the cement of our Society, so cherish and encourage it that the Brethren may be more willing to obey the

dictates of Masons, than you have occasion to command.

"And you, the Officers of this Worshipful Lodge, must carefully assist the Master in the discharge and execution of his office; diffusing light and imparting knowledge to all the fellows under your care, keeping the Brethren in just order and decorum, that nothing may disturb the peaceable serenity or obstruct the glorious effects of Harmony and Concord; and that this may be the better preserved, you must carefully inquire into the character of all candidates to this honorable Society, and recommend none to the Master who in your opinion are unworthy of the privileges and advantages of Masonry, keeping the Cynic far from the Ancient Fraternity, where Harmony is obstructed by the superstitious and morose. You must discharge the Lodge quietly, encouraging the Brethren assembled to work cheerfully, that none when dismissed may go away dissatisfied.

"And you, Brethren of this Worshipful Lodge, learn to follow the advice and instruction of your officers, submitting cheerfully to their amicable decisions, throwing by all resentments and prejudices towards each other; let your chief care be to the advancement of the Society you have the honor to be members of; let there be a modest and friendly emulation among you in doing good to each other; let complacency and benevolency flourish among you; let your actions be squared by the Rules of Masonry; let friendship be cherished, and all advantages of that title by which we distinguish each other, that we may be Brothers, not only in name, but in the full import, extent and latitude of so glorious an appellation.

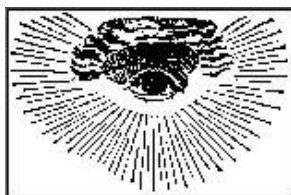
"Finally, my Brethren, as this association has been carried on with so much unanimity and concord (in which we greatly rejoice), so may it continue to the latest ages. May your love be reciprocal and harmonious. While these principles are uniformly supported, this Lodge will be an Honor to Masonry, an example to the world, and therefore a blessing to mankind.

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"From this happy prospect I rest assured of your steady perseverance, and conclude with wishing you all, my Brethren, joy of your Master, Wardens, and other officers, and of your Constitutional union as Brethren.

"Brother Grand Secretary, It is my will and pleasure that you register this Lodge in the Grand Lodge Book, in the order of Constitutions, and that you notify the same to the several Lodges."



Welcome to our New WM and Officers

Consistent with Wor. Paul Revere’s sentiments, above, we congratulate and welcome our new Worshipful Master-Elect, Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM, and his new line of officers, as shown at right.

All eyes are upon you now, and we wish for each of you much success, fulfillment and enjoyment as you travel the new paths laid out for you by virtue of your new roles.



You are cordially invited to the

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge #866 2nd Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 18th, 2020 @ 10 am

Formal Attire / Lunch following

RSVP with Celso Cardano

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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 S. Cabanig

Senior Deacon Spartak (“Spo”) Khachatryan

Junior Deacon Ibrahim Hannoun

Marshal Keith S. Cotton

Senior Steward Michael (“Mike”) J. Chavez

Junior Steward Raffi Hovhannisyan

Organist Majd Fahma

Tiler William (“Bill”) C. Raddatz

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

Candidates’ Coach Wor. Bruce L. Hawley, PM

Inspector Leland H. Celestre, PM

From the East

Brethren,
 First and foremost congratulations to Bro Majd Famha for being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We look forward to you learning the craft and helping out with your musical talents.

The 2020 Installation of Officers will be on Saturday, January 18th at 10am. This will be open to all, Masons and non Masons. We will also have an installation practice the night before on Friday, January 17th at 7pm.

We look forward to a fruitful and healthy...

Fraternally from the East,
 Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM
 Master - Elect

in Valley College and with online courses, which led me to receive a bachelors in business management and administration in one year. After going through several jobs in management, I decided to be my own boss and was fortunate enough to open my own business. I am also blessed with two beautiful boys and a wonderful wife.

As our brotherhood grows and our bonds become stronger, our principles and values will always remain and help us grow as individuals and as a collective people.

I look forward to serving the Lodge in the ensuing Masonic Year.

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

From the West

Brethren,
 As a newcomer to this lodge I would first like to thank each and every individual for your warm welcome and kind hearted acceptance. I would also like to thank my Brethren for entrusting me with the office in the West which I pledge to serve with honor and integrity. I may not yet know each and every individual personally but in time I hope to see you not just as members of a wonderful fraternity but as one big happy family.

After being raised in 2010 I have traveled to many lodges and have been part of many of them as well. Throughout my travels I have witnessed many differences. With that in mind I hope to bring my experience with me to the lodge that I am grateful to be a part of. In the coming new year I see it as being very productive and fruitful.

To all who don't yet know me personally yet, here's a little bit about myself. I was born 1981 in a small town in Armenia where I had a typical grade school education after which I attended the University of Poly Tech and majored in cybernetics but had to migrate to America in 2002 which left my education unfinished. Fortunately I was able to resume my education

From the South

Our Junior Warden - Elect has been called from labor to refreshment in the Philippines for the holidays and sends his regards from there. His article will appear in next month's edition. Ed.

From our Treasurer

Brethren,
 Annual dues for 2020 are \$153.00. If not already paid, please plan on bringing your check to our January stated meeting. Please DO NOT pay your dues online. The Grand Lodge will take a portion of your dues as a processing fee. We will accept cash, but check is preferred.

Fraternally,
 Bro Barry Mann,
 Treasurer



From our Secretary

Brethren,
 We are at the end of a fruitful and successful year in our young lodge, and the beginning of a new year; and, we have accomplished a lot in terms of membership and most of all our commitments for our Lodge. We have celebrated the December holidays with our families and friends and we never forget the less fortunate and extend a helping hand, as our Masonic values teach us.

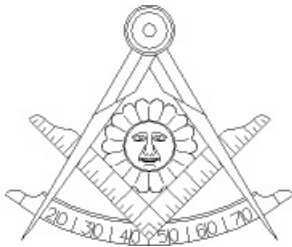
Such was the case at the Midnight Mission where the efforts of our volunteers were recently recognized.

We still have few Brothers who have not paid their past and current dues. Brothers who have not paid yet will be a burden on our financial status.

Please help us continue our success and participate in all Lodge's events. Be there and make a difference.

Wishing you a brighter new year.

Fraternally,
 Bro. Akram Alawar
 Secretary



From our Soon-To-Be Past Master

Brethren,
 My year is ending, but our work is not yet finished. Nevertheless, our year has been a fruitful and memorable one, and I have you all to thank for this whether you were there at all the meetings, or just there supporting our events financially, or even just paying your dues. All these have had a great impact on the

ongoing work and projects we have done in 2019. Of course, it would be great to have had everyone attending lodge all the time, and participating in all our events, but I believe that is unrealistic as we all have our different obligations and responsibilities in life and family. Nonetheless, thank you for all your support.

This past year, we had the following events. We first raised Brother Jadd, then we had a fun turnaround bus trip to Pechanga. We also had a very successful golf tournament which raised the most funds this year. We did a Masonic funeral for Bro Russel Powell, a member of the original CF Smith Lodge. We had the Shriner's run at Balboa Park in the Spring. Our Annual Masonic Homes Father's day degree kicked off the summer. We awarded the Master Mason of the Year to our very own Worshipful Celso in June. We also volunteered for the diabetes run at the Tour de Cure. We then traveled to San Francisco for our Annual Communication, the first time we are able to participate as a full voting member of the Grand Lodge. In November, we had the MERT Training presented by Most Worshipful Russ Charvonia, Past Grand Master. We then went to the Midnight Mission with the Scouts during Thanksgiving week. Lastly, we had our last degree in December as well as our holiday party. We had various presentations and Masonic education throughout the year from most notable Masons like Bro. David Karp, WB Miles Robinson, and WB Jobi Rivera. What wonderful lectures. Thank you Brothers.

In 2019, we had six total gains and two losses, initiated four, passed two and raised four Master Masons. Our total membership is now up to 45, consisting of seven EAs, no FCs, and 38 Master Masons. Congratulations to Brothers Jadd, Raffi, Majd and Hamood on being raised recently to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I look forward to seeing you working in the lodge and becoming active members of the
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lodge. We were truly blessed, not only in our memberships but also from support from Brethren from other lodges which made all our events successful. I cannot thank you enough.

We move on to the new year, with new leadership, and I am confident that we will strive to continue the work we have started this year. Worshipful Celso and the rest of the officers will rely on your help to have another successful year.

Fraternally,

Wor. Roger L. Soriano,
Soon-to-be Past Master.

Upcoming Lodge Events

Here are our lodge events other than our regular meetings:

January 9, 2020, 5:30 pm CFS

Second Thursday Fellowship at Lulu's Restaurant, 16900 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys, California 91406. Join the Brothers of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 for fellowship and a happy hour. This is a no-host event for Masons and for non-Masons interested in our lodge and/or the fraternity. Please join us if you can for camaraderie and conversation.

January 18, 2020, 10:00AM at the Lodge. Installation of Officers. Lunch provided thereafter. Masons and Non-Masons may attend. Dress: Formal. RSVP to Wor. Celso V Cardano, Jr., PM, (818) 430-4374, Celsocardano@gmail.com



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Member News

January Birthdays: Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., Spartak Khachatryan, Ramiel R. Malabanan, Raed Malaeb. Happy Birthday Brothers.

Third Degree Anniversaries: Joselito A. Coronel, Fernando O. Lebrilla, Jr. Congratulations, Brothers.

Wor. Bruce Hawley continues to travel a rough and rugged road towards good health and is improving. Bro. Jay Allen is recuperating, too. As always, we wish them well.

Congratulations to Bro. Hamood Hamood who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 30, 2019, and to Bro. Majd Fahma, who was similarly raised on December 21, 2019.

New Master Mason's Corner

Bro. Hamood Youssef Hamood, 49, became a Master Mason on November 30, 2019. By profession, he is an auto mechanic, having been in automotive field for 20yrs+ during which time he worked for a major automotive dealership for many years. He now owns and operates A1 Auto World Services, which he established in 2007. His shop is located in North Hollywood.

To his credit, Bro. Hamood has moved quickly through the degrees, having become an Entered Apprentice on June 15, 2019, and a Fellow Craft on August 17, 2019. As of November 30, 2019, he is now a Master Mason, and is therefore recommended to the friendship and hospitality of the Craft, wheresoever dispersed.

Bro. Hamood is a good-natured fellow and always has a smile on his face.

We congratulate our Brother and look forward to his participation in all our doings. Ed.



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Gave Fidelity and Honor to the Craft in his Writings.

On January 26, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his First Degree in Masonry. See,

<http://bessel.org/datemas.htm> .

Bro. Conan Doyle “was a Scottish doctor, author and poet, and is most notably remembered for his stories about the detective Sherlock Holmes.” See,

<https://freemasonrymatters.co.uk/famous-freemasons/sir-arthur-conan-doyle-freemason-scottish-doctor-author-and-poet/>

He “was initiated into the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, at Southsea, Hampshire ... and he made many literary references to Freemasonry in his work, especially in the Sherlock Holmes stories. According to Masonic scholar Yasha Beresiner, it was at the Phoenix Lodge that Conan Doyle met a certain Dr James Watson, who inspired the character of Dr Watson, the ever loyal companion of Sherlock Holmes.” See,

<https://dr-david-harrison.com/freemasonry/sir-arthur-conan-doyle-his-sherlock-holmes-stories-and-his-literary-references-to-freemasonry/> .

“During the time Conan Doyle was writing his Sherlock Holmes stories, Freemasonry was becoming extremely popular with middle-class males, and [adding] a touch of Masonic flavouring to his stories would of course appeal. The character of Sherlock Holmes knew about Freemasonry; he knew its signs and symbols but wasn’t a Mason himself, and therefore his knowledge of Masonry adds to the somewhat mysterious persona of Holmes, creating an extra layer to his character.” *Id.*

“Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was made a Mason at the age of 27 in 1887... He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on January 26; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 23; and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 23, 1887 in Phoenix Lodge #257, Portsmouth, England. He resigned the lodge in 1889, rejoined in 1902, and left again permanently in 1911.”

<http://themastersmasons.homestead.com/masons.html> .

Masonic Recognition

Past Masters of Clarence F. Smith
Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M.
Steven A. Wolvek (2017-2018)
Rogelio L. Soriano (imminently)

Past Masters by Affiliation
Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr. (2012)
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2012)
Alberto L. Casanova, Jr. (2014)
Emmanuel D. Espiritu (2014)
Bruce L. Ewald (2004-2006)
Bruce L. Hawley (1984)
Luc Paul, Jr. (2018)

Hiram Award*
Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr., PM (2013)
Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., PM (2016)
Keith S. Cotton (2017)
Bruce L. Ewald, PM (2011)
Bruce L. Hawley, PM (2000)
John T. Seletos (2017)
Thomas K. Sheehan (2014)
Rogelio L. Soriano (2018)
Steven A. Wolvek, PM (2019)

*A high honor presented to a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary.

January 18, a Day of Honor and Fidelity for Our Lodge

January 18 is a propitious day on the calendar. It is also an advantageous, auspicious, opportune, bright, happy, promising day. See, <https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/propitious>.

After all, January 18 is National Thesaurus Day. See, <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-thesaurus-day-january-18/>. According to the site:

“National Thesaurus Day is observed annually on January 18 in honor of Peter Mark Roget, the author of Roget’s Thesaurus, who was born on this day in 1779. In 1840, Roget retired from a successful career in medicine and spent the rest of his life working on “Roget’s Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases.” He published his first book of synonyms in 1852. [¶] The thesaurus has been used for centuries by writers and poets to help make their writing come to life. [¶] Whether you are looking for a new word or trying to complete a sentence, the thesaurus can be your best friend. Expanding your vocabulary improves both written and spoken communication skills, creative writing abilities and can be helpful in advancing your career.”

Why is January 18 also a day of honor and fidelity for us?

January 18 is the day of our officers’ installation at which our new line of officers will bind themselves by the strongest ties of honor and fidelity to our Lodge.

January 18 (1883) is also Clarence Fairchild Smith’s birthday, our Lodge’s namesake, to whom we owe honor and fidelity as well.

January 18: What a day!

Recent Images

Here are some images you may enjoy seeing.



Above: Certificate from Grand Lodge



Above: After Bro. Hamood’s Third Degree



Above: Following the Third Degree for Bro. Majd